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## CIMS tapped for prestigious Taguchi Center

RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies has been designated as the site for only the second Taguchi Center of Excellence in the world. Internationally renowned Genichi Taguchi was one of the first developers of quality methods in Process Control and Manufacturing Process Capability.

American Supplier Institute, a not-for-profit organization, formally adopted and distributed Taguchi methods. ASI is the sole world-wide authority on Taguchi Methods®. It was the first to introduce Taguchi Methods to American industry in 1982 and developed the first applications of Quality Function Deployment in 1984. Taguchi's son, Shin Taguchi, serves as president of the Michigan-based ASI center.

According to Judith Gustinis, CIMS director, the Taguchi Center of Excellence will research, develop, and teach analytical and empirical engineering optimization methods to industrial and academic clients based on the quality methodology of Genichi Taguchi. "The Taguchi name is synonymous with the highest quality programs for methods to optimize costs,

quality and cycle time through robust design," says Gustinis.

Based in CIMS, the Taguchi Center will offer a series of seminars on such topics as Introduction to Robust Design, Applied Engineering Methods for Product Reliability, and Product and Manufacturing Development Using Pugh's Process.

The Taguchi Center's director, Clyde (Skip) M. Creveling, is a full-time RIT

faculty member in manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology and a part-time employee of Eastman Kodak Co., where he has worked in research and development, product development and product design and production. He has co-authored two text books, *Engineering Methods for Robust Product Design*, and the recently published *Principles of Tolerance and Design*.

## CIMS dedication date announced

Dedication ceremonies for the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies have been scheduled for Fri., May 9. This date also marks the kick-off of Manufacturing Week in New York State. The cornerstone was placed this past fall for the impressive 157,000-square-foot facility.

According to the center's director, Judith Gustinis, "While CIMS is now operational, it took enormous efforts over several years and tremendous support

from many partners to build the center and bring it on line. The dedication ceremonies will allow us to recognize the key players in this effort."

Nearly half of the \$21 million center—\$9.5 million—came from the State of New York. Another \$11.25 million was provided by the Federal Government. The third key contributor was the private industry sector, funding an additional \$15 million in cash and in-kind contributions.

## Men's hockey coach makes RIT history



Eric Hoffberg

RIT Men's Hockey Coach Eric Hoffberg reached a milestone on Fri., Jan. 24, when the Tigers defeated SUNY Oswego 6-5. The victory marked Hoffberg's 132nd victory as RIT coach, surpassing the record of 131 set by Daryl Sullivan between 1968 and 1980.

With the win, the Tigers improved their record to 12-2-2 for the season and Hoffberg's career mark (in his eighth season) to 132-70-15. RIT had been ranked first in the NCAA Division III East poll at the time; but a loss the next night at Elmira dropped the Tigers to second.

Hoffberg's best season to date at RIT was last year when the Tigers finished 25-6-1 and won the Eastern College Athletic Conference championship. They went to the national title game before losing.

RIT is Hoffberg's first head coaching position after serving as an assistant coach at Elmira, his alma mater.

Hoffberg joins Bob McVean in the RIT history books. Two years ago, McVean became the "winningest" coach in RIT basketball, amassing nearly 200 wins over his 15 years at RIT.

## Black History Month

### ESSENCE editor-in-chief to visit Ingle Feb. 17



Susan Taylor

An inspiration to millions of people who see her as a living symbol of the magazine, *ESSENCE* Editor-in-Chief Susan Taylor will visit RIT in honor of Black History Month. Her presentation begins at 7:30 p.m. on Mon., Feb. 17, in Ingle Auditorium in the Student Alumni Union.

Taylor's life and 25-year career with *ESSENCE* reflects the kind of triumphant struggle the magazine champions. Before the first issue of *ESSENCE* hit newsstands in 1970, Taylor had been working hard to perfect her craft as an actress. With the birth of her daughter Shana Nequai, she decided to channel her talent in a new direction by creating her own company, Nequai Cosmetics.

Her initiative and expertise in cosmetics quickly landed her a free-lance writing position with *ESSENCE*; in less than a year, she was named the magazine's beauty editor.

Since becoming editor-in-chief in 1981, Taylor has guided *ESSENCE* through phenomenal growth, as evidenced by its monthly readership of more than 5.1 million people. In June 1993, Taylor was appointed senior vice president of Essence Communications.

Throughout her rise to success with the magazine, Taylor has served as a role model, embodying the *ESSENCE* woman. She shares with her readers their determination to advance personally and professionally, promoting positive images and taking pride in accomplishments—the very heart and soul of her motivational editorials "In the Spirit."

Taylor's personal challenge is to help empower the poor and work with teenagers, encouraging them to realize their strengths and take charge of their lives. She avidly supports the Edwin Gould Services for Children, a foster care agency,

and serves on the advisory board of Aid to Imprisoned Mothers.

Author of *In The Spirit: The Inspirational Writings of Susan L. Taylor* and *Lessons in Living*, Taylor is renowned as an inspiring and motivational speaker.

Tickets—\$3 for students, \$5 for staff

and faculty, and \$7 for the general public—are available at the Candy Counter in the Union. The event is sponsored by Student Government, the Black Awareness Coordinating Committee and the Center for Campus Life. For more information, call -2203.

### NTID to feature Gallaudet trustee, entertainers at its Black History Month Celebration Feb. 13

Keynote speaker Charles Williams will present "The Underground Railroad in the Black Deaf Community" for NTID's 1997 Black History Month Celebration at 4 p.m. on Thurs., Feb. 13, in Ingle Auditorium. Williams is a member of the Gallaudet University Board of Trustees.

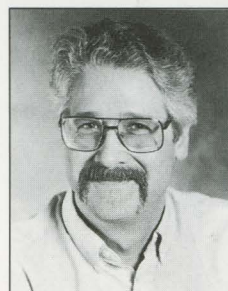
Several entertainers will join in on the celebration. Fred Beam, one of the top nationally acclaimed entertainers in the deaf community, will perform "Black Deaf Male,

who am I?" The NTID Ebony Club will perform dynamic skits to honor Thurgood Marshall. Also, the RIT Gospel Ensemble will sing some "soul-inspiring" numbers.

To add to the festivities, SAU cafeteria will serve up Southern treats for lunch that day.

The celebration, sponsored by NTID Multicultural Student Programs, is free and open to public.

### John Schott named Wiedman Professor



John Schott

John Schott, professor of imaging science, has been appointed the new Frederick and Anna B. Wiedman Professor by Stan McKenzie, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, at the recommendation of Robert Clark, dean of the College of Science, and Harvey Rhody, interim director of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science.

"John Schott has demonstrated in full measure all of those qualities and achievements that embody the Wiedman professorship," says Clark. "We are very pleased about this appointment and wish him well during this new phase of his career."

Schott heads up RIT's Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Laboratory in the Center for Imaging Science. His current research focuses on the development of advanced technology for solving problems related to image analysis. He has published extensively in areas such as atmospheric transmission on visible and infrared detectors and remote sensing of water quality. He recently published a textbook: *Remote Sensing: The Image Chain Approach* (Oxford University Press, 1997).

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YOUNG DANCERS POINT AND POSE... in this third segment of "Ms. Pointer's School," the name of Nancy Stuart's 13-foot long triptych, one of dozens of diverse works in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences' "Faculty Exhibition" in the Bevier Gallery through Feb. 25. Stuart, associate director, SPAS, tapped printing professor Frank Cost to help prepare the digital file, then sourced Sentry Color Labs for the challenging "high tech egret prints."

## Workshop Show exhibits student art

A student exhibit of mixed media pieces, "Installation Workshop Show," opens in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Gallery, third floor, Frank E. Gannett Building, with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wed., Feb. 19; exhibited until quarter's end. Students who took part in a winter workshop created the installations. Call -2616 for more information.

## Liberty Hill breakfast features Keith Jenkins

Keith Jenkins, assistant professor of communications in the College of Liberal Arts, will be the featured presenter at the Liberty Hill Breakfast Series session on Tues., Feb. 18. Jenkins will lead a discussion on "Exploring Gospel Music."

Hosted by President Simone, all Liberty Hill Breakfast Series presentations are held from 7:15 to 9 a.m. at Liberty Hill. For more information on attending, call Barry Culhane, Student Ombudsman, at -7200.

## Two promoted in University Relations

In recognition of assuming additional responsibilities within the new University Relations Division, two members of the staff of the Office of Government and Community Affairs have recently been promoted. Arlene Evangelista, former associate director of government and community affairs, has been promoted to manager of Government Relations. In this role, she will have increased responsibility for planning and implementing RIT's government relations efforts at the federal, state and local levels.

Cindee Gray, who has assumed Institute-wide responsibility for special events, has been promoted to manager of Special Events and Community Relations. She will offer leadership and direction to major institutional events as well as RIT's participation in community-wide activities such as the Special Olympics and Empire State Games.

"I'm pleased to be able to recognize the important contributions that both Arlene and Cindee have made to the success of our government and community relations efforts. In their new roles, they will have more opportunities to build and strengthen RIT's partnerships in these areas," says Deborah M. Stendardi, associate vice president for University Relations.

## Time to apply for Dodge Grant

A grant of up to \$1,000 is offered annually to RIT faculty members for financial assistance in supporting research and development efforts conducted during the academic year. Projects must focus on improving the effectiveness of faculty engaged in educating deaf and hard-of-hearing RIT students.

Grant recipients must be faculty who have been employed by RIT for at least three academic years. Potential grant recipients must file appropriate documentation to establish the impact of the work upon RIT deaf students.

Applications for the Dodge Memorial Fund Faculty Grant must be submitted by March 14. For grant application forms, contact Betty Morrow, NTID Educational Resources Department, -5326, BBM2727 (VAX) or ALL-IN-1. The grants are offered by the NTID Office of the Dean in cooperation with the NTID Professional Development Coordinators Group.

# Productivity Grants fund intriguing collaborations

RIT students can soon look forward to some intriguing new course choices, thanks to the Provost's Productivity Grant fund and faculty collaboration across departments and colleges.

This year, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Stan McKenzie earmarked funds for curriculum projects that increase transferability, flexibility, and interdisciplinary learning for students, a goal of RIT's Strategic Plan.

Among the proposals awarded grants is a course on the Challenger space shuttle disaster, initiated by a team of faculty from Business, Liberal Arts, CAST and NTID, and a course in "Modernism: Art, Nature, and Culture," to be team-taught by members of the Philosophy Department and the School for Photographic Arts and Sciences.

Each of these course proposals grew out of last year's Cluster Faculty Seminars, designed as a first step toward creating a "cluster culture" among faculty. Strategic planners envisioned four clusters of

related programs and departments as a way of retaining students through increasing curricular flexibility and transferability. The clusters are: arts, management/social sciences, technology and science/engineering. Seminars of eight to 10 faculty from each cluster met last December, with the goal of creating intellectual discourse among faculty within each cluster. According to Kit Mayberry, professor of Literature, Liberal Arts, and convener of the seminars, "faculty were hungry for multidisciplinary conversations, for discovering intellectual compatibilities with faculty from other departments."

All four groups moved beyond the project's stated goal and outlined ideas for new interdisciplinary courses that would team teach competencies common to all programs within a cluster. Their enthusiasm spread to the provost, who decided to fund development of such courses through this year's Provost's Productivity Grants. Of the 10 projects receiving grants this

year, half are cluster-based interdisciplinary courses; the money received will fund release time for faculty designing and teaching the courses.

This month, a second generation of clusters seminars got underway, with the same charge as last year's groups.

Here are the Provost's Productivity Awards for 1997-98:

- Course proposal for "The Clock: A Study in Discipline and Interdiscipline": Ron Jodoin, physics; Richard Orr, mathematics; Bill Stratton, information technology; and David Suits, philosophy
- Distance learning format for the "Design of Experiments" course: Thomas Barker, Center for Quality and Applied Statistics
- Course proposal for "Materials and Processes of the Electronic Image": Nitin Sampat, imaging and photographic technology
- Course proposal for the "The Challenger: A Multidisciplinary Course for the

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## RIT On-Line reflects dynamic web growth

The numbers alone are staggering—RIT On-Line is recording 250,000 page retrievals per week. In the first two weeks of January, more than 80,000 different individual computer addresses accessed RIT pages, with peak requests coming between 1 and 3 p.m. These numbers were recently compiled to help the RIT On-Line Committee evaluate use of RIT web pages. They reflect more than 2.2 million file requests of RIT photos and text of the university, departments and students.

RIT On-Line, now more than two years old, continues to exhibit the dynamic growth the web is known for. The RIT On-Line Committee develops and maintains "upper level" pages, which serve as menu directories to help visitors access information from campus. University News Services oversees on-line catalog content as produced by the Enrollment Management Division and develops pages for special events such as the Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta.

According to RIT On-Line Committee chairman Bill McKee, executive director of University News Services, the committee has made major strides to streamline the structure of the web and to assist on-campus information providers. The backbone of the web's structure is the RIT Division/Organization chart which is reachable through the "Org Chart" button.

This structure offers a complete listing of all RIT departments with an official universal resource locator (URL). Every RIT address begins with rit.edu/ and is then followed by the division and department address.

Responding to requests to simplify addresses, /RIT and the AA for academic affairs divisions were dropped. For example, the official URL for Biology in the College of Sciences used to be rit.edu/RIT/AA/SCI/BIO. It is now rit.edu/SCI/BIO, or for Environmental Management, within the College of Applied Science and Technology is rit.edu/CAST/EM. Previous addresses

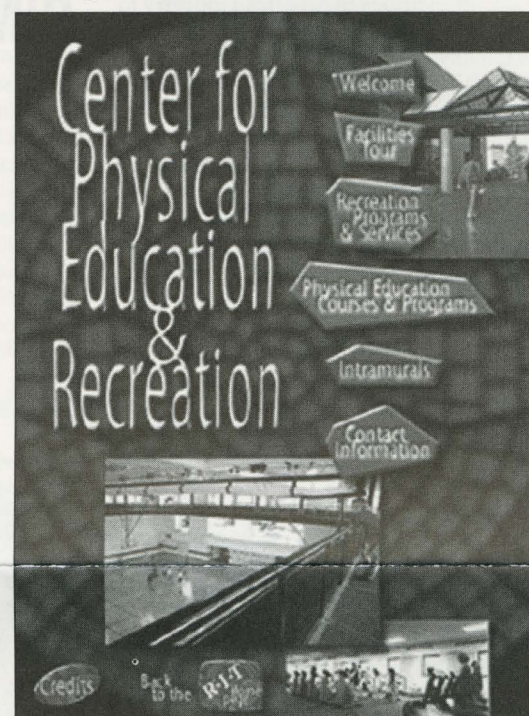
that included RIT/AA/ will function through March 30, but will be eliminated at that point.

"Behind the official URL structure is a complicated system of redirects that route page requests to individual accounts—accounts that could change over the years. If it does change, the redirect needs only to be changed once, in one place, to correct the entire campus web system," says Tom Policano, last year's committee chairman and creator of the division organization chart concept.

While the committee works with ISC staff and technical webmaster Jon Erdman to maintain the overall web, McKee says the most exciting growth has come from individual departments. "Daily we hear from departments throughout campus that are moving forward with creating their own pages."

Among the recent additions:

- There are now more than 520 RIT Students listed on the RIT student pages directory. This is a voluntary listing of RIT students with their own web pages, developed and maintained by student Andrew Wheeland. (rit.edu/~anw7710/rit/people.html)
- RIT's Office of Cooperative Education & Career Services (/EMCS/COOP) now available from RIT's main page.
- The Admissions page for NTID is also available from the home page. (/NTID/CO/ADMIS)
- Recently linked departments and RIT clubs include, the Student Affairs Division, the Chemistry department, the Student Life Center, Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology, Environmental Management, ESPRIT, the Hispanic Deaf Club and the RIT Model Railroad Club.



In addition, ISC's Erdman recently completed a new telephone directory on-line that uses the alphabetical section from the newly printed campus directory. Erdman also worked with the Alumni Office's Peggy Glitch to develop a database that can be searched for the more than 1,000 alumni who have asked to be connected.

The RIT On-Line Committee will begin working on a campus-wide competition to redesign the RIT home page. Future details will be posted on the What's New section of the web.

Also, a series of campus-wide information sessions will assist individual departments to better understand the resources available to help them create their own web pages.

## Book showcases work of RIT artist-in-residence Paley

Very few artists gain respect and a place of record in the history of art during their lifetime. Metal sculptor and RIT artist-in-residence Albert Paley joined those few with the just-published monograph, *The Art of Albert Paley*, by noted critic and art historian Edward Lucie-Smith.

"This monograph is probably one of the more significant events that has happened in my career," says Paley, who gave a talk and signed books at the Monroe Avenue Barnes & Noble on Jan. 25. Asked by the audience about his start as a metal sculptor, Paley cited his roots in goldsmithing, which he taught at RIT and SUNY Brockport.

The 8½ by 11-inch book, published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc., prestigious international art publishers, documents Paley's life and work in 225 pages that include 166 illustrations (45 in full color), a list of his works, chronology and exhibition history. Specific to Rochester, the book includes Paley's 1996, 65-foot-tall "Genesee

Passage" for Bausch & Lomb's new downtown headquarters, his 1991 "Wedge" which he donated to the city in 1995, and his 1989 Main Street bridge railings that cross the Genesee River.

Paley's famous 1974 "Portal Gates" for the Renwick Gallery of the National Museum of American Art at the Smithsonian Institution adorn the book's cover; his dramatic 1987 "Stairway Sculptures" at the Wortham Center for the Performing Arts in Houston cover the jacket back. Together they suggest Paley's evolution in large-scale public sculpture.

Describing his work, from creating stacks of conceptual drawings to dealing with different stages of 20 to 30 projects at once, Paley says "The rhythm is important," with the greatest intensity occurring in the design phase. Yet, he enjoys most "the whole orchestration, like classical music . . . I love to give people the experience of movement through my work."



Albert Paley signs copies of his monograph at a Jan. 25 talk. He has held the Charlotte Frederick Mowris Endowed Chair in the School for American Crafts since 1984.

## Interpreter eyewitness to history, aids Bosnian reconstruction

*At every turn I saw crumbled school buildings, remnants of a destroyed mosque, towns in desolate ruin. But somehow, throughout all that devastation and rubble, I could still tell it was a beautiful country.*

With these first impressions, 1st Lt. Stacy Babcock, NTID sign language interpreter, began her six-month tour in Bosnia last May. Since Babcock completed her four years of active duty in 1987, she has served in the reserves as a civil affairs officer in the United States Army's 401st Civil Affairs Battalion.

Last spring, Babcock received her order to return to active duty as a civil affairs liaison between the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and civilians in Bosnia's northeastern region (the American sector).

But before Babcock boarded the C-5A jet headed abroad, she went to Fort Jackson in South Carolina to prepare for living and working in a country torn by violence. That meant formal training on the war between Bosnian Serbs, Croats and Muslims; land mine awareness training; and weapons qualifications.

"I have to admit, I was concerned about living in a country that had been at war for the past four years," says Babcock, who, upon arrival, was the only female army officer out of 800 people assigned at the army camp in Samac, Bosnia.

As a civil affairs liaison, Babcock forged links between NATO military and civilians in northeastern Bosnia—the mayors, police chiefs and government officials. "My role was really that of a facilitator to get projects going and get the reconstruction started in the towns," says Babcock, who worked jointly with NATO and more than 200 volunteer organizations to help resurrect the region.

"Since all the civilians spoke Serbo-Croatian, I was very dependent on the language interpreters to do my job," says Babcock. "It certainly made me see my work at NTID in a new light. It struck me how much the interpreter affects what goes on between two people. I really respected the work they had to do."

Each time Babcock left the camp grounds, she had to pile on her full battle uniform, complete with an eight-pound flak vest, a four-pound shrapnel helmet and her weapon. "The camp was safe, but off in the distance you would hear gunfire," she says. "And there were still land mines planted throughout the region. Several engineers in my camp were assigned to locate and dismantle them."

Her most rewarding experience involved advising a large group of dislocated Muslim civilians on how to return to their homes safely. After new territory lines were drawn, the Muslims' homes were

placed under the control of Serb civilians, only a mile and a half away.

"At first they told me they wanted their homes back and they were going to try to reclaim from the Serbs—which spelled disaster to me," says Babcock. "If a group that large tried to reclaim their homes, fighting would break out. It would have created a domino effect."

Babcock encouraged the group to hold off while the Implementation Forces negotiated on their behalf, and they agreed. "They listened to me because I am an American soldier," says Babcock. "I realized what a difference I'm making as an American soldier. They'll get their homes back, and they'll get them back safely, but they won't have to die for it."

On another assignment, Babcock assisted the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe to safely set up the Bosnian national elections. She helped set up polling sites, recruited representatives to work and coordinated a forum for people from different factions to meet on common

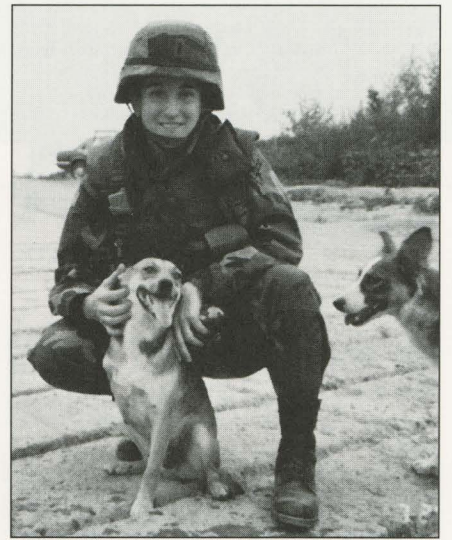
ground to discuss security, procedures and ensure safety for the voters.

Babcock says she really enjoyed her role in rebuilding the towns. When the World Bank donated money for reconstruction projects, Babcock went into the towns to recruit proposals. During the course of Babcock's tour, she saw two entire towns come to life with electricity and rebuilt homes.

"Every time a school or a church was rebuilt there was a party to celebrate," says Babcock. "Towards the end of my tour things were really happening—new roofs atop houses, new windows being put in, towns that were completely dark at night were now lit up. It was very rewarding to see the results."

During free time, Babcock played with stray dogs, wrote in her journal and wrote letters home to her family in Penfield.

Babcock, who came home just in time for Christmas, says she plans to go back to Bosnia, eventually. "I'd love to go back in five years and see the progress that's been made," she says. "It is a beautiful country."



1st Lt. Stacy Babcock, an NTID sign language interpreter, spends one weekend a month and two weeks a year on Army reserve duty. This year she hopes to train in the Air Assault School to rappel out of helicopters.

## CAST's multidisciplinary center offers variety, options

Janet Starr and Ron Statt don't appear to have much in common. She's a mother of five grown children, he's a bachelor; she's in her 30th year in the work force, he's a few years away from his 30th birthday; she's gradually developed an appreciation for computers, he grew up using the technology.

Despite those differences, Starr and Statt, like virtually everyone in today's volatile job market, face a very similar situation—the need to learn new skills to better guarantee job security or career advancement. For them, that means earning a

"flex" degree through the College of Applied Science and Technology's Center for Multidisciplinary Studies. "Flex" degrees let students, working with center faculty and advisors, design unique degree programs with concentrations in two or three professional areas of study. Courses can come from the center, but most come from other departments throughout RIT.

Starr, a project coordinator with Ontario County's Planning Department, is earning a bachelor's degree in Applied Arts and Science, with concentrations in business administration and political science.

"As a public sector employee, a degree in those two areas of study will increase my possibilities for advancement to a department head," she says. "Beyond the professional enrichment, working toward a degree has brought me a great deal of self-fulfillment."

Statt, a senior document specialist with HCIA-Healthchex, is earning a master's degree in Cross-Disciplinary Professional Studies, with concentrations in business administration, information technology and instructional technology.

"Midway through my first job out of college, I realized a master's degree was required to further my career," says the 1992 graduate of RIT's professional and technical communications program. "I had originally planned to get an MBA but, because my job requires me to interact with many different departments, opted to broaden my range of studies through the 'flex' degree."

Lynda Rummel, director of the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, says the experiences of these two students reflects the reality of the market.

"While traditional single-focus degrees remain the best option for many students, increasingly employers are requiring employees to have multiple skill and knowledge sets," she says. "Our mission is to provide students with the tools they need for today's 'de-jobbed' work environment."

Formed following the merger between the College of Continuing Education and CAST, the center serves both full- and part-time students who require individualized programs. In addition to the "flex" degrees, the center offers advising for non-matriculated students, serves pre-majors through the University Program and offers a master's degree in Health Systems Administration, which is taught entirely via distance learning. It also offers numerous professional certificates and AAS degrees.

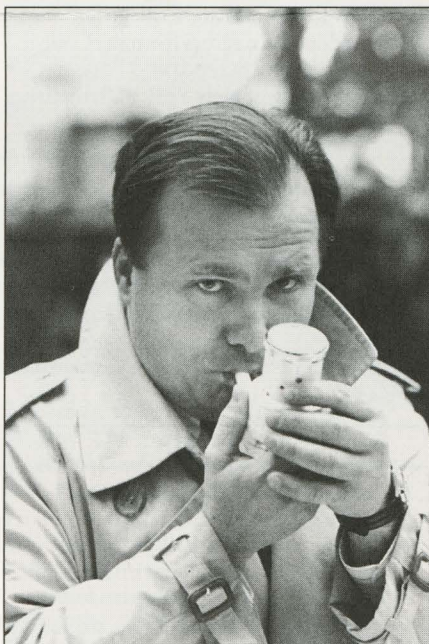
To accommodate students' work schedules, the center offers courses in a variety of formats and settings. Starr and Statt, like most of their peers, attend classes on nights and weekends or take courses through distance learning. Taking that flexibility one step further, the center offers certificates and degrees on-site to employees of Eastman Kodak Company and Xerox Corporation. Those programs are developed in conjunction with RIT's Training and Professional Development division.

"Through each of these programs, RIT provides a wider range of educational opportunities, as opposed to narrow-focused retraining, which mirror a student's career experiences," Rummel adds.

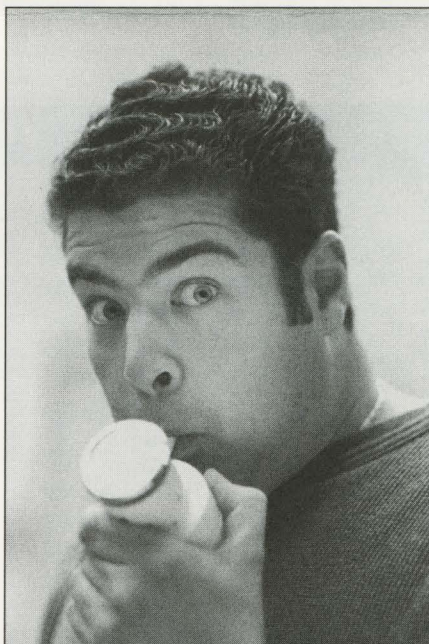
Focusing on the specific needs of their employers is what Starr and Statt believe will set them apart from their colleagues.

"The message from management is that it's more important to know something about all aspects of the company, rather than be an expert in just one area," Statt says.

## Delivering a major blow



Jeff Rowoth (left), director of regional chapters in RIT's Alumni Relations Office, and John Gizzi, a fifth-year mechanical engineering technology student, take a blow on the spirometer to test their lung capacity—a measure of aerobic conditioning. Student trainers from the Student Life Center helped the RIT community assess all aspects of their physical fitness—flexibility, strength, endurance and body composition—at a Fitness Fair in January, sponsored by RIT's Student Health Center.



## Student volunteers offer free tax help

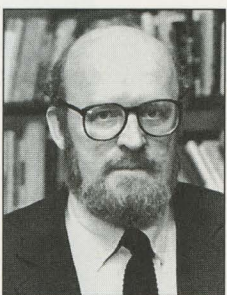
Are your eyes starting to cross trying to figure out your tax returns? Well, don't do it alone. RIT's VITA will help you through it.

VITA, which stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, is a group of trained accounting students in the College of Business who are volunteering to provide free and confidential help preparing federal and state tax returns to anyone in the RIT community. The students can also review returns that have already been prepared and provide blank tax forms for those who wish to complete their own returns.

VITA is available for drop-in service through April 12, on Wednesdays from noon to 2 p.m. in Fireside Lounge in the Union, and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the RITreat in the Union. Assistance for international students will begin Feb. 8 on Saturdays only. VITA will be closed for break beginning Feb. 19 and will resume March 12.

All volunteers have completed one or more courses in taxation and have passed an IRS certification exam.

If you are preparing your own return and have a few questions, or would like a form sent to you through campus mail, e-mail VITA at VITA@rit.edu. Students will be reading and responding to questions daily.



Father David Tracy

Religion and ecology? Yes, social responsibility links the two, as a leading world theologian, David Tracy, will discuss at 7:30 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 13, in his lecture, "World Religions and Ecology: The Felt Synthesis," in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building.

## Gannett talk links religion, ecology

Active at the forefront of philosophical theology for the past 20 years, Tracy teaches at the University of Chicago as the Andrew Thomas Greeley and Grace McNichols Greeley Distinguished Service Professor of Roman Catholic Studies. He serves on the university's committee on the Analysis of Ideas and Methods and on Social Thought. He holds a doctorate in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

His many writings include the books *Plurality and Ambiguity*, *Blessed Rage for Order*, *The Analogical Imagination* and, most recently, *On Naming the Present*.

The free, public talk, part of the 1996-97 Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series in the College of Liberal Arts, continues the theme of Issues in the Environment and Citizenship. A reception follows the lecture.

# New information for RIT phone directory

The following corrections and additions to the RIT phone directory have been received since its distribution. New information is printed in bold. Further changes can be sent to Karen Beadling, University Publications, George Eastman Building.

Additional (fewer than 11) copies of the book can be requested from Susie Lewis or Susan Pitoniak at -5604; for larger quantities, please call Steve Lipson, Physical Plant, -2119.

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- Proposal for "The Great Lakes" course sequence: Ann Howard and Richard Shearman, science, technology and society, and John Waud, allied health sciences
- Proposal for a course in "Modernism: Art, Nature and Culture": Timothy Engstrom, philosophy, and Elliott Rubenstein, fine art photography
- Wellness curriculum instructional media: Louann Davies, NTID Center

for Counseling and Human Development and Fred Bleiler, Center for Physical Education and Recreation

- Proposal for cross cluster course in "Problem Solving": David Suits, philosophy
- Multi-Media undergraduate degree and/or minor: Adrienne Carageorge, film/video, and Edith Lawson, information technology
- Proposal for a course in "Performing Arts Production": Peter Ferran, fine arts, Liberal Arts, and Marla Schweppe, film/video

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Prior to joining RIT in 1980, Schott spent nine years as principal physicist at Calspan, formerly Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories. Schott earned a bachelor's degree in Physics/Sociology from Canisius College and master's and doctoral degrees from the College of Environmental Science and Forestry, State University of New York at Syracuse.

The Wiedman professorship was endowed in 1985 through a generous gift from trustee emeritus Frederick Wiedman to give the highest possible recognition to the importance of good teaching, to provide students with an outstanding mentor, and to assist RIT in achieving a position of preeminence in the field of Imaging Science.

## DEATHS

### Deborah Cahn

Deborah Cahn, an RIT graduate student, died last week at Strong Memorial Hospital from an aneurysm. The Rochester native was completing her thesis for an M.S. in Information Technology and anticipated graduating in May.

Cahn was a key member of the RIT On-Line Committee. She developed a number of RIT's web pages for the Stonehurst Capital Regatta, the president's and provost's offices, and the University Relations Division. She worked full-time last summer for University News Services developing web pages and was a computer lab assistant for the Information Technology Department and for Information Systems and Computing.

According to Stephen Jacobs, assistant professor of Information Technology, "Debbie lived in the computer labs and she loved and enjoyed what she was doing. She shared that love and enjoyment with the professors, the students who were her peers in classes and the people she helped as a lab assistant."

A special memorial fund has been established at RIT. Donations can be directed to the RIT Office of Development.



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A QUILT COMPLEX... Barry Culhane, RIT Student Ombudsman and assistant to the president, was named the Individual Volunteer of the Year Jan. 16, at the 1996 J.C. Penney/United Way Golden Rule Awards held at Rochester Riverside Convention Center. The theme of the luncheon was "Quilt Complex... A glorious patchwork of volunteers." Culhane was honored for his community efforts in chairing the board of Rochester Area Multiple Sclerosis, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Rochester and the Rochester Rotary Club, of which he was recently elected vice president. Elinore Fram, wife of College of Business faculty member Dr. Eugene Fram, was a finalist in another category of volunteers for her work with children under foster care as a court-appointed special advocate (CASA), and volunteering with the Learning Disability Association, Family Service of Rochester and George Eastman House.

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