

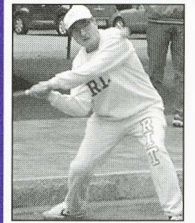
**2** Family members graduate from RIT



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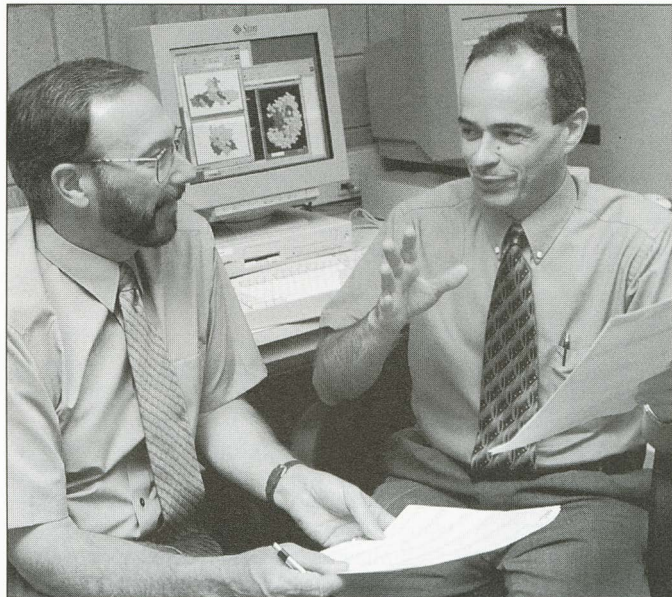
## Sloan grant to launch bioinformatics degrees

It's one thing to decode the human genome; it's another thing altogether to figure out what it means. Enter bioinformatics, the hot, new field for computer experts—but with a twist.

The highly publicized human genome project, which generated reams of data incomprehensible to humans, shone a spotlight on the demand for bioinformatics professionals. Now it is up to computer whizzes with a firm grasp of the biological sciences to analyze and interpret the jumbled genomic data.

RIT recently received a \$150,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to develop a master's degree program in computational biology/bioinformatics, of which only a handful exists in the country. This grant will help RIT develop a new kind of master of science degree, a two-year professional degree along the lines of an MBA or law degree.

Bioinformatics uses computer technologies to address and answer biological questions, explains Gary Skuse, director of bioinformatics. "We've talked to many people in the bioinformatics/biotech industry, and it's clear that there's a great need for skilled bioinformaticists today and in the future."



Douglas Merrill, head of RIT's biological sciences, left, and Gary Skuse, director of bioinformatics, discuss plans for a master's degree in bioinformatics.

The demand for bioinformatics specialists has snowballed in recent years. Trained professionals are in demand for a variety of biotech applications, such as identifying genes and defects in genes; identifying protein structures to design pharmaceuticals; and "visualizing," or looking at biological structures (cells, tissues, organs), using computers to manipulate them.

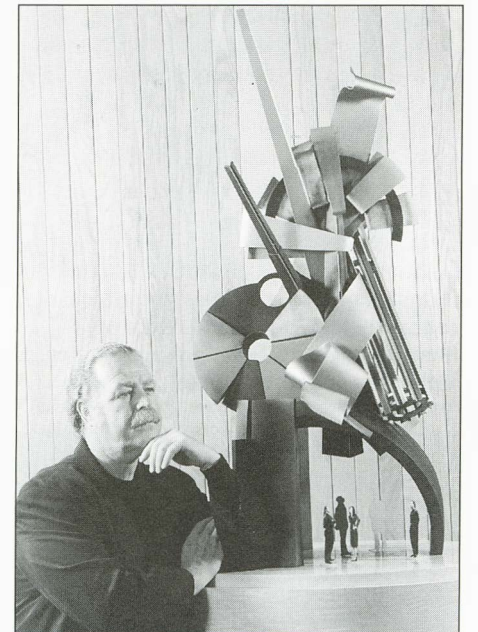
"Bioinformatics is the way of the future," says Douglas Merrill, head of RIT's biological sciences. "It's how scientists are going to be making the big discoveries that will have a profound effect on human health in the years to come."

RIT will launch its professional master's program in bioinformatics in spring 2002, preceding a new bachelor's degree that will accept students later that year. Graduate students will choose from two tracks: one

for biological scientists who need computer-programming skills; the other for computer scientists who lack a biology background.

The program will integrate biology and computer science, with courses designed and team-taught by biologists, information technologists, computer scientists and mathematicians. Input will be sought from an eight-member external advisory board, which currently includes industry representatives from IBM and Wyeth Lederle Vaccines.

"Our overall goal is to provide the best education we can, and we can't do that in a vacuum," Skuse says. "We will do it hand-in-hand with people from industry." ■



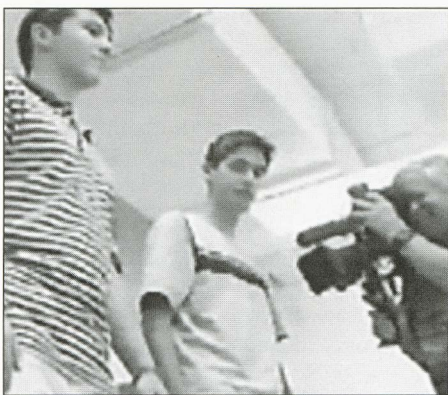
A PALEY PIECE FOR RIT... A custom sculpture by Albert Paley, renowned sculptor and Charlotte Fredericks Mowris Chair in the School for American Crafts, may soon grace the Administration Circle. The piece would be the largest ever designed by Paley, at 65 feet tall and 90 tons, announces Jim Watters, vice president, Finance and Administration. Proposed plans call for Paley to erect the fabricated Corten steel, stainless steel and bronze components "in place" with his team of artisans. Shown here with Paley is a 40-inch replica which starts its campus tour in the George Eastman Building lobby.



SIGNING ON WITH PEN... Key delegates from universities in Russia, Japan and China, and NTID/RIT signed a resolution committing to excellence, integrity and innovation as they begin a unique, collaborative network that will help 10 countries improve high-tech education and career options for their deaf residents. The project, Postsecondary Education Network International (PEN-International), is funded in part by The Nippon Foundation. Shown, left to right, are Nippon Foundation Executive Director Reizo Utogawa, RIT President Albert Simone and RIT Vice President for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Robert Davila.



CHASING THE TIGER... RIT employees make their way to the starting line of the JP Morgan Chase Corporate Challenge on May 31. RIT won a participation award with 153 employees competing in the 3.5 mile road race around Highland Park.



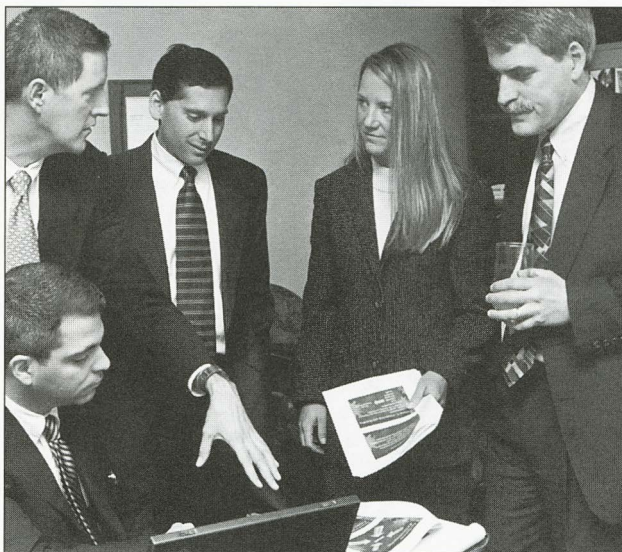
NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON SPACE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COURSE... A crew from The News with Brian Williams on MSNBC and CNBC visited RIT on May 10 for a feature story about the university's groundbreaking course, Space Tourism Development. The story, featuring interviews with President Albert Simone, C.J. Wallington, professor of instructional technology and course instructor, and students, aired on May 18. Shown above, a network cameraman tapes students Ilir Lako, left, and Drew Walter in a packaging science lab. Packaging for space, presented by Daniel Goodwin, professor and program chair of packaging science, was the topic of the day's class.

## Graduate students partner with local businesses

The intelligence and hard work of students from a pair of RIT master's programs is providing a boost to the Rochester area business community. Coordinators from the Executive MBA and Manufacturing, Management and Leadership programs report another successful year for RIT's Capstone Project.

As the climax to two years of intense study, the Capstone Project gives students from both programs a chance to put their training into action, assisting local companies with critical business issues.

Packaging Services, a division of Diamond Packaging, couldn't pass up the opportunity to take part. The company designs packaging for photographic and pharmaceutical customers and wanted to develop a sales and marketing plan. Kirsten Voss, executive vice president for Packaging Services, invited a team of



Kirsten Voss, executive vice president of Packaging Services, listens as members of RIT's Executive MBA program discuss details of their Capstone Project. The student team included, clockwise from bottom left, Dave Greenfield, William Nelson, Francis McMahon and Marty Lawler.

four EMBA students from the College of Business to evaluate the situation.

"We gave them an overview of the company and discussed with them what we hoped to have accomplished," she says. "They met with employees, suppliers and customers to get a perspective from several different angles. They also turned to the Internet to research what kind of opportunities are out there."

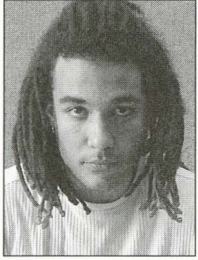
Francis McMahon, a marketing manager for Nexpress, is among the EMBA students who participated in Packaging Services' Capstone Project. He quickly realized the benefits of working as part of a team.

"Among us, there was a mix of backgrounds that brought very different but applicable expertise to the program," explains McMahon. "The biggest challenge was providing a service similar to a management

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## RIT announces first recipient of Bingham Scholarship

Greg Boyd, a recent photography graduate, has been awarded the Kodak/Howard Bingham Scholarship. He's the first recipient of this award, designed to benefit minority students within the bachelor of fine arts curriculum of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.



Greg Boyd

Boyd, a native of Cincinnati, majored in advertising photography and now plans to pursue opportunities as a freelance photography assistant in New York City.

"This scholarship is a fitting tribute to Greg's remarkable potential," says William DuBois, photographic arts chair. "His willingness to explore new situations and his ability to interact with people are among many impressive traits. Greg's achievements are destined to reach as high as his ambitions will take him."

Kodak Professional, a division of Eastman Kodak Co., provided a \$25,000 endowment for the scholarship, which honors the dedication and talent of Howard Bingham. The renowned photographer has spent the past four decades

documenting many of America's historical turning points.

The Kodak/Howard Bingham Scholarship is an annual award with preference given to students of African-American

descent. Since it is funded by an endowment, other contributions are welcome and accepted. For more information, contact Deborah McKinzie Bristol in the Office of Development at 5-2128. ■



**FAMILY CELEBRATION**... RIT graduates Mark and Tobie Bridges share a smile after receiving their diplomas. The father-daughter duo from Spencerport earned bachelor degrees and took part in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences commencement ceremony in May. Mark, a mechanical designer at Eastman Kodak Co., majored in industrial design; Tobie studied applied photography.

## First-time graduates of software engineering program

This year's RIT commencement marked special milestones reached by the university and three unique sets of graduates.

A group of 12 students became the first in the United States to earn bachelor's degrees in software engineering. One of the new grads is Tom McAlee, who says he received four job offers, without even applying, before graduation.

"I don't even have a résumé—I never needed one," McAlee says. "And I just bought my first suit."

McAlee and classmate Ben Smith accepted positions (with "fat" salaries, McAlee says) with Exegetics Inc. in Blacksburg, Va.

RIT's five-year undergraduate program in software engineering was launched in fall 1996 by the College of Applied Science and Technology and Kate Gleason College

of Engineering, aiming to meet a growing demand for skilled workers in the field and to focus on large-scale, evolving software systems.

Emphasizing team-oriented approaches to software development, the program prepares students for technical and management careers in software and computer-intensive industries. Students study software engineering, computer science, engineering, arts and humanities.

"We're very excited about this graduation," says Fernando Naveda, software engineering department chair. "We're proud of these students, but also sad they're leaving."

On July 1, RIT's software engineering department became part of the university's new B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Also graduating this spring were 51 students who now comprise the first four-year hospitality and service management alumni from RIT's American College of Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Under the auspices of the College of Applied Science and Technology, the College of Management and Technology opened in September 1997 and conferred its first two-year degrees on 107 graduates in May 1999. Anticipated enrollment for the 2001-2002 school year is 600 students.

Fifteen graduates from the packaging science executive leader master's program, a collaboration between CAST and the University of Zagreb in Croatia, also

## Technical writing winners

Two RIT students recently earned highest honors and \$500 scholarships for distinguished technical writing in the Kepner Scholarship competition sponsored by the Rochester chapter of the Society for Technical Competition.

Beth Swan, a recent graduate of the graphic design program, created "The Basics of Western Horseback Riding," featuring information on horse breeds and necessary riding equipment, horse legends, illustrations and tips for mounting, dismounting and trail riding. She's now a junior graphic designer with Polese Clancy Inc. in Boston.

Kathryn Zipeto, who earned a certificate in basic technical communications this year, developed "A Teacher's Guide to Asperger's Syndrome" that explains the condition, a form of autism, and offers practical tips for classroom teachers to help them teach social skills to students with the condition. Zipeto works for Eastman Kodak Co.

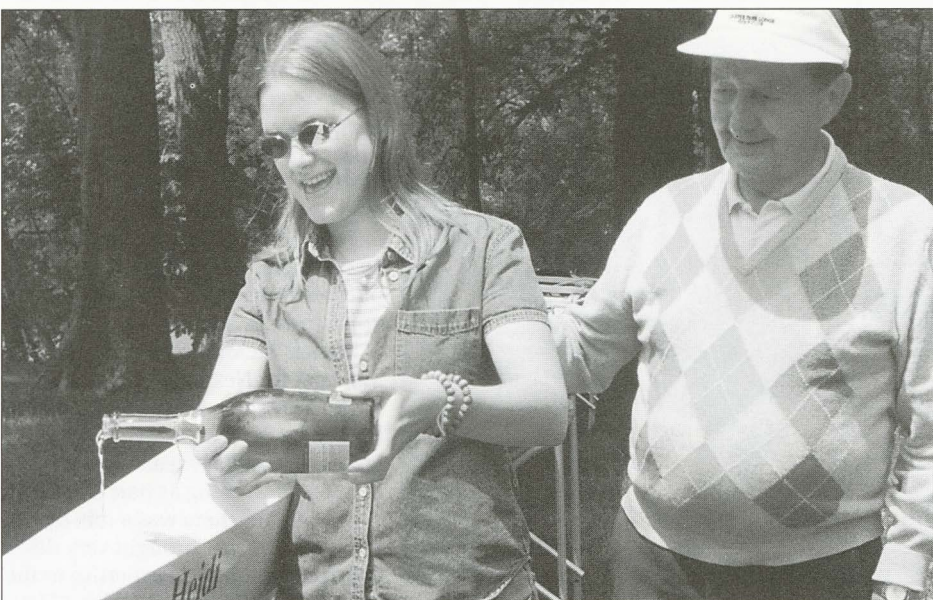
Both works were completed in the course, Technical Document Design, taught by Kathy Wise, adjunct professor in the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies in the College of Applied Science and Technology. ■

## Commencement in Prague

RIT's business school in Prague has honored 17 new graduates from its MBA program. The U.S. Business School held its annual commencement ceremony last month. College of Business Dean Thomas Hopkins, president and CEO of the U.S. Business School, was in Prague to distribute diplomas during the ceremony.

This year's graduating class was the most diverse in the school's 10-year history with students representing countries from around the globe, including Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Netherlands, Russia, Slovakia, the United States and Vietnam.

**A HUG FOR A TRIUMPHANT GRADUATE**... Leah Van Valkenburg, right, receives a congratulatory hug from classmate Amanda McCulley at commencement ceremonies for the College of Applied Science and Technology on May 25. Van Valkenburg triumphed in her goal of attending commencement despite critical injuries sustained in an automobile accident in April. The nutrition management major took time from rehabilitation at St. Mary's Hospital to attend graduation ceremonies. On June 15, she returned home to Frankfort, N.Y., and is receiving outpatient therapy at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica.



**TOPSIDE BOAT CHRISTENING**... Al Davis surprised his grandniece, Heidi Jordan, with a unique graduation gift—a four-person racing shell to be used by the RIT crew team. Jordan toasted her namesake, "Heidi," with champagne, then rowed down the Genesee River with members of the team. Jordan is a graduate of the biotechnology program in the College of Science.

received degrees this spring.

"It's one of our shining accomplishments," says Daniel Goodwin, packaging science program chair, adding that future similar collaborations with universities in other nations are being studied.

RIT has one of only seven packaging science programs in the United States. ■

## Heart Walk a success

Once was not enough. Duplicating last year's efforts, RIT again won the first place fund-raiser award for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk 2001, held in March.

Approximately 200 walkers raised more than \$7,000—meeting the projected goal by doubling last year's donations and participants. All the money raised will go directly towards education and research in the fight against heart disease and stroke.

President Albert Simone supported RIT's involvement by purchasing "cool" T-shirts for members who participated in this year's walk.

## Golf Classic fund-raiser

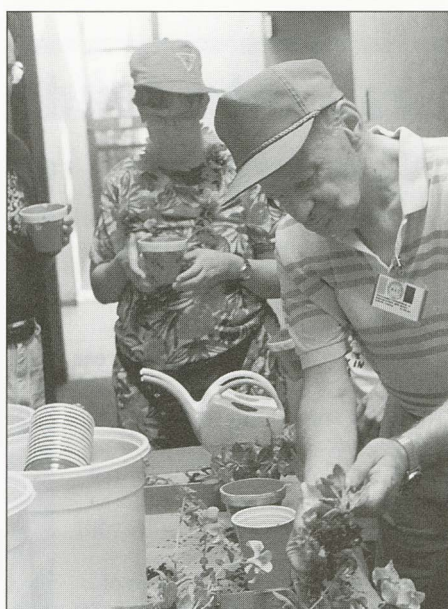
The third annual Civil Engineering Technology Golf Classic on May 5 at Chili Country Club raised \$350, which was split between Flower City Habitat for Humanity and civil engineering technology student-competition teams. Close to 50 golfers participated in the tourney and dinner, which provided networking opportunities for students and local civil engineers and contractors.

"Employers got a chance to meet and play golf in a relaxed atmosphere with potential employees," says Scott Wolcott, assistant professor and tournament organizer.

## Wanted: used supplies

Donate your unwanted supplies: Department house cleaning could never be easier. Just gather up all your used office and school supplies—chairs, desks, lamps, books, posters, computers, anything you want to get rid of—and consider donating them to needy agencies in the community.

Here's your chance to help non-profit businesses that require supplies but don't have the funds to purchase them. If you have items that are in workable condition and would be interested in finding out how to donate them, please call the Student Volunteer Center at 5-6056 or e-mail Tracey Hammer at tmh9861@rit.edu.



**RIT HOSTS WEEK-LONG CAMPUS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**... Geraldine Copeland waits her turn as Arthur Dennison plants impatiens for an indoor gardening class designed for disabled adults from the Association of Retarded Citizens of Monroe County. Approximately 40 adults stepped into the shoes of college students and attended "crash courses" that culminated in a graduation ceremony on June 15.

## Online courses offer students flexibility and satisfaction

Since 1994, more than 1,500 online-learning students have graduated from RIT, with more than 400 this year alone.

Online-learning students are defined at RIT as those who take at least half of their course work through online learning.

"As an online learning student, one of the things that made the biggest difference was what a good job RIT did helping me as a learner," says Marcia Goldstein, a mother of two and a department-store vice president in North Hollywood, Calif., who is earning a master's degree through RIT's online cross-disciplinary professional studies program. "I had one librarian give me her home phone number because it was a Friday afternoon, and she was worried that I'd have trouble with one of the databases. It was amazing."

Another student found online learning fit her life. "One can successfully continue to work and have children while furthering

an education," says Dawn Lamendola, an online-learning graduate currently earning a master's in health systems administration. "I am living proof that it is possible. Where else can one go to class in pajamas in the middle of the night and sip on a fresh cup of coffee?"

To add to student satisfaction and increase the flexibility and availability of classes taught in an online learning format, all audio segments of online learning classes are transcribed and/or captioned, including videotapes, audio tapes, audio/video streaming, annotated PowerPoint presentations and phone conferences. Not only does this meet ADA requirements, allowing hearing-

impaired students to take online learning courses, it offers an advantage to hearing students also, as the closed captioning transcriptions are searchable and available on CD-ROM.

And just as online learning allows students who would not otherwise be able to attend RIT, it also gives professors the opportunity to interact with students they would otherwise never meet.

"Working with bright, eager, savvy online students like Marcia Goldstein, who I would not know without online-learning courses and programs, makes being an RIT faculty member an even more lively and satisfying experience," says Larry Belle, an online learning professor.

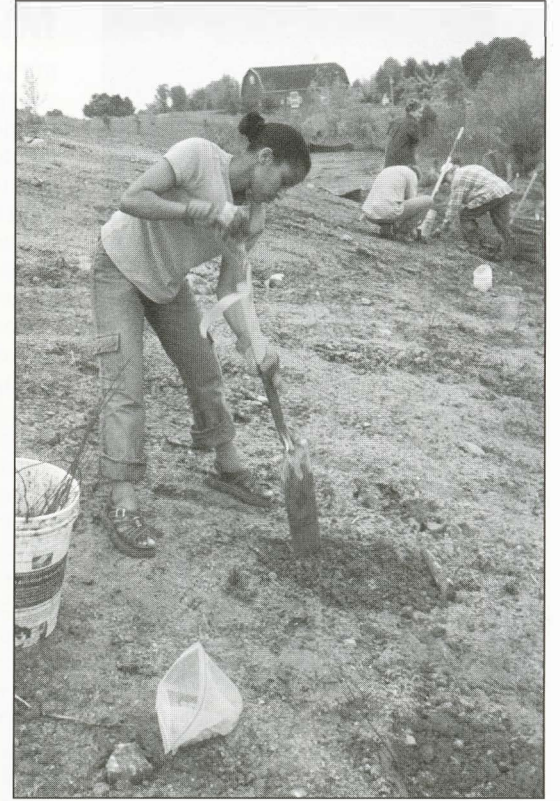
Indeed, online education supplements traditional university learning, adds Joeann Humbert, interim director of online learning at RIT. "It's another way for individuals to get the education they need, anywhere in the world." ■

### RIT Online Learning Facts

- RIT online learning has had 8,200 online enrollments in the 2000-01 school year.
- RIT offers 33 online degree or certificate programs with 270 completely online, unique courses.
- Seventy-three percent of online learning faculty have taught for more than five years.

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**FAMOUS FRIEND DROPS BY...** Before her *Unique Lives & Experiences* presentation at the Auditorium Center downtown, actress Marlee Matlin (center) stopped at NTID to visit with Dr. Robert Davila, RIT vice president for NTID, and chat with students and staff in the NTID Learning Center. During her visit, she warmly recalled her first public appearance at NTID's Panara Theater after winning the Academy Award in 1987 for her role in *Children of a Lesser God*. *Unique Lives & Experiences* sponsors donated 20 tickets to Matlin's presentation for NTID students and staff.



**THERE'S MORE TO BRICK CITY THAN MEETS THE EYE...** Volunteer workers planted 4,000 emergent plants and shrubs on three campus parcels in a wetlands restoration project at RIT, May 16-18. The effort drew 25 student, faculty and staff volunteers, including Muferihat Abduljelil, first-year computer engineering technology major, shown above. Organized by RIT's student environmental action league and the College of Applied Science and Technology, the project was underwritten by RIT's Facilities Management Services. "It's amazing how much a group can learn and accomplish while having a good time," says Josh Goldowitz, associate professor of environmental management.

## Hope named editor of women's journal



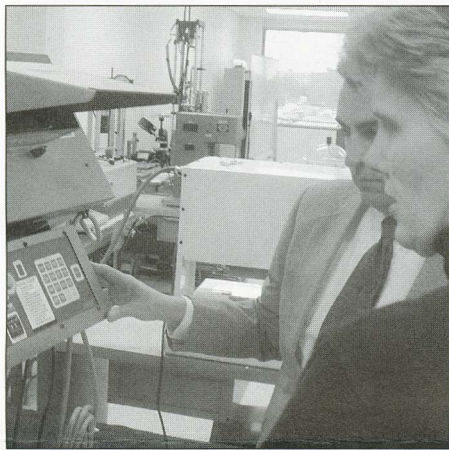
Diane Hope

Professor Diane Hope was recently named editor of *Women's Studies Quarterly*, a leading journal published by the Feminist Press at the City University of New York in cooperation with RIT.

Hope, the William S. Kern Professor in Communications in the College of Liberal Arts, succeeds Janet Zandy, professor of literature. Zandy, who held the position from 1997-2001, was responsible for bringing the journal to RIT. Hope was elected editor of the quarterly after serving as guest editor of the spring/summer issue, focusing on earth-work, women and environments.

Last month, Hope revisited the theme of women and the environment at the 22nd annual conference of the National Women's Studies Association in Minneapolis, where she chaired a panel and presented her paper, "Invisible Landscapes: Women and Place." Her research analyzes advertisements depicting images of nature.

The fall issue of *Women's Studies Quarterly* will focus on women and technology. A correlating symposium on mass-communication technologies and gender questions will be held at RIT Oct. 4-6. ■



**PACKAGING SCIENCE PROGRAM RECOGNIZED...** Karen Proctor, associate professor of packaging science, foreground, and Kevin Curtin, marketing manager of Empire/EMCO, inspect an Autopad cushioning system recently given to RIT by Rampak Corp. of Painesville, Ohio. Empire/EMCO officials, including the Amherst firm's president and vice president, were at RIT recently to present RIT's packaging science program with a packaging achievement award. RIT's packaging science undergraduate program is one of only seven in the United States.

## RIT's Capstone Project

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consultant company but doing it on a part-time basis."

Members of the team proved up to the challenge. The students recently offered their final presentation to Voss and her colleagues and received rave reviews. "It's very exciting, and we're anxious to implement their recommendations," she states.

Packaging Services was among a half dozen local companies to take part in this year's EMBA Capstone Project. Other sponsors were Goulds Pumps, IEC Electric, Lightning, CJ Winter and Montego. Each project was designed to meet that company's particular needs.

Five teams from the MM&L program, which integrates business with engineering disciplines, added their brand of success to the Capstone Project. Bausch & Lomb, Heidelberg Digital, Commodore Machine Co. and Alliance Plastic invited student teams to examine and diagnose problems related to product flow and manufacturing processes. In the end, program organizers calculated more than \$4.6 million in combined savings to these companies generated by their participation.

"These students really hit the jackpot," says Daniel Johnson, MM&L director. "Without the strong teamwork skills and camaraderie developed in this program, achieving these kinds of results would be impossible."

Directors from both the EMBA and MM&L programs are now busy seeking new business partners to participate in the Capstone Project for the upcoming school year. ■

## Deaf Education Technology Conference

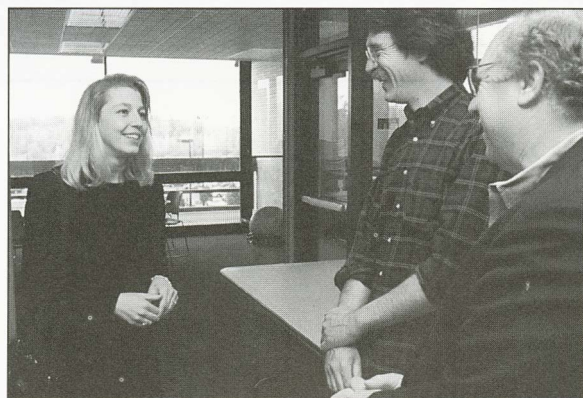
The first technology symposium presenting current research and state-of-the-art practice for educators of the deaf in more than seven years was hosted by NTID June 25-29.

Nearly 200 professionals from around the world who work with deaf and hard-of-hearing learners attended "Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf: Supporting Learners, K-College," which provided a much-needed forum for learning about current and future innovations and developments using educational media and technology.

"For many years, we have looked forward to improved technology as solving problems associated with educating deaf students," said E. William Clymer, symposium coordina-

tor and NTID associate professor. "That time is now. Voice recognition, distance learning, and Web-based software are just a few examples of how technology is positively impacting educating deaf students of all ages."

The conference included hands-on workshops to enhance participant understanding and a variety of presentations by international experts in deafness and instructional technology. Topics included Using Technology to Support Learning, Measuring the Impact of Technology in the Teaching/Learning Process, Using Technology to Support Student Transition to the Workplace, and Online and Distance Learning. ■



### ALUMNUS SHARES D.C. WORK...

On a May visit to RIT, Kristine Simmons chats with her former professors, Bruce Austin, chair of the communication department, center, and Louis Andolino, political science. In March, Simmons, who graduated in 1990, became a special assistant to President George W. Bush for domestic policy. She's spent the past 11 years working on Capitol Hill. Her husband, John Simmons, business administration '91, is a senior advisor at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP, working with former U.S. Representative Bill Paxon.



**ANIMATED PRESENTATION...** Tom Gasek describes the magic behind claymation and stop-motion animation during a recent workshop with students. An RIT alumnus, Gasek has worked on projects such as *Chicken Run* and *Pee Wee's Playhouse*. His visit to campus was sponsored by the School of Film and Animation.

## Intercultural conference July 19-21

The sixth and final Rochester Intercultural Conference will be held July 19-21 at the Holiday Inn Airport and will focus on the Intercultural World and the Digital Connection.

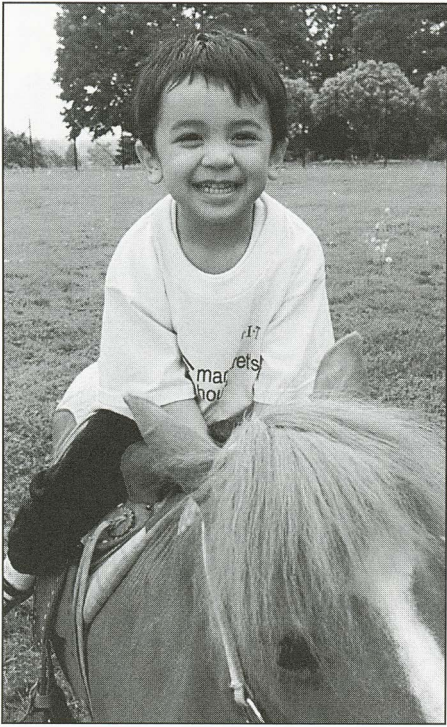
Chaired by RIT professor Michael Prosser, the conference will probe the digital divide, the role of women on the Internet, ethnic Internet sites and hate on the Internet, among other topics.

Approximately 30 scholars and graduate students from Canada, Finland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States will attend the event. The keynote speaker, Tapio Varis, from the University of Tampere in Finland, is a leading European scholar of new media, electronic communication and distance learning.

The conference series, co-sponsored by RIT and the United Nations Association of Rochester, will conclude this year with the retirement of Prosser and co-chair K.S. Sitaram of Southern Illinois University.

Prosser is a former William A. Kern Professor and distinguished visiting professor in communications in the College of Liberal Arts and emeritus professor in rhetoric and communication studies at the University of Virginia.

All RIT faculty, staff and students are invited to attend the conference sessions without charge. A reduced registration fee for RIT members will cover the opening dinner, reception and awards luncheon. For more information, contact Prosser at mhpgpt@rit.edu. ■



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...** Five year old Aidan Oyzon McMurtie, son of Elouise Oyzon, information technology professor at RIT, enjoys a pony ride at Liberty Hill on May 18 in celebration of the fifth birthday of Margaret's House, RIT's full-service child-care program. More than 150 caregivers, parents and children enjoyed a day of games, pony rides and face painting—topped off with cake and ice cream. The festive birthday celebration, in memory of Margaret Davis, was hosted by President Albert Simone and his wife, Carolie.

## Boy Scout workshop held on RIT campus

Members of Exploring, a career exploration program offered through the Boy Scouts of America, recently took part in a nine-week workshop on campus. Students learned about digital publishing from a series of guest speakers. They also took part in various hands-on projects, including the opportunity to design individual posters printed on offset and digital presses.

"They loved it," says Jill Orbach, senior Exploring executive. "Even the parents we heard from were thrilled. Everybody learned a lot."

Michael Kleper, the Paul and Louise Distinguished Professor in RIT's School of Printing Management and Sciences, was responsible for coordinating the program. Kleper plans to host a new set of Exploring participants on campus next year. ■

## Mini Baja results

RIT's mini-Baja cars captured seventh and 10th places overall at Mini Baja East competition, May 10–12, at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, and ninth and 10th places overall at the Midwest Mini Baja, June 1–3, in Troy, Ohio.

Challenging more than 30 cars in the East contest, RIT captured ninth and 10th places in the "rough-terrain" endurance race.

Competing against nearly 100 cars in the Midwest event, the third of three spring contests for RIT's mini-Baja team, RIT earned second place in acceleration and hill climbing, tied for third place for structure and garnered eighth place for maneuverability.

For earning the highest combined points for three spring mini-Baja contests, RIT was recognized with the Michael Schmidt Award, named in honor of an RIT student and mini-Baja team member who died in a car accident last year. RIT was one of only eight teams, and the only team from New York state, to enter all three contests.

In April, RIT competed in the Mini Baja Brazil and the Mini Baja West. RIT was the only team from the United States to compete in Brazil. It was the team's first-ever participation in the South American contest.

Mini-Baja competitions are sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers. ■

## New sports information director named



Jamie Joss

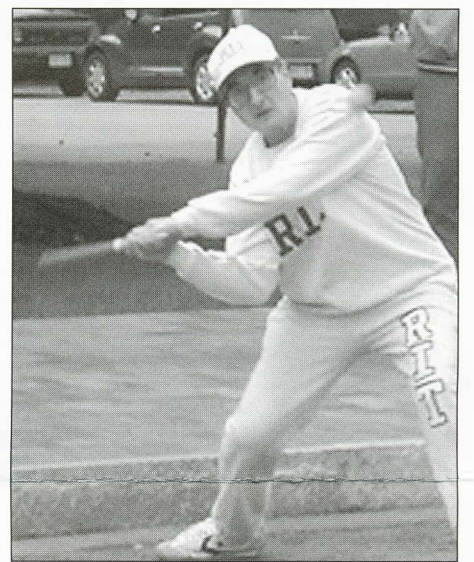
University News Services welcomes a new member to its team. Jamie Joss joined RIT in mid-June as sports information director. His responsibilities include coordinating sports information, media relations, Internet communications and print publication services for RIT's 24 varsity athletic programs.

"I am very excited about my opportunity to work with the RIT student athletes, coaches and administration," says Joss. "The reputation of the university and its athletic program, along with the chance

to return to my hometown, were the key factors that solidified RIT as a great choice and fit for me."

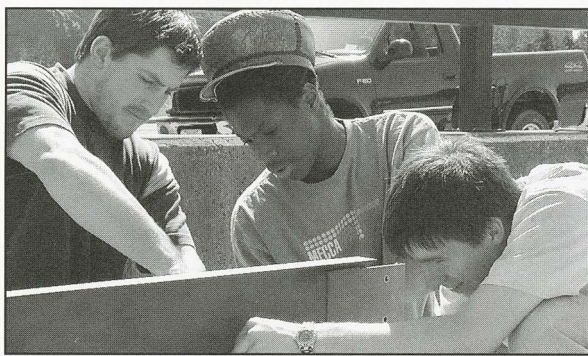
Joss recently completed his second year as assistant director of athletic communications at Colgate University, where he also served as athletic activities' webmaster. In previous sports/media-related positions, he was responsible for designing and building similar Web sites at High Point University, Lake Superior State University and St. Andrews College.

A graduate of Bowling Green State University, Joss majored in sports management with an emphasis on information, marketing and promotions. He is a member of the College Sports Information Directors of America. ■



**HITTING IT HOME...** President Albert Simone hit a home run over the Frank Ritter Ice Arena on May 29 during a game of stickball at RIT's fifth annual staff appreciation day picnic.

**A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE...** RIT steel bridge team members, left to right, Aaron Falkenmeyer, Iatut DaCosta and David Cox, practice assembling their bridge prior to recent competition at the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. RIT captured third place in the competition after building a bridge in 7 minutes, 46 seconds. The team took first place in the least-deflection category. The annual competition, based on construction speed and structure strength, is sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers.



## Obituaries

### Thomas McCaffrey

Thomas McCaffrey of Pittsford, associate professor of health systems administration in the College of Applied Science and Technology, passed away June 6.

McCaffrey had been on the RIT faculty since 1996 and accrued many years of experience in healthcare, including 10 years teaching at the graduate level in areas of finance, law, operations and strategic planning.

He is survived by his wife, Nancee Bender McCaffrey, seven children and two grandchildren. Memorial donations for cardiac research may be sent to Strong Memorial Hospital, Office of Development, 300 E. River Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14627.

### Lynn Skvarek

Lynn Skvarek, 44, a former employee in the Office of Financial Aid, passed away May 11 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Since joining RIT in 1995, Skvarek had helped administer the TAP program and managed volumes of student applications for Financial Aid. Her mother, Isabelle DiGioia, is a National Technical Institute for the Deaf retiree.

Skvarek is survived by her husband, Steve, and son, Nick.

### Wallace Wilson

Wallace Wilson, emeritus trustee of RIT, passed away on May 2. He was 89 years old.

Wilson was an active member of the RIT Board of Trustees from 1956 to 1963, and was instrumental in the decision to move RIT to the new campus in Henrietta. He also established the Wallace E. and Paula F. Wilson Scholarship Fund for the School for American Crafts.

He is survived by his wife, Paula, two children, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## News makers

• **Abi Aghayere**, assistant professor of civil engineering technology, College of Applied Science and Technology, presented his paper, "Using Small-Scale Models to Enhance Students' Understanding of Structural Behavior," at the annual conference of the American Society for Engineering Education, June 24–27 in Albuquerque, N.M. He also presented the paper in March at the New York State Engineering Technology Association spring conference at RIT.

• **Pamela Conley**, assistant professor, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf liberal arts support department, presented "The Use of ASL in Teaching Reading and Writing: Classroom Issues and Strategies" at the Deaf Studies VII conference in Orlando, Fla., in April.

• **Frank Cost**, associate dean, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, discussed unexpected applications of digital printing during the recent International Conference on Digital Production Printing and Industrial Applications in Belgium. The conference received 450 attendees from 40 countries.

• **Andrew Davidhazy**, professor, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, made a pair of guest presentations at the 30th annual Science Exploration Days, sponsored by the New York State Science Teachers Association. His remarks offered advice regarding careers in high-speed and scientific photography.

• **Andrew DuBrin**, professor, College of Business, reports that his book, *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Leadership*, has now been printed in Polish.

• **Eugene Fram**, J. Warren McClure Research Professor of Marketing, recently co-authored an article with Elaine Spaul, executive director of the Center for Youth Services. "Expectations for Nonprofit Boards Are Changing," was published in the May–June issue of *Nonprofit World* and focuses on personal tax laws for board members and how the shifting legal environment can affect them. Fram also passed another milestone recently when his 100th article was accepted by the *Journal of Services Marketing* for future publication.

• **Pamela Kincheloe**, professor of English, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Liberal Arts Support Department, presented the paper, "Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Witch: The Blair Witch Project as Seen Through a Feminist Lens," at the Popular Culture Association Convention held in Philadelphia in April.

• **James Marengo**, associate professor of mathematics and statistics, College of Science, presented "Properties of the Most Critical Region for Testing the Location Parameter of a Cauchy Distribution" at the semi-annual meeting of the Seaway Section of the Mathematical Association of America at the State University of New York at Binghamton in April.

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