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Del Monte gift to become RIT Inn & Conference Center

"Can you teach me how to give something away?"

That simple question, posed by Ernie Del Monte, chairman of E.J. Del Monte Corp., to Tom Golisano would resonate months later for RIT.

Having recently given \$14 million to RIT to establish the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, the Paychex Inc. chairman was in a good position to advise his friend. And Del Monte had a piece of property—the Rochester Marriott Thruway hotel—that no longer fit into the developer's business plan. That's when Golisano introduced Del Monte and RIT President Albert Simone.

One lunch and eight weeks later, that new friendship produced the third \$14 million contribution to RIT since February, the 304-room hotel on West Henrietta Road in Henrietta, to be renamed the RIT Inn and Conference Center when RIT assumes ownership Sept. 1. The announcement of the gift was made to a sun-drenched crowd

in front of the facility on Aug. 8.

"We're proud to accept this magnificent gift," Simone told those gathered, including Golisano, adding that the inn will provide high-quality housing for RIT students, co-op positions for hospitality and service management majors and banquet and conference facilities for RIT's Corporate Education and Training division.

As the university's enrollment continues to grow, so too does its need for more housing. Enrollment in 2001-2002, projected at nearly 15,000, is up more than 22 percent since 1994-1995. This fall, RIT anticipates providing housing for more than 6,400 students in residence halls,



Ernie Del Monte, at podium, chairman of E.J. Del Monte Corp., announces the gift, valued at \$14 million, to RIT of the Rochester Marriott Thruway hotel property on Aug. 8. Beginning Sept. 1, the facility will be used for student housing and renamed the RIT Inn and Conference Center. With Del Monte are, left to right, RIT President Albert Simone, Henrietta Supervisor James Breese and John Del Monte, company president.

apartments, townhouses, Greek-organization housing and the new inn.

This year, the inn will house more than 300 upper-level undergraduate and graduate students, many of them international and

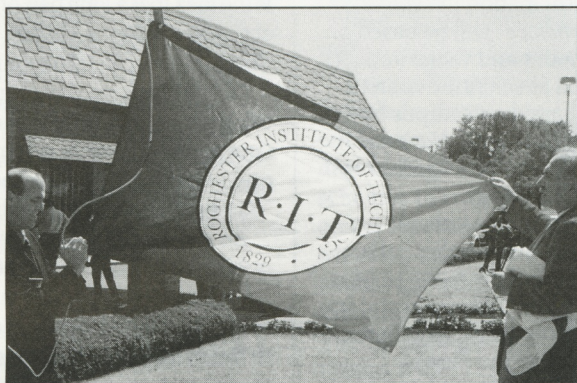
transfer students, in 170 single and double rooms. More students will be accommodated in additional rooms in following years.

Modifications to dining facilities will be completed in order to accommodate students, and the university will provide regular shuttle-bus service between the inn and campus three miles away.

Under a three-year agreement, E.J. Del Monte Corp. will continue to manage the inn's banquet, conference and lodging facilities, which underwent \$6 million in renovations in the past six years. Built in 1974, the hotel has an appraised value of about \$29 million.

"It's a premiere hotel property in Monroe County," Henrietta Supervisor James Breese says. "This is a great day for the community."

Adds John Del Monte, company president, "We are delighted to give RIT a gift that will reap benefits for many years to come." ■



Attendants ready the RIT flag for raising in front of the Rochester Marriott Thruway hotel on West Henrietta Road.

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NRS awards highest honor to Rusitzky

RIT's Nathaniel Rochester Society (NRS) has given its highest honor to Harris "Bud" Rusitzky, a nearly 30-year member of RIT's Board of Trustees.

The presentation of the NRS Award was made last month during a ceremony at



Bud Rusitzky, accompanied by his wife, Joan, received the Nathaniel Rochester Society Award during a ceremony at Oak Hill Country Club.

Oak Hill Country Club. The annual award recognizes individuals who have contributed to the advancement of RIT in an outstanding and significant manner.

"RIT has had a great deal of influence on my life, both personally and in my career," reflects Rusitzky, who earned his bachelor of science degree in food administration in 1956 and a master's in hospitality and tourism management in 1991, both from RIT.

Rusitzky started his professional career as director of food services and assistant

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RIT and USPS unite in recycling effort

RIT and the United States Postal Service (USPS) announce a two-pronged project to explore solutions to two problems: how to best remanufacture, recycle and rebuild new machines from old ones; and how to reduce the environmental impact of discarded computers by designing them with the machine's life-cycle in mind.

RIT's National Center for Remanufacturing and Resource Recovery (NCR³) at the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies is working with USPS—already one of the largest recyclers in the nation—to increase the scope of their remanufacturing and life-cycle design efforts and to expand the Per Scholas program throughout the country.

Per Scholas, a non-profit organization, provides low-cost rebuilt computers for schools; offers computer technician training; and processes used computer equipment for a number of large organizations, including Con Edison and USPS. The organization trains young adults in the South Bronx area in an intensive 12-week computer-technician-training program. After completing the training, graduates are offered an internship with Per Scholas in their remanufacturing facility, and are provided with job placement services.

NCR³ will assess the Per Scholas computer remanufacturing and business models and suggest and help implement improvements. NCR³ will also research the

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GOOD TO THE LAST DROP... Andrew Hesky, center, his mother Ellen Ormond, and friend Steven Nathenson, enjoy ice cream treats during their visit to RIT in July for summer orientation. Both students will be engineering majors in the fall. Nearly 1,700 students attended the three sessions which included faculty advisor meetings, parent programs, an ice cream social, an address from RIT President Albert Simone and skits related to college life.



Students and teachers benefit from Project Lead the Way

Three hundred math, science and technology middle and high school teachers from 28 states converged at RIT again this summer for intensive Project Lead the Way teacher-training workshops.

Project Lead the Way aims to introduce pre-college students to engineering and technology studies and to better prepare them for college and careers. A long-term goal is to alleviate shortages of skilled workers in burgeoning high-tech fields.

Toward that goal, teachers study engineering and technology for two weeks at the National Technology Training Center at RIT and are trained to implement pre-engineering curricula in their schools.

This year, for the first time, teachers also trained at four affiliated sites across the



Teachers participate in a Project Lead the Way workshop at RIT last month.

nation. In total, nearly 400 teachers from 330 schools participated in Project Lead the Way training.

Teachers can receive graduate-school

credits for their training. Participating middle and high school students can receive college credits.

"Project Lead the Way raises the standard of education throughout the country and is a perfect fit to complement school reform efforts," says Guy Johnson, RIT professor of manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology and director of the National Technology Training Center.

"Students' enthusiasm for the program, which prepares them for informed college and career choices, is unmatched."

Project Lead the Way was launched in 1997 in partnership with the nonprofit National Alliance for Pre-engineering Programs. ■



EXPLORING SCIENCE... High school physics teachers from around the nation explored trends in science education last month during workshops hosted by RIT's College of Science. Here, high school teachers learned how to make a trombone and other objects out of pipes. The weeklong training session was sponsored by the Physics Teaching Research Agents, a national organization associated with the National American Association of Physics Teachers.

Chemistry major shares research at ACS national conference

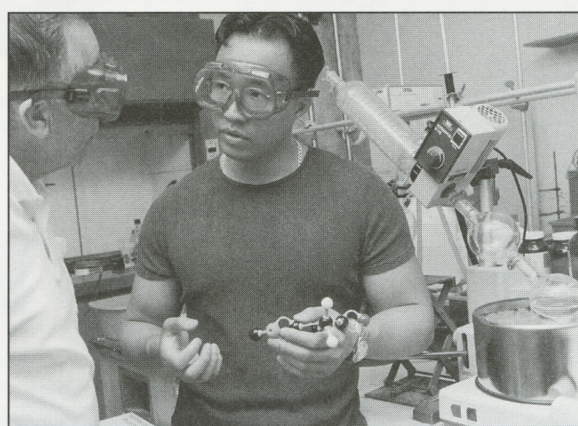
When Allen Chong flies to Chicago at the end of August, the RIT senior will be en route to the American Chemical Society's (ACS) national meeting as an undergraduate researcher. Chong will present his findings to the society's undergraduate-affiliated section, an opportunity reserved for today's up-and-coming young chemists.

Under the tutelage of James Worman, professor of chemistry at RIT, Chong has synthesized two unique molecular compounds that may someday hold a key to the computer industry's bid to shrink components to ever-smaller scales.

"In order for the computer industry to continue growing, it has to go smaller and smaller," Worman says. "You can't get silicon much smaller in its present state."

That's where Worman's and Chong's research comes into play.

Looking beyond silicon, their research investigates the possibility of using energy stored in molecules as electronic switches. Energy passed between molecules could conceivably form a connection or an electronic-molecular switch to rival



Senior chemistry major Allen Chong, right, will present his research at the national meeting of the American Chemical Society at the end of this month. Here, Chong discusses his research with his mentor, James Worman, professor of chemistry.

silicon, explains Worman. Tiny molecular switches would break down the size barrier and give the computer industry an entirely smaller dimension in which to explore new applications.

"It's futuristic, but right now we can establish the fundamental properties and lay the foundations of the research," says Worman, who will attend the ACS meeting in Chicago with his student.

The professional caliber of Chong's research has attracted the notice of the local section of the ACS, which gave him a travel award to attend the national meeting. Chong also presented his research earlier this month during the College of Science's annual undergraduate research symposium.

At the heart of his research, Chong explains, is the idea that a lone pair of electrons interacts across systems. Getting to that point, Chong found, can take months of hard work.

"It took me one day to make the chemical, then nine months to isolate the first compound," he says, adding that the second compound took six months to isolate. "You have to get it perfectly pure."

An abstract of Chong's work will be published in 2002 in the ACS' *Journal of Undergraduate Research*, and will be his first professional publication. He expects to finish his bachelor's degree at the end of the fall quarter, and to start his master's in chemistry at RIT in the winter quarter.

Images from Science 2002 exhibition promise a visual treat

Picture this: Some of the most remarkable images from the world of science on display at RIT. Two professors from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences are working hard to make that happen.

Michael Peres and Andrew Davidhazy are creating *Images from Science*, an exhibition to be hosted here in fall of 2002. The show will feature photographs submitted from around the world in various scientific disciplines including biology, engineering, geology, medicine, oceanography and physics. Peres, chair of the biomedical photography program, first discussed the idea with Davidhazy after a recent exhibition of Peres' work at the William Marten Gallery in Rochester.

"I found it fascinating the way people reacted to viewing my pictures in a non-scientific way," recalls Peres. "That's when I realized the possibility of converting photographs intended for scientific



Michael Peres and Andrew Davidhazy will spend more than a year preparing for *Images from Science*.

applications into something that people could relate to on a different level."

The pair is relying solely on the power of the Internet to create this international showcase. Invitations to potential exhibitors are being distributed through various cyber

channels, such as news groups, chat lines and electronic bulletin boards.

"Entries will also be collected electronically," explains Davidhazy, chair of the imaging and photographic technology program. "Anyone who would like to be considered needs to submit their entries to us by e-mail at RITphoto@rit.edu."

Participation in *Images from Science* will be based on aesthetics and visual impact, as well as scientific content.

Photos will be evaluated on campus by three expert judges next June. *National Geographic* has agreed to be a sponsor by providing one of the judges.

Organizers have already received responses from as far away as Australia, but the question of just how many photos will be entered remains. "We could end up with hundreds or thousands," says Peres. "Who knows? The more the merrier."

For more information, visit the *Images from Science* Web site at <http://images.rit.edu>.



POUR MEA COLD ONE (BUT DON'T GET UP)... Christie Bielmeier, fifth-year mechanical engineering major, earned first runner-up at a recent competition sponsored by Cognex Corp. in Natick, Mass. Her creation of an automated drink mixer using a Cognex In-Sight digital video camera to measure volume in a drinking glass also earned the contest's People's Choice Award. Bielmeier won a Kodak digital camera as one of three finalists among entrants from 10 universities, each challenged to use a Cognex In-Sight digital video camera in a unique way.

Students win honors in graphic arts

Students from RIT's School of Printing Management and Sciences have been honored for their outstanding achievements in graphic communications. The group claimed six awards during this year's Technical Association of the Graphic Arts

(TAGA) national conference, held recently in San Diego, Calif.

TAGA, a student run organization, focuses on the technical aspects of the graphic communications industry. Students were assigned to create a journal that featured various technical and creative aspects. RIT's chapter received top honors for best overall publication, best production quality and best technical papers.

The theme of RIT's entry was Big Shot, the annual "painting with light" photography project conducted by the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. The journal incorporated images of past Big Shots with technical papers that documented the project's history.

Members of RIT's journal team included Sean True, Sarah Nielson, Erin Melchi, Jenny Beard, Abel Gonzalez, Vincent Ng, Jessica Lahita, Alex Castellanos, Amelia Hugill-Fontanel and Ann DeBolt.

In addition to the team honors, several RIT students received individual recognition. In the technical paper category, Elliot Harper won first prize and Bob Wan received third prize. Alex Castellanos won first prize in the poster competition.

Student community-based environmental project earns praise

RIT's commitment to the community can be seen on a variety of levels, but especially through Learn and Serve America, a community-based learning program that encourages faculty and students to share their talents with the community.

The university launched Learn and Serve America in December 2000 under the direction of M. Ann Howard, chair of the public policy program in the College of Liberal Arts (CLA), with funding from the Corporation for National Service. The program centers on a unique partnership between RIT's CLA and Division of Student Affairs, the city of Rochester's NorthEast Neighborhood Alliance (NENA) and the Center for Governmental Research.

RIT's program follows a national trend toward community-based learning and has created new opportunities for professors whose teaching philosophy blends community service and classroom learning.

Learn and Serve America was just what Nancy Chwiecko had been looking to find. Before now, the professor of interior design in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences had independently pursued class projects

that would challenge her students and benefit the community. Now, having a Learn and Serve program on campus gives Chwiecko more options as well as a growing network of like-minded colleagues from across campus.

An opportunity appropriate for Chwiecko's senior interior design students arose last spring to design office space for a building NENA had purchased in the public market area. The building—originally a Western Union office, with a warehouse on the first floor and office space on the second floor—dates approximately to the 1920s, long before the asbestos scare and the Americans with Disabilities Act revamped building codes.

Throughout the three-week project, the 15 students worked closely with their client, Hank Herrera, NENA planner and development specialist, to design a colorful, well-lit environment, streamlined and minimalist, with an emphasis on sustainability, a design philosophy meant to minimize the impact on the environment.

"The students took information from our vision and mission plans, and they really heard what we're trying to do. They really got it," says Herrera. "They delivered a plan that we loved immediately and felt very comfortable with."

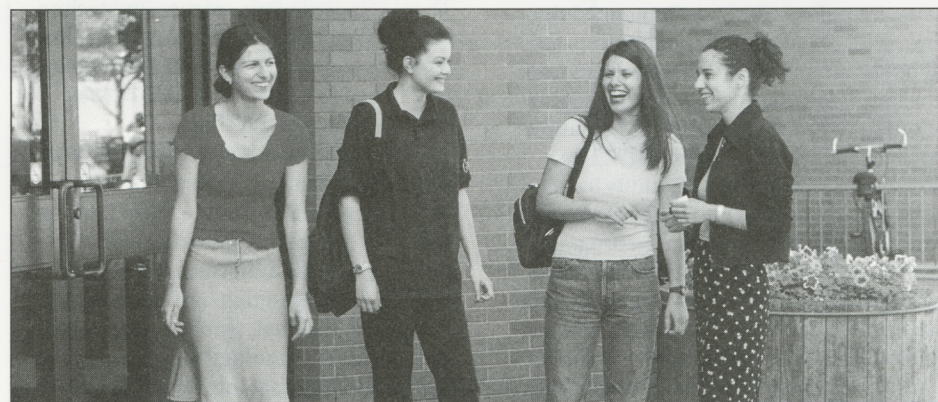
In total, the students design recommendation saved NENA the equivalent of approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 worth of professional interior design planning, Herrera says.

"This course and design project exemplifies the mutual benefit to be gained from community-based learning," says

Howard, director of the campus-wide project. "Professor Chwiecko's students have set the bar very high as to the quality of work our students can provide on behalf of our partners in the northeast neighborhoods and they had an opportunity to enhance their own skills and knowledge."

Chwiecko agrees. "I think they gained a lot of information in a very short time," she says of her former students. "They were serious and they were ready for it. It was a culmination of everything they've done."

Earlier in the summer, the students presented their design to representatives from NENA and, later, to an encore presentation for Andrew Moore, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Albert Simone, RIT president, and Joan Stone, dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.



SMILING NEW FACES ON CAMPUS FOR SUMMER... American College of Management and Technology students, left to right, Srdana Pace, Danjiela Glamuzina, Sandra Sankovic and Dubravka Dejanovic, are spending the summer on co-op with RIT's Food Service division. The women study hospitality and service management at RIT's Dubrovnik, Croatia-based college, a division of the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Register upcoming events

Planning an event or conference for the next academic year or during summer 2002? Contact Amy Sickles at 5-5012 in the Office of Government and Community Relations with all the pertinent information about your event. Registration forms are also available online at www.rit.edu/~940www/EVENTS/form.html.

Trustees discuss higher education trends with Washington officials

Highlighted by discussions with senators, members of Congress and high-level officials from national agencies and the Department of Defense, RIT's Board of Trustees held its second meeting in history away from the RIT campus, gathering in Washington, D.C., July 11-13.

Convening the board in Washington gave the trustees opportunities for new information to help them advise RIT on future directions, with respect to federal public policy as well as funding opportunities and challenges, say President Albert Simone and Board Chairman William Buckingham. "It's important for RIT's trustees and administrators to understand issues that can affect the future success of our mission in higher education," explains Simone.

The D.C. meeting featured opening remarks by Tom Curley, *USA Today* president and publisher and RIT trustee, and a talk on productivity by Edward Gramlich, member of the Board of Governors, Federal Reserve. Gramlich, a native Rochesterian, asserted that though productivity had fallen along with economic growth, it was likely to pick up once the economy works through the current slowdown. Active questioning from the trustees included answers of "Yes, absolutely" to if IT worker shortfall was key and, in terms of globalization, that the economy is going that direction, "so we are (the Fed) increasingly looking at that."

Other presenters included Rep. Louise Slaughter; Sen. Charles Schumer; Rep. Sherwood Boehlert; Vance Peterson, president of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education; Daryl Chubin, senior vice president for education strategies, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering (NACME); Rep. James Walsh; Gen. Spence Armstrong, senior advisor to the administrator of NASA/head of University Partnerships Initiative; Joanne Isham, director of Science and Technology Policy for the Central Intelligence Agency; and Admiral Jay Cohen, Chief of Naval Research.

The trustees also had an informative roundtable discussion with key congress-

sional staff members with responsibility for educational issues that include NTID. A highlight of the two-day session was an informative and candid overview of global issues by George Tenet, director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Tenet informed the group that a chief worry of his, as head of the nation's clandestine information business, is protecting the country's data infrastructure. He added that the agency has hired many new graduates in key science and technology areas.

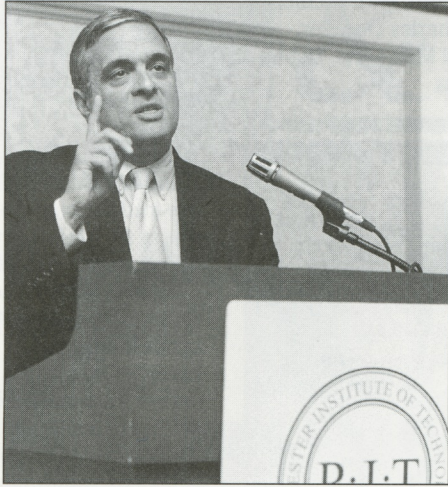
On a different note, Albert Teich, director of science and technology programs for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, reported that roughly half of President George Bush's R&D budget

will go for the Department of Defense, with the National Science Foundation (NSF) expecting only 3 percent, Department of Energy only 8 percent and NASA, 10 percent, whereas the National Institutes of Health could see 24 percent.

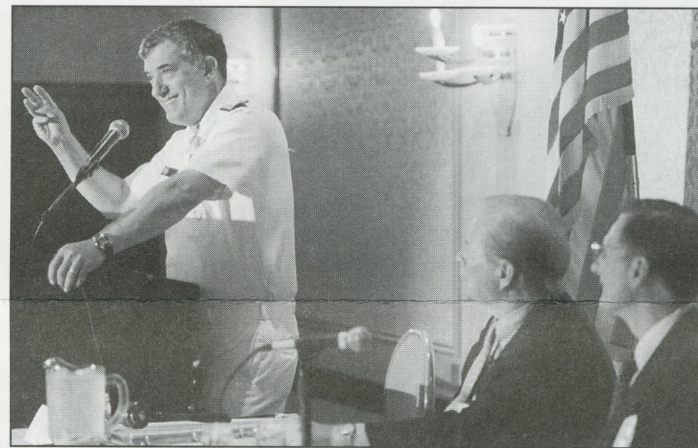
"R&D is up for the country as a whole, but down for technology," he said.

The Washington, D.C., experience included a time out from a demanding schedule to cruise on the Potomac with over 100 alumni and guests from the D.C. area. Though dining and visiting with alumni were part of the trip, discussions continued from the day's intense meetings and talks.

"This is an amazing experience," said Dave Edborg, Staff Council chair and Campus Safety supervisor. "To see the important issues laid out and hear from people involved at the top, this is a learning experience for all of us."



CIA Director George Tenet was a key speaker at the meeting in Washington in July.

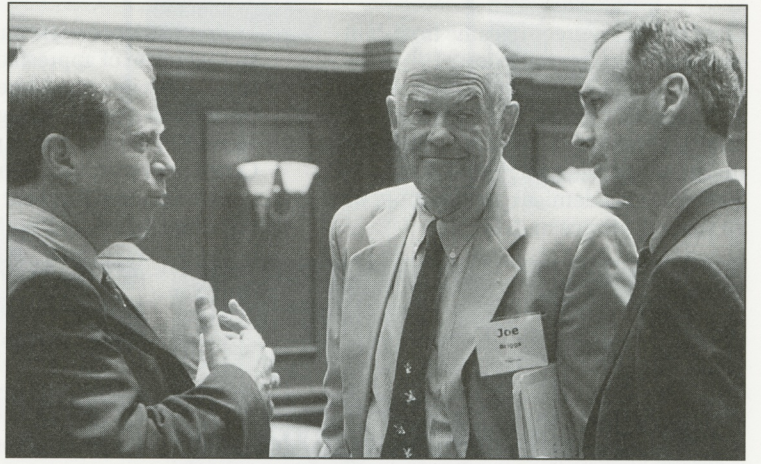


Rear Admiral Jay Cohen, chief of naval research, spoke to trustees about the Navy's present and future need for information technology infrastructure. "We know we have to address this; this is a huge need for all government agencies," Cohen said. RIT Board of Trustees Chairman William Buckingham and RIT President Albert Simone are to his right.

A rapt group listened to the concluding talk by Joe Bordogna, NSF deputy director, as he addressed NSF's view of emerging academic paradigms.

"We're all about enabling the nation's future. That will happen through integrating research and education, and innovation with discovery and learning. Integration is key." Bordogna sees the emerging model as topic-based, with global reach, holistic curriculum, robust industry partnerships and integration of research and education.

"The 21st century offers tremendous new opportunities for higher education," says Simone, "and RIT intends to continue to be among the leading universities that recognize the future of technology and its importance to the success of our nation's populace and economy." ■



RIT trustees discuss issues during the recent meeting in Washington, D.C. Left to right, are Tom Judson, Joe Briggs and Tom Curley.

RIT received more than \$12 million in federal funding for various programs last year, not including NTID's annual appropriation of \$53 million. New York state awarded an additional \$3.26 million.

IP dept. appoints associate director



Varda Main

Varda Main, formerly a senior licensing executive for Xerox Corp., has joined RIT as associate director for intellectual property.

Among her responsibilities, Main will license technology currently in RIT's portfolio and file for patents. On a related level, she will handle invention disclosures, technical review panels and licensing agreements. Main will also lead efforts to educate the campus community on issues related to intellectual property.

Main spent three years with the intellectual property office at Xerox Corp. Prior to that, she was manager of the licensing and intellectual property group at Los Alamos National Laboratory, where she also served as a senior technology transfer specialist.

A graduate of Penn State, Main earned a Ph.D. and M.S. in geochemistry and an M.A. in math. She also received her bachelor's degree in geology from City College of New York. ■

New Gannett chair



Barbara Pellow

The School of Printing Management and Sciences (SPMS) welcomes a new member to its leadership team. Barbara Pellow has accepted an appointment to become Gannett chair in integrated publishing sciences.

As Gannett chair, Pellow provides leadership in the strategic management and operations side of the publishing industry with a focus on the relationship between traditional paper-based media and emerging electronic new media. She is also responsible for the development of new curricula.

"Barb Pellow brings industry and research experience to her new position as Gannett chair," says Frank Romano, SPMS program chair. "She has been a pioneer in the development of both digital printing and publishing, and print-based e-commerce."

Pellow joins RIT from IKON Office Solutions, where she was vice president of marketing. Previously, she served as director of digital print on demand and document outsourcing consulting practice at CAP Ventures. She has also held several senior management positions at Xerox Corp. Pellow says she's excited about making the transition to an academic institution.

A resident of Williamson, Pellow received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan Technological University. ■

Young to oversee RIT executive MBA



Ann G.T. Young

The College of Business welcomes a new director of the Executive MBA program. Ann G.T. Young has assumed the post, succeeding Tom Pray, who has been awarded a professional development leave for the upcoming academic year.

Young is the former executive director of Rochester Resource Alliance. She has also held senior positions at Eastman Kodak Co., including director of staffing, diversity and work/life, director of executive staffing and director of business research technology.

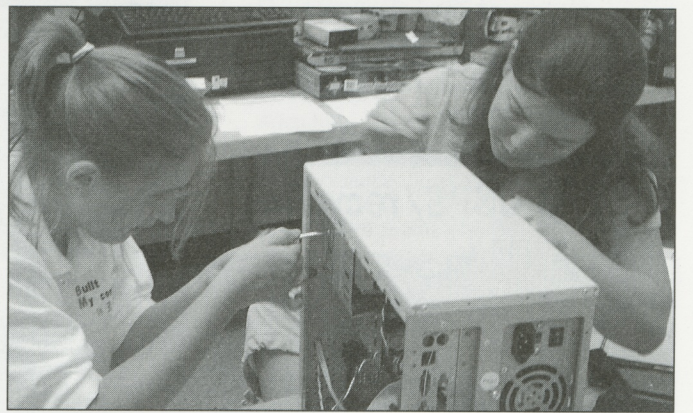
Prior to joining Kodak, Young was an assistant professor at the State University of New York at Geneseo, where she taught quantitative sociology courses. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Harvard University.

"Ann Young brings to RIT a wealth of experience both in academe and in business," says Thomas Hopkins, dean of RIT's College of Business. "Her leadership will allow our Executive MBA program to achieve new heights."

Young, a native of New York City, lives in Rochester. ■

IF YOU LET THEM BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME...

The first IBM @ RIT computer-building workshop for 20 incoming first-year women engineering majors was held July 11-13. Students built computers they could keep, learned about RIT engineering programs and labs, and stayed in RIT residence halls. Shown are, Megan Suflika, left, and Melissa Zaczek, piecing together a computer. Workshops were supported by IBM Corp.



CIMS introduces CELE to RIT campus

The Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) has a mission to increase the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers through applied technology and training. It's also on a mission to increase awareness of how the center can benefit and be a resource for the RIT community.

CIMS kicks off its campaign to increase connectivity with the RIT campus with the first in a quarterly series of half-day events introducing its business units.

CIMS Introduces...the Center for Excellence in Lean Enterprise (CELE) on Friday, Sept. 28, will highlight CIMS' newest center, established last year, with an overview of lean enterprise concepts and applications.

Schedule of events:
8-8:30 a.m.: Continental breakfast
8:30-11:30 a.m.: Overview of lean enterprise covering the key modules of lean enterprise, a Lego-based simulation that will illustrate

lean principles and a Q&A period 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Tour of CIMS (optional)

The event is open to the RIT community-at-large: faculty, staff and students, at no cost. Pre-registration is required by Sept. 14. Attendance is limited.

CELE, a partnership with the Industrial Management Council (IMC), serves as a comprehensive resource provider increasing the productivity, efficiency and customer satisfaction of any enterprise (not-for-profits, manufacturers, service businesses) through the application of lean principles.

The benefits of lean enterprise include shorter lead times, minimized work-in-progress, and greater flexibility to changing requirements.

For more information and to sign up for the seminar, contact Colleen Parmele at 475-5101 or cjpism@rit.edu. ■

Class of 2001 retirees honored at picnic

Class of 2001 retirees became time-honored guests in June at Liberty Hill in an event hosted by President Albert Simone, and his wife, Carolie. The fourth annual awards ceremony and picnic celebrated those individuals who retired during the 2000-2001 academic year with more than 20 years of service to RIT.

This year's occasion was marked by a very special token of appreciation—all retirees received an inscribed lapel pin shaped in the form of a hand—designed by RIT's Ann Mowris Mulligan Distinguished Professor of Contemporary Crafts, Leonard Urso.

Also honored this year were RIT President Emeritus Paul Miller and his wife

Francena. "We are privileged to have Drs. Paul and Francena Miller as a significant part of our success at RIT," says Simone. "They are scholars, humanitarians and community leaders who have left a legacy for all of us. Our RITirees were delighted and moved by the vitality, warmth and wisdom shared by Paul and Francena at the RITirees picnic."

News and Events honors the following retirees:

30-plus Years

Archibald Provan, Rita Capuano, Joseph Noga, Emery Schneider, Bhalchandra Karlekar, Robert Snyder, Vernon Davis, Edward Miller, Elaine Thiesmeyer, Donald Buss, Robert Goldstein, Carole Sack, Gunnar Johnson, James Kersting, Barbara Monette, Robert Moore

20-plus Years

Andrew Malcolm, Shirley Allen,

James Monteleone, Jasper Sheally III, John Ballard, Michael McMahon, Robert Miller, David Olsson, Daila Eichvalds, Richard LeRoy, Mary Outermans, Hugh Anderson, Arnold Berman, Robert Keiffer, Betsy McDonald, Helen Wadsworth, Julian Yudelson, Roy Demenint Jr., Fred Dowaliby, Paul Haefner Jr., Barbara Cocola, Sylvia Ball, Susan Iuppa, Cynthia Mann, Joan Riehle, Judy Pratt, Joyce Bray, Charles Deroller, Thomas Goodrich, Carol Matthews, Robert Menchel, Ruth Verlinde ■



RIT President Emeritus Paul Miller and his wife, Francena, pictured here, were distinguished honorees at this year's retiree picnic held at Liberty Hill earlier this summer.



HAVE YOU DRIVEN A FORD LATELY? ... Probably not one like this! RIT's student-built Formula race car and nine team members went to Birmingham, England, for competition, July 5-8. Competing against 32 teams, RIT captured fourth place overall, second place in acceleration and endurance trials and third place in autocross and presentation categories. In the endurance contest, drivers John Coppola and Mike Occhipinti completed 44 laps and posted the fastest lap-completion time. RIT was the international champion at the annual U.K. competition in 1999.



HITTING THE ROAD ... Faculty, staff, and students—all members of the cast and crew of *The Emperor Jones*—packed up and headed to New York City this summer for a two-week off-off Broadway run of the 1920 Eugene O'Neill classic drama. A joint venture of NTID's Performing Arts Department, the *Ebony Club* and the Interborough Repertory Theater, the production played to full houses June 22 through July 1 at the New West 52 Street Theater in Manhattan. Shown here are (front row) Sean Murtaugh; (middle from left) Joe Hamilton, Damita Peace Freeman, Luane Davis, Troy Chapman, Ryan Hastrich, Rena Truesdale, Ken Parks; (back) Kari Clark, Eddie Swayze and Roger Freeman.



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE? ... Raymond Widener and Debora Wheaton boogie in dance class during the annual RIT/East House Enrichment Program, July 23-Aug. 2. Residents of the East House facility, a Rochester-based, non-profit mental health agency, took courses taught by RIT faculty and staff ranging from stress management to computer skills to ceramics. The program concluded with a graduation ceremony for the participants.

RIT and USPS/recycling

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environmental and economic impacts associated with all stages of the life cycle of key computer components for USPS. In addition, NCR³ will develop and pilot test a set of practical tools to help USPS choose new computer equipment.

"NCR³ prides itself on combining the human factor with the engineering factor," says Nabil Nasr, director of NCR³. "Hence our interest in this project—not only are we assisting USPS in sustainable life-cycle design, keeping a substantial amount of waste out of landfills, but we are also assisting in the self-reliance and continued growth of individuals." ■

Obituaries

Thomas Connolly

Thomas Connolly, 62, died on June 30, after a prolonged illness. An RIT graduate, Connolly worked for 26 years at NTID, serving as an educational specialist, counselor, faculty member and chair in the business support department. Connolly was considered one of NTID's "founding fathers," since he had been with NTID since its inception.

Connolly is survived by his wife of 37 years, Mary, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Karen O'Connor

Karen O'Connor, administrative assistant in business services, passed away on Saturday, July 28, after a brief bout with cancer. O'Connor had been an employee at RIT for 19 years. She is survived by her husband, Brian, and four children.

Rusitzky honored

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dean of students at the State University of New York at Geneseo. In 1965, he launched Serv-Rite Food Services Corp., which became a multi-million dollar food service management company. Several decades later, he established The Greening Group, of which he is president. He is also a partner in the development of Perkins Restaurants throughout western New York.

In 1972, Rusitzky was invited to become the youngest-ever member of the RIT Board of Trustees. He has participated on a wide variety of board committees and is currently serving as chair of the endowment committee. He also sits on the executive and finance committees, the committee on trustees and the executive compensation subcommittee.

"Bud is a steady and attentive trustee," says RIT President Albert Simone. "He is actively engaged in the greater Rochester community and his networking and counsel are invaluable. His loyalty to RIT is unquestioned and, as an alumnus, he is a wonderful ambassador for RIT."

Rusitzky maintains a keen interest in the excellence of RIT's hospitality and service management program. He and his wife, Joan, have contributed generously to the Hospitality Education Fund. In addition, their support of the Henry Lomb Room Fund benefits "A Taste of Henry's," a full-service, on-campus restaurant. The couple also established an endowed scholarship fund to support students in the hospitality and service management program.

Residents of Rochester, the Rusitzkys have actively participated in several NRS committees in the last 30 years. Additionally, Bud Rusitzky chaired the society from 1977 to 1978. The couple has three children, William, Mark and Lisa, and two grandchildren. ■

A record high for RIT's United Way campaign

The tally was a "record high" for RIT's United Way Campaign in 2001. Thanks to the generosity of volunteers and contributions, the RIT campus community raised \$269,188, exceeding this year's goal by 3.5 percent.

Notable efforts included the campaign kick-off, "A Taste of RIT," which raised more than \$10,000, and student fund-raising efforts which raised close to \$1,500.

The impressive campaign results earned RIT an Award of Excellence from the United Way of Greater Rochester for the seventh consecutive year.

"Thanks to everyone who contributed to the campaign effort either as volunteers or through your campaign contributions," says Cindee Gray, RIT's steering committee member for the United Way. "The campaign could not have been successful without every one of you." ■

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