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New advances in forest-fire detection

New fire-fighting technology could give the U.S. Forest Service a way to detect and



monitor forest fires as they start. A breakthrough "sensing" process can pinpoint burning vegetation from the sky, via remote sensors attached to a satellite or an airplane.

The break-

Anthony Vodacek

through was reported in the July issue of The International Journal of Remote Sensing in a paper by Anthony Vodacek, assistant professor of imaging science at RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, and co-author Don Latham from the Fire Sciences Laboratory, part of the U.S. Forest Service's Rocky Mountain Research Station in Missoula, Mont. Their findings would improve the remote search for fire and could eliminate false alarms. The new method detects actual flames, whereas thermal infrared sensors detect hot spots without discrimination. Sun glare also can trigger false readings.

"Alot of false alarms come from sunlight reflecting off water and clouds," Vodacek says. "That can fool the thermal infrared sensors. It would not fool our sensor.'

The key to Vodacek's system is potassium, an omnipresent nutrient in soils found in the tissues of plants. His research shows for the first time that potassium emission can be used to detect forest fires. Using Vodacek's method in tandem with other techniques may help scientists separate smoldering from flaming vegetation.

Vodacek's method would be an inexpensive complement or alternative to the one now used for fire monitoring. Existing technology could be modified to detect potassium emission. Sensors of this design could be deployed in space for real-time global fire monitoring or on an aircraft, including unmanned airborne vehicles.

Vodacek's research was conducted as part of the NASA-funded project, FIRES, or Forest fIRe (infrared) Imaging Experimental System. His team included RIT scientists and graduate students. New York Congressman James Walsh, chair of the VA/HUD/Independent Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee that funds the NASA budget, and Congresswoman Louise Slaughter supported federal funding for the FIRES program.

RIT encourages educators' interest in technology

Four hundred twenty-three middle and high school teachers and one movie star participated in teacher-training workshops this summer at RIT.

Project Lead the Way drew teachers

from across the nation to RIT's National Technology Training Center. And, Danny Glover, star of the Lethal Weapon movie series, sat in on workshops and met with RIT and

Project Lead

the Way leaders. Glover is a board member of the Algebra Project, a national mathematics initia-

tive to help low income and minority students improve their math skills. Founded by civil rights activist Robert Moses, who visited RIT with Glover, the Algebra Project, like Project Lead the Way, trains teachers.

Project Lead the Way aims to spark interest in engineering and technology studies among youngsters, better prepare them for college and future careers, and lead to a larger pool of skilled workers in

high-tech fields. Teachers will implement pre-engineering curricula in their math, science and technology classrooms this fall. "Teachers build enthusiasm for engineering and technology that we see year-

ties. Teachers hailed from 32 states. Project Lead the Way is a partnership between RIT's College of Applied Science and Technology and the National Alliance for Pre-Engineering Programs.

Local teachers at RIT

Seven teachers recently completed the first computer-networking courses offered by RIT's National Technology Training Center following its designation as a regional Cisco Networking Academy last year.

The teachers, from the Hilton Central School District, Rochester City School District and National Technical Institute for the Deaf, will develop programs, labs and courses in their schools, which serve as local academies. RIT telecommunications engineering technology faculty members Bill Johnson and Mike Eastman instructed the RIT courses.

The program was established in 1997 by Cisco Systems Inc. in partnership with Sun Microsystems Inc. and Adobe Systems Inc. Cisco awarded \$9,000 in laboratory equipment to RIT as part of the university's designation as a regional academy. Courses will be held at RIT each summer.

Bush names Davila to disability council

Robert Davila, RIT vice president for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, has been appointed by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve on the National Council on Disability.

The NCD is an independent federal agency that makes recommendations

to the President and Congress about issues affecting 54 million Americans with disabilities. Davila, who has dedicated his 50-year career to disability advo-

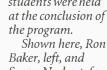


teachers' efforts." In its fifth year, Project Lead the Way drew the largest number of participants

ever for this year's workshops, June 30 through Aug. 9. In addition to those at RIT, 148 trained at five affiliated universi-

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES...

Residents from East House, a Rochesterbased non-profit mental health agency pursued their lifelong dreams of going to college, June 10-20. The residents, all recovering from mental illness, alcoholism and other substance abuse, took classes at RIT ranging from study habits, computer literacy, anger management and rebuilding self-esteem, to sign language, gardening, nutrition basics and job interviewing skills. Commencement ceremonies for the



Shown here, Ron Susan Neyhart, far left, are at different stages of their mask-making projects, one of the art courses offered during the program.

From left, high school teachers Adolphus Bethune, Tad Herman and Kenneth Lee work on a sensing and control project in a Project Lead the Way teacher-training workshop, July 3 at RIT.

long in their schools," says Guy Johnson, professor of manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology and training center director. "Danny Glover's interest in Project Lead the Way was recognition of

students were held

GENEROUS DONATION... In recognition and appreciation of its important role in supporting the health and safety of the campus community, RIT made a contribution of \$10,000 to the Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance toward its capital campaign to renovate and expand its headquarters.

Members of the RIT Student Ambulance, along with Student Health Center Director Cassandra Jordan, third from right, and Associate Vice President for Government and Community Relations Deborah Stendardi, presented the check to Dan McGuire, second from left, chair of the Volunteer Ambulance campaign and a member of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, on July 11. The RIT Ambulance and Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance work in tandem, with the Henrietta team being called upon for about 20 percent of the calls on campus involving the most serious medical emergencies.

cacy, will begin

service next month, working with 14 other NCD members to continue studying the implementation and enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act and other civil rights laws, among other projects.

In 1989, President George Bush appointed Davila to the position of assistant secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. He is the only deaf person to hold this coveted post.

Davila has earned recognition as a leader and innovative educator through years of persistence and dedication directing national programs for people with disabili-ties. He managed a \$5 billion budget to support special education and vocational rehabilitation programs, monitored states for compliance, improved parent and family education and prioritized key programs.

The first deaf leader of NTID, Davila has effected new educational policies, significant scholarship funds, as well as enhanced technology, research and support programs.



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Recent SPAS grads publish research

Six recent graduates from the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences can tout their status as published authors. An article written by former students of the imaging and photographic technology program has been included in a recent issue of the Journal of Imaging Science and Technology.

"It's extremely rare to have undergraduate students publish the results of their research in this refereed scientific journal," explains Bruce Kahn, assistant professor.

The authors of the article include Joaquin Calcines, Heather Dolan, Kristyn Falkenstern, Conor Kelly, Erin Murphy and Rosalyn Klinger. The group participated in a research project on the recrystalization of silver halide. Their findings served as the focus of this written study.

'The experience prepared me to pursue



LEARNING COMPUTERS INSIDE AND OUT ... Maria Bruen, left, and Christina Bowman, first-year engineering majors this fall, piece together a computer during the second annual "I Built My Computer @ RIT," July 30-Aug. 2. Twenty-one incoming female engineering students built computers that became theirs to keep. Students were also given an early taste of college life by staying in a residence hall. The event was supported by Xerox Corp. and Microsoft Corp.

New students storm the RIT campus Aug. 27

MyRIT Orientation: Catch the Spirit is the theme for this year's first weeklong orientation beginning Aug. 29.

Historically, RIT has held four two-day orientation sessions during the summer and an additional two-day session in the fall. The move to a longer session held just prior to fall classes connects new student orientation to the First-Year Enrichment program, says Robin Diana, associate director of the Center for Student Transition and Support.

"We've really spread our wings in trying to capture as much as possible in a seven-day window before college begins," says Diana. "Students can meet faculty and staff, become acclimated and acculturated to RIT and find out what resources are available to them for their personal and academic success." • Tuesday, Aug. 27 - move-in for Honors Program students

additional research projects in my academic and professional career," says Kelly. "It's great to have had this opportunity, and I feel that it's prepared me well for a

career in science.' Most of the students that participated in this project are already working in their field or will attend graduate school this fall.

NTID history book now available at **RIT** bookstore

Two NTID professors, Harry Lang and Karen Conner, recently published From Dream to Reality: The National Technical Institute for the Deaf, which now is available at RIT's bookstore, Campus Connections.

The book explains how an act of Congress and approval of the NTID Act by President Lyndon B. Johnson made possible the institute's creation. It describes the evolution of NTID from its establishment in 1965, followed by a competitive bid between the nation's top universities that placed it at RIT, to its high-tech environment today.

Through the text and hundreds of photos, Lang and Conner uncover a much richer history than was previously known. After searching through old manuscripts, publications, and deaf community newspapers, they trace the struggle to establish a much-needed technical college for deaf people.

Their findings show that the American deaf community dreamed of a national technical school for the deaf more than a century ago.

Co-authoring this book, wrote Lang, who is deaf, and Conner, who is hearing, was both academic and symbolic. Deaf and hearing persons who enjoy working together-that is what NTID is all about.

Published by NTID, From Dream to Reality is available for \$27. Contact Campus Connections at 5-2504 (voice) or 5-7071 (TTY) for more information.



INAUGURAL WINNERS ... Adam Lobas, Kristine Carlson and Eric Gambon, all from Rochester, are the first recipients of a scholarship program sponsored by Heidelberg. The program stems from a partnership between the company and RIT that led to the construction of a new web press laboratory on campus.

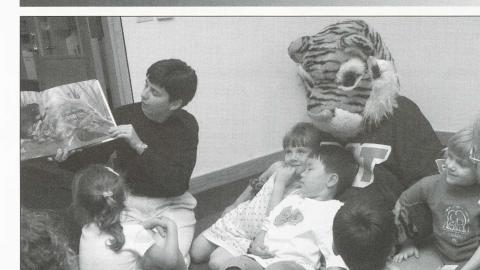
These incoming students will receive fouryear scholarships for tuition and fees at RIT. Children of Heidelberg employees worldwide are eligible for the program.

Ronald D. Dodge Memorial Grant

The 2002-2003 recipient of the Ronald D. Dodge Memorial Grant is Sharon Rasmussen, a facultymember of NTID's physics support team who is leading the project Promoting Access for Deaf Students in College of Science Courses.

Rasmussen's project is a continuation of a successful collaboration between NTID and the College of Science funded last year by a Provost's Learning Innovations Grant. The Dodge Grant will allow her and the access project team to continue their work in employing deaf science majors as student assistants in a cross-college, team-oriented approach to increase access and participation of deaf students enrolled in courses in the College of Science.

The student assistants will be trained and supervised by members of the team and will make suggestions to the College of Science faculty, based on classroom observations, regarding strategies for improving the classroom environment and encouraging deaf students in participation. The assistants also will mentor deaf science students to enhance their participation, communication and use of support services.



SOOTHING TIGER TALES... Wallace Library staff invited kindergrads from Margaret's House in early June for a special storytelling event. RIT's mascot, Ritchie the Tiger, and

Higher Education Day, Aug. 30

Come celebrate our state's colleges and universities. RIT representatives are taking part in the third annual Higher Education Day at the New York State Fair in Syracuse on Friday, Aug. 30. Free activities are planned from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Cole Muffler Pavilion.

The fair runs from Aug. 22 to Sept. 2. Discount coupons valid for any day of the event are available through Enrollment Management and Career Services. Contact Ed Lincoln at 5-5502 or ealfad@rit.edu.

Hispanic students honored

The Ibero-American Action League honored 21 local high school students at its annual gala this summer. Two of the Hispanic scholars will enter RIT in the fall.

Jeffrey Betancourt, a graduate of Edison Technical and Occupational Center, will enroll in RIT's computer engineering technology program. Richard Perez Jr., a graduate of The Aquinas Institute, will enter RIT's software engineering program. RIT President Albert Simone emceed the seventh annual event.

Golfing for a good cause

Seventy-four golfers including students, faculty, alumni and civil engineers raised \$700 for Flower City Habitat for Humanity and RIT's concrete canoe and steel bridge student competition teams at the fourth annual RIT Civil Engineering Technology Golf Classic, in May at Chili Country Club.

Celebrating Kepner scholars Michael Kehoe and David Grashof, technical communication certificate program students, and Bethany Kaplan, third-year graphic communications major, are recipients of Kepner Scholarships for writing excellence from the Rochester chapter of the Society for Technical Communication. A merit award was given to Todd Brooke, technical communication certificate program student.

"Success in our increasingly technological world demands clear, effective communication. These awards show RIT students understand the value of technical communication and have excellent skill in its practice," says Tom Moran, associate professor and program adviser.

RIT shines at Prism Awards

RIT received recognition in the 2002 Prism Awards competition sponsored by the Rochester Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

The NTID media relations department won a Prism Award for best feature story for work that resulted in the CBS Sunday Morning television program's segment entitled "Sign City."

NTID media relations won honorable mention in the "other writing project" category for the college's Focus magazine.

University News Services received honorable mention in the "newsletter" category for the spring 2002 edition of RIT: The University Magazine.

BBA Corporate Award winner

•Wednesday, Aug. 28 - move-in for international students

•Thursday, Aug. 29, 4:30 p.m., tent, U-Lot - orientation and move-in for new students in the College of Applied Science and Technology, College of Liberal Arts, College of Science, and the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

• Friday, Aug. 30, 4:30 p.m., tent, U-Lot orientation and move-in for new students in the College of Business, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, and the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

• Saturday, Aug. 31 to Monday, Sept. 2 move-in day for transfer, graduate and returning students

• Thursday, Sept. 5 - classes begin Visit www.rit.edu/orientation or the myRIT portal at my.rit.edu.

instruction librarian Sue Mee (not shown) provided pillow-lap-service while art and photography librarian/archivist Kari Horowicz read the book, Who is the beast? The children crafted bookmarks, ate animal crackers and received animal finger puppets from library staff as parting gifts. "The best part was," says library marketing and communication specialist Bob Chandler, "nobody cried."

RIT communication department earns membership in international honor society

RIT's communication department in the College of Liberal Arts recently became an official chapter of Lambda Pi Eta, the international honor society for undergraduate and graduate communication students. Lambda Pi Eta became a part of the National Communication Association in 1988, and the organization's official honor society in 1995.

The honor society, which takes its name from the Latin for logic, emotion and ethics-Aristotle's famous recipe for persuasive speech-fosters scholastic achievement, professional development and networking.

"It's the first time that as a department we have had an opportunity to establish an honor society for the students in our two degree programs-professional and technical communication and communication and media technologies," says Bruce Austin, chair of the communication department.

'By having a chapter here, it affords us an opportunity to recognize in another way the academic success of our students. For the students, it gives them a connection not only to the honor society but a connection to the most prominent professional organization in communication, the National Communication Association."

RIT won the 2002 Corporate Award presented by the Black Business Association of Greater Rochester at their annual luncheon in May. RIT is a supporter of the BBA, and through its partnership, RIT has been able to increase its support of minority-owned business enterprises while meeting its strategic goals. RIT is also a Corporate Development Committee member.

Quality award from East House

RIT won a Partners in Quality Award from East House at their annual celebration in May. The awards are presented annually in recognition of professionals and programs providing quality services to East House clients and staff. Recipients are selected based on responsiveness, teamwork and commitment in collaboration with East House. East House is a private nonprofit agency providing residential, rehabilitation and support services to those recovering from mental illness and chemical dependencies.

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NanoPower lab gets \$100K grant

The NanoPower Research Laboratories in RIT's College of Science received a grant from U.S. Department of Defense to study the use of lateral micropower fuel cells to convert chemical energy to electricity.

Thomas Gennett and Ryne Raffaelle, NPRL co-directors, are working with project partners, Phil Lamarre and Scott

Morris of Viatronix Inc., to enhance the efficiency of fuel cells through the incorporation of single-wall carbon nanotubes and nanostructured catalyst materials.

The goal of this \$100,000 pilot program is to develop viable power supplies for applications to various micro-electromechanical devices and microsensors.

Team creates more efficient catalytic converter

Fifth-year chemistry student Ugur Sener and Marvin Lee Illingsworth, professor of chemistry, conducted research with AirFlow Catalyst Systems Inc. to develop

the next generation of automobile catalytic converters.

The new catalyst is expected to reduce the emission of environmentally harmful gases and to last longer in automobile exhaust systems.

Illingsworth and Sener presented the final project report last month, completing their second round of research supported by Airflow. The company is seeking

a patent on the first round of research Illingsworth and Sener conducted winter quarter.

Illingsworth's other research projects incorporate organic/inorganic components into polymeric (plastic) materials in

Kleper awarded Gitner Family Prize for graphic communication successes

Michael Kleper is this year's recipient of the Gitner Family Prize for Outstanding Professional Achievement in Graphic

Communications. The award is presented annually to a faculty member in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences who makes outstanding contributions to his or her profession. Eligible disci-



Michael Kleper

plines include photography, film and animation, design, printing and illustration.

Kleper, the Paul and Louise Miller Distinguished Professor in the School of Print Media, is the second recipient of the award.

As author of a highly regarded publica-

order to manipulate laser light. These materials could have optoelectronic applications in information processing and telecommunication.



Chemistry student Ugur Sener, left, and chemistry professor Marvin Lee Illingsworth, researched catalysts that could produce cleaner car exhaust.

> EGG'BOTS SCRAMBLE IN BATTLE... Student-built, remote-controlled robots battled in the second annual Egg'bots Robotic Competition, in May in the Louise M. Slaughter Building. Teams of students from four area high schools

tried to break eggs held by opposing robots. Portions of the contest were carried live on a local television newscast. First place went to Penfield High, whose robot, foreground, is shown battling a robot from Rush-Henrietta. The event was sponsored by the manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology/ packaging science department and

RIT's Office of

K-12 Programs.

ITS information repository program moves forward; work in progress

Theway Diane Barbour sees it, data at a university is like gold. But sometimes, just like gold, data is elusive and difficult to mine.

Barbour, RIT's chief information officer, plans to change that now that Information and Technology Services has approval from Administrative Council to move forward and build a centralized information repository.

"Data is a very important commodity," says Barbour. "The central repository will improve the timeliness and accuracy of our data. We have so many individual systems now. This will put all the data in a neutral place to utilize for decision making, analysis and reporting."

Data warehouse technology provides a reliable, accurate, common and single source of information that is easy to access and use and can represent all segments of the university.

The information repository can include any information, ranging from student records to financial records to human resource records. A key advantage of a data warehouse is the ability to retrieve data from different systems. The information can then be integrated to form new variables.

The project is not about starting new information storage technology, says John Whitley, director of Institutional Research and Policy Studies. Rather, it is about providing users with a reliable, accessible and user-friendly decision report system. Data warehousing will

provide universally understood information on a timely basis to RIT decision makers.

"Data management and access has been an issue at RIT for quite a few years," says Whitely. "It's not just a technical issue. It's really more of a business issue."

A pilot program that began a year ago included the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and the College of Applied Science and Technology.

The new system will allow colleges to do more in-depth analysis on a variety of projects, says CAST Dean Wiley McKinzie.

"As you analyze a project, you discover other areas you need to explore," says McKinzie. "This will allow us to carry out continuous and in-depth analysis to support decision making. You can also take snapshots of data as often as needed. This is timely and flexible data mining."

ITS is moving forward with the following steps to create the information repository:

• Establish an Information Council. Each college and division will have a representative on the council.

• Prepare a university-wide data access policy. This would determine who can see what, when and at what level.

• Roll out the pilot to all the colleges. It will take several years to populate the information repository with all of the data decision-makers need, says Barbour.

Reed heads RIT Women's Council

Shirley Reed has been named president of RIT's Women's Council, and as a result has been elected to RIT's Board of Trustees.

Reed actively volunteers with the **RIT** Alumni Network, and is a member of the Jaycees, the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce affiliated with the worldwide body, Junior Chamber International. She is also a counselor

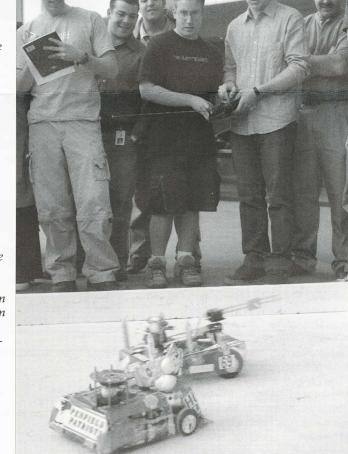


Shirley Reed

for the Nursing Mothers Council, a founding member of Stanford Food Co-op, and a governing member of Brockport Co-op.She is also a practitioner of Reiki, the ancient system of spiritual healing.

Reed has worked as a treatment-room assistant at Stanford University's Student Health Center, and a career at Eastman Kodak Co. includes prepress and offset press operations. She has also been a technical publications editor, and a commodity contract specialist for the U.S. Department of Defense. She has attended several universities including Stanford and RIT.

She is the wife of Kenneth Reed, an RIT trustee and chair of RIT's Alumni Network Board of Directors.



tion, he's received numerous accolades. The Handbook of Digital Publishing, a two-volume resource published last year by Prentice Hall, is Kleper's eighth book. It is regarded by industry experts as the most complete guide to digital printing.

Work on a significant publication is among a half dozen potential contributions recognized for eligibility to the Gitner Family Prize. In addition, a faculty member must have earned above average teaching evaluations during the most recent review period and be nominated by another faculty or staff member.

"Michael's tireless commitment to the advancement of the printing and publishing industry and to the excellence of our academic programs is remarkable,' says Joan Stone, CIAS dean. "He is widely respected by both faculty and students and is very deserving of the opportunity to be singled out for this honor."

The Gitner Family Prize was created in 2000 through a donation by Gerald and Deanne Gitner.



AHEAD OF THE PACK... RIT was the only university invited to participate in the Semicon West 2002 trade show recently held in San Francisco.

Donated booth space was used to preview RIT's proposed microsystems Ph.D. program and connect with more than 100 alumni present at the event.

RIT representatives were invited to several receptions hosted by companies such as Nikon Ćorp., a manufacturer of specialized semiconductor equipment. Shown here are Santosh Kurinec, right, professor and head of microelectronic engineering, and Shoichiro Yoshida, chairman and CEO of Nikon Corp.



GEARING UP FOR SUCCESS... RIT hosted 60 urban students from Rochester as a partner in the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs project. A \$635,000 state grant awarded to RIT last year will help create innovative programs to help students stay in school and prepare for college. RIT's GEAR UP summer camp was specifically designed to build on students' reading, writing, math and computer skills, including Web-page design, leadership training and in-depth discussions on career choices.

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RIT honors retirees at annual picnic

Class of 2002 retirees became timehonored guests in June in an event at RIT's Student Alumni Union. The fifth annual awards ceremony and picnic celebrated those individuals who retired from RIT during the 2001-2002 academic year.

Also honored this year was Reno Antonietti, associate vice president for academic services and computing, and a 44-year employee of RIT. Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president of academic affairs, says, "Reno truly was the person who put the 'T' in RIT regarding information, computing and media services."



Reno Antonietti, at right with President Simone, was the distinguished honoree at this year's retiree awards ceremony.

News and Events honors the following retirees:

30-plus years

Kathleen Chajchuk, Robert Clark, David Dembroski, Ilse Falkenstein, John Paliouras, John Shaw, Mary Sullivan

20-plus years

Thomas Bailey, Shirley Baker, Laura Cann, Rose Marie Cervantes, Jerome Cushman, Wendy Eden, Dennis Grange, Gregory Hawryschuk, Teresa Kelly, Arthur Kovacs, Kris Krishnan, Scott Lawson, Craig McArt, Robert Miller, Marilyn Mitchell, John Peck, Patricia Pitkin, Werner Rebsamen, Betty Schrader, Robert Warth, Robert Weeks, Thomas Williams, Nancy Wixom, Willard Yates

10-plusyears

Susan Austin, Dorothy Baldassare, Joann Cannarozzo, Douglas Cleminshaw, Patricia Farrell, Barbara Fox, Kathleen Frederick, Carol Galloway, Elizabeth Havens, Sonia Herriman, Vicki Hurwitz, Janet Jackling, George Johnson, Nancy Josephson, Andrew Kitchen, Rose Ellen Larish, Barry Lee, Margaret McEwen-Craven, Joan McGuire, Jane McMahon, Carolyn Parker, Veronica Pullyblank, Mark Stanitz, Lynda Wanzenried



AN ACE FOR RIT... From left, Frank Lamas, associate vice president of student affairs; Janet Jones, associate director of the Center for Human Performance; Ann Nealon, head tennis coach; and Lou Spiotti, director of the Center for Human Performance, hit the first balls over the net after a ribbon-cutting ceremony, July 30, officially opening the new RIT tennis courts located behind the Student Health Center. The nine lighted hard courts cost

approximately \$645,000. Facilities Management Services donated a gazebo to be used as a break area near the courts.

Paley recovering from injury

Albert Paley, the Charlotte Fredericks Mowris Endowed Chair in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, continues his recovery after an accident on July 27.

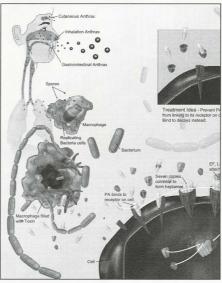
Paley was injured when the blowtorch he was operating malfunctioned while cutting a piece of metal. Flames from the torch caused second- and third-degree burns to more than 20 percent of his body. He is being treated for those injuries in the intensive care burn unit at Strong Memorial Hospital.

"Our thoughts remain with Albert and his family," says Joan Stone, CIAS dean. "His talent and hard work have a tremen-

dous impact on our campus community, and we anxiously wait for him to make a full recovery."



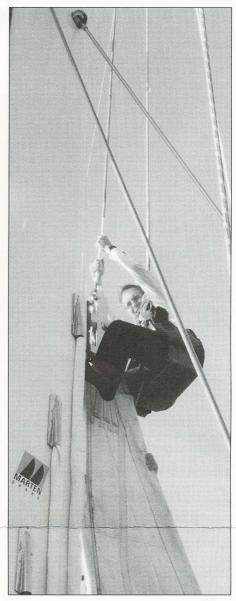
HONORING EXCELLENCE... The Deaf Professional Group of NTID recently honored researcher John Albertini, right, audiologist Catherine Clark, and RIT President Albert Simone with its 2002 Awards of Excellence. The awards are given annually to members of the NTID/RIT community who demonstrate an active and ongoing commitment to the interests of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, faculty, and staff members.



ALUMNI EXHIBITION ... "Anthrax" by Margaret Pence is among dozens of medical illustration on display at Gallery r. Alumni Invitational 2002 features contributions by 18 former students of the medical illustration program in the School of Art. RIT is among only a half dozen universities in North America to offer degrees in medical illustration. The exhibition at Gallery r, 775 Park Ave., continues through Sept. 8.

SAILING THE SEAS IN CROATIA ...

President Albert Simone climbs the mast of a yacht owned by RIT Trustee Thomas Gosnell. RIT officials were in Dubrovnik, Croatia for commencement ceremonies and board meetings at the American College of Management and Technology. RIT awarded 273 associate and bachelor's degrees to students studying hotel and resort management on June 2. RIT hosted a reception on Gosnell's yacht in the Adriatic Sea that included Croatia's ministers of tourism and science and technology as well as the mayor of Dubrovnik. Photo credit: RIT Trustee William Whiteside



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what's wild Within

ADDY AWARD WINNER... Thomas Hood, a new graduate from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, is among this year's winners of a prestigious ADDY Award. His campaign, Awakening What's Wild Within Us, was singled out from student entries for excellence in editorial design. More than a dozen other SPAS students won citations for their work. The ADDY Awards are sponsored annually by the Rochester Advertising Federation.

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