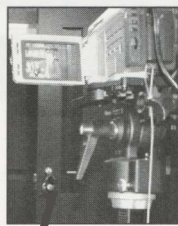


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Here they come! RIT's Class of 2002

RIT welcomes thousands of parents, family members, friends and the Institute community to its 117th annual commencement ceremonies, May 24-25. President Albert Simone will confer degrees on 3,628 undergraduate or graduate students, including 278 from the School of American Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia, during Academic Convocation and college graduation ceremonies.

RIT's 2002 Academic Convocation features an address by CIA Director George Tenet, who will receive an honorary doctorate (see related story). The May 24, 7:30 p.m. address follows a 6:15 p.m. reception and festivities outside the commencement tent.

During convocation, RIT also recognizes the excellence of its students and professors. The ceremony hails RIT honors students—10 of whom were selected as college

delegates—and professors who won Outstanding Teaching awards. Kristina Springborn, delegate for the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and



Information Sciences, will deliver the student address. "By celebrating the excellence of our faculty and students, we spotlight the RIT tradition, university pride and community spirit," says President Simone.

"Students are what the university is all about," he adds. "Our celebration honors our graduates and offers a culminating experience for them, their families and friends; a capstone of their time at RIT; and a fitting finale to years of hard work and sacrifice."

RIT's eight colleges celebrate commencements in individual ceremonies—with banners, music, food and exhibits—on Friday and Saturday (see adjacent schedule). The student delegates will each speak at their respective ceremonies.

"Graduation is the highlight event of the university community," notes Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "The RIT community—our faculty, staff and trustees—congratulates the graduates and their families, and wishes them continued success."

The Academic Convocation and all degree ceremonies will be sign-language interpreted and real-time captioned. Tickets for all events are not necessary, seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

To help visitors with questions, information booths will be located around campus.

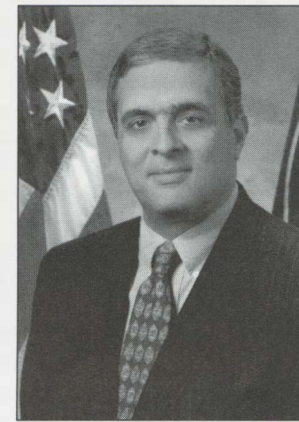
CIA Director Tenet to deliver RIT commencement address

On the heels of the nation's Sept. 11 tragedy and the rise in world terrorism, RIT presents a timely commencement address by George John Tenet, director of Central Intelligence for the United States. He will deliver his talk during the Academic Convocation, 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 24, commencement tent/parking lot U.

Tenet was sworn in as director of Central Intelligence on July 11, 1997, following a unanimous vote by both the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the full Senate. In this position he heads the Intelligence Community (all foreign intelligence agencies of the United States) and directs the Central Intelligence Agency.

Formerly the deputy director of Central Intelligence—confirmed in that position in July 1995 following the departure of John Deutch in December 1990—Tenet served as acting director until his appointment to director by the president. He previously served as special assistant to the president and senior director for intelligence programs at the National Security Council. While at the NSC, he coordinated Presidential Decision Directives on "Intelligence Priorities," "Security Policy Coordination," "U.S. Counterintelligence Effectiveness," and "U.S. Policy on Remote Sensing Space Capabilities." He also was responsible for coordinating all interagency activities concerning covert action.

Prior to serving at the National Security Council, he served on President Clinton's national security transition team. Tenet also



George Tenet

served as staff director of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for over four years under the chairmanship of Sen. David Boren. In this capacity he was responsible for coordinating all of the committee's oversight and legislative activities including the strengthening of covert action reporting requirements, the creation of a statutory inspector general at CIA, and the introduction of comprehensive legislation to reorganize U.S. intelligence.

Prior to his appointment as staff director, Tenet directed the committee's oversight of all arms control negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States. Tenet came to the committee in August 1985, as designee to the vice chairman, Sen. Patrick Leahy, after working three years on the staff of Sen. John Heinz as both a legislative assistant covering national security and energy issues and as legislative director.

Tenet holds a B.S.F.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and an M.I.A. from the School of International Affairs at Columbia University.

Commencement ceremony schedule

Friday, May 24

- College of Applied Science and Technology 7 p.m., Tent location (U parking lot)

Academic Convocation

Pre-convocation reception: 15 p.m., Tent
Convocation: 7:30 p.m., tent, featuring keynote address by George Tenet, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and student address by Kristina Springborn

Saturday, May 25

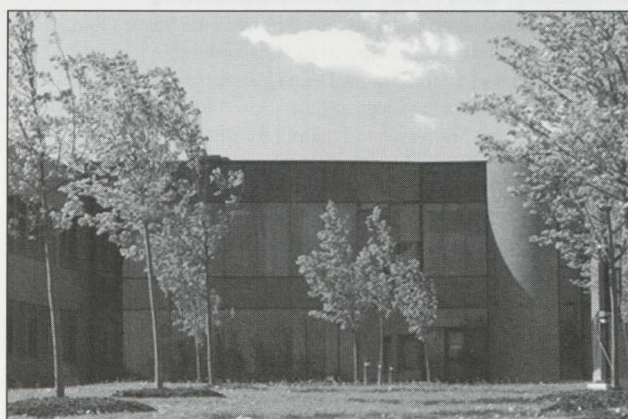
- B. Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, 8:30 a.m., Tent
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf, 8:30 a.m., Clark Gymnasium
- Kate Gleason College of Engineering, 9 a.m., Frank Ritter Ice Arena
- College of Liberal Arts, 10:30 a.m., Clark Gymnasium
- College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, noon, Tent
- College of Business, noon, Frank Ritter Ice Arena
- College of Science, 12:30 p.m., Clark Gymnasium

No tickets are needed for any events; all ceremonies are sign-language interpreted and real-time captioned.

Live Web-streaming at: www.rit.edu/commencement.



COUNTING ON PEACE...
Hundreds of local school children attended the 13th annual Education for Peace Conference at RIT April 25 and 26 to learn about conflict resolution. Simultaneous workshops were held on campus to teach children alternatives to violence. Here, school children, create peace posters to hang on the walls.



RIBBON-CUTTING ON THE HORIZON... RIT's Laboratory for Applied Computing will be dedicated this summer. The lab supports computer-related research in developing applications of emerging information technologies. Founded with a \$1.5 million state grant secured by Sen. James Alesi and Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, the lab is a key component of the ITCollaboratory, a NYSTAR-designated STAR Center.

Field 'house' of dreams becomes reality

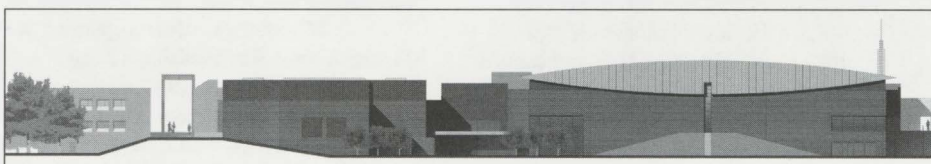
RIT's field house, the subject of years of dreaming and discussion, will begin to take physical form this fall.

"The field house and activities center will be the crowning piece to an already impressive but overtaxed group of buildings," says Frank Lamas, associate vice president for student affairs. "It will give us the flexibility of doing things we've never been able to do before. It increases our possibilities."

The \$25 million facility is designed to serve many purposes. The two-story, 160,000-square-foot building comprises three areas:

The event venue/athletic field, which can be divided into three sections, will provide seating for 8,000 people for special events such as convocation and guest speakers, and also accommodate activities such as lacrosse, tennis, floor/field hockey, indoor track, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball. The plan includes a spacious lobby and mezzanine level with viewing to the field.

• The aquatics center includes a competition pool, recreational pool and spectator seating for about 200. The eight-lane, 25-meter competition pool features a moveable



RIT's field house and activities center

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2002 College Delegates

College Delegate Selection

Each college selected one student representative (Business has selected two) to be part of the Commencement delegation. Student delegates were selected for personal achievement demonstrating the ideals of RIT, including, but not limited to, academic achievement.



Hillary Beecher

College of Applied Science and Technology

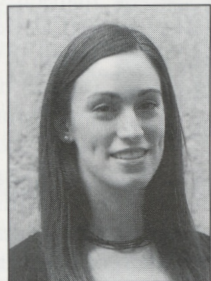
Hillary Beecher, an environmental management and safety winter-quarter graduate from Conesus, N.Y., was a recipient of Presidential and Alumni scholarships and was named to the Dean's List. She was active in RIT's Student Environmental Action League. As an environmental specialist on a co-op with Erdman Anthony & Associates Inc., Hillary performed Phase I site assessments, exit audits, and NEPA audits at sites in New York and Pennsylvania. Her professional development includes completion of an OSHA Health and Safety Hazardous Waste Operation course and refresher course, New York State asbestos inspector certification, and Sierra Club activism training. Hillary aspires to a position in the environmental management field working in government policy making and lobbying.



Ivan Bavæviç

American College of Management and Technology

A native of Split, Croatia, Ivan Bavæviç was part of the first class to enroll in the hospitality and service management program at RIT's American College of Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in 1997. A member of the National Honor Society, he has been named to the Dean's List and designated a Nathaniel Rochester Society Scholar. He was also a recipient of a scholarship from USAID. Active outside the classroom, Ivan was vice president of ACMT Student Government, president of the board of the ACMT Tigers basketball team, and a member of AIESEC, an international student organization. Ivan has been employed as training manager for Hotels Babin Kuk in Dubrovnik and as assistant manager for Hotel Lafodia in Croatia. He was an intern at Hyatt Regency Beaver Creek in Colorado.

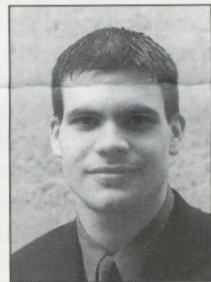


Kelly Doyle

College of Business

Kelly Doyle, MBA, concentrating in technology management, is from Marion, N.Y. Last year, she received a bachelor's degree from RIT in biotechnology. Her studies have featured a vast laboratory experience, and she has also been inducted into numerous academic honor societies. Outside of classrooms and the labs, Kelly has worked as a graduate assistant for RIT's Executive MBA office. She has previously held summer positions in the medical policy department for Blue Cross Blue Shield of the Rochester Area and the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. Kelly's future plans include working and further graduate studies.

Kevin Sheldon, management information systems (MIS) major from Syracuse, N.Y., is a 2002 RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar. He has been involved in numerous activities, including Student Government. He has also served as president and vice president of MISST, an organization supporting professional and social events for MIS students, and has been an active member of the Lowenthal Group, a service organization in the College of Business. On three occasions, he has received the Davis Award for outstanding service to RIT. He also performs in the RIT Singers and Eight Beat Measure, a men's octet. Kevin's work experience included a six-month co-op with Zecal Technology. He worked with a new manager to establish, manage, and maintain a fully functioning MIS department. Before that, he worked on special projects for Laubach Literacy, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing illiteracy. Kevin plans to continue his education by seeking his MBA.



Kevin Sheldon

B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

Kristina Springborn, a computer science graduate from Solon, Ohio, received a Presidential Scholarship and an Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award and was named to the Dean's List. Kristina was a finalist in the American Society for Engineering Education 2001 National Co-op of the Year competition. She served as a mentor for RIT's Women's Center, as a panel member in co-op discussions, and as a job fair representative for West Group. Kristina's co-op experience was in software engineering with West Group in Rochester, where she managed a CD-ROM application distributed to 7,000 clients and developed C++ Windows applications. Outside the classroom, Kristina, a sociology minor, participated in fundraising walks for the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association and was a member of the campus Newman Parish. Kristina plans to work as a software engineer at Boeing Co. in southern California and to earn her master's degree.



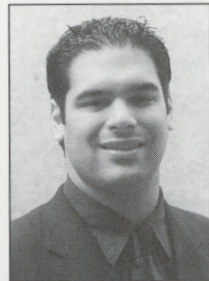
Kristina Springborn



Josephine Smith

Kate Gleason College of Engineering

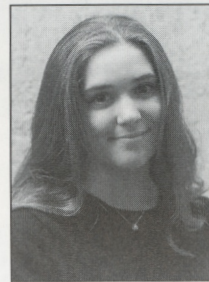
Josephine Smith, a computer engineering BS/MS graduate from Wapwallopen, Pa., was a recipient of a Presidential Scholarship, an Alumni Scholarship and an Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award and was named to the Dean's List. She was president and secretary of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. On co-op, she worked in software development and software and hardware troubleshooting with Xerox Corp. in Webster, N.Y., where she designed and implemented JPEG image compression and decompression modules using standard compression algorithms on digital signal processors. She has also served as a note taker and held positions in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences and Grace Watson Dining Hall. Josephine plans to continue working in research and development with Xerox and pursue her doctorate in electrical engineering.



Keval Mehta

College of Imaging Arts and Sciences

Keval Mehta, a native of Durban, South Africa, is receiving a bachelor of science degree in printing technology from the School of Print Media. Leadership skills earned him several scholarships and resulted in his election as a student government senator. Most recently he was honored to receive the 2001-2002 Outstanding International Student Service Award. Keval has also served as president, vice president, and secretary of Global Union, a student organization. His other activities on campus included writing for *Reporter*, RIT's student magazine, and membership in numerous clubs. His work experience included a nine-month position as a computer lab assistant with RIT's prepress and publishing laboratory. Before that, he spent a summer as a consultant for MAC Consulting in South Africa. He has also been an administrative trainee for Quad Graphics in Wisconsin. Keval plans on working in sales for the graphic arts industry as well as working toward his MBA.



Anne McDonald

College of Liberal Arts

Anne McDonald, an economics major from West Henrietta, N.Y., is a member of the Nathaniel Rochester Society. She has been a peer mentor, a student teacher in the Gear-Up Program, and a student senator during the 2000-01 academic year. She served on the academic judiciary committee, the dean's advisory committee and the search committee for the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In addition, she was president of the Economics Club. Anne has been a research assistant for two professors and worked at Wallace Library. Her many skills include fluency in sign language. In 2003, she will earn her BS degree at RIT in applied statistics.



Sarah Robinson

College of Science

Sarah Robinson, an imaging science major from Broomfield, Colo., received an RIT Presidential Scholarship, a Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science Scholarship and a National Merit stipend. She participated in a Research Experience for Undergraduates program at Kit Peak National Observatory in 2001, where she analyzed archival Hubble Space Telescope observations. At RIT, Sarah analyzed speckle observations of binary stars; wrote routines to simplify the data analysis process and maintained a data archive of new double star observations. An accomplished musician, Sarah has been a member of the first violin section of both the RIT Philharmonia and the University of Rochester Symphony Orchestra. She is a junior member of the American Astronomical Society who plans to earn her doctoral degree in astronomy or astrophysics with the goal of becoming a university professor.



Karen Moser

National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Karen Moser, an administrative support technology major from Defiance, Ohio, was recognized by the Golden Key International Honor Society in 2001. She has been on the Dean's List and is the recipient of a number of scholarships, including the Dr. James C. Marsters Endowed Scholarship. Karen completed two cooperative work experiences at NTID as an assistant in the Office of Admissions and the Office of the Dean. After graduation, she plans to pursue a bachelor's degree and then a master's degree, both in social work. Karen's goal is to work with disabled individuals to improve their quality of life.

Commencement week parking and traffic

Due to tent set-up for Commencement Weekend, parking lots U and D will be closed, as noted here.

U-lot will close at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17. U-lot reserved permit holders can park in any of the reserved parking spaces in lots D, F and J on the north side of campus and in S-lot. U-lot will reopen when all tents and equipment have been removed, sometime after Monday, May 27.

The RIT shuttle, available to all university members, makes regularly scheduled trips between the north and south sides of campus. Shuttle schedules are available at the Information Desk in the Student Alumni Union.

D-lot will be closed Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25. Parking is by handicapped and special commencement permits only. Reserved permit holders will not be affected on Friday.

In addition, Andrews Memorial Drive—from the east entrance to S lot to Wiltsie Drive—will be closed from 9 a.m. on Friday, May 24, through Saturday, May 25. S-lot will be open for parking on both days.

Commencement shuttle bus service

For all commencement events, visitors should use the entrances on Jefferson Road, where RIT Campus Safety personnel will guide drivers to parking areas.

Shuttle-bus service, available both Friday and Saturday, will transport people to all three commencement-ceremony locations.

Senior citizens and individuals with special needs can use RIT's "People Movers," special carts operated by RIT staff. They will be available at people-mover stations across campus.

For the 3 p.m. Friday ceremony in the commencement tent, shuttle service will begin at noon from parking lots E, F, G, H, J, S and T.

Shuttles will return guests to the parking lots after the ceremony.

For the Academic Convocation, shuttles will run from 5 to 10 p.m. between parking lots D, E, F, G, H, J, S and T and the tent, and return guests to the lots after the Convocation.

Starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, shuttle buses will operate between parking lots D, E, F, G, H, J, S and T and each of the commencement ceremony locations. Shuttle buses will make continuous loops through the parking lots all day.

Things to see

In addition to college receptions (see commencement program), visitors can enjoy exhibits of student work:

- NTID Student Honors exhibit, during NTID's reception Saturday, in NTID's new Dyer Arts Center, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building;
- Undergraduate Honors Exhibition for the schools of Art, Design, and American Crafts, Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., in Bevier Gallery, James E. Booth Building;

- School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Student Honor Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in SPAS Photo Gallery, third floor, Frank E. Gannett Building;

- Gallery r hosts Senior Illustrators@RIT and A Tribute to Eloise Wilkins: Rochester illustrator for Golden Books, 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday-Sunday, 775 Park Ave., Rochester;
- School of Printing Management and Sciences exhibition, in main lobby, Frank E. Gannett Building.

For RIT memorabilia and clothing, the university's bookstore, Campus Connections, located next to the Student Alumni Union in Building 15, is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, as well as on-site tables.

Please note

There will be designated photo areas inside the tent.

For security reasons, handbags and personal possessions may be subject to search by Campus Safety officers.

Viewpoints

Commencement: Seasoned Memories

This column presents opinions and ideas from the RIT community on issues relevant to higher education. We welcome response and hope "Viewpoints" inspires discussion. To suggest an idea for a column, e-mail to newsevents@rit.edu.

by Kelly Redder, director of alumni relations



Kelly Redder

The hard work, the papers, exams and late study nights are over. Our graduates-to-be have shut down their computers, packed their books and belongings, anxious to stroll across

campus for their "commencement walk," celebrated by family and friends.

When the day finally comes, they'll remember every bit of it. Trust me, I know.

As executive director of alumni relations, I often have the opportunity to ask our graduates, "What is your fondest recollection of RIT?" Most frequently, the answer is: commencement. They share their memories of that special day: earning the privilege to wear the cap and gown, marching with their friends and classmates, the awe-inspiring keynote address, waving and grinning at their proud, camera-wielding parents, securing that hard-won diploma.

For some students, securing the hard-won diploma may take four, five, (six?) years of educational engagement and personal growth, but once they have it, they also secure a lifelong relationship with the RIT family. The diploma recipients are automatically members of the RIT

Alumni Network—a special force of individuals nearly 90,000 strong. Imagine ... 90,000 people all with a single event in common. It's a staggering thought.

Commencement comes annually and with it comes excitement, but I must say that I haven't anticipated it as much as this year. For the first time ever, the chair of the Alumni Network Board of Directors (our global group of alumni advisors and volunteers) will officially induct the graduating students into the RIT Alumni Network. It's a milestone moment for a milestone event.

Commencement is a time for honoring the faces, voices and minds that will

shape the future—the future of RIT and of the cradle of humanity. We have experienced both devastation and discovery since the tragedy of Sept. 11, and our graduating students are going to be

assured that there is always hope, that we are stronger as a community, and

that their individual goals are a vital part of the RIT heritage.

Ken Reed '71, chair of the Alumni Network Board of Directors, shared his sincere sentiment of commencement with me last week. "Each of our graduating students bring pride to RIT and they will be ambassadors for this great institution through their personal achievements and service. Commencement is just the stepping stone."

My personal hope is that our students stay connected and keep us informed in the months and years ahead. Not only because they want to track their friends or because they could use help finding a

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job, but because it's a type of civic duty. Many of our students are here and able to succeed because of their connections with former students who have already experienced the 'heralded rite of passage'. Nearly all of our students receive financial aid, instruction, mentoring, advice, co-ops, or even professional positions from alumni. I know our graduating students will keep the tradition alive.

With commencement at hand at last, our students may feel like they've paid their dues. Now they'll be off and running. And just like family, RIT will always be here. Whether they need help getting settled in a new city or assistance finding a job, or feel like they could use some additional education, RIT will always be here. (Alumni Office: <http://www.rit.edu/alumni>)

As our soon-to-be inaugurated students and alumni wear the cap and gown, march with their friends and classmates, enjoy the awe-inspiring keynote address, wave and grin at their proud, camera-wielding parents, and ultimately secure that hard-won diploma, I encourage them to stay in touch with their Rochester family; keep RIT always close to heart and mind. •

SPARSA to address safety and security issues on campus

Security issues are global, but notice the precautions we take in our everyday lives.

We lock our house and car doors, use ID cards to gain entry into work, run anti-virus programs to debug our computers, call family/friends on cell phones to check on their safety and endure physical security checks at airports.

Keeping up-to-date with the latest security issues on campus is also of concern to students interested in information assurance, criminal justice technology, disaster preparedness and response, and computer crime.

At the beginning of this quarter, Jared Campbell, Eric Linden and Matt Hile, formed a new organization called Security Practices and Research Student Association. RIT advisors for the SPARSA

program are Sam McQuade, assistant professor of criminal justice, Darryl Johnson, assistant professor of information technology, Jennifer Wadhams, assistant professor of environmental management and technology, and Jim Moore, information security officer.

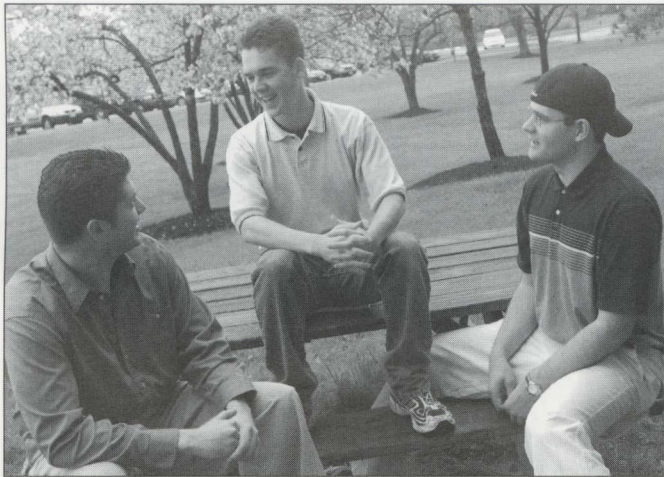
"Today individuals, families, organizations, communities and our nation face unprecedented combinations of cyber and physical security threats to both cyber and physical assets," says McQuade. "The challenge is to enhance security capabilities at all levels of society by developing better security technologies, and by providing education and training in the use and management of security technologies."

Though in its initial stages, SPARSA has several goals in mind: addressing security-related issues and how they affect multiple majors and disciplines, offering students co-op and employment opportunities in security-related fields (law enforcement, information security, forensics and emergency or disaster scene security), and eventually offering a degree program for becoming a professional in such fields, including for example, a Certified Information Systems Security Professional.

"You must have three years of experience to take the CISSP exam. But if we incorpo-

rate a co-op program while students are at RIT, they could immediately seek employment as an information security specialist upon graduation," explains Campbell, president of SPARSA. "What would normally take seven years could potentially be accomplished in four."

To that end, SPARSA plans to build rela-



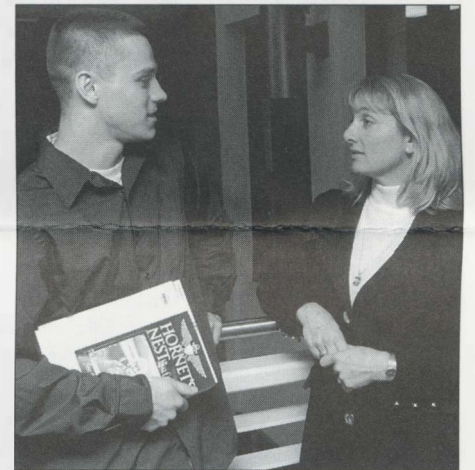
From left, SPARSA founders Matt Hile, Jared Campbell and Eric Linden

tionships with national and local organizations such as the Rochester Area Information Security Forum (RAISF), network with security professionals, host conferences and symposiums, participate in research and development of security tools and practices, and take security-oriented classes at RIT. According to McQuade, such classes are under review by faculty members and may soon be folded into new security-oriented programs of study.

Campbell believes security is "too one-minded and people and businesses tend to approach the subject with blinders on."

"They are unaware of how easily criminal acts can be committed," he says. "You can have the most secure computer in the world, free from hackers, and someone can literally walk out of the building with your computer and all your company information. It's sort of like locking the doors to your homes, but forgetting to secure all the windows."

SPARSA has had preliminary interest from other campuses to follow suit and explore programs of study in information security and criminal justice technology. •



EX-NAVY FLIER GIVES ADVICE ...

Missy Cummings, one of the first female fighter pilots in the U.S. Navy, talks with David Baker, third-year criminal justice major and Air Force ROTC student, following Cummings' talk on *Breaking Down Barriers*. Baker is holding a copy of Cummings' book, *Hornet's Nest: The Experiences of One of the Navy's First Female Fighter Pilots*.

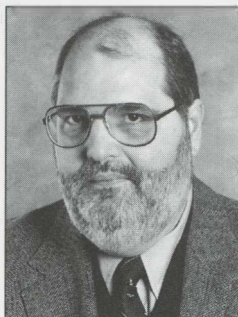
SPMS announces name change: School of Print Media

After four years of research, testing and heightened industry outreach, RIT's graphic media program enters a new era. The College of Imaging Arts and Sciences is moving forward with expanded programs and other enhancements within the newly named School of Print Media.

Formerly known as the School of Printing Management and Sciences, the School of Print Media is responding to fundamental changes in the publishing and printing industry, due mainly to advances in digital technology.

"There is a revolution underway throughout the graphic communication industry," explains Joan Stone, CIAS dean. "The School of Print Media is poised to contribute cutting-edge resources and expertise to continue the industry's evolution."

Enhancements include new-media publishing and graphic-media curricula at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. These academic programs have led to a steady climb in the school's enrollment since 1999, including a 14 percent increase this past year. New faculty and facilities have been added to accommodate the expanded programs.



Frank Romano



Barbara Pellow

In addition, all graphic-media research and industry education programs at RIT will now be administered by CIAS under the umbrella of the RIT Printing Industry Center.

"Our goal is to increase the benefits of an RIT education to the printing and publishing industries," states Frank Romano, SPM chair. "We have returned to a model where the industry, its users and vendors, and higher education come together to advance technology, perform meaningful research and promote best practices."

Romano will vacate the role of SPM chair to focus on his responsibility as the Roger K. Fawcett Distinguished Professor of Digital Publishing. Barbara Pellow, the Frank E.

Gannett Professor of Integrated Publishing Sciences, will assume the position of administrative chair effective July 1.

"We're grateful for the energy and expertise that Frank provides our graphic media program, and we look forward to continued growth and success as Barb assumes this important leadership role," says Stone.

These changes accompany other recent developments that impact the expanding focus of SPM. Last year, RIT launched the RIT Printing Industry Center through the sponsorship of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. The center generates a pipeline of data and observations that flows between researchers and representatives from the printing and publishing fields. The resulting analysis helps target what customers want and how companies can deliver upon those demands.

This fall, the Heidelberg Web Press Laboratory will begin operating on campus. The laboratory will house a Heidelberg Sunday 2000 web press, featuring the most advanced technology available to the graphic communications industry. The new facility will provide the best possible environment for advanced research and training. •

Eisenhart Award Profiles

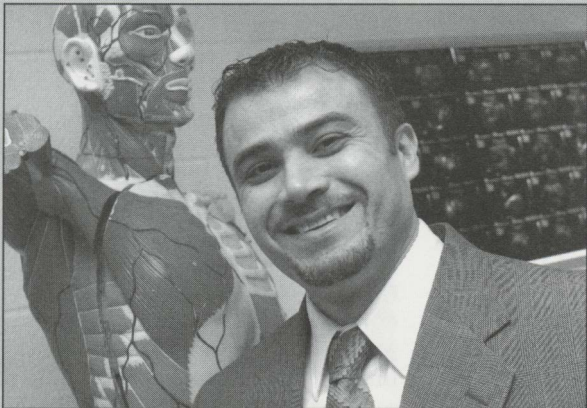
Since 1965, RIT's Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching have honored and celebrated faculty excellence. Up to four awards are given each year to recipients in various RIT programs. Winners are chosen through rigorous peer review of student nominations. This year, four professors will receive the awards during the academic convocation on Friday, May 24.

The Eisenhart family, for whom the awards are named, has a long history with RIT. The late M. Herbert Eisenhart, president and board chairman of Bausch & Lomb, was an RIT trustee for more than 50 years. Richard Eisenhart continues the RIT connection, serving on the board since 1972, as chairman for six years and now as trustee emeritus.

Hamad Ghazle, College of Science

The most important part about being a teacher is to never stop being a student. Perhaps that's just a theory, but Hamad Ghazle has made it his way of life.

Ghazle, associate professor and director of the diagnostic medical sonography program in the College of Science, has



Hamad Ghazle

committed himself to understanding as much about his students as he can, and that requires more time than is spent inside a classroom.

"Teaching is not an eight-to-five job," he explains. "We can't just educate students to help them get jobs. I believe we have to teach them about what life is all about and prepare them to become leaders. That's our mission."

That mission propelled Ghazle into taking part in an important experiment. For two years, he lived on campus with students as the faculty-in-residence. The first RIT faculty member to serve in this role, Ghazle used the opportunity to become a role model, mentor, advisor and friend to these young men and women.

"My apartment had a kitchen, so students would come down at all hours to make use of it," he recalls. "We spent a lot of time talking, and that helped them to understand that we as faculty are not beasts. We're just like them, and that opened up the opportunities to discuss things that were really important to them."

Ghazle says he learned a lot from that experience that has helped him to relate better with students in the classroom—understanding how they behave and interact. It also provided him with an appreciation for the fact that each student is different, which encouraged him to diversify his classroom activities.

"You can't always rely on traditional teaching methods. Lessons have to be interactive. Don't just assume that everyone learns the same way. Some students learn better with visuals, some through the aid of computers, some learn better in groups, and some prefer hands-on learning. As a result, I really try to polish my lectures using different styles."

Joining the RIT faculty in 1994 was somewhat of a homecoming for Ghazle. Years earlier, he graduated from the College of Science with a bachelor's degree in ultrasound. He then earned his master's degree in health professions from the University of Rochester. Ever the student, Ghazle is pursuing a Ph.D. in imaging science.

Ghazle calls winning the Eisenhart Award a great honor and privilege, but he feels strongly that there's more work ahead of him.

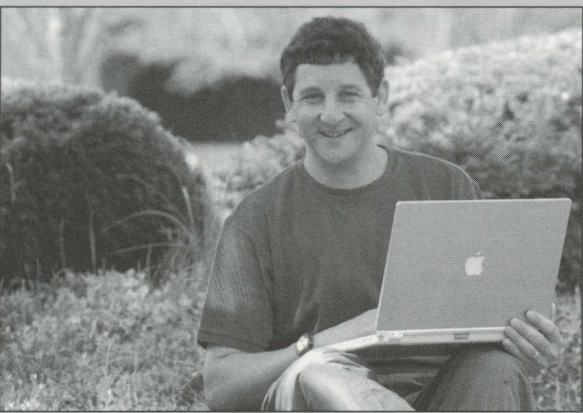
"Does it mean I'm doing the right thing? It does strengthen my belief that I'm on the right track, but it's just the beginning. There's no such thing as the peak, and we can never be perfect. It's a goal worth having, but we never actually reach that peak. The key is to stay humble. I just want to make sure students are happy and that I see them smile. They're the reason we're here."

David Neumann, College of Liberal Arts

To David Neumann, the key to teaching is creating a connection with his students.

His philosophy of "experiential and innovation" has earned him an Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching.

Neumann, a professor of communication in the College of Liberal Arts, makes a creative climate for his students through the



David Neumann

use of current technology in the classroom and distance learning classes, discussions that invite participation and original ways to combine research, theory and experiential learning.

"I believe one element of successful teaching is to respect and challenge students," Neumann says. "I make this a priority in all my classes."

An interactive and experiential approach to learning is charac-

teristic of Neumann's teaching style. He started teaching in 1986 as a graduate student at Bowling Green State University where he was working on his doctorate in interpersonal and public communication. That year he won an Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Award from the International Communication Association, a sign of future awards to come. In 1990, soon after joining the RIT faculty, he was awarded an RIT outstanding young professor award.

One of the best parts of teaching for Neumann is the positive reaction he gets from students when they are engaged and a class comes alive.

Teaching keeps him thinking about current issues. And, he says, "It gives me a finger on the pulse of the younger generation." His students' questions and comments reveal what is important to them, a perspective that also interests Neumann as a parent.

As a scholar, Neumann has presented and published numerous papers, his most recent research focuses on Internet plagiarism, computer-mediated communication apprehension and image analysis of advertisements appearing in *Rolling Stone* magazine.

He served as chair of the professional and technical communication department from 1992-94, and has received several faculty research grants.

Neumann is an active member of the RIT community and has sat on variety of committees including CIA Tenure, College Promotion, Institute Academic Conduct and Institute of Effective Teaching and serves as an Institute Mediator.

He looks forward to developing a new online version of his Persuasion class, using online testing and stream audio and video. Neumann received a grant to coordinate Film across the Communication Curriculum, a unique project that will bring together students from different communication classes to analyze selected films.

"I think there are innovative solutions to most any problem we face, no matter how small," he says.

Jayanti Venkataraman, Kate Gleason College of Engineering

When Jayanti Venkataraman heard the news that she would receive the Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching, the first thing she did was ask if it was true.

"Do they really mean I got this award?" she asked Santosh Kurinec, co-chair of the nominations committee. She then called Francis Kearns, another co-chair, who asked her, "Do you see the word 'not'?" Seems she was the only one who doubted. When they

received word, her husband, RIT associate professor of mechanical engineering P. "Venkat" Venkataraman, and children, daughter Archana and son Vinayak, hurried to the store to buy a cake.

"It's quite an honor to be recognized," she says, disbelief having given way to humility.

Teaching comes naturally to Venkataraman, now completing her 24th year as

an RIT electrical engineering professor. She comes from a family of teachers including her mother, a high school physics teacher in the family's hometown of Bangalore, India. Four of her five siblings also chose teaching professions.

"I always wanted a teaching career," she says. "My mother was one of the first few women graduates in physics from Mysore University in India. She encouraged us. Teaching was always my goal."

Venkataraman received B.S. and M.S. degrees from Bangalore University and a Ph.D. from the Indian Institute of Science. She specializes in electromagnetic, microwave and antenna technology. At RIT, she was instrumental in development of the courses, Microwave Engineering and Antenna Design, and laboratory courses in Microwave Engineering, Antenna Design and Electromagnetics II.

With funding from the National Science Foundation and the Hewlett-Packard University Grants Program, Venkataraman developed the Laboratory for Advanced Electromagnetic Studies and the EM Fields Lab. She also created comprehensive lab notebooks and secured equipment grants worth \$159,000.

"I think our students are very fortunate to be exposed to such state-of-the-art equipment and teaching methods," she says.

Venkataraman is co-principal investigator with principal investigator P.R. Mukund, associate professor of electrical engineering, on funded research into Chip-Package Co-Design of Integrated RF Microsystems. She is co-PI with Fung-I Tseng, professor of electrical engineering, on Smart Antennas for Wireless Communication, which is supported by the Gleason Research and Development Fund. In total, she has been co-PI on nine grants to RIT.

As a consultant to Detection Systems Inc., Venkataraman helped

design transmitting and receiving antennas for an alarm-system for use on college campuses. A transmitter small enough for a key ring sends a signal to campus security identifying a person in need of assistance, his or her location and other information. Security personnel are able to monitor the person in real time on computer screens until help arrives. The system was tested and is used at Nazareth College.

"We've had the system since 1993. Over 1,000 people carry the device on campus," says Lee Struble, director of security and safety at Nazareth. "Great system. We love it!"

Venkataraman also worked with Detection Systems on a motion sensor that reduces incidences of false alarms.

Outside the classroom, Venkataraman is in her first year on RIT's Academic Senate and Institute Council, is a member of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering Curriculum Committee and is the guidelines chair for the E³ Engineering and Technology Fair. She enjoys reading, racquetball, tennis and playing piano.

But teaching is her most fulfilling pursuit.

"I enjoy teaching more than anything else. It's almost therapeutic for me," she says. "I like to challenge students. I like to bring out the best in them. And I like them to interact with me. I don't like to give monologues."

She says many of her students have gone on to earn advanced degrees and high-level industry positions. "They call and tell me they're very well prepared for what they're doing, and that's gratifying to hear."

"My passion is teaching. I love teaching."

Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching

Joseph Fornieri, College of Liberal Arts

He could have been a lawyer. Instead Joseph Fornieri, political science assistant professor, found his vocation in teaching. Specifically in teaching students awareness of the human condition and preparing them for responsible citizenship in a democratic society. Understanding politics enables understanding of the everyday world and exploring the concept of what it means to be a human being.

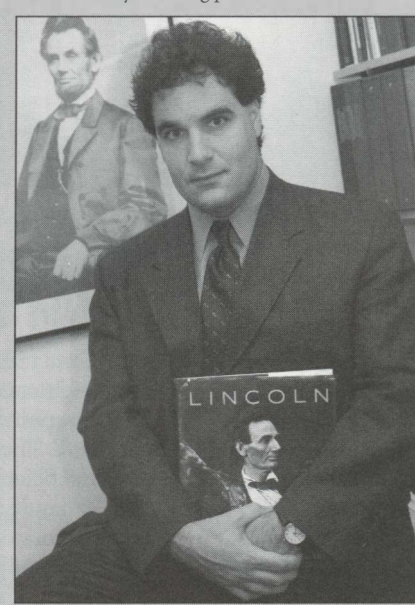
Politics, he says, has a great potential for order or disorder and a huge impact on our everyday lives. His quest is to understand the moral and religious foundations of political order and political change.

And what better person to study than Abraham Lincoln, the master of democracy? "No one understood democracy as well as Lincoln did," Fornieri says, "and its potential for both good and evil."

Lincoln was a truly extraordinary individual in character, leadership and thought, he says. He struggled against slavery, preserving the union and the principles it stood for—equality for all people.

And in that vein, Fornieri has written a book on Lincoln, available in spring 2003, *Lincoln's Faith and Politics*.

By all accounts, Lincoln and Fornieri have some similar characteristics. "Joe is something of a phenomenon, a stellar teacher, effective and productive scholar, and faculty leader," says Andrew Moore, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "His students have not only taken him to their hearts, they are now somewhat in awe of his extraordinary teaching prowess."



Joseph Fornieri

"One sign of Fornieri's impact in the classroom can be seen in the numbers of students who are 'around' him as he walks across campus or who are constantly in his office talking politics," says department chair John Murley.

Since he believes that learning occurs both inside and outside the classroom and some of the best lessons come

from example, Fornieri is advisor to the student-run Political Science Club. It's crucial, he says, for professors to embody what they teach.

But how did he get from having his heart set on law school to teaching students to be upstanding citizens?

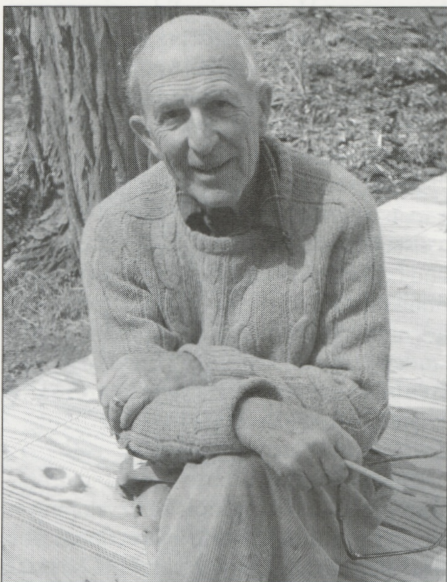
After visiting a friend in law school and seeing what he had to read, Fornieri went to Europe for a year and supported himself as a working musician. Instead of law books, he read Shakespeare and the humanities and his heart swung to the life of a teacher.

He's still a working musician, playing in a local R&B band, the Dynamics, but most of his time is focused on helping his students grow through cultivating their intellect and character.

On winning the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching, Fornieri says, "It's wonderful to be recognized in such a supportive institution. I love coming to work each day—it's my vocation, my delight."

Surgical feat: Oldest RIT graduate earns MS degree

A drawback of being a highly skilled vascular surgeon who just earned a master's degree in health systems administration is an endless stream of job offers. Most people probably



Geary on a boat dock he's building on the Erie Canal.

wouldn't consider that a problem, but most people aren't like Joseph Geary.

"I get job offers all the time, but I don't want them to interfere with my play," Geary says with a smile. Having just turned 75, he has earned the right to some leisure time.

First, though, he needs to take a short walk across a stage. This month, he'll be among 3,500 RIT students who will celebrate the achievement of becoming new alumni of the university. Most of them are half a century younger than Geary, but he plans to be right alongside them making him RIT's oldest graduate on record.

Why did an accomplished surgeon want to return to the classroom in the first place? After all, other activities like boat building and dock construction, two of his favorite pastimes, beckoned.

After 40 years of patient care, he wanted to learn about the *business* of healthcare. "It was time for me to take a good look at the financial, administrative and management side of medicine and what makes the healthcare system tick," he says, likening RIT's health systems administration degree to an MBA for doctors.

Geary spent his final two quarters on co-op with Via Health, where he was an assistant to president and chief executive officer Sam Huston. He plans to be a healthcare activist, consultant and physicians advocate, and recently spoke about Rochester's emergency-room crisis to RIT's Institute of Fellows.

Advocacy is a role for which he seems ideally suited. A self-described "people person," his patients were always his

foremost concern. "I loved taking care of them," he says.

The son of a ship builder from Gloucester, Mass., Geary earned a degree in chemical engineering from the University of New Hampshire before deciding on a career in medicine. After graduation from Georgetown University, an internship at St. Mary's Hospital brought him to Rochester for the first time in 1954. Returning to New England a year later, he became surgical resident at Boston City Hospital and, four years later, a fellow in vascular surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, associated with Harvard Medical School.

He returned to Rochester in 1960 to help establish the first vascular surgery unit at Rochester General Hospital. Remaining in Rochester ever since, over the years he was chief of vascular surgery at RGH, associate professor of surgery at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and associate professor of surgery with the Armed Forces Medical School in Bethesda, Md. during the Persian Gulf War. He was one of the oldest officers to serve during the conflict.

He and his wife, Catherine, also raised a family of six children including son Kevin, who later assumed his father's practice.

RIT Ambulance celebrates 20 years of service

If you're unfortunate enough to break a leg, have a heart attack, sprain your wrist, get stung by hornets, or suffer from a diabetic reaction... who do you call on campus?

RIT Ambulance, the 50-plus-volunteer NYS certified emergency service now celebrating its 20th anniversary, that's who.

"The RIT Ambulance has been 'second to none' these 20 years in its commitment to volunteerism, quality emergency services and overall concern for the well being of our campus community," says E. Cassandra Jordan, director of RIT's Student Health Center.

"Members of the corps do make a difference in campus-wide efforts to maintain the health and safety of all RIT constituencies. We are very grateful for their dedication."

And dedicated they are. Dispatched by Campus Safety, RIT Ambulance volunteers include students, faculty, staff and alumni, who are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week (except during winter break). They maintain an administrative office, service equipment and the two-vehicle emergency fleet, and provide training for medics and drivers.

In addition to services provided through the Student Health Center, coverage includes providing medical service and ambulance

transport for the entire RIT community. RIT Ambulance operates under the auspices of RIT's Student Health Center. The corps is also a Monroe County 911 subscriber and has developed a limited mutual aid agreement with Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance to assist as emergency backup.

"The ambulance is defibrillator-equipped which is valuable in certain life-threatening situations," says Aaron Kump, RIT's EMS consultant to the health center. An RIT alum ('98) who works as a physicians assistant at Highland Hospital Emergency Department and volunteers

Geary retired from active surgery in 1992 but was lured back to RGH a few months later. He retired again in 2000 but continues to lecture and teach. "It's a lot of fun for me," he says. "I was a teacher by heart."

Of his RIT studies, completed almost entirely online, he says: "It was the perfect forum. The coursework is terrific. I learned a ton. I'm thrilled about it all."

He adds that he's proud of his 4.0 average, maintained not only at RIT but also throughout his post-secondary education—something he uses as encouragement for his grandchildren.

Speaking of those grandchildren—14 of them—Geary is excited about sharing his achievement with his family at commencement. "It has been a great experience for me," he says. "I'm looking forward to taking part in the whole weekend."

He also looks forward to having more "play" time to spend doing what he enjoys most, building boats. That may have been his vocation, he says, had he not chosen medicine. His many patients no doubt are grateful he chose "doc" over dry dock. ■

Projects provide help to area companies

Deaf patients face a serious disadvantage in the wake of a medical emergency. Will they be able to adequately communicate their health problem to a hearing physician who doesn't know American Sign Language?

RIT's College of Business has been working with the Deaf Wellness Center at Strong Memorial Hospital to help address this concern. Executive MBA students recently unveiled a business plan for the launch of Strong Connections—a video conferencing service that provides hospi-

tals and medical offices throughout North America with medically experienced certified interpreters for communication with deaf patients.

As the climax to two years of intense study, the Capstone Project provides graduate-level students with an opportunity to put their training into action, assisting firms with critical business issues.

The service uses leading-edge video conferencing systems to bring the interpreter, patient and a non-signing health care provider together to improve communication during medical visits.

Robert Pollard, director of the Deaf Wellness Center, realized he faced a dilemma prior to the launch of Strong Connections. His organization of medical doctors and interpreters needed assistance in preparing a business strategy, but limited financial resources discouraged him from hiring consultants.

As a result, Pollard turned to RIT's EMBA program and the Capstone Project for some much-needed assistance. The student team of Mark Baumler, Candice Dobra and Charlie Cummings took on the challenge of creating a comprehensive business plan for Strong Connections.

Local companies are invited to submit proposals to RIT for consideration as a Capstone Project participant. No other graduate-level business program locally offers area businesses the opportunity to vie for this kind of valuable consulting assistance.

"We received applications from 19 area companies for this year's Capstone Project," explains Ann G.T. Young, EMBA director. "Many of them offered both interesting and unusual challenges to our students, so it was difficult to narrow the field to just six participants."

Other companies selected for the 2002 Capstone Project included Health Care Resources, Ohmcraft, Ratnick Industry, Whelpley and Paul Opticians, and Tobin and Associates.

EMBA students at RIT are executives with significant professional experience who come from organizations serious about improving customer satisfaction, product quality and organizational productivity. The EMBA program has produced 164 graduates since 1993. ■



RIT Ambulance volunteers include from left: Stephen Pacholski, Tony Arnett, Cyrus Nelson, Craig Freeman and Joe Miller.

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Highly inspired COB graduates honor six at Alumni Wall of Fame

Graduating seniors from the College of Business are creating a legacy to inspire other students for many years to come.

The Class of 2002 has established the Alumni Wall of Fame. This permanent display, featuring portraits and biographies of honored alumni members, will be erected in the lobby of the Max Lowenthal Building.

Six alumni members are the first to be inducted to the Wall of Fame:

Laura Backus Scott, '91, vice president and chief information officer at Carpenter Technology Corp.

Peter Browne, '64, founder and president of Price, Raffel & Browne Inc.

Thomas Curley, '77, president and publisher of *USA Today*

Kevin Gavagan, '79, principal and portfolio manager at QCI Asset Management Inc.

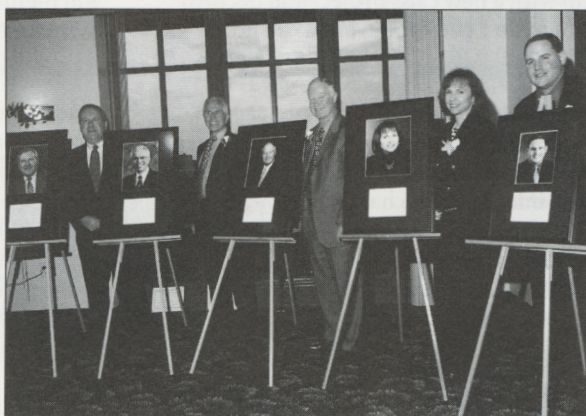
Joe Lobo, '95, founder and CEO of JML Optical Industries Inc.

Donald Naylor, '61, consultant at Davie Kaplan Chapman & Braverman

Selection to the Wall of Fame is based on several factors including professional success, community involvement and

sustained support to the vitality of RIT.

In addition to the six inductees, Russell Schwartzbeck has been honored for his



The first members of the COB Alumni Wall of Fame display their portraits during a recent reception. Honorees attending the event included, from left to right, Kevin Gavagan, Joe Lobo, Donald Naylor, Laura Backus Scott and Russell Schwartzbeck.

achievements as a recent graduate. In 1997, Schwartzbeck earned a bachelor's degree in finance and now works as a financial representative. He remains active in the community and at RIT.

The Alumni Wall of Fame is the latest installment to a long-standing COB tradition. Each year, members of the graduating class offer a gift to the school in gratitude for

the contributions made to their education. Throughout the school year, students conduct various fundraisers to help make their gift possible.

"We want visitors to the College of Business to know that our alumni are out there leading the way in the business world," says Jennifer Reginelli, class gift co-chair. "We also want to encourage current students by providing them with role models that aspire high ideals. Someday, we too can be on that wall of fame." ■

WORKIN' AT THE CAR WASH... *Imagine having Mary-Beth Cooper, vice president, Student Affairs, staring at you through your windshield. It was a wet and wild car wash fund-raiser for RIT's United Way Campaign on April 24. Volunteers for the "wash, wipe and shine" event included Jeffrey Cox, associate director, Center for Student Transition and Support, shown here, and staff members from several other RIT departments.*



Twin sisters graduate with double vision

Ruth and Meghann Lyons are more than best friends. They're identical twins who share a special bond that runs deeper than their striking physical similarity. Their



Meghann and Ruth Lyons

mutual support and encouragement has given each an anchor in the other, and the courage to succeed in their endeavors.

Graduating from RIT has been one such accomplishment they have shared.

Campus Connections offers "text" support

RIT's Campus Connections is establishing a "book rapport" this quarter with students in need. The bookstore is donating \$500 to deserving ALANA (African American, Latino/a, Asian American and Native American) students to buy textbooks for their fall coursework.

"We wanted to give something back," says store director, John Roman. "The Textbook Scholarship Fund will enable deserving students in need to purchase books at Campus Connections.

"We chose ALANA because it's fitting with President Simone's continuing efforts on diversity."

Eulas Boyd, RIT's assistant provost for diversity and director of the North Star Center for Academic Success and Cultural Affairs, expresses his gratitude for the donation from Campus Connections.

"This is a good example of how different units of the Institute can come together to accomplish our goals," says Boyd. ■

Ruth has earned a bachelor's in photography; Meghann, a bachelor's in biological sciences.

Initially, Ruth came to RIT as a freshman, while Meghann attended the University of Maine at Orono during her first year of college. Meghann loved the RIT community when she would visit Ruth and decided to join her sister at RIT to finish her biology degree.

The twins were members of the crew team during their time at RIT and worked hard at their courses and part-time jobs.

"Her support has been one of the crucial reasons that I have been able to succeed at RIT," Meghann says of her sister.

During the spring quarter, Ruth taught photography at a girl's boarding school in Virginia. Meghann will spend next year studying human genetics at the University of Iceland on a Fulbright scholarship. (See related story, page 11.)

"Ruth has been a true and everlasting friend and sister, and has been there to support me and help me through all the highs and lows of college," Meghann says. ■



AN EQUINE FRIEND FOR MARGARET'S HOUSE... The youngsters at RIT's daycare center are now greeted daily by a very special horse, "Lasting Impression." One of Rochester's Horses on Parade, Lasting Impression was donated by Nexpress Solutions. A ceremony was held in April to commemorate the donation by Venkat Purushotham, Nexpress president and alumnus of RIT's school of printing.

PUB students debut "cool" Rochester-focused calendar for 2002-03

Mark your calendars for something new on campus.

Students from RIT's two-year-old PUB (short for publishing) organization have spent more than 500 hours designing a full-color, 16-page spiral-bound 2002-03 calendar, *Focus on Rochester*.



PUB students debut an RIT calendar this fall, just in time for freshman orientation.

"I got tired of hearing from students, 'There's nothing to do in Rochester,'" says Herb Dwyer, a junior in graphic communications, vice president of PUB, and project manager for the new RIT calendar.

"So about 15 of us print students came up with a new class project and decided not to do a cookbook, but a calendar—

Provost learning grants recipients

The 2002 Provost's Learning Innovation Grants recipients include Rico Peterson, chairperson of NTID's American Sign Language and Interpreting Education Department, and Simon Ting, instructional developer in NTID's Department of Instructional Design and Evaluation.

Peterson was awarded \$19,015 to develop a unique online course to help students "learn how to learn" American Sign Language (ASL). Peterson, along with ASLIE assistant professors Christine Monikowski and Leslie Greer, will develop a series of online modules exploring different aspects of learning ASL, including strategies for adult students, and information about deaf culture, comparative language features of English and ASL, second language acquisition and other topics.

Ting received \$17,760 to create a suite of Web-based authoring tools for developing courseware using a hybrid instructional format, including one that combines dynamic Web content with interactive video/multimedia to support classroom and lab-based instruction. The tools also have potential distance learning applications. This is Ting's fourth Provost's grant. ■

SOFA Honors Show

The work of RIT student filmmakers is now ready for the big screen. Get a look at this year's best undergraduate and graduate productions at the School of Film and Animation Honors Show. The festival begins at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 26, at the Cinema Theater, 957 S. Clinton Ave. Admission is \$3. For more information, call 5-6175.



IF THEY CAN MAKE IT THERE, THEY'LL MAKE IT ANYWHERE... John Nichols, fourth-year food management major, prepares for the 17th annual Puttin' on the RITz dinner-dance on April 20. Organized by RIT hospitality and service management majors, the gala featured the theme, "New York, New York, 1950s," and drew more than 300 to the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. Proceeds benefit the hospitality education fund for educational travel, equipment and scholarships.

Field house (from page 1)

bulkhead to provide separation between the diving and swimming areas. The facility includes a spa area for relaxation and therapy.

• A fitness center of approximately 17,000 square feet with areas for weight training and cardiovascular equipment. A two-story climbing wall is in the plans, too.

The structure will wrap around the north and west sides of the Hale-Andrews Student Life Center, covering space now occupied by tennis courts (new courts are being built south of the Quarter Mile near the Student Health Center). Construction of the field house is expected to take up to 24 months.

Because of its size and location, it will be a prominent feature at RIT.

Lamas, who began work on a proposal for a flexible, multi-purpose field house more than five years ago, explains that demand on existing facilities is so high that scheduling is a constant challenge and needs sometimes go unmet or activities take place in a space that is less than optimal.

The Clark Gymnasium, constructed in 1968 and still the largest multi-purpose venue on campus, can seat about 2,000. However, using Clark for special events such as guest speakers, concerts or community events means the gym is out of use for athletic practices and competitions and intramural sports for days at a time. The Hale-Andrews Student Life Center, which opened in 1992, provides space for basketball, jogging, racquetball, and fitness activities but was not designed for large gatherings or events.

Like Clark Gymnasium, the swimming pool was built when RIT moved to the current campus in the late 1960s. Total enrollment was about 4,000. Today, RIT has more than 15,000 students and the number is growing. A larger percentage than ever lives on campus. Some 7,000 participate in intramural sports. Since 1992, participation in intercollegiate sports has increased 46 percent. Participation in athletics exceeds any

other extracurricular activity.

Besides the growth in size of the student body, Lamas notes that student expectations and interests have changed markedly. "When prospective students look at universities, of course their first consideration is the academics," says Lamas. "But they also

"A facility that allows the campus community to come together to play and learn and celebrate is critical to RIT's success."

RIT President Albert Simone

are interested in activities available, and amenities on campus."

Louis Spiotti, director of RIT's Center for Human Performance, agrees. Rock climbing, inline skating, water aerobics and so-called "X-treme" sports are among the interests students pursue—and RIT would like to provide more opportunities for such activities. Many students are devoted to soccer, and would make use of facilities for

practicing and competing indoors. And fitness equipment is universally popular.

"Students are elbow-to-elbow in that room," notes Spiotti, referring to the fitness center in the Student Life Center. "We outgrew it long ago."

In a society where sedentary lifestyles are the norm, Spiotti views the need for fitness and recreational facilities as essential. Physical activity is necessary for stress reduction and promoting good health and well-being.

"I believe we have a mandate to do something about that for our students," he says.

President Albert Simone predicts that the field house/activities center will be the most-used building on campus. A facility that allows the campus community to come together to play and learn and celebrate is critical to RIT's success.

"I believe this campus is incomplete without a field house," says Simone. "I've felt that since the first day I came here." ■

Landon makes Alaskan trek for RIT graduation

Graduation day isn't always about saying goodbye to a campus you've come to know well after several years. For one student, it's about saying hello to a school she's never even seen.

Online learning student Elaine Landon, from Fairbanks, Alaska, will visit RIT for the first time when she attends graduation, receiving her masters in health systems



Elaine Landon

administration.

Not only has she never been to RIT, she's never even been to New York state.

Like many online learning students, Landon attended RIT part time while holding down a full time job. In Alaska, she's

director of rural health services for the Tanana Chiefs Conference Inc., a large, non-profit, tribal health and social services agency.

While on campus, Landon plans to go to the bookstore, walk around and meet the Online Learning staff, her instructors and student colleagues.

"I worked very hard in the HSA program and want to feel a connection with my alma mater in a way that isn't available by simply receiving my diploma in the mail," she says. "I am the first person in my extended family to receive a master's degree and want to serve as a role model for other relatives who think it isn't possible. I am living proof of the miracle of education."

Landon chose RIT because it was the only university with an accredited online program in her field that didn't require extensive on-campus sessions. She noted "its strong 'systems' approach to health administration and the caliber of instructors.

She's pleased with her choice.

"The RIT experience was more than I had hoped for. Almost without exception, the instruction was excellent and the requirements were rigorous," she says. "The coursework was immediately relevant to my position. I can honestly say I learned a lot and

am much better prepared to face the challenges of health care administration."

The flexibility of being able to fit classes around her schedule, and the time difference, was also crucial. While living four hours earlier than her Rochester colleagues and professors rarely caused problems, there was one minor annoyance: since assignments were due based on the Rochester clock, she had to submit them four hours earlier than her classmates in the eastern time zone.

However, taking classes through online learning also turned out to be a blessing.

Video self-service for faculty at Studio G

Online learning offers a variety of resources for RIT faculty and staff to accomplish everything from developing course components for online and on-campus courses to everyday digital tasks.

These resources come in the form of Studio G and the Teaching Learning and Technology Lab.

Studio G is a free-of-charge, self-service video studio designed for faculty to create their own self-prepared digital

"With a busy schedule and our horrible winters in Alaska, I would often marvel at being able to do research or homework at 11 p.m. in my pajamas when it was dark and -50 degrees outside," Landon says. "No rushing to get to class after a long day at work, no driving in endless circles looking for a parking space, no wading through snowdrifts to get to the library, hoping it was still open. I just fit homework in as I had time during the day or night, on weekends or even on vacation. It really was a perfect fit with my educational needs." ■

video clips for use in their courses—both online and on campus. While the studio isn't a full-featured, full-service production facility (ETC can provide those services), video creation and digital capture, limited video editing, and uploading video files into Prometheus courseware can be done. Studio G is partially funded by a grant from the Gleason Foundation, garnered by professor Tom Barker. It opened

earlier this year.

The Teaching Learning and Technology Lab is formerly known as the Faculty/Staff Lab, offers an array of computer equipment, software and peripherals (such as digital cameras and slide scanners).

The lab, open Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., is staffed by lab assistants. The lab continues to be updated with state-of-the-art equipment and software. Its current capabilities are listed at <http://online.rit.edu/faculty/tlmlab.cfm>. ■



Information technology professor Michael Yacci demonstrates the capabilities of Studio G.

Online learning technology enhances on-campus instruction

How comfortable is RIT faculty with online learning technologies? What techniques do they use?

This was the focus of a recently completed survey by RIT professor Larry



Belle, senior faculty associate to the online learning department, and Raychel Rapport, an online learning staff member.

A systematic sample of full-time faculty representing all eight RIT colleges was surveyed in the 2001 fall quarter to determine the extent and type of online

technologies used in campus instruction. Adjunct faculty were similarly surveyed during spring quarter.

"It is clear that RIT faculty have already begun to transform their classroom teaching

with some of the basic online instructional techniques," says Belle. "With the introduction of a standard campuswide platform, Prometheus, and with the support and resources available through Online Learning, Wallace library and ITS, this transformation will gain considerable momentum in the next two or three years."

Online/On Campus is an institutional initiative to enhance on-campus instruction using online learning techniques. It will help faculty incorporate various online learning techniques into the traditional classroom through extensive group and individual training programs,

instructional design services and a lunch-and-learn series with faculty who are currently using online supplementation in their campus courses.

Kit Mayberry, associate provost, sees the addition of online utilities in campus courses as "enabling faculty to reduce the amount of time and effort they devote to giving quizzes or correcting assignments, thereby allowing more time for discussions, team projects and other forms of interactive learning."

Almost all faculty surveyed (99 percent) said they use e-mail to communicate with individual students; 96 percent use word processing to prepare class materials; 71 percent point students to the Web for online resources; 66 percent require Internet research for assignments; 65 percent use smart-classroom technologies;

63 percent give assignments to students in electronic formats; and 60 percent use distribution lists to communicate with their class.

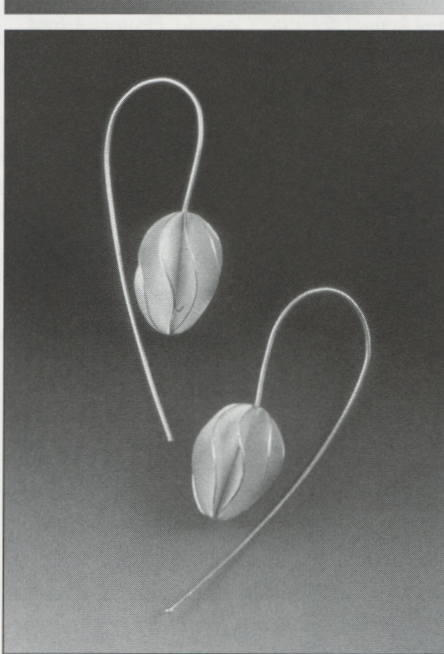
Online tools that show low rates of utilization among full-time faculty, but that offer considerable potential, include online discussion, online access to grades, online chats, and taking quizzes and tests online.

Not surprisingly, faculty reporting their computer skills as advanced said they use more advanced online techniques.

The survey shows that full-time faculty with 20 or more years of college teaching experiences are less likely to use more advanced online instructional techniques, such as correcting and grading assignments online or developing Web-based materials specifically for a course,

than are their colleagues with fewer years of experience.

"This study is an unusually penetrating look at how faculty are learning to use online tools to improve student learning," says Steve Ehrmann, vice president and director of the Flashlight Program at the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Group. "What struck me most was the dominance of applications that are easy to learn quickly. This is an impressive study and one that deserves some national attention." ■



SAC HONORS SHOW... Earrings by Chih-Wen Chiu are among the creations featured in *Emerging Artists: Students from the School for American Crafts*. The Gallery at One Bausch & Lomb Place in downtown Rochester is hosting this exhibition through July 15. The display features works by 13 RIT students in ceramics, glass, wood and metals.

Call for volunteers

The Arc of Monroe County and RIT will team up June 24-27 for the 11th annual Arc/RIT Enrichment Program, providing a college experience to 30 individuals with developmental disabilities. RIT volunteers are needed from all subject areas to teach the participants. The program, held at RIT, offers classes in a variety of subjects including photography, soccer, sign language, theater and emergency awareness. To volunteer, contact the Arc of Monroe County at 271-0660 ext. 791, or e-mail j_howland@arcmonroe.org.

Teaching/learning program

After a two-year absence, the provost's office is holding a Faculty Institute on Teaching and Learning program on May 29 and 30. The focus: a forum for teaching and learning for faculty to share experiences and learn about new educational approaches.

The free conference program will be filled with workshops, demonstrations and sessions that showcase the innovation, expertise and vision of RIT and external experts. Harvard University professor Richard Light, will be the keynote speaker, with Peter Gray from Syracuse University speaking on assessment of teaching, and Charles Walker from St. Bonaventure talking about faculty and institutional vitality.

For more information, contact Lynn Wild at 5-6543.

Management competition

A student team from the College of Business made a strong showing during an international case competition. Stacey Wronkonski, Denise Robinson, Eric Barner and Mike Pedaci placed third among undergraduates. The event, sponsored by the Society for the Advancement of Management, was held last month in Washington, D.C.

COB leadership changes

College of Business Dean Thomas Hopkins has announced the appointment of chairs for three newly constituted departments:

- **Accounting and Finance**—Ashok Robin
- **Decision Science and MIS**—Thomas Pray
- **Management and Marketing**—Stanley Widrick

"The role of department chair is central to the success of the college," says Hopkins. "The willingness of these three individuals to take on their new roles bodes well for our future."

Each appointment is for a two-year term, beginning July 1. The chairs, along with the dean and associate dean, make up the college's Executive Committee.

RIT "dual-school" grad

Commencement at the U.S. Business School in Prague will mark a first-of-its-kind accomplishment. Marko Slunjski, from Zagreb, Croatia, becomes the first student to graduate from both of RIT's overseas programs. Last year, Slunjski earned a B.S. degree in hotel management from the American College of Management and Technology. Next month, he'll receive his MBA. That makes two RIT degrees for Slunjski without his ever having stepped foot on the Henrietta campus.

2002 Award Recipients

Student Government awards

Numerous awards were handled to several RIT individuals and student groups at the annual Student Government Awards Banquet earlier this month.

Award winners included: Amy Raia, Residence Halls Association Most Valuable Member; Scott Vosbury, RHA Team Player; Kavya Yadav, Reporter Editor's Award for Excellence; Asthika Goonewardene, OCASA Executive Board Member of the Year; Electronic Gaming Society, SG Outstanding Club Programming; Projectile Motion, Outstanding Community Service; Cha Ron Sattler, Outstanding Club Advisor; Jeffrey Cox, Global Union Award for Outstanding Achievement Contribution; Asian Cultural Society, Global Union Club of the Year;

Scott Pellatier, Greek Council Outstanding Greek Man; Meghan Bundrock, Greek Council Outstanding Greek Woman; Tim Engstrom, Outstanding Greek Advisor; Dave Falletta, PERDA Outstanding Student Award; Facilities Management, SG Extra

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Cylinda Whitted Karen Cattling

OUTSTANDING FEMALE SENIORS . . .

The RIT Women's Council selected Cylinda Whitted and Karen Cattling for the Outstanding Female Senior Award, which honors students who have shown high scholarship achievement while overcoming difficult circumstances. Cattling is graduating with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. Whitted is graduating with bachelor's of science degrees in information technology and professional and technical communication.

Outstanding international students

RIT's International Student Scholarship Committee recognized three international students who have made special contributions to campus life. The winners of the Outstanding International Student Service Award are Keval Mehta, a fourth-year graphic communication student from South Africa; Mian (Leon) Sheng Lim, a second-year interior design student from Malaysia; and Surat Teerapibul, a third-year electrical engineering student from Thailand.



HONORING OUR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS . . . International students present were: Maria Claudia Cortes, Columbia; Jung-mi Yoo, Joo-Hyeon Kim and Hong Seon Jang, Korea; Keliu Zhu, PR China; Vineet Chaoji, Jayant Suresh Desphande, Kavya Yadav, Shruti Anand, Manav Batra and Manish Puri, India; Samuel Msafari, Kenya; Alpar Hacaloglu and Burcak Guclu, Turkey; Minoru Yoshida and Naoko Kinoshita, Japan; Chaiporn Chanlimcharoen, Ohm Phanphiroj and Nongyao Krapugthong, Thailand; Mohammed Rahman, Bangladesh; Rigoberto Merino, Honduras; Khun Nyan Taw, Myanmar; Dave Hazlewood, Guyana; and Elsi Caldeira, Venezuela. Missing from the photo are: Neha Jain, Akshay Anand, Shreedhan Nikam and Chakkaravarthy Rajagopal, India; and Katherine Leigh McNulty, Canada. Donors Alfred L. Davis and Mary Lu Brooke were also present at the event.



GREAT WRITERS . . . Winners of the 2002 Student Writing Contest are, from left to right in the front row, Ryan Loy, first year undeclared science major and winner of honorable mention in the essay category; Kayla Zerby, first-year professional and technical major and grand prize winner in the essay category; Andrew Moore, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Christopher Vongsawat, second-year computer science major and recipient of the grand prize in the creative writing category. In the back row, from left to right, are Katherine Schumacher, chair of the Institute Writing Committee; James Briggs, third-year physician assistant major and winner of honorable mention in the creative writing category; Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs; and Jillian Welks, third-year multidisciplinary studies major and winner of honorable mention in the creative writing category.



A NIGHT FOR STARS . . . Scholarship donors joined their scholars at the fifth annual Celebration of Scholarship, held April 11. More than 200 donors and scholars mingled over hors d'oeuvres and dinner. Here, RIT President Albert Simone welcomes Gail Rockburne, who spoke at the dinner, and her daughters, Lisa and Cheryl. Rockburne founded the Deborah Cahn Memorial Scholarship after her daughter, Debbie '97 (CAST), who passed away five years ago.



OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS . . .

RIT honored students as Outstanding Undergraduate Scholars in a ceremony/reception held in April. Joined by Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs, top, the scholars are Iva Bali, Marina Jakov J, Gina Kern, Andrew Ryan Kosa, Srana Pa_e and Jeremy Schreiber from the College of Applied Science and Technology; Karoline Altman, Ashima Malik, Kara Rogers and Kevin Sheldon from the College of Business; Robert Downey, Almann Goo, Dan Hill, Timothy McLaughlin, Nathan Nordfelt, Derek Ramsey, Nicholas Roussos, Brian Karl Saboda, Tiesa Nika Smith and Kristy Springborn from the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences; Daniel Brown, David Cox, Charles Dazé, Andrew James Dick, Jared Dolatowski, Christine Larson, Jeffrey McFiggins, Shilpa Nanduri, Stefan Preble, Andrew Randles, James Remus, Josephine Smith and Daniel Willistein from the Kate Gleason College of Engineering; Lois Anshus, Michael Call, Melissa Caronia, Randall Good, John Humphrey, Christina Mackowiak, Janet McDonald, Philip Montelone, Erin Murphy, Amina Rab, Everett Religioso, Nyla Rae Schroeder, Marnie Soom, Callie Sorensen, Kathleen Stinson, Caitlin Wegrzyn and Greg Yoder from the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences; Anne McDonald from the College of Liberal Arts; Anthony Arnett, Heather Crandall, Jennifer Dashnau, Kerry McMullen, Mary Richards, Jennifer Ann Richter, Marissa Robertson, Sarah Robinson and Sharon Voshell from the College of Science.

RIT honors athletes of the year

More than 450 student-athletes along with the coaching staff of RIT's 24-sport program, as well as the athletic administration and support staff, were honored at the Year-End Awards Banquet on May 5.

The Male and Female Athlete of the Year award honors outstanding achievement of athletic performance throughout the entire career, leadership qualities, overall attitude and coachability, consistency of effort and performance throughout their career, improvement over their career, and academic performance. Co-male winners were seniors Jerry Galway and Brandon Redmond.

Galway, co-captain of the men's hockey team, earned the American Hockey Coaches Association NCAA Division III Player of the Year after finishing fourth in the nation in scoring with 20 goals and 26 assists for 46 points. Galway ended his career as the leading scoring defenseman in the history of the program with 166 points.

Redmond captained the men's basketball team to 14-11 record and 7-7 mark in the Empire 8 finishing tied for fourth. Redmond earned his second consecutive Empire 8 Player of the Year honor after averaging 18.3 points and 7.0 rebounds per game.

Female Athlete of the Year honors were given to senior volleyball outside hitter Emily Verbridge after leading the team with 730 kills on the season which ranked 10th in the NCAA Division III. Verbridge added 53 service aces, 334 digs and 120 blocks total blocks to earn First-Team All-Empire 8 honors. She also led the NCAA Division III with five 30-plus kill matches.

The Ellingson Award, established in

honor of Mark Ellingson, former RIT president and wrestling coach, is presented annually to a student-athlete who demonstrates a high degree of academic accomplishment. This year's recipient was women's basketball junior forward Adria Lewnes. Lewnes currently holds a 3.9 grade point average in the mechanical engineering program.

The A. Stephen Walls Memorial Scholarship honoring the former intramurals coordinator and assistant professor in the physical education department, was awarded to men's lacrosse long-stick middle Joe DiSanto and women's basketball/softball player Jennifer Miazga.

DiSanto, who holds a 3.81 GPA in mechanical engineering, appeared in all 13 games for the Tigers who finished the year at 8-5 overall and second-place in the Empire 8 with a 4-2 record.

Miazga, who carries a 3.5 GPA in graphic design, was co-captain of the women's basketball team appearing in 24 games with 21 starts to finish with a season averaging 5.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 assists on the year. She started in all 37 games for the Tiger softball team and has nine runs batted in, 10 runs scored, three doubles and one triple.

The Ray Bell Student Trainer Award is awarded annually to the student trainer who displays a tremendous work ethic, dedication, reliability and outstanding care to student-athletes. First-year student Monyette Silmon received this year's honor for contributing significantly to the training staff in her first season and providing outstanding defensive play for the RIT volleyball team. ■

2002 Award Recipients

COB's McGowan scholarship winners

Two undergraduate students have become the latest recipients of the largest scholarship offered by the College of Business. Mary Murphy and Stacey Wronkowski are this year's winners of the William G. McGowan Scholars Program.

Both students will receive full scholarships for the 2002-03 academic year, made possible by a nearly \$40,000 grant from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund. The program recognizes academic achievement among business students while encouraging leadership and community involvement.

Murphy is a third-year student from Chili majoring in accounting. She served as president of Next Generation of Accountants at RIT and has been active in numerous off-campus activities. This quarter she has been on co-op with Mengel, Metzger, Barr and Co.

Wronkowski is a management information systems major from Schenectady in her third year of study. Her activities include the



Mary Murphy and Stacey Wronkowski

Dean's Student Advisory Council, the Lowenthal Group, and she served as vice president of the American Marketing Association. Her co-op experience is with Parker Hannifin Corp.

RIT is among 31 colleges and universities from around the country that participate in the William G. McGowan Scholars Program, named in honor of the founder and chairman of MCI Communications Corp. ■



RECOGNIZING STUDENT EXCELLENCE . . . The 22nd annual Kearsse Student Honors Award Ceremony, held April 16, recognized undergraduate students who produced the most outstanding research papers or projects in areas of study in the College of Liberal Arts during this academic year. Award recipients shown standing with Andrew Moore, CLA dean, are, from left to right in the front row, Rosemary Rivera, social work; Paul DeCeglie, criminal justice; Alisha Amidon, psychology; Moore; Gregory De Angelo, economics; Lucinda Allen, applied arts and sciences; Brian Andrews, mechanical engineering technology. Award recipients standing from left to right in the back row, are Andrew Whitehead, RITExploration program; Michael Lombard, criminal justice; Colleen McCarthy, professional and technical communication; Erin Pryor, illustration; Joseph Binder, computer science; and Bryan LaMora, mechanical engineering. Not shown are Jordan Olsommer and Randi Silberman.



PRINTING SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS . . . Three students from RIT's School of Print Media have been recognized for their academic achievements. The trio was honored with scholarships provided by Lazer Inc., valued at \$1,000 each. Ken McCurdy, left, Lazer president and CEO, presented the scholarships during a luncheon ceremony. He's joined by scholarship winners Nicholas Doyle, Carolyn Brewer and Elysa Campbell. Frank Romano, School of Print Media chair, was also on hand to congratulate the students.

ALPHA SIGMA LAMBDA . . . Alpha Sigma Lambda Honorary Society inducted 17 new students this year. The students were honored at a dinner in April at President Albert Simone's home. The honorary society annually inducts new members based on scholarship, participation in activities and leadership in academic and co-curricular student activities. This year's honorees are Joshua Chambers, Emily Giesy, Leroy Griffith, William Love, Kristin Metz, Allison Miller, Jessica Mills, John Nemeth, Katherine Petrinec, Danielle Plecash, Kenneth Podolak, Jeffrey Prystajko, Heather Savage, Christine Schmidt, Kevin Sheldon, Elsa Suarez and Rebecca Williams.



Outstanding adult students at RIT

Each year the Rochester Area Colleges Continuing Education Consortium honors adult learners who have excelled despite the many challenges they face from work, family and community obligations. This year's winners from RIT are no exception, and one honoree has overcome perhaps the greatest obstacle of all, distance.

Jean-Marc Allain has attained a 3.73 grade point average while pursuing a degree in applied arts and science from RIT with concentrations in telecommunications and technology while "commuting" via online courses from Allen, Texas.

Allain is a fulltime employee, director of systems engineering at Alcatel USA in Plano, Texas, as well as a father and student. He is a youth baseball coach, frequent hospital

volunteer, and member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Christopher Quandt plans to complete his MBA with e-commerce and marketing concentrations by spring of 2003 when he plans to turn his attention to another of his passions, pursuing his fourth-degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do. So far, he has completed 48 credits with a 4.0 GPA.

Robert Patridge, a senior system analyst at RG&E who holds a 4.0 GPA is through 36 credits of his master's degree in computer integrated manufacturing. He is a graduate of RIT's applied arts and science degree and is a true lifelong adult learner—he has been enrolled at RIT off and on since 1979, and started his academic career in earnest in 1987. ■



DAVIS SCHOLARS 2002 . . . The annual Davis Scholarship Awards dinner gave special recognition to student leaders who significantly contribute to campus life. The winning scholars are Ryan Alisanski, Rebecca Alperstein, Eric Barner, Anthony Bishop, Joseph Burwick, David Campbell, Maura Cassells, Matthew Dana, Chamroueun Dee, Kara Dowling, Denisha Flanigan, Adiel Gouldson, Paul Grimes, Nyssa Houzenga, Marlon Joris, Nicole Killian, Michelle Lipchick, Jeffrey Metcalf, Jessica Miller, Matthew Miller, Kazeem Oloko, Jonathan Raduns, Rachel Robinson, Christopher Samp, Victor Silva, Callic Sorenson, Elizabeth Sorkin, Carissa Srugis, Erik Turocy, Scott Vosbury and Stacey Wronkowski.



AND THE WINNERS ARE . . . Four students from a pool of 46 vied for first place and \$400 during the final round of the Institute Public Speaking Contest held May 3.

Standing with Grant Cos, assistant professor of communication and contest director, far left, are Adam Stone, second-place winner who talked about gay parenting; Rachel Robinson, first-place winner who spoke on gay adoption; Lisa Prinzi, third-place winner who talked about post-partum depression; and Nevin Leiby, fourth-place winner who spoke on medical malpractice. Second-, third- and fourth-place winners won \$200, \$100 and \$50, respectively.



PICTURE-PERFECT ACHIEVEMENT . . . Bruce Mitchell, vice president of sales for Fujifilm, shares a glance at the winning portfolios from this year's Fuji Scholarship. Moira Speer, right, won the first award of \$2,000, and Laura Koon earned the second award of \$1,000. Both students are third-year applied photography majors in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Judging for the scholarship was based on visual quality, craft, presentation and creativity of the portfolios submitted.

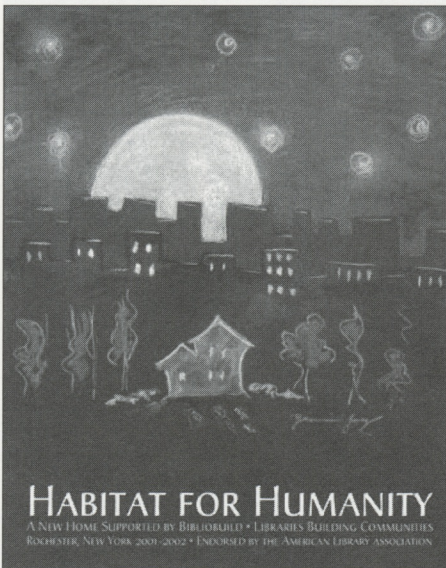


SPECIAL RECOGNITION . . . The Special Services program of RIT's Learning Development Center honored recipients of the Bennett Scholarship in ceremonies held in April. Pictured here, from left to right, are scholars Jason Kahn, Paul Grimes, Heidi Grolemond, Adam Porter and Anthony Bishop, with Marie Giardino, program director. Missing from the photo are scholars Matthew DeHaven, Robert Savage, Armando Garza, Ara Taylor and Naditsa Yasmin.

BiblioBuild constructs home remedy for community spirit

A Rochester-area single working mother and her 10 children will have a new home by the end of August.

The cost is \$56,000 for the four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath residence, located at



The 2002 Habitat for Humanity poster was designed by RIT alum Jasmin Jung.

84 Rauber St., off North Clinton Avenue. It will be complete with kitchen, laundry room, full basement, deck—plus bookshelves, books, computer and library cards.

Library cards? Check this out!

The house will be funded and constructed by volunteer “contractors” from BiblioBuild, a new collaborative project sponsored by libraries from five counties surrounding Rochester. While its blueprint for success is built on the highly successful Flower City Habitat for Humanity program, it also opens the door to a community-building project involving library personnel and supporters.

Construction on the Habitat home began last month, but the real foundation for this project begins with Margaret Bartlett, business librarian for the past 15 years at Wallace Library. She co-chairs the BiblioBuild Steering Committee, along with Betsy Gilbert, Fairport Public Library, and Kathy Miller, Rochester Regional Library Council.

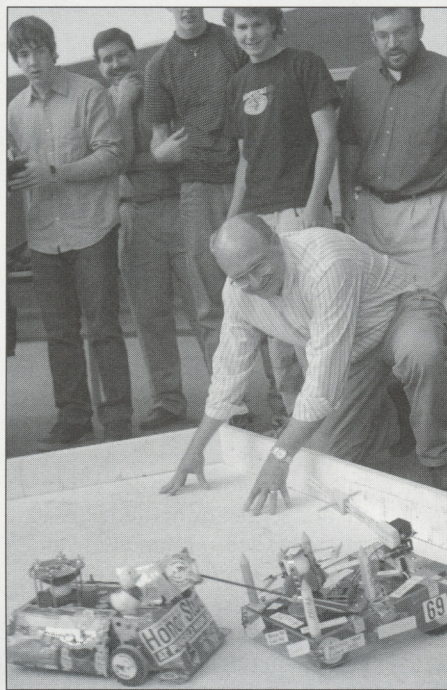
“Last summer, our (former) library director, Pat Pitkin, suggested we spend some time volunteering in the community and a few of us picked Habitat for Humanity,” Bartlett explains. “Kari Horowitz, Laura DiPonzio and I went to the house under construction and spent the day craning our necks as we worked on stippling the ceiling. By the end of the day, we were sore, dirty and tired, but totally proud of our efforts.

“When we came back we wanted to

continue this shared experience, and since libraries across the country are known for their caring and giving back to the community, we asked ourselves, ‘How can we build a house?’”

First, Bartlett’s husband, Bill, came up with the name BiblioBuild and “it stuck.” RIT library staff also worked behind the scenes: DiPonzio, coordinator for circulation services, volunteered to oversee the project’s finances, and Robert Chandler, library marketing and communication specialist, designed the logo.

Meanwhile, Bartlett recruited volunteers from RIT’s Habitat for Humanity student group to work in the construction phase of the Habitat home. An RIT alumna, Jasmin Jung, who earned her BFA in photographic illustration, ’97, and her MFA in graphic design, ’01, designed the Habitat poster—in between working as a graphic designer at WXXI.



ROBOT INVASION THRILLS MASSES...
A student demonstrates a robot for judges at the 16th annual national Robotics Technology and Engineering Challenge at RIT on May 5. Six hundred students competed in 16 Olympic-style challenges during the two-day event, hosted by RIT for the first time.

RIT students earned gold, silver and bronze awards in, respectively, the self-controlled journey robot, robot construction and manufacturing work-cell categories in the college division. The challenge was sponsored by Robotics International of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and RIT’s manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology/packaging science department.

“This unique library project started at RIT, but we’ve expanded to include all types of libraries: corporate, university, public, hospital, school, museum, urban, suburban and rural,” Bartlett says. “It’s a blessing of a project and libraries are meant to help build community spirit. What better way then to watch a well-deserving family take ownership of their home?”

“We hope other library communities throughout the country will follow our lead; libraries are all about community and BiblioBuild will be another extension.”

Donations in any amount for the BiblioBuild fund-raising project are welcome; a \$50 tax-deductible donation will sponsor one square foot. For more information about BiblioBuild, visit www.bibliobuild.org. ■

Formula car team debuts its 2002 model

Mechanical engineering majors in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering have done it again.

After months of design and labor, RIT’s Formula racecar team unveiled its 2002 model with a spin around campus on May 3. To the uninitiated, the annual spring-time tradition is an exciting spectacle. To the initiated—including 30 team members—it’s even

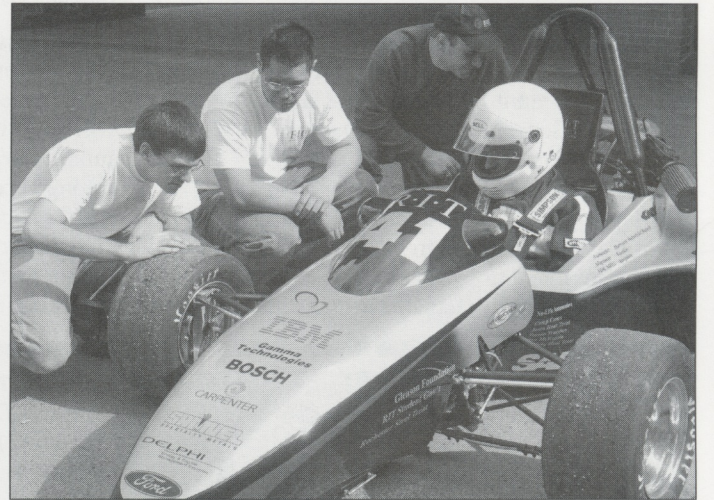
more so. After all, they’re the ones who’ve witnessed the car go from drawings to rubber-meets-pavement.

But a test drive on brick pavers in Henrietta isn’t as much fun as a race on asphalt just outside Detroit. That’s why the team is in Motown this weekend for the annual Formula SAE, May 15-19.

RIT’s six-speed, black-and-silver racer features a 600 cc engine, newly designed brakes, suspension and traction control for better acceleration, and improved ergonomics including more legroom. Comfort is important, especially during the 14-mile endurance race. Cars are also judged on acceleration, cost, design, fuel economy and solo-performance trials. Nate Theriault, fifth-year mechanical engineering major and project manager, says RIT’s car reaches a top speed of about 100 miles an hour.

RIT is challenging 134 teams. Later this year, RIT will compete in races in England and Australia, where last year it captured first place in the Formula Australasia.

Team advisor Alan Nye, professor of mechanical engineering, hopes for another top finish. “The car is looking really good,” he says. “We’re pretty optimistic. We’d like to continue where we left off in Australia and pull off the grand slam.”



Members of RIT’s Formula racecar team prepare for the first public test drive of the 2002 car on May 3.

Adds Naipaul Ramoutar, fifth-year mechanical engineering major and chief engineer: “She looks good. I think we’ve made some good improvements.”

Formula competitions are sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers. ■



THE FUTURE OF FUEL-CELL TECHNOLOGY EXPLORED AT RIT... The first International Workshop on Fuel-Cell Technology for Advanced Vehicles, hosted by the mechanical engineering department in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, drew 140 representatives from academia, industry and government to RIT, April 23-25. The workshop featured 20 presentations on fuel-cell technology. RIT mechanical engineering faculty members Ramesh Shah and Satish Kandlikar are internationally renowned for work in the area of heat exchangers, two-phase flow and boiling applicable to fuel cells. Above, from left, Toghiani Hossein, associate professor of chemical engineering at Mississippi State University; Giovanni Pede of ENEA in Italy; and Chris DeMinco of Delphi Corp. in Henrietta inspect a working model of a solid-oxide fuel cell.

Wallace Library offers new faculty/staff bibliography database

Have you been published? Would you like to let others know about it?

Wallace Library offers a new Faculty and Staff Bibliography Database providing a central, interactive location where RIT faculty and staff can post and edit a bibliography of their writings. The database can be searched by author, title, college or department, type of publication, and area of expertise.

To be eligible for inclusion, writings must be published—books, book chapters, poems, anthologies, dissertations, conference papers, and newspaper, magazine and journal articles are all acceptable.

Its purpose is to provide a tool, for people at and outside RIT, to see what their colleagues have published and to find people in different areas of expertise, says originator Chandra McKenzie, acting director of Wallace library.

One of the biggest benefits McKenzie sees is the sense of community it can foster among RIT colleagues who wouldn’t otherwise know that someone else down the hall or across campus is also a published author.

McKenzie says, “this work in progress will continue to be upgraded.”

Future plans include entries linking to Einstein citations, the Internet or electronic databases to make it easier to find the material, either in digital format or in print on the library shelves if it’s print only. Another near future enhancement is the inclusion of published original illustrations and photographs.

The database resides on Wallace Library’s Web site and is administered by

librarian John Kester (5-2238, jekwml@rit.edu). As more RIT faculty and staff register their work it will grow in size and usefulness. Taking part in the project is entirely voluntary and easy to do. To get started, visit <http://ellie.rit.edu:1208/>. ■

New computer code of conduct in effect

A new “Code of Conduct for Computer and Network Use” is in place at RIT after receiving approval from Institute Council. The Code of Conduct, last updated in 1997 applies to students, faculty and staff.

“This is a complete re-write,” says Diane Barbour, chief information officer. “There were so many changes that needed to be made. The old code focused on local issues on campus. The new code takes into account that we are now on a worldwide network.”

Inappropriate use of computers and the network can have far-reaching negative consequences, particularly when it hurts the educational process, says Barbour. Those who abuse the privilege of using RIT’s computing resources may lose computing privileges and be subject to disciplinary

action, including suspension or permanent dismissal from RIT. They may also be referred to outside law enforcement authorities for criminal prosecution.

“When one person violates the Code of Conduct it impacts all of us,” says Barbour.

Some key changes include:

The Code of Conduct now applies to computers and networks both internal and external (www) to RIT.

The new code identifies relationships with other RIT policies, such as privacy, intellectual property, discrimination and harassment.

The code addresses reporting violations and investigations of suspected violations. It includes a new e-mail address (abuse@rit.edu) for reporting violations.

The new code can be found at: <http://www.rit.edu/computerconduct> ■

MyRIT portal statistics

MyRIT, the new RIT Web portal came to campus April 1. Since then, 2,652 users have signed in. Here are a few stats on what people are using the portal for:

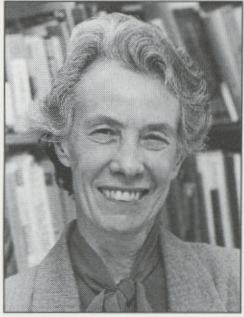
- Weather—99 percent
- Announcements—98.7 percent
- Calendar—98.6 percent
- RIT Directory—98.2 percent
- RIT News—97.6 percent
- Web Search—97.4 percent

The most popular portals to add are Dictionary.com’s words of the day, Slashdot news, and jokes.

Log on to myRIT at my.rit.edu.

Sullivan to retire after 33 years at RIT

Mary Sullivan, chair of the language and literature department, will retire from RIT at the end of this academic year after 33 years of service.



Mary Sullivan

Sullivan has served on numerous departmental, college and Institute committees. She served as dean of CLA from 1977 to 1987, and chaired the Academic Senate

from 1996 to 1999. Sullivan was instrumental in the development of the RIT Institute Policies and Procedures Manual as a member of the Academic Senate and served on Institute Council, 1996 to the present.

She taught a variety of courses including Writing and Literature I and II, Irish Literature, The Art of Poetry, Literature and Religion, and Senior Seminar. She won an Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1996.

During her years in academe, Sullivan has researched and written about religion and literature. She edited *The Friendship of Florence Nightingale and Mary Clare Moore*, a collection of Nightingale's correspondence.

Sullivan earned her doctorate in 1964 from the University of Notre Dame. ■

Grant to help role in global community

Globalization, diversity, questions of justice and equality and civic engagement are issues that students need to understand about the increasingly interconnected but unequal world. RIT was recently selected to participate in a national, three-year program that will prepare students in these areas.

Robert Manning, Gannett Professor of Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts, was awarded a grant for \$15,000 from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education in the U.S. Department of Education and the Association of American Colleges and Universities to develop new courses and curriculum in CLA that encourage students to think about their role in the global community.

"RIT's innovative, multidisciplinary curriculum development strategy offers issue-specific teaching modules with Web-based learning/research applications," Manning says. "This approach will accelerate the incorporation of core globalization and civic participation concepts in liberal arts courses by providing a range of topics that faculty can incorporate into existing courses."

Six multidisciplinary project members will advise interested RIT faculty regarding their specialty topics in 2003-04. Likewise, the Gannett Web site and speaker series will highlight key themes and offer easy access to teaching materials.

RIT is one of only 10 universities selected to participate in the AACU's curriculum and faculty development project, "Liberal Education and Global Citizenship: The Arts of Democracy." The AACU has allocated approximately one million dollars for this project. ■

A RUN FOR THE ROSES...

Senior David Clark and junior Lauren Long were among 14 collegiate photographers to participate in the 11th annual Collegiate Sports Journalism Seminar hosted by Churchill Downs Inc. April 25-28. The two took part in lectures, photo opportunities during live racing at the thoroughbred race track which is the home of the Kentucky Derby. The photo on the right was taken by Clark.



Dutcher to represent RIT "down under"

First-year computer engineering student Marcy Dutcher has strong opinions about politics and government and their roles in our society—and the opportunity of a lifetime to share them this summer.

For 16 days in July, Dutcher will join hundreds of students from around the world as a delegate to the Global Young Leaders Summit in Sydney, Australia. Selection to the conference was based upon her membership throughout high school in the Congressional Youth Leadership Council and her performance in the 1999 National Young Leaders Conference. This is in addition to outstanding academic achievement, strong leadership skills and an interest in global issues. As a member of the youth leadership council, Dutcher gained

experience attending summits across the country, and her presence was requested at the inauguration of President George W. Bush.

"When I returned from Washington, I was a completely different person," she says. "That was a turning point in my life. Confidence in myself and my abilities grew by leaps and bounds and I decided to really make a difference in the way I lived my life."

In Australia, Dutcher and the other students will grapple with difficult issues and challenges confronting world leaders while engaging in debates and discussions with both Australian experts and peers. Conference organizers hope to help the students develop broader perspectives of the social, economic and political forces that impact all nations and apply critical thinking and analytical skills to global situations.

The students will also meet with Australian aboriginals in the rainforest to study their customs, traditions and government practices, sail on a catamaran



First-year student Marcy Dutcher will attend a congressional youth leadership conference in Australia this summer.

through the Great Barrier Reef with world-renowned biologists, and climb the Sydney Harbor Bridge.

Dutcher thanks RIT for making this trip possible for her. The \$6,000 price tag for the summit was largely funded by RIT's Office of the Provost, Division of Student Affairs, Kate Gleason College of Engineering and College of Liberal Arts.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for Marcy to develop leadership qualities," says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice

president for academic affairs. "We are so pleased that she will be able to go."

"I was watching *The Amazing Race* on television and they were climbing the Sydney Harbor Bridge, and I couldn't believe that I will be doing the same thing in a few short months," Dutcher adds. "I really can't believe this is happening."

Upon returning to campus in the fall, Dutcher will present a paper to members of the RIT administration documenting her trip. ■

New compensation, benefits expert

Renée Brownstein joins the RIT staff as associate director of human resources for



Renée Brownstein

compensation and benefits. In this newly created position, she is responsible for employee benefits and compensation programs.

Brownstein previously worked for nearly 12 years at Eastman Kodak

Co. as director of total compensation, where she was instrumental in developing health and welfare plans for employees. She is a graduate of State University of New York at Buffalo, where she earned a B.A. degree in speech communication.

Since 1988, Brownstein has served on the board of directors of the New York Employee Benefits Conference, and is vice president for the Rochester Chapter. She is a member of the Rochester Health Care forum sponsored by the Rochester Health Commission; National Benefits Advisory Board for WorldatWork; and vice president of administration and on the board of trustees at Temple Sinai. ■

Baker heads AALANA faculty recruitment

During Diversity Week at RIT, Renée Baker recalls a remark by Dan Carp, chief executive officer at Eastman Kodak Co.



Renée Baker

"He talked about working with the hearts and minds of individuals to bring about change," says Baker, chosen for RIT's newly created position as manager of faculty

recruitment. "I view my new role on campus as touching faculty's hearts and minds so they in turn can be more broad-minded and open in their traditional perceptions in the recruitment and selection of AALANA candidates.

She believes focusing on active AALANA recruitment is good business sense and a great way to reach out and let candidates know that RIT is very serious about increasing its ethnic diversity.

On campus, she consults with deans and provosts on search committee processes, and partners with them in recruitment for RIT's AALANA (African American, Latino/a American and Native American) candidates.

Since 1994, Baker worked for the city of Rochester as director of human resources and quality. She is a member of several professional associations, including the Society for Human Resource Management and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators. Locally, she served on the Greater Rochester Quality Council Board of Directors and the Greater Rochester Leadership Council. ■

RIT grad to study genetics overseas on Fulbright Scholarship

College of Science graduate Meghann Lyons will study human genetics in Iceland on a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship this fall.



Meghann Lyons

The graduate of RIT's biological sciences program will join a research team at the University of Iceland Medical School to learn genetic analysis techniques.

Iceland is of great interest to geneticists.

Geographically isolated, Icelanders have developed a common genetic history due to the country's closed population. This makes the genetic risk for a disease greater

in some families, and therefore comparing intra-family genomes relevant.

"The genes of Icelanders offer scientists unparalleled opportunities to map the evolution of human diseases and discover genetic variation patterns needed for the development of future treatments and cures," Lyons says.

"Iceland is developing a giant database combining the health records, genealogical backgrounds and DNA profiles of every Icelandic citizen," she says. "From this, important genetic advances can be undertaken, as cancers and mutations can be studied and analyzed throughout the Icelandic population."

At the University of Iceland, Lyons will learn to clone gene sequences from a pool of genomes isolated from patients with the same disease. The data will be used to understand diseases, such as Cystic Fibrosis, caused by the mutation of a single gene.

Following her fellowship, Lyons plans to enroll in an M.D./Ph.D. program to specialize in obstetrics and gynecology, and to complete her doctoral work in genetics.

"I aspire to be able to work as a doctor specializing in genetic testing," Lyons says. "I would be able to work with the patients faced with genetic diseases or disorders, and be able to analyze and diagnose the situations at hand using genetic testing methods."

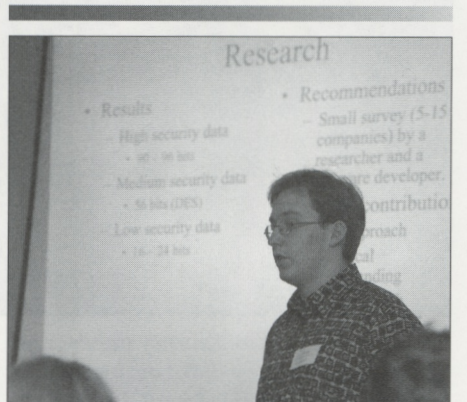
Lyons explored her interests in the biological field while a student at RIT.

"The undergraduate course offerings within the College of Science has kept up with the fast-paced medical world and has prepared me to feel secure and ready to immerse myself in cutting-edge

research," Lyons says.

At RIT, Lyons served as the College of Science student government senator and the Student Government liaison for the Premedical Students Association. She also belonged to the student ombudsman and the journal club. As an athlete, Lyons was on the Women's Varsity Crew and the Rochester Speedskating Club. She was named athlete of the week in 2001.

Meghann is excited to leave for Iceland in September and begin her research work but also to gain the experience of living in a different country and learning a new language. This summer, she will work in the Kids on Campus program at RIT. ■



RESEARCH TAKES THE STAGE...

Jeff Steinfeldt presented an insightful talk on *Computer Crime and Criminal Justice Technology* at the fourth annual College of Liberal Arts Student Research Conference in April. Sixty students from departments throughout RIT shared their individual research studies in the all-day event.

Redmond courts All-Stars in Spain

RIT basketball star Brandon Redmond was chosen to become a representative on the USA 22 and under All-Star team which competed in San Merin, Spain. The All-Star team was comprised of high school, college seniors and junior College players from New York state.



Brandon Redmond

The two-time Empire 8 Player of the Year, competed against teams that had been playing together all season, but the USA team began practice only eight days before they were to leave for competition in two tournaments.

The Merin Tournament featured some of the top 22 and under teams in Europe. Redmond was among the leaders with 10 points in a 76-71 victory over host San Merin. The All-Stars advanced to the finals

to confront 7-2 center Zaulgaris of Lithuania. Zaulgaris controlled the boards to overpower the All-Stars by more than 20 points.

After a strong finish they traveled to the Villa Garcia Tournament. Eight teams competed for the championship title from Lithuania, Croatia, Bosnia and Spain. Even though all of the teams were much larger and had been working together for the entire season, the All-Stars managed to finish in third place. Redmond closed out the trip averaging 12 points and 7.0 rebounds.

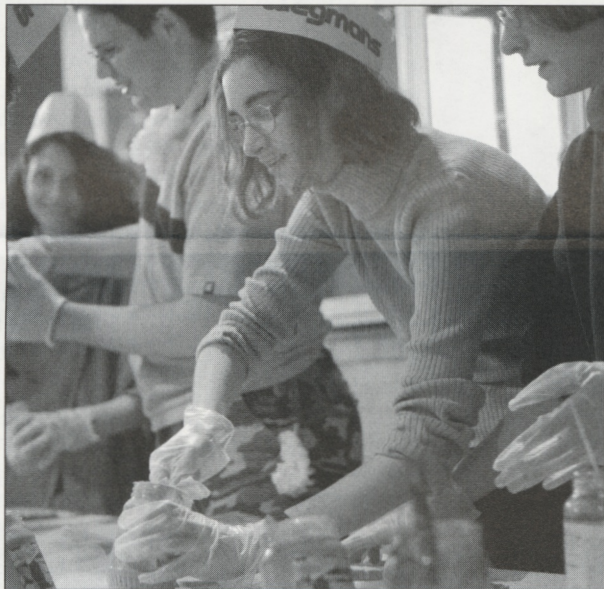
"Out of 10 players Brandon performed as good as anyone, he hit big shots in crucial situations. He rebounded well considering he was a great deal smaller," said All-Stars Head Coach Mike Esposito. ■

SG Awards (from page 8)

Mile Award; Interpreting Services, SG President's Award; Victor Silva, Amy Kennicutt, Evinn Neadow, Isaac L. Jordan Sr. Memorial Scholarship for Diversity; Denisha Flanigan, The Cheryl Bulls, Lanette Moore and Susan Willoughby Memorial Scholarship; Rachel Robinson, Kathleen Keyes Memorial Scholarship; Alpha Xi Delta, President's Award; Jeff Metcalf, Eric Scott Senna Spirit Award; Abigail Purcell, Women's Center Outstanding Volunteer; and Joel Lomnick, BACC Member of the Year. ■

SPREADING IT ON THICK WHILE JAMMIN' WITH PB AND J...

Hillel and RIT's Center for Campus Ministries helped lift community spirits by sponsoring their second annual PB Jam, May 8-9, in Fireside Lounge. Volunteers from across campus made peanut butter-and-jelly sand wiches, assembly-line style. These edible donations were later delivered to local homeless shelters, day care centers and soup kitchens. Last year the group donated more than 1,200 sandwiched lunches.



INCOMING... Kim Kearney stands poised to keep her egg intact during the opening event of the College of Business Olympics. The egg-toss competition featured student teams representing seven different areas of study. However, the faculty-staff team of Mark Boylan and Bryan Hensel won the day by tossing their egg back and forth for the longest time without dropping it. Olympic events were scheduled over a 10-day period.

Ambulance (from page 5)

for Henrietta Ambulance, Kump believes this acquisition expands the capability of the ambulance to help save lives.

Dealing with emergencies is no problem for Craig Freeman, an RIT freshman majoring in graphic media who serves as RIT Ambulance communications director for 2002-'03. "I'm a firefighter back at home in Connecticut, so I'm used to volunteering. My only problem is I have a couple of large shoes to fill—replacing Tony Arnett as communications director."

Arnett doesn't seem to be worried, and says he's glad Freeman is from his home state. "Last year's (Matt Hug), this year's and next year's communications directors are all from Connecticut," he says.

"We call it a 'Connecticut thing' because we also have five other ambulance volunteers who are from there."

At the 20th anniversary celebration dinner on April 20, many of the volunteers received recognition: Arnett, President's Award; Cyrus Nelson, Chief's Award; Lisa Ryder, Most Calls and Member of the Year; and Steve Pacholski, Spirit of the Ratt Award.

Among the distinguished guests and major supporters were two alumni founders of the ambulance corps, Vince Incardonia, an ITS employee, and Dave Harris of Facility Management. Honorary membership was awarded to Jordan and the RIT Women's Council for their many contributions. ■

News makers

• **Mike Axelrod, Andy Phelps and Jeff Sonstein**, information technology faculty members, participated in an academic summit at the annual conference of the International Game Developers Association, March 19-23 in San Jose, Calif.

• **Donald Baker**, director of the John D. Hromi Center for Quality and Applied Statistics, was named honorary member of the University Senate of Budapest University of Technology and Economics at the university's Ph.D. graduation ceremony on March 2. He was recognized for his support of the university's education and scientific research and MBA program.

• **Anne Barker**, assistant professor of quality and applied statistics, won two awards in the non-broadcast film/video category of the 23rd annual Telly Awards competition. The awards are for videotaped lectures for the distance-learning course, Fundamentals of Statistics II. Last year, Barker earned five Telly Awards for videotaped lectures for the course, Fundamentals of Statistics I. **Tom Barker**, associate professor of quality and applied statistics, helped produce the videos.

• **Skip Battaglia**, professor of film and animation, addressed members of ASIFA-Midwest, the professional animator society, during its recent convention in Chicago. His presentation included a screening of his collected films.

• **Andrew Davidhazy**, professor of imaging and photo technology, and **Marla Schweppe**, associate professor of visualization, gave a presentation at the George Eastman House on April 1 called No Fooling. The discussion on ways to fool the eye included a digital simulation.

• **Bill Johnson**, associate professor of telecommunications engineering technology, presented

Federal Regulations Governing Cell Towers to Henrietta Neighbors United, on April 1.

• **Bruce Kahn**, assistant professor of imaging and photo technology, gave a talk on the chemistry of photography during the 223rd national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Orlando, Fla.

• **Kelly Redder**, executive director of alumni relations, chaired the recent Council for Advancement and Support of Education Workshop for Newcomers in Alumni Relations. She presented Friend Raisers/Fund Raisers: Myth or Methodology, Working with Volunteers: It's All About Relationships and Electronic Reach Out: Getting the Most from the Internet.

• **Carol Richardson**, professor and chair of electrical, computer and telecommunications engineering technology, has been appointed a member of the 2002-03 Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

• **John Stratton**, professor and chair of manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology/packaging science, was elected chair of the St. Lawrence Section of the American Society for Engineering Education at the Region I meeting, April 5-6 at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Also at the meeting, **Steve Curtin** and **Dan Telisky**, mechanical engineering technology majors, placed second in a student paper-presentation contest.

• **Ian Webber**, interactive technology developer in online learning, competed in the Boston Marathon April 15, winning a finishers medal for the 26.2 mile road-race that he completed in 2:51:15. He had the third best time out of all Rochester competitors and finished in 524th place overall.

PTC DAY... Terri Standish-Kuon '88 (center), a member of the first class of professional and technical communication graduates, returned to RIT May 3 to participate in activities for alumni and students. Keynote speaker Standish-Kuon talked about her work as director of communications for the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, and urged the audience to learn to identify and take advantage of the many opportunities that life has to offer. With her are Michelina Finlay Gibbons, a 1992 grad of the program, and Bruce Austin, PTC department chair.



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