A message from the president

Once again, there's terrific news to report. In May, New York Governor George Pataki came to campus to announce that RIT will be home to a STAR Center. The state is providing $14 million to fund this project.

STAR stands for "strategically targeted academic research." RIT will be taking aim at four targets: microsystems, photonic systems, remote systems and high-bandwidth telecom networks. A multi-disciplinary team of engineers and scientists is already at work on research related to these areas, and our students will have the opportunity to be involved in projects that will lead to important technology breakthroughs. A story on page 9 will introduce you to this exciting research.

Later in May we welcomed more than 3,700 new members to our alumni ranks at the 116th annual commencement ceremonies. The Class of 2001 distinguished itself by embracing the 12 graduates of the software engineering program -- the first in the U.S. to earn this bachelor's degree. Turn to page 10 for details on these pioneers and many more of our distinguished graduates. Another milestone this year was the graduation of 2,105 students from RIT's American College of Management and Technology in Dubrovnik, Croatia. RIT is proud to be educating more than 600 students in hospitality and service management in this international program that was established in 1997.

Of course, as one class departs the campus, another prepares to begin its journey. The incoming freshman class, numbering approximately 2,300 students, continues our tradition of excellence with their strong academic histories and geographic diversity -- this class alone represents 45 states and 34 foreign nations. These students and that 13,000 colleagues will have the opportunity to explore career choices through more than 200 academic fields of study at RIT. The future awaits these talented young scholars.

I invite all alumni, parents and students to share the excitement at Reunion 2001. Join us on campus Oct. 12-14 as RIT launches its first comprehensive reunion program. Catch the spirit!

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Commencement celebrates the high point of the academic year — and of individual achievement for students such as psychology major Corrin Matthews.

Right: Rakesh Gajwani came to RIT from Taiwan to study information technology. Flags in the Student Alumni Union represent the home nations of all of RIT's international students.
On Campus

Sloan grant fuels bioinformatics program

RIT has received a $150,000 grant from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to develop a master’s degree program in computational biology/bioinformatics. This grant will help RIT develop a two-year professional degree along the lines of an M.B.A. or law degree.

The university last year completed a study assessing the workforce needs of the biotech industry in Western New York and found that future growth would rely upon a highly skilled and educated workforce.

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

RIT will launch its professional master’s program in bioinformatics in spring 2002. A new bachelor’s degree will accept students later that year.

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

“Our overall goal is to provide the best education we can,” says Gary Skuse, director of bioinformatics. “We will do it hand-in-hand with people from industry.”

Undergrad honors program begins in three colleges

This fall RIT launches its undergraduate honors program with 50 first-year students and 25 second-year students in the College of Science, Kate Gleason College of Engineering and the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

As the honors program grows, it will provide the university’s top students from across the campus with unique educational and professional opportunities throughout their undergraduate career.

Entry is based on college-entrance test scores, high-school records, class standing, recommendations and extracurricular activities. Candidates are selected by a committee consisting of Catherine Hutchinson Winnie, director of the honors program, and advisors from each of the participating colleges.

Attracting and retaining students who show the academic and personal characteristics that will make them leaders in their professions is a vital element in RIT’s First in Class Initiative,” notes Stanley McKenize, provost and vice president of academic affairs, who has led the development of the honors program.

RIT’s unique honors program consists of three components: professional opportunities within the students’ college, enhanced general-education courses and outside-the-classroom learning opportunities. Within each college, students will have access to an honors advisor, special courses, seminars and research, and travel opportunities. Honors students from across the university will take general education courses together and participate in extracurricular activities. They also may choose to live in designated on-campus honors housing.

Each year, students will participate in a minimum of two learning opportunities outside the classroom that reflect their personal and professional interests. In addition, honors students will be encouraged to gain an international perspective by studying abroad, participating in a summer international program or completing an international co-op.

Honors students will be responsible for maintaining a minimum grade point average of 3.4.
RIT president receives national Higher education award

RIT President Albert Simone has received the President's Award of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA). The President's Award goes to a college or university president who has advanced the quality of student life on campus through the support of programs and student affairs staff.

"Dr. Albert Simone is the quintessential academic leader who combines teaching, learning and scholarship with genuine care and support for the development of student life and his staff," said NASPA President Shannon Ellis. "I speak for thousands of NASPA members when I say this is well deserved recognition ... his tireless commitment to the campus and to the profession of student affairs has set a great example."

The nomination materials for Simone, submitted by student affairs leaders, cited a number of accomplishments on behalf of students. He was noted for crucial support of RIT's new First Year Enrichment program taught by student affairs staff to address academic needs and foster personal wellness. In his previous position as president of the University of Hawai'i, Simone created the position of vice president for student affairs as one of his first acts, saying the institution must pay attention to "the primacy of students."

Linda Kuo, RIT's former vice president for student affairs, says, "We decided to nominate Dr. Simone for this award because his commitment to students and education at RIT has been uncompromising. Through his leadership and support, we were able to renovate residence halls, build new apartments, improve campus life programs and services, and improve the quality of life for students at RIT. His efforts are models for university leadership to emulate."

Simone joined RIT as the university's eighth president in 1992.

IT Lab will provide increased opportunities for collaboration

In May, RIT broke ground for the IT Lab, a facility devoted to information technology research and development for upstate New York.

The IT Lab will play a key part in developing regional strength in IT jobs and businesses, and it is an important step for RIT's Information Technology Collaboratory. "IT is it ... and RIT is a very appropriate place to build an IT Lab," said N.Y. Sen. Jim Alesi, who, working with Senate Majority Leader Joe Bruno, was instrumental in securing $1.5 million in state funds for the project.

"This lab is a key building block in our comprehensive Information Technology Collaboratory," said RIT President Albert Simone (see related story, page 11.) "It affirms in a very direct and visible way Rochester's and RIT's position as a hub of IT and telecommunications expertise."

The IT Lab will focus on research, technology transfer and workforce development. It also will explore new technologies, serve as a test bed for product development, and take part in research and training programs with industry. The two-story, 5,500-square-foot structure will be part of a major complex dedicated to computing and IT, telecommunications and related fields when the new facilities for the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences are completed.

The new facility will serve as a learning laboratory for RIT's more than 3,000 students majoring in computer and information-related fields and will be a magnet for attracting new industry to this area, says Simone.
On Campus

Photo School names first Kodak/Howard Bingham Scholarship winner

Gregory Boyd, a 2001 photography graduate, has been awarded the Kodak/Howard Bingham Scholarship. He becomes the first recipient of this program, designed to benefit minority students within the bachelor of fine arts curriculum of RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

Boyd, 21, is a native of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated from the School for Creative and Performing Arts. During his studies at RIT, he majored in advertising photography and set plans to pursue opportunities as a freelance photographer in New York City.

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

Kodak Professional, a division of Eastman Kodak Co., provided a $525,000 endowment for the scholarship, which honors the dedication and talent of Howard Bingham. The renowned photographer has spent the past four decades documenting many of America's historical turning points.

Bingham is best known for his photographs of legendary boxer Muhammad Ali. The long-time friendship between the two is reflected in a book of Bingham's photographs, Muhammad Ali: A Thirty-Year Journey, published in 1993. He remains a frequent guest speaker and lecturer at various workshops and seminars.

The Kodak/Howard Bingham Scholarship is an annual award with preference given to students of African-American descent. Since it is funded by an endowment, other contributions are welcome. For more information, contact Deborah McInnis Brestel in RIT's Office of Development at (716) 475-2128.

From wired to wireless, first CIO keeps RIT online

When "Technology" is your name, there's an obligation to keep key campus systems up-to-date and running smoothly.

That enormous task rests on the shoulders of Dane Barbour. RIT's first chief information officer, Barbour directs the essential Division of Information and Technology Services, which includes telecommunications as well as computing services.

Since he arrived in 1997, the campus has been completely wired for the Internet, providing students, faculty and staff with excellent service virtually anywhere. This effort has been recognized by Yahoo! Internet Life, which ranked RIT 14th among the "most wired" in the magazine's survey of 1,390 universities.

"We have top-of-the-line infrastructure in place," Barbour states. "We've invested very heavily in that."

RIT has never required students to have their own computers, but these days, more than 75 percent do. A growing number of students own laptops, and to them, class and study sessions around campus. Now, demand is growing for wireless service. "Surveys show that students would like wireless capability in 'social spaces' such as the Student Alumni Union, Crossroads, and outdoors," says Barbour. Service is already available on a limited basis in Wallace Library and a few other areas on campus.

Meanwhile, RIT's last year joined the research and education network known as Internet 2. RIT is one of 180 research universities participating in "I2," which provides improvements in speed that greatly benefit researchers working with large quantities of complex data.

"Our research faculty, especially those involved in our First in Class efforts, are communicating with their colleagues at other institutions via Internet 2," says Barbour. "It's a tremendously powerful tool."

Down the road, Barbour predicts the merging of voice and data communications, with the computer and the telephone virtually becoming interchangeable — and probably wearable.

"RIT is now poised to take advantage of the tremendous investment that's been made," he says. "Our extensive in-the-desktop networking is allowing us to get everyone connected to the people and the information that they need to do their jobs."

Most of Barbour's professional life has been spent in the corporate arena. Immediately prior to coming to RIT, she was director of information systems and planning for the David Sarnoff Research Center in Princeton, N.J., for nearly a decade. She has more than 20 years of experience dealing with all aspects of information technology including mainframe operations, client server applications, data/telecommunications and Web applications.

She received her B.A. in mathematics and an M.B.A. in finance from Rutgers. Although the responsibilities of her job are challenging, Barbour says she's enjoying her duties at RIT. "There's not been a dull moment."
RIT hosts international symposiums on manufacturing


The congress brings together manufacturing researchers in academia and industry to highlight the importance of applied and theoretical research in manufacturing environments around the globe.

"Given the large volume of international business accomplished by Rochester industry, we consider this a great opportunity to bring worldwide industries and international academics together in our community," says Guy Johnson, RIT professor of manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology and chair of World Manufacturing Congress 2001.

Sponsored by the International Computer Science Conventions, the congress meets every other year. It last convened two years ago in England. In 2003, it will meet in Japan. Additional information is available at: www.isc-na.seo.org/conferences/wmc2001/index.html

In memoriam

Fran Wolin, who worked at RIT from 1982 to 1997, died Feb. 17 at age 70. Prior to her retirement, she was a staff member in Part-time Enrollment Services. … Clarence "Cy" Young, vice president of development from 1983 to 1992, died April 14 after a lengthy illness. He was 67. … Marie Nitzman, a bank reconciliation specialist in the accounting department, died April 14 following a battle with cancer. She worked at RIT for more than 30 years. … Ruth Lunt, poet and retired RIT librarian, died April 30 after a long battle with cancer. She served at RIT from 1964 to 1992. … Thomas McCaffrey, associate professor of health systems administration, died June 6. He taught at RIT since 1996. … Lynn Skarek, a former employee in the Office of Financial Aid, died May 11 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Since joining RIT in 1995, Skarek helped administer the TAP program and managed volumes of student applications for financial aid. … Wallace Wilson, emeritus trustee, died May 2. He was 89. An active member of the Board of Trustees from 1956 to 1963, he was instrumental in the decision to move RIT from downtown Rochester to its present location.

Interaction

Flight of fancy

We heard from many readers with vivid recollections of balloons suspended over campus in spring 1972, which was pictured in the "Archives" section of the Spring 2001 issue. Here are a few of the explanations they shared:

Dear University Magazine:
The image from your "Archives" page brought back many wonderful memories. I was the faculty member responsible for the student project connected with the School of Art and Design, College of Fine and Applied Arts (as it was known at that time).

As you will see from the enclosed materials, 120 students undertook four group projects. The purpose was to use the elements of space, color and form to bring people into human-scaled environmental structures.

In the balloon design, 10 students worked 16 hours inflating 5,000 balloons, half with helium and half with air, and installing them on a 24,000-foot nylon grid. When the lines were lifted, the balloons formed a 100-by-200-foot ceiling that floated 30 to 40 feet high.

Photos of the balloon project were carried in newspapers across the country, including Paris and China.

Thanks for bringing back some great memories of those energized early '70s at RIT.

Jim Thomas, professor emeritus

Dear University Magazine:
The 1972 picture entitled "The sky is floating!" is of RIT alum fine arts major Ronald Broda. He is photographically recording the event result of a design project that he created, orchestrated and then directed for one of his art classes. The structure is hundreds of helium filled balloons tied together with monofilament line and then let go in the wind. The undulating structure visually demonstrated the movement of airwave currents that are normally unseen.

Theodore Lossowski, M.F.A., '77
Visual Arts Department Chairperson
Wells College
Aurora, N.Y.

Greetings,

In 1972, the School of Art and Design 3-D projects were environmental. The balloon grid was the most photographed; however, there was also a 15-to-18-foot simulated cherry pie experience that you entered under the crust and explored the interior. There was a pool of jelly-0 that kept an unbelievably foul-smelling legacy.

We were so full of enthusiasm, what a time! Thanks for the memory.

Joanne Lachiusa, B.F.A. and Design '75

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College graduation stands out as one of life's great moments. Truly a memorable event, it's a rite of passage, a beginning as well as completion.

At RIT, commencement is a festive occasion, always the highlight of the year. Since President Albert Simone's arrival in 1992, the celebration has expanded to become a university-wide event. Decked in colorful flags, bouquets of balloons, and outdoor stages for performing musicians, the campus looks its best. Even the garden plantings participate, generally reaching a flower's peak in time to greet the hundreds of visiting friends and family members. An enormous white tent rises behind the Student Alumni Union, providing a site for the largest ceremonies.

The festivities continue over two days, with a convocation ceremony on Friday evening for the entire RIT community and separate commencement ceremonies for each of the colleges on Friday afternoon and Saturday. Convocation gives RIT the opportunity to recognize the excellence of students and faculty. President Simone officially confers degrees on all the graduates during this special gathering. The student delegates selected to represent the individual colleges enter carrying the college banners and sit onstage with trustees, alumni, administrators, and faculty leaders, all in full academic regalia.

Russell Besette, M.D., executive director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR), gave the 2001 keynote address.

"We feel this two-day celebration constitutes a culminating experience for graduates, families, and friends," says Simone. "It's a capstone of their time at RIT and a fitting finale to years of hard work and sacrifice. By celebrating the excellence of our faculty and students, we spotlight the RIT tradition, university pride and community spirit."

The university's 116th annual commencement took place May 25-26, with near-perfect weather contributing to the upbeat atmosphere as 3,771 students -- 2,948 undergraduate and 823 graduate students -- received degrees in more than 240 programs. These pages present a few of the highlights.
RIT’s five-year undergraduate program in software engineering was launched by the College of Applied Science and Technology and Kate Gleason College of Engineering in the fall of 1996 aiming to meet a growing demand for skilled workers in the field and to focus on large-scale, evolving software systems. This fall, the program moves to the new B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

Eisenhart Awards honor teachers

Commencement is a celebration of teaching as well as student achievement. “Teaching is the heart of RIT,” says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “Truly, there is no more important job in our society.” Since 1986, RIT’s Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching have commemorated faculty excellence. Up to four awards are given each year to recipients chosen through a rigorous peer review of student nominations. Winners are acknowledged at convocation.

Also recognized is the winner of the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching, an award given annually to a young faculty member in recognition of outstanding contributions. The Eisenhart family has a long history with RIT. The late M. Herbert Eisenhart, president and board chairman of Rausch & Loomis, was an RIT trustee for more than 50 years. His son, Richard Eisenhart, continues the RIT connection, serving on the board since 1972, as chairman for six years and now as trustee emeritus. This year’s winner is:

George Georgantas, professor of mathematics and statistics, College of Science.

Harry Ghoneim, professor of mechanical engineering, Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Sidney McQuay, associate professor, National Technical Institute for the Deaf.

John Sanders, professor, College of Liberal Arts.

Larry Buckley, assistant professor, College of Science (Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost’s Award for Excellence in Teaching).

Seriously injured student’s wish comes true

On April 19, Leah Van Valkenburg’s life changed in a blink.

On that spring morning, Leah was involved in a car accident as she drove away from the Hess gasoline station on Jefferson Road near the RIT campus. The fourth-year sports nutrition management major spent the next three weeks in a coma at Strong Memorial Hospital. The 21-year-old honors student from Frankfort, N.Y., was placed on a respirator and listed in “critical” condition.

But signs of hope came after Leah was transferred to the brain injury rehabilitation unit at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. Three weeks after the accident, Leah spoke for the first time, and in a few more days she was walking with assistance. Among Leah’s first words was a wish to attend commencement ceremonies and receive her diploma with her classmates.

She got her wish. On May 25, Leah walked across the stage with family and friends there to cheer her on—and she and a few tears of joy. Leah’s classmates in the hospitality and service management department raised $1,200 for Leah’s family to defray medical costs. Support also came from Margaret’s House, RIT’s on-campus child daycare center where Leah was a volunteer.

“It’s clearly a miracle,” says Barbara Cerio-Iocco, one of Leah’s professors.
Every year, student representatives are selected to speak at each college's commencement ceremony. These students demonstrate the ideals of RIT, including, but not limited to, academic achievement. The accomplishments of this year's student delegates are wide-ranging.

Bethany Lannon, computer science, College of Applied Science and Technology. Lannon's co-op experiences were as RIT as a software developer for the Data Cycle System for Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, and at Eastman Kodak Co. She works for Cisco Systems in Boston.

Brenda Moe, electrical engineering technology, College of Applied Science and Technology. Recipient of an RIT Electrical Engineering Technology Outstanding Alumna Scholarship and other honors, Moe was a peer mentor in the Minority Transition Support Program, academic excellence chairperson for the National Society of Black Engineers, an academic tutor in the New York State Higher Education Opportunity Program, and an RIT resident adviser. She works for Motorola in Phoenix, Ariz.

Adam Cerling, B.S./M.S. computer science, College of Applied Science and Technology. Cerling served as an adjunct professor in computer science and has worked as a programmer with Diamond Technologies Inc. and Display Technology Systems Inc. His special interests are computer and video role-playing games and animation, languages, and religious activities.

Jason Schwingle, marketing, College of Business. During his co-op with INTECOS in New York City, Schwingle marketed and maintained hedge-fund products for the institution's clients. Active in campus organizations, Schwingle created the RIT/VDA Children's Center Project, a collaboration between the Volunteers of America and RIT.

Indrajit Mitra, B.B.A., College of Business. Mitra, a native of India, interned at Carrier Corp. in Syracuse. Among his responsibilities was the implementation of a competitive pricing database covering more than 15,000 parts manufactured and distributed by Carrier. Mitra was a member of the Graduate Management Association and the Dean's Student Advisory Council, and served as a note-taker for NITI.

Matthew Mariani, computer engineering, Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Mariani, winner of numerous scholarships and honors, had co-op and internship experience at Xerox Corp. and Mellon Financial Corp., and accepted a position with IBM Corp.

Joanne Gosselin, imaging and photographic technology, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. Gosselin, who concentrated on computer animation, worked at Pixel Physics in Rochester on co-op and served on the executive board of RIT's Photo House. She is enrolled in the graduate digital media technologies program at Queensland University of Technology in Australia.

Andrew Quagliata, professional and technical communication, College of Liberal Arts. Quagliata was founding editor of Liberal Sprouts, a newsletter written by students in the college, and financial columnist, sports reporter, and editor for RIT's award-winning Reporter magazine. He also served as captain of RIT's champion intramural football team in 1998 and 2000.

Patricia Camne, health care billing, and coding technology, National Technical Institute for the Deaf. The mother of four children, Camne maintained a full course load and a perfect cumulative grade point average of 4.0. She plans to work in health care billing and coding and hopes to become a teacher in that field.

Esperanza Núñez, biotechnology, College of Science. A native of Venezuela, Núñez spent summers pursuing research experience at NASA's Kennedy Space Center, the Institute for Genomic Research-TIGR, and NASA's Langley Research Center. Núñez also completed an internship at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Research Undergraduate Laboratory Fellowships. She was a founder of RIT's Venezuelan Student Association and the vice president for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers.
Small wonders

RIT is breaking ground in microsystems research

Smaller, faster, cheaper, better. These words are a driving force in research and development — and with good reason. The computer revolution of the past 30 years taught us that the power to change the world often comes in tiny packages.

Today, engineers and scientists are learning how to build probes, sensors, switches, engines and other machines small enough to fit through the eye of a needle. Like computer chips, these devices are produced using silicon-wafer techniques. Unlike computer chips, which are purely electronic, the tiny machines can contain microscopic gears, levers and pulleys, mirrors, lenses and other components. The new generation of microdevices will be able to sense, act, and communicate. The applications are virtually limitless, ranging from communications to transportation, from consumer devices to medicine.

Imagine a pocket-size device that functions as a cell phone, personal computer, TV and global positioning system. Or wearable medical monitors that administer medication as needed. Or sensors the size of a worker’s button capable of identifying toxic chemicals.

“Micromachines will become ubiquitous,” predicts First in Class Director Donald Boyd. “They will find their way into devices that haven’t even been dreamed of yet.”

Microsystems are a key research area for RIT. Some three dozen faculty members from several colleges are working in various aspects of this effort, which has been identified as one of the university’s First in Class Initiatives. In May, RIT’s efforts received a huge boost with the award of $14 million through the New York Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR) to create a Strategically Targeted Academic Research (STAR) Center (see story, page 11).

The timing couldn’t be better. The world is poised on the verge of a microsystems revolution that could dwarf the development of the microprocessor. The MEMS Exchange, a manufacturing umbrella organization, is predicting annual sales of $100 billion in micromachines by the end of the decade.

In truth, micromachines are pretty big already. Although consumers may be
unaware of their presence, microelectromechanical systems - MEMS - are used in many products, notably automobile air bag activators, ink-jet printer heads and high-end projectors. Delphi Automotive Systems, Motorola, Hewlett-Packard, Sony, Texas Instruments and Xerox are among the many players involved in highly competitive research and development in this arena. At this point, no company has cornered the overall market.

Microsystems research is a natural area for RIT involvement. One strength is RIT's longstanding leadership in microelectronics. MEMS devices are an extension of integrated circuit manufacturing techniques.

"We understand much of the basic technology of microsystems already," says Harvey Palmer, dean of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, noting that RIT's microelectronic engineering department has operated a chip-making facility since 1986. "The challenge is to use this technological know-how to develop valuable products. RIT has an advantage in this, as well. The university has a long tradition of working with industry partners on practical uses for new technology."

"We take research and stretch it to enable new products," explains Paul Petersen, director of the design, development and manufacturing area of RIT's First in Class effort. "That's what we're geared to do."

In the microsystems area, partnerships are already formed. RIT is working with companies including Kodak, Xerox, Corning, and others as well as other universities and government agencies. The industry partners, in conjunction with New York state, are working to establish a Rochester Center for Excellence in Photonics and Microsystems. The research would focus on optics, fiber optics and photonics.

"Given its rich and relevant portfolio of advanced technologies from microelectronics to reliability engineering to statistical process control and integrated manufacturing systems, RIT forms a master link in the chain of universities across the Empire State that will collaborate through Infotronics," says David A. Smith, director.
of production systems engineering and technology. Imaging Materials and Media Platform Center, Eastman Kodak Co.

As with all of the First in Class Initiatives, students are working with the MEMS researchers, thus the university's academic program is enhanced. Under development is a new Ph.D. program in Microsystems. This program, modeled after RIT's unique imaging sciences Ph.D. program, would be highly multidisciplinary, involving virtually every engineering and science discipline.

Meanwhile, a state-of-the-art facility for microsystems research is being designed. Continuous with and complementary to the existing microelectronic engineering lab, it will provide researchers with the ability to fabricate MEMS devices. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2002.

"The expansion will provide capabilities new to RIT," says Karl Hirschman, director of the lab and a 1990 microelectronic engineering graduate. "The renovation also will enhance our current capabilities. We'll continue to provide outstanding educational opportunities to our students, as well as fill the needs of the researchers."

RIT will be home to one of New York state's STAR (strategically targeted academic research) Centers.

At a May 3 press conference, Gov. George Pataki announced that the IT Collaboratory at RIT will be designated as one of the new centers. Accompanied by Russell Bessette, executive director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR), Sen. James Alesi, Assemblymen Joseph Morelle and Joseph Robach, and IT President Albert Simone, Pataki announced that NYSTAR will fund the center with $14 million.

"We will no longer only think of the Silicon Valley when we think of high technology -- we'll think of Rochester, N.Y.," said Pataki.

"We look forward to working with our industry partners, including Global Crossing, Frontier, Corning, Kodak, Xerox and BM, as well as the many other companies that are such an important part of the IT/telecommunications sector in this community," said Simone. "A number of these companies have already made significant commitments of support for this initiative. The STAR Center at RIT, called the Information Technology (IT) Collaboratory, will be a vital resource to the recently designated Rochester Center of Excellence in Photonics and Microsystems, and will draw on and complement the students, programs and research in the newly established B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences."

Bessette praised RIT for its winning proposal to become a STAR Center. "RIT's proposal had what we were looking for: It cited scientific innovation, collaboration and economic potential."

"This is not only important for RIT, it's also important for economic growth in the community and the region," says First in Class Director Donald Boyd. "Our work will fuel huge business and job opportunities in Western New York. Microsystems technology will lead to many new products ranging from information and telecommunication devices to health and safety applications to consumer-electronics."
Major efforts on microsystems

Microsystems are an important research area for RIT. Here are a few examples of some of the projects the university’s engineers and scientists are working on.

William Grande: Alignment of components is of critical importance in optical microsystems because light beams must precisely line up with mirrors and lenses or the system won’t work. However, precisely placing microscopic components is difficult, slow and expensive. Grande, assistant professor of microelectronic engineering, is part of a team including engineers from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Eastman Kodak Co., Xerox Corp., Corning Rochester Photonics and Corning Inc. working together on a project called Advanced Optical Components for Silicon Bench Technology. The goal is to develop techniques that overcome the fabrication difficulties.

A micro device called the “silicon optical bench” is being developed at RIT. The device uses microscopic lenses and mirrors to direct a beam of light.

Ultimately, these techniques would have many applications in production of telecommunications devices.

P.R. Mukund: As microsystems become smaller, faster and more densely packed, problems can develop when components interfere. Mukund, professor of electrical engineering, has a $600,000 award from the National Science Foundation/Semiconductor Research Corp. to develop a method of producing microsystems using hybrid “system on a chip” and “system on a package” technologies that overcome these problems. The initial project focuses on radio-frequency communications systems.

Mukund will be heading a team that includes Jayanti Venkataraman, electrical engineering professor, and Santosh Karine, microelectronic engineering professor, of RIT and Madhavan Swaminathan of Georgia Tech.

Michael Potter: Radio-frequency components for telecommunications—think cell phones—is the focus for Potter, RIT distinguished researcher. “The market is astronomical,” Potter points out. “Market research predicts there will be 1.3 billion wireless subscribers by 2005 up from $6 million today.” And they all could be using components developed at RIT.

P.R. Mukund (center) is principal researcher on a project that has received $600,000 in funding from the National Science Foundation/Semiconductor Research Corp. His team includes Jayanti Venkataraman (right), electrical engineering professor, and Santosh Karine, microelectronic engineering department head.

Potter is developing innovative approaches to overcome stiction in resonators, varactors and micro switches. “Stiction is the tendency for very small components to stick together. It is one of the more significant challenges facing MEMS developers,” says Potter. Overcoming stiction will allow production of components that are significantly faster, smaller and less expensive than components currently in use.

Ryne Raffaelle: To power a device the size of a grain of pollen, a triple-A battery just won’t do. Raffaelle, associate professor of physics, studies methods of generating, controlling and storing energy in very small systems.

Raffaelle, who joined RIT two years ago, also continues his work in this field with NASA’s Glenn Research Center. At RIT, he works closely with Thomas Gennett, associate professor of chemistry, on energy storage using tiny structures called carbon nanotubes.

David Sumberg: Associate professor of electrical engineering Sumberg, an expert in photonics, is at work on a system using laser beams and mirrors to control a signal. Such a system could be used in phased array communications systems, which are used for tracking objects. There are many applications: missile defense and air traffic control, for instance. Sumberg’s experimental setup covers several square feet on the workbench.

He hopes to develop a MEMS device to do the same job. “You can put together a lot of systems that will do these tasks,” says Sumberg. ”What’s novel, what’s new, is to reduce this to a miniature system.

“Conceivably,” says Sumberg, “if you can make the system small enough and cheap enough, you could have it in the front end of your car.”
International connections

The world comes to RIT

Perhaps it's a small world after all. But RIT's world is getting bigger. A growing population of students from other countries enriches the RIT community with expanded opportunities for cultural interaction, exchange of ideas and global awareness.

"Exposure to other cultures gives our students an advantage," says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "Our graduates are going to be living and working in an international economy."

RIT's student body today includes students from 90 countries. During the last school year, 1,125 international students were enrolled in the university's academic courses, out of a total enrollment of about 14,000 students. That's up 77 percent from 1994, when RIT's Strategic Plan established a goal of increasing the number of international students. RIT ranks 13th in the nation in the number of international students among universities offering master's degrees, according to figures from the Institute of International Education.

"These are significant numbers," says James Miller, vice president for enrollment management and career services, "and they're growing." This year, RIT received more than 2,000 applications from international students seeking admission to RIT's undergraduate and graduate programs.

Students come from every continent except Antarctica, with the top five countries in terms of numbers of students being India, China, Taiwan, Canada, and South Korea. The programs they choose are diverse, but information technology and computer science, engineering, and business administration are among the most popular. Like students from the United States, the international students are attracted to RIT because of the career-oriented thrust of the programs, says Miller: "Our programs are on target with the needs of the global economy."

That certainly was true for Rakesh Gajiwani, a third-year information technology student from Taiwan who knew he wanted to pursue a career in some area of computer technology. Rakshi, as he is called, attended an international high school and is fluent in English, Hindi, and Mandarin. He participated in the Peer Advisory Leader program through the International Student Services office in the Center for Student Transition and Support, and has made many friends.

Above: Members of RIT's Asian Deaf Club, which includes international students and Asian-Americans, performed in "Motion Poetry" at Convocation in May, and later appeared at a fundraiser for Rochester's Seneca Park Zoo.
among the international and American students at RIT. For some students — international and American — interacting with someone from another culture may be a new experience. “But both parties end up learning,” Gaywani believes.

Being half a world away from home and “a more structured life” hasn’t always been easy. “It took a year to adjust,” he admits. “But now I really like the place.”

Nicolas Rubio also faced major challenges during his first year at RIT. He had the chance to study in the U.S. through the Venezuelan government’s highly competitive Galileo Scholar program. But to qualify for admission, he had less than five months to improve his English language skills. Through his own persistence and the help of RIT’s English Language Center, Rubio earned admission to the College of Business in 1995.

Over the succeeding years, he won numerous RIT awards and became a popular student leader. Rubio was founder and first president of Global Union, the university’s largest multicultural student organization, and served as a senator of RIT Student Government, as a voting member of the RIT Institute Council, and as vice president, president, chairman, and chief executive officer of the RIT Graduate Management Association. He also founded the Venezuelan Student Association and IberoAmerica Today.

Rubio received a B.S. in International Business in 1999 and an M.B.A. in May 2001. “For me and my friends, RIT has been a very welcoming place,” says Rubio. “But we didn’t stay in our little group. You cannot wait for everyone to come to you. You are not the center of the universe.”

Students from other countries face the same anxieties and adjustments of anyone starting college. But they must deal with a few additional issues. First, they must qualify for a student visa from the U.S. government, and comply with U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service regulations. RIT’s International Student Services office is where international students go for help.

“People come with all kinds of questions,” says Jeffrey Cox, associate director. The office organizes a quarterly orientation program, ongoing support for adjustment to life in the U.S. and at RIT, and help with work and travel questions.

When Venkat Purushothaman arrived at RIT in 1978, there was no such office to aid the handful of international students. “We felt like pioneers,” says Purushothaman. “It was not always easy to be different.”

That small group of international students became very active on campus, organizing sometimes controversial forums such as a discussion of Iran’s Ayatollah Khomeini. “We felt we had to have opportunities to explore world events,” Purushothaman says. They won

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**English Language Center: Breaking the barriers**

To study at RIT, international students must meet the university’s regular academic requirements for admission. Before they can begin a degree program, they also must demonstrate proficiency in English either by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or by passing a battery of English tests offered by RIT’s English Language Center.

The center helps students from abroad achieve this goal. The center traces its origins to 1979, when Rhoda Genzel took an idea to several Rochester-area colleges.

“I suggested that the area needed an intensive English-language program,” says Genzel, who had background in Spanish and Russian and had worked in the training department at Xerox. Only RIT agreed to give her idea a try. Genzel was hired on a per-hour basis.

As it turned out, she was right: There was a demand for such a service. Today, the English Language Center provides classes to 70 to 100 students each quarter. Genzel is director and there are four full-time faculty members plus adjuncts as needed.

Some students spend just a quarter or two in the program before starting college classes, others continue for a year or more. They take reading, writing, grammar, conversation, and vocabulary as well as electives in pronunciation, listening, presentation, business communications and TOEFL preparation.

Students from many different countries take classes together, and that’s what the students want,” says Genzel. “Our students not only learn English, they also learn about each other.”

There are outings and events for the students, such as trips to Niagara Falls and local restaurants, providing first-hand experiences in American customs and culture.

Most of the students who attend the ELC fulltime apply to RIT and become matriculated students. Others — such as 1994 Olympic gold medal-winning speed skater Ki-Hoon Kim of South Korea and Dr. Mammary Kone, a specialist in malaria research from Mali — come to RIT solely to learn English at the center. The center also arranges customized classes and individualized instruction for businesses that wish to offer language training for employees. The center also hires international students to teach their native language to anyone interested.

RIT remains the only university in the area that offers an extensive English language program of this type.
Efforts in Europe yield success

RIT is sharing new-world educational approaches with an old world hungry for change.
RIT’s American College of Management and Technology in Croatia conferred 214 two-year degrees and 51 bachelor’s degrees in early June. Since it opened in 1997, the college’s total enrollment has grown to 600. Also in June, 17 students were awarded M.B.A. degrees at RIT’s U.S. Business School in Prague, and about 100 students have completed the M.B.A. program since it opened in 1990.

RIT’s efforts in Central and Eastern Europe have proven successful on many levels. “This is an important part of the world,” notes Thomas Hopkins, dean of the College of Business and president of the school in Prague. “We’re helping the economy in an area that was formerly behind the iron curtain. I see our program as being a connector between RIT and the global economy.”

The U.S. Business School serves a diverse set of students. Most are from the Czech Republic and Slovakia, but others are from the United States, Canada, Vietnam, the Netherlands, Russia, Hungary and Bulgaria. Many alumni have risen to leadership positions in business in the Czech Republic. Hopkins says.

In the mid-1990s, the government of the Republic of Croatia sought RIT’s help in establishing a program aimed at rebuilding the area’s tourism industry, which was nearly destroyed by war following the breakup of the former Yugoslavia. RIT’s model of career education was especially attractive, says Francis Domoy, chair of the department of hospitality and service management in the College of Applied Science and Technology, which directs the college in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

Students from Croatia work on co-op jobs in Europe and the U.S.; in fact, several have worked at RIT. With the country’s tourism industry redeveloping, opportunities for jobs after college are expanding in Croatia. The students and their families place a high value on the RIT education,” says Domoy. “Dreams are being fulfilled.”

“Everybody wants to go there. It’s considered the highest quality,” says Sandra Sankovic of Dubrovnik, who completed the two-year program in June and is now working toward a four-year degree. After her first year at the college, Sankovic was accepted for a one-year co-op job at Disney World in Florida – “one of the most amazing experiences of my life.” She spent this summer working in RIT’s food service department.

In high school, Sankovic thought about medical school or a career in management. “Then I heard about the American College of Management and Technology. It was different. They were stressing creativity, the opportunity to learn new ideas.”

The co-op experiences and the hands-on, practical approaches have prepared her well for a career in tourism management, she believes. Already, the school and its students are getting attention from companies within Croatia, and as well as international companies such as Disney and Coca-Cola.

“We are building a reputation – a good one,” she says.

RIT’s efforts in Prague and Dubrovnik have an important benefit back home. A growing number of RIT faculty have taught in Prague and Croatia, and they return with a new perspective. “Students here gain from that,” notes Hopkins.

“It’s a very powerful experience,” adds Domoy.

The success of these programs is leading to other opportunities in the area.

“We believe we have a great deal to offer,” says Domoy. “We can contribute to their success – and to ours.”

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Prague, Czech Republic
The unique programs at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf also attract international students. Currently, about 10 percent of NTID students come from 23 countries.

"Beyond question, international students enrich the experiences provided to deaf and hard of hearing students attending RIT," says Robert Davila, vice president for NTID. "International students are very active within the NTID/RIT community and through their participation and social contacts create a high degree of awareness about different cultures, languages and global perspectives."

The presence of international students influences campus life not only at NTID but throughout the university. Organizations such as OASIS (Organization for the Alliance of Students from the Indian Subcontinent), Chinese Student and Scholar Association, Caribbean Student Association, Taiwanese Student Association, Venezuelan Student Association, Global Union and others arrange social activities for their own members and other students. The more than 40 international and American students living in International House have the opportunity for cultural interaction on a day-to-day basis. The Quarter Mile and dining halls resonate with a multitude of languages.

"I believe RIT is becoming a nest of international culture," says Hamad Ghazie, who came to RIT from Lebanon as a student and is now director of the medical sonography program in the College of Science. "We've developed a very rich cultural environment. As people from different countries live and work together, share their ideas and culture, they learn tolerance and respect. These things are part of an international community."

There's another very tangible benefit. Approximately half a million international students are in the United States, and the vast majority of them finance their education from personal and family sources, according to the Institute of International Education. International education contributes $12.3 billion to the U.S. economy. Universities, including RIT, benefit directly.

A limited number of scholarships funded by private foundations and individuals are available to international students attending RIT. Scholarships are awarded to academically qualified students with great financial need for whom $500 to $3,000 will make a significant impact. Last year, 33 students from 14 countries received these awards.

As is true for all alumni, RIT continues to impact the lives of the international students long after they leave the campus.

Notes NTID's Davila, "When they graduate, they return to their countries enriched by their RIT experiences and they create broad awareness about our American culture, our political and social systems and the educational opportunities that are not available anywhere else. The pay-off, of course, is also measured by the employment opportunities that open up after graduation. Everyone comes out ahead — international and American students alike."

Alumna Purushotham believes that his out-of-classroom experiences benefited him as much as his academic studies.

"Learning to deal with people from all cultures, from diverse backgrounds, is a key to success."
RIT photographers shoot Cuba

It's a land that has long been considered off-limits, but in February a group of RIT photography students and faculty members traveled to Cuba for a week-long assignment. The trip was part of the curriculum for Photography in Cuba, a first-of-its-kind course offered by the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

Denis Defibaugh, associate professor of applied photography, and Dawn Tower DuBois, assistant professor at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf, taught the course. "We thought that, as photographers, it would be a great opportunity for students to visit a completely different culture," Tower DuBois says.

Initially, it seemed unlikely the idea would work. Without diplomatic ties between the United States and Cuba, taking students there appeared risky. Defibaugh and Tower DuBois researched the idea further and discovered a handful of American colleges and universities that have successfully offered educational opportunities in Cuba. That information helped to reassure RIT administrators, who granted their approval.
Next, organizers were required to seek formal permission from the U.S. government. After applying to the Department of the Treasury, the college received a two-year license for travel to and from Cuba.

Upon arriving in Cuba in February, the group wasted little time getting acclimated. “We took a tour of Havana. First by bus and then on foot,” says Delfbaugh. “It was a really good way for the students to get a sense of their surroundings.”

Other excursions included a baseball game, a day at Santa Maria Beach and a tour of a Cuban cigar factory. During the remaining time, students were free to explore on their own.

Delfbaugh says each of them made a point of getting acquainted with the residents. “The students felt there was a real vitality to the Cuban people,” he states. “I was really happy with the number of interactions they had going to peoples’ homes, walking around with them and engaging them in conversation.”

Christina Fallara, a fourth-year student, was initially surprised that the Cubans were so approachable. She focused her creativity on compiling “street portraits” to capture the essence of their lifestyle.

“You’re certain to learn things any time you go and deal with people of a different culture,” Fallara says. “I think it’s important to travel to different areas when possible and see what life is like outside of our own reality. It helps you make you more open-minded.”

Faculty coordinators say that type of feedback reflects the success of this journey. “Many of the photographs they’ve taken are absolutely beautiful,” remarks Tower DuBois. “The images truly illustrate the charm and exuberance of the Cubans and their society. I’m really proud of how our students responded to this opportunity.”
Alumni Activities

Get involved in alumni events in your area! Contact the Office of Alumni Relations by phone (716-475-ALUM) or browse the Web connection at www.rit.edu/al.

Albany
This summer, alumni in the Albany, N.Y., area explored Howe Caverns, known for its magnificent limestone formations. John and Laura Comstock, '94 and '92 respectively, were the generous alumni hosts for this event. Alumni in the area should be on the lookout for information on an upcoming group hockey outing. If you are interested in hosting an event in the Albany region, please contact Julie Goodsell at (716) 475-7638 or by e-mail at jrgsr@rit.edu in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Atlanta
On May 8, nearly 30 alumni and friends attended a networking night at U.S. Play. Great food and great folks provided a great time! Plans for a family event to cheer on the Atlanta Braves are underway. Join in the fun by contacting Dan Campagna Jr., '82 at (770) 924-9246 or Joe Delconte Jr., '85 at (770) 517-5833.

Boston
On April 18, more than 40 alumni gathered at the Blue Cat Café for an evening of socializing. Alumni had the opportunity to network and win outstanding door prizes.

It was a Red Sox summer for the chapter, which offered alumni the opportunity to attend two Sox games. Seventy-five RIT alumni, family and guests gathered to enjoy each game and each other.

Chapter leaders Stephanie Murphy '98, Scott Rill '97 and Mary Jo Savino '90 are planning more exciting events for the fall. Be sure to check the Web site and the mail for your invitation. For more information, please contact Scott Rill at (617) 303-7943.

Alumni and friends attended the most recent Atlanta Chapter event at U.S. Play.

Boston alumni gather at the Blue Cat Café.
Alumni Activities

Buffalo
Together with the Rochester Chapter, more than 60 alumni and friends watched a heated Western New York rivalry between the Rochester Knightshawks and the Buffalo Bandits lacrosse teams. The Buffalo Chapter is busy planning upcoming events. If you would like to help, please contact Tom Stumpf ’89 at (716) 668-7914.

Chicago
Alumni attended the only American showing of the Van Gogh and Gauquin exhibit “The Studio of the South” at the Art Institute of Chicago. A reception followed.

Florida
Alumni in the South Florida area will be coordinating a Boca Raton networking social. Please contact Patrick Stiffen ’92 at patrick@benchmark-press.com or (561) 585-5448.

Los Angeles
On March 31, the Los Angeles Chapter sold out their tickets to the LA Kings vs. Colorado Avalanche hockey game. RIT alumni enjoyed watching the home team win 4-0 at the Staples Center. Do you have an event idea? Contact Eric Senna ’91 at (805) 645-5975.

New York City
Maria Sebastian ’98 is busy planning an upcoming event for alumni in the New York City area. Thanks to Maria for her efforts. The Office of Alumni Relations also would like to express appreciation to Beth Sabatini ’89 for her years of dedication to the chapter. If you would like to coordinate an event or participate in chapter leadership, please contact Julie Goodsell (716-475-7618 or jgrar@rit.edu) in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Phoenix
Mark your calendars! The Phoenix Alumni Chapter has planned a “Day at the Diamondbacks.” On Sept. 11, we are expecting more than 50 alumni and friends to cheer on the Phoenix Diamondback baseball team to victory. Do not miss the best RIT event of the year! Watch for your invitation in the mail. If you would like to get more involved with the chapter, contact Stacy Kallie ’96 at rit-phoenix@yahoo.com or (480) 545-8246.

Philadelphia
Chapter leader Aviva Dubrow ’91 coordinated the annual alumni baseball outing. On July 21, alumni, family, and friends gathered to see the Phillies take on the Yankees. A good time was enjoyed by all. To get involved in this chapter, please contact Aviva at (215) 328-9737.

Raleigh-Durham
The Raleigh-Durham Chapter hosted a popular networking event at the nearby Research Triangle Park Holiday Inn. Fifty alumni and friends shared their RIT memories and experiences. Old friendships were rekindled and new friendships were formed.

For more information on the chapter, contact Jeff Benck ’88 at (919) 847-3791.
Alumni Activities

Rochester
The Rochester Chapter had an exciting summer of activities. On June 1, more than 200 RIT alumni visited the hospitality tent at "Alive at the MAG." This annual event, held on the front lawn of the Memorial Art Gallery, featured young artists enjoying both a beautiful Rochester summer evening and live, local bands.

Again this year, RIT alumni are faithful sporting fans. Alina Palis '79 coordinated a cheering section for the Rochester Rhinos vs. Long Island Rough Riders soccer game and Shirley Murphy '95 organized a Red Wings baseball outing. Other events scheduled for 2001 include: Brick City Festival and Regatta (Oct. 12-14) and a young alumni wine tasting event at Casa Larga Vineyards (Nov. 15).

Welcome to Bill Prentice '99, who recently became the new Rochester Chapter leader! The Rochester Chapter has a volunteer planning committee that meets three times a year to coordinate alumni activities. We would love your ideas and enthusiasm. If you would like to join us at the next meeting on Sept. 20, please call Bill at (716) 224-8339.

San Diego
Thank you to the following alumni for helping to coordinate a Sept. 15 wine-tasting in the San Diego area: Louis Semmon '72, Scott Humberstone '91, Pamela Wick '94, Michelle Hafner '92 and Rick Prenoven '78. If you would like to join this growing chapter, please contact Ashley Eckman in the Office of Alumni Relations at averrn@rit.edu or (716) 475-7416.

San Francisco
Michele Conkle '94 has been busy planning a Sept. 9 sailing cruise on the bay. If you have suggestions for future events, please contact Michele at (510) 724-1294.

Seattle
An over-flowing room of RIT alumni and friends greeted President Albert J. Simone at the Westin Hotel Seattle. The Seattle Chapter helped the president celebrate his recognition from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) for his outstanding contributions to students. Thank you to Beth Merriman '80 and Michael Woods '92 for helping to coordinate this important event. For more information on chapter activities, contact Michael at (206) 523-6629.

Syracuse
It's time for the annual pre-game reception at the Sheraton University Hotel and college-football game at the Carrier Dome. On Sept. 22, join other RIT alumni and friends for an opportunity to wear your orange! For more information on chapter events, contact Michael Scotto '88 at (315) 452-0882.

Texas - Austin, Dallas & San Antonio
In March, Texas alumni had a wonderful time being a part of the first Big Shot held outside of New York state. Be on the lookout for information on more RIT events in these areas.

Washington, D.C.
Chapter leader Vicky Decker '93 served as team captain for the alumni who participated in the Race for the Cure on June 2. Kudos to Vicky, who organized the event including the post-race gathering at the Old Ebbitt Grill, and to Tom Curley '77, for generously lending his support to the event by encouraging race participation.

The RIT Board of Trustees and the Alumni Network Board of Directors held their annual July meetings in Washington, D.C. Alumni in the area were invited to a dinner cruise on the Potomac River, which allowed them the opportunity to meet both the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Network Board of Directors. To get involved in the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter, please contact Vicky Decker '93 at (703) 971-4217.

Christine Devine '88 is a business analyst for Indus International, Atlanta, Ga.
Thomas Digiovanni '88 is president of Tendex, Kirkland, Wash.
Debra Miller '88 is a financial analyst for Naugatuck Valley Bank, New York.
Leah Vanuuissema Powell '88 is an accountant and auditor for Ernst & Young L.L.P., Pittsford, N.Y.
David Sottol '88 is director of events for the American Cancer Society, Careem, N.Y.
Karen Crispino '90 is a technical writer in the human resources department for Williams Consulting, Collegeville, Pa.
Gerald Schaeffer '89 is a computer specialist for Mead Johnson & Company, Indianapolis, Ind.
Thomas Stumpf '89 is a sales manager for Advanced Internet Design and Application, Buffalo, N.Y.
Theresa Vaccaro Danielle '90 is an information management specialist for General Electric Corp., Fairfield, Conn.
Tyson Knnery '90 represented the U.S. as a member of the soccer team at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games.
Amanda Parkes '89 is a financial analyst for Raychem Corp., Bartos, Fla.
Jacqueline Strazza '90 is an assistant controller for John A. Brogan, Inc., Dublin, N.Y.
Kenneth Spence '90 is a software designer and developer for Ernst & Young L.L.P., Melville, N.Y.
Francis Malloy '91 is an information specialist for Datawarehouse Coopers, Arlington, Va.
John Roth '91 is a product manager for Arkeon Data Systems Corp., Stoneham, Mass.
Gary Vesperman '91 is director of marketing and materials management information services for Trident Manufacturing, Webster, N.Y.
Sharon Lynn Blomfield '92 is an accountant and auditor for Xerox Corp., Franklins, N.Y.
Kendall Burroughs '92 is an accounting manager for Alain, Guttman & Co., New York.
Carl Berman '92 is a national proposal manager in the technical services department for CompUSA, Dallas, Texas.
Lara MacAulay '94 is director of information management for Warner Bros. Studios MS, New York.
Brian Scott '91 is a technology consultant for General Electric Corp., Denver.
Brian Scott '91 is a project manager for Broadcast Corp., Denver.
Timothy Cappellletti '94 is an account manager for Modern Marketing Concepts, East Hanover, N.J.

In conjunction with a Board of Trustees meeting in Washington, D.C., alumni from the area gathered for a Potomac dinner cruise in July.
Alumni Activities

Alumni Admissions Network
Thank you to all our alumni who participated in spring admission receptions in Boston, New York City, and the Washington, D.C., area. RIT relies on your support to help recruit the best students for the university.

If you would like to become involved in the Alumni Admissions Network, please contact Julie Goodsell (716-475-7633 or jgoodsell@rit.edu) in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Minority Alumni Advisory Committee (MAAC)
Devon Christopher '92, Monique Wiley-Wright '93, and James Manning '70 continue to lead the Minority Alumni Advisory Committee. Their deep appreciation for their continued leadership. Last spring, MAAC sponsored another successful career fair, proceeds from which will go to their student scholarship fund. For more information on this organization, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (716) 475-ALUM.

Applied Science and Technology
Harry Friedman '77 is a public software officer in the TV/Videom Division of Oracle. Rochester.

James H. Mcbride '90 is a vice president of Deere & Company, Rochester.

Jeanne Gerould '90 is an executive assistant for the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Christopher McCauley '90 is an administrative assistant for the Office of the President, Rochester.

Karen Kirch '90 is a web specialist for the University of Rochester, Rochester.

Kirsten Knorr '99 is a staff accountant at Deloitte & Touche LLP, Rochester.

Lisa Neary '99 is working for Bonadio & Co LLP, Poughkeepsie, NY.

Heather Sprague '99 is a marketing manager for Navistar International, Rochester.

John Zanghi '99 is director of strategic alliances and operations for St. John's University, Rochester.

Amy Carrado '00 is a marketing research manager for CompTIA, Morristown, NJ.

Donovan Dehner '00 is an intellectual property manager for Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Parsippany, NJ.

Edward Fly '00 is a financial analyst for HP, Ann Arbor, MI.

Erik Hophin '00 is a financial advisor for Morgan Stanley, Rochester.

Cynthia Johnson '00 is a production engineer for Corning, Inc., Corning, NY.

Marcos Pinheiro '00 is a consultant and systems analyst for MicroSight, Somers, NY.

Thomas Rossman '00 is a vice president of the New York Stock Exchange, New York, NY.

Kellee Rouse '00 is an accountant and auditor for Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP, Rochester.

Frederick Getz '79 is an advisory software engineer for Lockheed Martin, Mountain View, CA.

David Mathy '80 is a software designer and developer for The Corporate R&D, New York, NY.

Glen Hook '81 is a software engineer for Veritas Technologies, Rochester.

Leonard Madrock '81 is a software engineer for the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

Katherine McShane '81 is a business manager for the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

Donna D'Amico '82 is a software engineer for IBM, San Jose, CA.

David Drummond '82 is a program manager for Hewlett-Packard, Houston, TX.

John Schererberger '82 is a senior developer for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester.

Timothy Thompson '83 is a vice president of marketing for Orange Ski, Rochester.

Jeffrey Miller '84 is a senior manager for the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

Michael Panzovski '84 is a senior software engineer for the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

William Sarsfield '85 is a principal at the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

Mark Amis '85 was selected to represent the U.S. as a member of the soccer team at the 1991 Summer Games in New York, NY.

Paul Breznitski '85 is a computer engineer for the U.S. Army TAMC, ARDEC, Picatinny Arsenal, NJ.

John Muir '85 is a rear operations officer for the Engineering Center at West Point, NY.

Albert Zabukser '86 is an enterprise systems architect for IBM, Rochester.

Laurie Alessandrini Adams '87 is a software engineer for Nortel Networks, Rochester.

Richard Herzen '87 is a financial analyst for EDS, Rochester.

Mark McCreary '87 is a software engineer for Nortel Networks, Rochester.

Paul Mezhercher '87 is an executive director for the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Eric Meyers '88 is a systems analyst for IBM, Rochester.

Thomas Bildner '88 is a senior software engineer for the software development group at Computer Sciences, San Jose, CA.

Judith Penn '89 is an account executive for Micros Technologies, Oakland, CA.

Paul Ripka '89 is a software engineer for Lotus Development, Westford, MA.

Paul Rivas '89 is a software engineer for IBM, Rochester.

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Retiring professor Robert Snyder and his wife, Norma Snyder, have established a scholarship, which has become much more diverse.

Snyder is reminded of the constantly changing face of the university on a regular basis. As a key tour guide for the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, he's shepherded hundreds of prospective students through the building. Snyder also plays an important role as students complete their years at RIT. For 20 years, he served as marshal for the college's commencement ceremony—the perfect job for someone who describes himself as "the ultimate detail guy."

Among many achievements, Snyder is especially proud of four. First was receiving a Ph.D. Then, because he doesn't hold a degree in engineering, in 1971 he took the New York state professional engineering exam—and passed. Another dearly held honor came in 1979, when he received the Ethenhart Outstanding Teaching Award. This past year, he was named distinguished educator by his professional organization, the Materials Engineering Institute of ASM International (formerly the American Society for Metals).

Well-known for his dedication to students, Snyder and his wife took the step of establishing an endowed scholarship. Norma Snyder also has been actively involved with the university serving as president of RIT's Women's Council from 1993 - 1995 and, in that capacity, as a member of the RIT Board of Trustees.

Beginning in the 2001 - 2002 school year, the Robert L. and Norma M. Snyder N.S. Scholarship will be awarded annually to a third- or fourth-year student of the Department of Mechanical Engineering.
Alumni Highlights

Alumnus Robert Scharf focuses on the International Space Station

When the space shuttle flies, RIT alum Robert Scharf gets pictures—hundreds of them.

Scharf (Imaging Science '94) works for Lockheed Martin Space Operations in the Imaging Science and Analysis Group at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. His group, which was created as a result of the 1986 Challenger accident, pores over photos of every shuttle mission, looking for anything abnormal.

Scharf’s role is to talk to shuttle crews and others at NASA to determine what imaging information will help them.

These days, the focus is on the International Space Station, and Scharf leads a group working on external survey activities for the project. As the ISS progresses, the team compiles images and passes the information along to others working on the project—providing a close look at the station to people who may never actually see it.

He previously did similar work on 10 shuttle missions to the Russian space station Mir. He ultimately developed a book of Mir’s external configurations, written in English and Cyrillic. The book proved immensely helpful to American astronauts visiting the station.

Although Houston is a long way from Scharf’s roots in Horseheads, N.Y., he very much enjoys the position he’s held since 1995. “It’s great to work with the astronauts,” he says, and his job constantly evolves. His imaging science background crosses several disciplines, allowing him to communicate comfortably with people from diverse backgrounds.

Six years after receiving his B.S., Scharf established the Elizabeth Ellen Locke Memorial Scholarship in honor of his godmother. “She worked for Westinghouse and assembled critical parts of the cameras that went on the first moon landing in 1969,” Scharf says. “So I think it’s interesting that she had a connection to imaging science.”

The scholarship was awarded last year, to Seth A. Weith-Glishko of Franklin Lakes, N.J.

When he was a student, Scharf received the Earl Randall Andrews Scholarship funded by the Gonnell family. “I realized what a difference this can make, and I was glad to be able to help others in this way.”
Carissa Canman '95 is a senior graphic designer for Oracle in Redwood Shores, Calif.
Seth Getner '95 is a staff photographer for The Roanoke Times, Roanoke, Va.
Terri Martyn '95 is an artist teacher at Sumner School District 17, Sumner, S.C.
John Mckeevey '95 is an analyst for the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington, D.C.
Stephan Philbrick '95 is a computer-aided design engineer for IBM in Amherst, N.Y.
Jerome Smiatecki '95 is a graphic designer for Wachovia in Rochester, N.Y.
Kelly Cummins '96 is a graphic designer for Design Consultants, Inc., Goshen, Va.
Rachel Dacks '96 is an exhibit designer and consultant furniture designer for Howard B. Field Design/EP, Inc., Washington, D.C.
Ben Haas '96 is a freelance art director and designer for Hasder Design, Meriden, Conn.
Nicole Harding '96 is an imagery analyst and intelligence officer for the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Imagery & Mapping Agency, Washington, D.C.
Heather McKay '96 is an express photo technician for Eckerd Drugs, Rochester.
Anthony Rozawski '96 is a media designer for Interlogue, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.
Rachel Corne '97 is an art director for Idea Connections, Rochester.
Joseph Girzanto '97 is a photographic specialist for Anzo Blue Productions, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Meredith Leaman '97 is a digital picture desk editor for Getty Images News Service, New York.
Edgar Maarmen '97 is a technical product specialist for Control Media, Providence, R.I.
Scott Minner '97 is a cofounder and chief marketing officer for UBIU, Inc., Charlotte, NC.
Douglas Roberts '97 is an information technology and systems manager for Beantek, Inc., San Mateo, Calif.
Christopher Crouse '99 is a professional photographer for the Charlotte Sun, Port Charlotte, Fla.
Jessica Darroux '99 is an interior designer for Hillier, Princeton, N.J.
Lisa Eversley '99 is a digital designer for Strataphil Studios, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Shauna Jette '99 is a director and producer for Time-Warner Cable, Syracuse Division, Watertown, N.Y.
Charlotte Kruse '99 is a fashion design assistant for Jo Coyle, Venice, Calif.
Anna Nenonen '99 is an assistant professor of art and design at the University of Maine, Orono.
Sandra Neshit '99 is an assistant art director for Cinecom, Inc., New York.
Elizabeth Nino '99 is a staff photographer for the Rochester Post-Bulletin, Rochester, Minn.
Michael Robson '99 is a website developer and graphic designer for Rosecrans, Inc., Boston, Mass.
Sarah Rodich '99 is a graphic designer for WBNW-TV, Bellingham, Wash.
Carlos Aldaunus '00 is a corporate director for Lignograph Latina S.A., Mexico City, Mexico.
Beynol Argas '00 is a photographer for Yacht Shots, Newport, R.I.
Michael Cook '00 is a network administrator for the Sentry Group, Rochester.
Megan Dee '00 is an associate editor for Popular Photography, Manhattan, NY.
Kristi Grady '00 is an editor and estimator for Automated Graphic Systems, White Plains, Md.
Christopher Hayes '00 is a sales support representative for Tricor, Inc., Hackettstown, N.J.
Elizabeth Kovalik '00 is an account manager for Automated Graphic Systems, White Plains, Md.
Ryan McGray '00 is an account executive for colorimage, Chicago.
Stephen Moss '00 is a graphic designer for RMC Design, New York.
Clint Niedzwiecki '00 is a design manager and marketing director for American Quality Beverages, Syracuse, N.Y.
Laura Russo '00 is an assistant photo editor for Chankin Press, New York.
Paul Tracy '00 is a technical specialist for Moiree Community College, Rochester.

Continuing Education

Richard Fullert '77 is a director of editorial for the Charlotte Sun, Port Charlotte, Fla.
Dennis Wallach '83 is a project manager for Rosecrans, Inc., Boston.
Joy Houck '93 is a vice president of training and operations development for National City Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.
John Meekan '94 is director of print production for the Human Resources Development Corporation, New York, N.Y.
Jason Sheinberger '95 is a multimedia designer for Spin International, Nellis AFB, Nev.
Stacy Isgain Francis '88 is a program manager and analyst for Computer Sciences, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.
Cynthia Calabrese Richardson '88 is an instructional designer for Educational Resources Development, Inc., North Carolina.
Scott Alexander '93 is a project manager for Xerox Corporation, Rochester.
Frederick Smith '70 is an executive director for Colteles, Inc., Raleigh, N.C.
William Walloode '71 is an electrical engineer for Systematics, Inc., Luling, La.

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Engineering

Bruce Brouse '57 is president of Klag Systems, Inc., Rochester.
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Joseph Dominski ’90 is a quality assurance consultant for McAlester Consulting, Wayne, Ill.
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John Marshak ’80 is an electrical engineer for General Motors Development, Mason, Mich.
Jeffrey Correll ’82 is a technical staff member of Advanced Micro Devices, Austin, Texas.
Gary (Guff) ‘82 is president and owner of Innovation Software Group, LLC, New Haven, Conn.
Shubor Ghare ’92 is a financial analyst for Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc., Nashville, Tenn.
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James Colton ’83 is a statistician for Mitul, Inc., W. Palm Beach, Fla.
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Richard Kowalski ’93 is a software engineer for Microsoft Technology, Inc., Chandler, Ariz.
Matthew Armaunecas ’94 is a vice president for The Boston Globe, New York.
Richard Rutkowski ’94 is a quality assurance engineer for Printpack, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.
Dean Burrows ’95 is a global program manager for Carrier Corp., Division of UTC, Syracuse, N.Y.
Michelle Guzdek ’95 is a customer acceptance engineer for KLA-Tencor Corp., San Jose, Calif.
Todd Syver ’95 is a microelectronic engineer for Fairchild Semiconductor, S. Portland, Maine.
Khampasingh Luangphay ’95 is an engineer for Applied Materials, Austin, Texas.
Jennifer Mitchell ’95 is a technical support manager for Brooks Automation, Chelmsford, Mass.
Joseph Valent ’95 is an investment banker for Lehman Brothers, New York, N.Y.
Richard Brink ’96 is a staff engineer for IBM, Rochester, Minn.
Bryant Kasprowicz ’96 is an engineering manager for Photodynamics, Inc., Austin, Texas.
Robert Oakley ’96 is a senior product line manager for ADC Broadband Communications, Wallingford, Conn.
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Alumni Highlights

RIT joins the big parade

Equine fantasies — 158 of them — took up positions on the streets of greater Rochester this summer in a community project known as Horses on Parade.

And 15 of the horses have ties to RIT.

High Falls Brewing Co. organized the project, obtaining the life-size fiberglass steeds. Local organizations and businesses adopted them — ranging from professionals to school children — to decorate the horses. The herd went on view in May and remains in place until Sept. 15, when the horses will be rounded up and sold at a gala public auction with all proceeds going to Rochester-area charities.

Robert Whiteside ’77 spent months painting five ponies.

Whiteside was selected to create horses for Greater Rochester Metro Chamber of Commerce, Greater Rochester Visitors Association, Clear Channel Heart of Gold Children’s Foundation, Thos. R. Paddock Oriental Rug Exchange, and NexPress Solutions.

In May, Whiteside and his wife, Madeline, opened the HOPE Gallery to exhibit other work by artists who participated in the Parade Project. The gallery is at 131 St. Paul St., Rochester, in the space where Whiteside painted his horses.

The horse sponsored by RIT was created by eight furniture design students from the School for American Crafts under the direction of assistant professor Andy Burk.

“Barrel E. Horse” spent the summer in front of Gallery r, 775 Park Ave., Rochester, an art gallery operated by RIT.

Other RIT family members who created horses are:

• Carl Zoll ’52 for the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross.
• Karen Pelc, an M.F.A. student and coordinator of RIT’s Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education Program, who sponsored by Brite Computers.
• Belinda Bryce, a student and employee of the Learning Development Center, for PharmHealth Infusion Inc./Camp Sour.
• Paula Crawford, an M.F.A. student, for hoselton Automall.
• Maggie Scheid ’00, for Ball Corp.
• Adjunct faculty member Jacque Germanow, sponsored by Tel-Tru Manufacturing Co. and Germanow-Simon Corp.
• Jay Lincoln, adjunct faculty, three horses for Rochester Coca-Cola Bottling Corp., Boulder Group and Excelsior Inc.

Kurt Brownell ’96 photographed all of the horses for a commemorative book on the project.

For more information about Horses on Parade, visit the Web site at www.highfalls.com/hop.

Fine & Applied Arts

Harriet Bingham Thayer ’16 presented “Ring: Retrospective of an artist’s” a lecture and slide presentation about her artisic development at Nazareth College’s Arts Center, Pittsford, N.Y.

Carla Forrest ’74 is a senior training and development consultant for Sanofi National Laboratories, Albuquerque, N.M.

Debra Root ’75 was graphic design coordinator in the office of public relations and publications for Alfred State College, Alfred, N.Y.

Jocie Thomas ’75 is an industrial designer for The Eureka Co., Bloomington, Ill.

Kevin Hall ’77 is owner of Kevin Hall Design, Milford, Conn.

Elizabeth Cummings Serafini ’77 is a graphic designer for Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.

Katherine St. Denis ’81 is an art director for Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Carol Drzyzga ’84 is an art director for Hudson Valley Magazine, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Robert Voelker ’85 is an interactive marketing manager for Element 8, Rochester.


Peter Zupko ’87 is a design supervisor at WUPW TV, Westfield, Pa.

Susanne Rigghi ’88 is a project manager and estimator for Spercre- Vernoche Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.

John Ward ’88 is a project officer for AIT, Washington, D.C.

Scott Traylor ’89 is owner of Traylor Multimedia, Newton, Mass.

Andres Camp ’90 is an electronic communications manager for Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Chad MacManus ’90 is vice president and owner of Spirit of Art, Orleans Beach, Fla.

Bruce Robinson ’90 is a systems engineering manager for Saks, Baltimore, Md.

David Tauro ’90 is an art director for Integrated Marketing, Syracuse, N.Y.

Michael Elliott ’91 is owner and graphic designer for Metropolis Design, Boston, Mass.

Gonzal Ilhesi ’91 is an associate professor in the printmaking department at Amadada University, Fukuoka, Japan.

Timothy O’Donnell ’91 is an art director for Roperash, Inc., New York.

Monica Besler ’92 is an art director for Coeopt, Bethesda, Md.

Michelle Alene Hadler ’92 is a directrives coordinator for BAE Systems Mission Solutions, San Diego, Calif.

Ian Kirciad ’92 is a medical illustrator and animator for WebMD, Atlanta, Ga.

Wendy Kieswee ’92 is a media manager for Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, Boston, Mass.

Jennifer Salburg ’92 is an art director for HMS Hallmark, Orlando, Fla.

Regina Carrone ’93 is a motion and art director for G Creative, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

John Fredericks ’93 is a marketing communications manager for Lotus Development Corp., Cambridge, Mass.
Alumni Highlights

Decade in Washington leads to White House job

Kristine Simmons’ interest in politics was well established before she graduated from RIT in 1990 with a degree in professional and technical communication.

Still, she seems amazed at the path that led to her current job as Special Assistant to President George W. Bush for Domestic Policy.

And she credits RIT with getting her started on that path. She was very active in student government, and worked on what is today known as the Horton Distinguished Speaker Series. “My interest in politics was heightened,” she says.

“When I graduated, Andrew Dougherty (special assistant to former RIT President Richard Rose) helped me set up informational interviews in Washington,” she says. “Through Congressman Frank Horton’s office, I was offered a four-month internship on the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. I’m sure as a courtesy to RIT,” That job gave her a chance to prove her worth.

The internship turned into a permanent position on the professional staff, where she stayed for seven years.

As part of her duties with that committee, she worked on the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act, the second bill in the Republican’s “Contract with America” to become law. She led a team charged with drafting legislation to restructure the Department of Commerce.

In 1997, she became a staff member with the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Senator Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.). Prior to taking the White House job in March of this year, she worked for two years as staff director of the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, which is under the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, chaired by Senator George Voinovich (R-Ohio). In this position, Simmons led the Subcommittee’s efforts to address challenges facing the federal work force.

Meanwhile, she married John Simmons (business administration, finance option) ’91, who recently became senior advisor at Akin, Gump, Strassus, Hauer & Feld LLP where he will work with former U.S. Representative Bill Paxon. Kristine and John been together since college, and now have two children, 5-year-old Caroline and 1 ½-year-old John Michael.

Like many working parents, Kristine strives to balance her family commitments with her job. When the opportunity at the White House came along, she thought it over very carefully before accepting.

The new post so far seems a good fit for her family life as well as her job experience. Among her duties: advising the president and White House senior staff on federalism, intergovernmental relations and government reform issues, co-chairing the Bush Administration’s District of Columbia Task Force; and serving as White House Domestic Policy Council liaison with cabinet agencies and Congress on federalism and government reform issues. It doesn’t happen on a daily basis, but briefing President Bush on these topics is part of her job. She has an office in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, and a pass that gets her to the West Wing.

She loved her previous jobs but the 11-year Washington veteran admits that working for the White House is special. “It’s exciting to be there.”

On a visit to RIT in May to speak at a Women’s Council luncheon, Simmons marveled at the changes. “I’m impressed with the development of the campus, in terms of both the academic buildings and those intended to enhance student life.”
Alumni Highlights

Photo grads earn national recognition

Three recent graduates from RIT’s School of Photographic Arts and Sciences received national recognition last spring.

Photo District News, a popular trade publication, has included the trio in its “Thirty Under 30: Young Photographers to Watch” feature. Recent work by Brian Doben ’96, Sang An ’96 and Shannon Taggart ’98 appeared in the March 2001 issue of the magazine.

The annual profile presents a cross-section of talented young photographers, all under the age of 30. The editors of Photo District News made their selections based on the photographers’ ability to create inspiring images without the power of a famous name or an award-winning portfolio.

“They are truly among the shooting stars of photography,” says Bill DuBois, RIT photographic arts chair. “These are the up-and-coming people of the future, and we’re very proud to see our former students achieving such heights.”

Brian Doben spent several years as a photography assistant before venturing into a successful freelance career in New York City. Doben has traveled throughout the Western Hemisphere on assignments, and his work has appeared in publications such as Vanity Fair, New York Magazine and Travel and Leisure Gulf.

Sang An followed a similar path to success. He worked as an assistant prior to his current career as a studio photographer in Manhattan. The South Korea native has developed an expertise for capturing still-life images that have appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Martha Stewart Living, and Gucci.

After leaving RIT, Shannon Taggart spent time in London on a scholarship from the Alexander Foundation for World Peace. Since returning to this country, Taggart has worked at the University of Rochester as a publicity photographer and will begin teaching advertising photography at RIT this fall. She recently sold a photo to Random House that appears on the book cover for Liking Awake, a novel by Mark Salzman.

Celebrity photog Alston shares his vision

Photographer Kwaku Alston ’94 returned to campus this spring. He presented selections of his photographs (including images of Oprah, Will Smith and Tom Hanks) to a standing-room-only crowd composed of students, alumni, faculty, and staff.

Todd Garvey ’86 is in the marketing department at Veris, Baltimore, Md.

Mitchell Goldsmith ’86 is a printing manager for Bombi & Co. Inc., New York.

Paige Hiller ’86 is owner and art director for The Hiller Group, Woodstock, Vt.

Cheryl Cleeg-Hodgson ’86 is owner and photographer for Cheryl Cleeg Photography, Boston, Mass.

Kimberly Osmoncek Mendez ’86 is director of professional billing operations for Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, N.H.

Christina Stephens Ashmo ’87 is an account manager for Visual Graphics, Glen Burnie, Md.

William Ansloz ’86 is a vice president of manufacturing for Afinia, Marietta, Ohio.

Paul Ellingson ’90 is a production manager for Dreamspace, Lakeville, N.Y.

Paul Ellingson ’89 is an implementation manager for printmanagement.com, Virginia Beach, Va.
Charles Carron '90 is a sales representative for Privatrce Ltd., Deep River, Conn.

Robert Tamulis '90 is an advertising computer technician for Stop & Shop Supermarkets, Quincy, Mass.

Kelly Gath Wilson '90 is a photo editor for Turner Broadcasting System, Atlanta, Ga.

Janice Grosshans '91 is owner of Daily Perks Coffee House, Rochester.

Kristin Mason '91 is an engineer for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester.

Bernard Phillips '91 is a digital studio manager for G.E. Imaging Studio, Wyckoff, N.J.

Scott Wooten '91 is a customer service representative for S.E. Meyer Packaging, Palmview, Pa.

Sharon Cardarelli '92 is a purchasing manager for The C.J. Krebs Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ricky Chung '92 is an overseas department associate manager for Silver's Art Printing Co., LTD., Taipei, Taiwan.

Thomas Panko '92 is a customer service representative for Canterbury Press, Rome, N.Y.

Joshua Hadley '93 is a software designer and developer for Agfa Monotype Corp., Palo Alto, Calif.

Beth Tole Hughes '93 is a writer and photographer for Amherst Images, Amherst, Mass.

Kenneth Sassano '93 is a customer service representative for Banta Direct Marketing, Danbury, Conn.

Liberal Arts

Sharaine Rawlings '77 is associate director of the Midwest Center for Postsecondary Outreach for St. Paul College, St. Paul, Minn. She also made two presentations at RIT students, "You Can Catch More Legitimizers With Kindness," and "A Successful Lobbying Effort Model," October 21, 2000, as part of the NEF's 2000 Series sponsored by NTD's Student Affairs and Student Life Forum. She is the president of the NTD Alumni Association.

Michael Lattitu VSP '74, '80 was named artistic manager for the National Theatre of the Deaf, Hartford, Conn. Mike's professional theatre career has spanned 25 years.

Cencina Fischer '81 is a financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors, Rochester.

Robert Montanez '87 is a probation officer for the Monroe County Probation Department, Rochester.

Lori Mack '88 is an admissions counselor for NTD at RIT, Rochester.

Kirk Strietich '89 is a law enforcement officer for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baltimore, Md.

Christopher DiFrancesco '90 is director of communications for the University of Rochester Rochester.

Vincent Pulcini '90 is a deportation officer for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Services, Buffalo, N.Y.

Kerry Spindler '92 is a program associate for Hetera Endowments, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Maryn Badenoch '92 is a group manager and technical writer for DST Interactive, Charlotte, N.C.

Erik Robile '91 is a police officer for the Wellesley Police Department, Wellesley, Mass.

Aisha Holmes '92 is a senior account consultant for CIT Corp., Rochester.

Richard Kopacz '91 is an assistant public defender for Broome County Public Defender, Binghamton, N.Y.

Cheryl Woods '92 is a researcher assistant and PhD student for CUNY BBF, Brooklyn, Rochester.

Gregory Jarimase '93 is deputy chief of arm services for Yokota Command Center, APO Japan.

Shane Feldman '01 is an editor and writer for the National Association of the Deaf, Silver Spring, Md.

National Technical Institute for the Deaf

Cari Ann Chass Christensen '97 received the Michaelangelo Award for Innovation in Teaching. She is a certified deaf education in the Deaf, Binghamton, N.Y.

Paul Kelly '97 is a vocational technology teacher for the Rochester School for the Deaf, Rochester.

Catherine Bennett '99 is an American Sign Language specialist for the Colorado School for the Deaf, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Matthew Hamill '99 represented the U.S. as a member of the wrestling team at the 1996 Summer Deaf World Games.

Lori Moreth '99 is a freelance interpreter for Aurora of CVN, Syracuse, N.Y.

William Kane '00 is a master's degree candidate for the University of Texas School for the Deaf, Austin, Texas.

Dana Romanello '00 is a science teacher for deaf and hard-of-hearing students at the Learning Center, Framingham, Mass.

Jon Hui Yang '99 completed NTD's Master of Science Program in Secondary Education of Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing, and has enrolled in the PhD program in Deaf Education at Gallaudet University. She is the director of the Chinese Sign Language Program Study Tour students to her native Beijing and has been a member of the Executive Board of Chinese Sign Language Program Study Tour students to Beijing.

Robert Fuller VSP '99, '72 received the Outstanding Service Award as a career member of the World Recreation Association of the Deaf.

Edward Lord VSP '70, '73 received recognition for outstanding service at the 1996 Summer Deaf World Games.

Gerald Piscott VSP '70, '73 is an administrative assistant for the Philadelphia International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa.
Got the post tax-time blues?

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For more information about an RIT Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Bette Rolley, assistant director of planned giving, RIT, 1164 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y., 14623, (716) 475-6566.

Michele Heise SVP ’85, ’89 represented the U.S. as a member of the women’s handball team at the 1990 Summer Deaf World Games.

Elizabeth Atkin SVP ’86, ’90 represented the U.S. as a member of the bowling team at the 1990 Summer Deaf World Games.

Thomas Marin SVP ’86, ’90 is a senior engineering technician for electromagnetic interference at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md.

Rebecca Cook Mickelson SVP ’87, ’91 is a general clerk for the Defense Supply Center, Columbus, Ohio.

Machinering Chirenje SVP ’87, ’92 is a CAD operator and electrical drafter for M/F Engineering Inc., Rochester.

Yvette Mills Chirenje SVP ’87, ’92 is a staff assistant for NTID’s Student Life Team at RIT, Rochester. She is currently attending RIT’s social work program part-time.

Jacquie Torres SVP ’87, ’92 is a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, St. Louis, Mo.

Kristine Meyer Gray SVP ’90, ’94 is employed by the U.S. Postal Service, Syracuse. She was inducted into the RIT Sports Hall of Fame and Places for the Spartans, a women’s softball team she founded. The women represent the Towns of Rochester organization. She also represented the U.S. as a member of the women’s volleyball team at the 1990 Summer Deaf World Games.

Christopher Redner SVP ’91, ’95 is a condition monitoring technician at Gorhers Printing Co., Erie, Pa.

Amy Leitner SVP ’91, ’95 is an associate webmaster for Norfolk TransEnter, Raleigh, N.C.

Dmitriy Kisegof SVP ’93, ’96 is a visiting instructor in NTID’s Optical Fabrication Technology program and a part-time lab supervisor and certified lab technician for Lendalab, Rochester. Dmitriy earned a bachelor’s degree in business management from the University of New York, College of Staten Island.

Dario Beattie Toro SVP ’90, ’97 is an actuarial engineer for National Network Technologies, LLC, New York.

Trevor Rosa SVP ’92, ’97 represented the U.S. as a member of the cycling team at the 1990 Summer Deaf World Games.

Jay Jakubowski SVP ’93, ’98 represented the U.S. as a member of the wrestling team at the 1990 Summer Deaf World Games.

Arunita Smith SVP ’96, ’99 is an intern clerk for Archer Management Services, Long, Ill.

Science

Mary Gayle Clejan Hutcherson ’77 has retired from the USDA-ARS as a technician, E. Lansing, Mich.
Living means learning at Athenaeum

“Lifelong learning” isn’t just a catch phrase for members of The Athenaeum. It’s a way of life. “We’re all here for the same reason,” says Bart Freedman. “We’re here to learn.”

“I love the intellectual stimulation,” adds Lois Tucker. Also known as “ Rochester’s Academy for Learning After Fifty.”

The Athenaeum was founded in 1987 as an affiliate of RIT. Today, 426 members participate in programs that include courses, travel, and social activities— all organized by members.

“The Athenaeum is run for and by its members,” notes program director Rose Marie Seps. “They’re a remarkable group of energetic, interested people, and the organization really reflects that.”

Joan Charles joined four years ago following retirement as an elementary teacher at Hilton Central School. “I’ve learned fascinating things,” says Charles. “The classes are extremely interesting and very diverse. The knowledge we have here is just tremendous.”

Typically, 25 to 35 courses are offered during each of three terms that run from September to May. Some courses are led by members who have professional expertise in the subject, but many courses come out of the leader’s personal interest and independent study. Everyone is encouraged to participate: silence is not considered a virtue here.

“We get into discussions you wouldn’t believe,” says Freedman, co-facilitator of the ever-popular movie discussion group. Other recent course topics reflect a wide range of interests, including Shakespeare, the Uncivil War, astronomy, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and her Gift from the Sea.

Summer brings day trips to area wineries, the Shaw Festival, Niagara Falls, and other points of interest, always featuring an educational component.

The Athenaeum’s headquarters are on Fairwood Drive, off East River Road in Henrietta, just south of the RIT campus. Regular members pay $125 per year, which entitles them to take as many courses as they wish. The entire system includes courses and facilities including the library. There’s also a one-term trial membership ($125, applicable toward a full-year membership).

The only prerequisite for membership is age: Members must be 50 or older.

More information about The Athenaeum is available by calling (716) 292-8989, or on the Web at http://ss.ssc.rit.edu/~athenwww/

David Kosowski ’72 is a biologist for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Averill Park, N.Y.
Dana Lawson ’72 is a computer specialist for Syntel Inc., Troy, Mich.
Deborah Turbide ’72 is a director for TOTAlApproach.com, Hampton, N.H.
Philip Furspan ’75 is a scientist at Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich.
Lynn Gillette ’76 is an executive manager for academic information technology at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.
Gregory Sherman ’76 is a senior research scientist and chemist for GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Research Triangle Park, N.C.
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Juliana Lemaster Gould ’80 is an interpreter for the Lake City Board of Education, Lake City, Fla.
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Beverly DeLucia ’84 is an engineer for the Nisus Corp., Webster, N.Y.
Paul Welch ’87 is a senior account manager for JDS Uniphase, Rochester.
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Births

John Schmidt ’78 and wife, Anne, a son, Tyler John, January 2, 2001.
Suzan Creswell Clifton ’83 and husband, Tom, a daughter, Anna, October 1, 2000.
Mark Planteur ’84 and wife, Louise Planteur ’84, a son, Noah Louis, September 11, 2000.
Amanda Parker ’91 and husband, Calvin, a daughter, Leah Jeanne, October 14, 2000.

CAST

Karen Plesko ’81 and husband, John Beiter ’81, a son, Kyle John, October 18, 2000.
Edward Cary '88 and wife, Amy, a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, May 9, 2000.
Frank Colombo '94 and wife, Laura, a daughter, Madeline, May 20, 2000.
John Comstock '94 and wife, Laura '93, a daughter, Rachel Madley, February 3, 2001.
Jennifer Lowe Digaetano '98 and husband, John, a daughter, Sarah, July 2, 2000.
Bruce Morton '99 and wife, Sharyl, a daughter, Angela Renee, May 16, 2000.

CIAS

Wendy Shank Astell '82 and husband, Douglas Astell '80, a son, Nathaniel Ryan, January 24, 2001.
Ronald Cebulinski '82 and wife, Oxana, a daughter, Nadia, April 14, 2000.
Thomas White '81 and wife, Valerie, a daughter, Abigail, March 2, 2001.
Paige Hiller '86 and husband, Steven, a daughter, Madeline Elisabeth, April 30, 2001.
Laura Zarnecki Grabowsky '88 and husband, David, a son, Tommy, June 8, 2000.
Robert Anderson '89 and wife, Jennifer, a daughter, Ann Katherine, December 16, 2001.
Johnnie Carlone '91 and husband, Stephen, a daughter, Ava Pearl, January 8, 2001.
Kathleen Walderer '92 and husband, Richard, a son, Logan, April 17, 2000.
Beth Toly Hughes '91 and husband, Ronald Hughes '91, a son, Aiden, January 22, 2001.
Richard Puchy '93 and wife, Anne, a son, Benjamin Grieser, April 2, 2001.
Scott Szewkowski '93 and wife, Sharon, a son, Jan, April 4, 2000.
Melissa Rosenheck '94 and husband, John, a daughter, Nina Sky, June 7, 2000.
Ned Whim '94 and wife, Carolyn, a daughter, Margaret Frances, November 14, 2000.

Teri-Lynn Lester Kraszewski '95 and husband, Michael, a son, Tyler Max, June 13, 2000.

Engineering

David Demyanov '90 and wife, Cathy Leathersich '89, a son, Evan David, June 6, 2000.
Leslie Foldeker Figueroa '91 and husband, Michael, a daughter, Olivia Mercedes, January 26, 2001.
Eric Gervin '91 and wife, Theresa, a daughter, Johanna Grace, October 1, 2000.
H. William Connors '95 and wife, Christina M. Connors '00, a daughter, Kaylyn Eremana, August 22, 2000.

Liberal Arts

Charmaine Jacobs Hibik '94 and husband, Gregory, a son, Matthew James, September 4, 2000.

NTID

Mary Spencer Hodges SVP '83, '97 and husband, Brent Hodges, a son, William Blake, October 2, 2000.
Anne Wellington Martin SVP '86, '89 and husband, Thomas J. Martin SVP '86, '90, a son, Jesse David, June 2, 2000.
Julie Bartee Mozers SVP '86, '90 and husband, Cliff, a son, Jaedon Elam, July 1, 2000.
Julie Masysky Fama SVP '82, '91 and husband, George Fama SVP '86, '89, a daughter, Tara Lyn, October 3, 2000.
Javier Torres SVP '87, '92 and wife, Rebecca Yahle Torres SVP '87, '92, a daughter, Angelina Marie, November 4, 2000.

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Willa Van Almeda Rossell '40
Neal Wodin '50
Rose Bewin Warren '53
James Erkelenz '65
Thomas Morris '66
Douglas Derycke '67
Peter Deluquiua '76
James Robinson '77
Joseph Scarlata '77
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Continuing Education
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John Daley '76
Howard Smith '76
Marie Nitzman '81
Gary Speis '81

Engineering
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William Bailey '49
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Steven Warden '73

Graphic Arts & Photography
Madeleine Smith Allen '43
Roger Merrin '65
NTID
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Science
David Hall '32
Bernard Kahn '42
Richard Yall '43

Marriages

Business
Sandra Kapral '91 and Tom Weller '92, October 6, 2000.
CAST
Natalie Kuskeki '00 and Chad Senglaub, October 28, 2000.
CIAS
Allison Sacchetti '99 and Scott Brousseau, June 2000.

Anthony Rechek '83 and wife, Terese, a daughter, Rebecca, May 26, 2000.

Engineering
Raymond Biehler '91 and Julie Abella, November 18, 2000.

Liberal Arts

NTID
Kris Whitcomb SMP '84, '95 and Mark Skinner, August 19, 2000.

Science
Thomas Lone '99 and Kimberly Dumas, June 5, 1999.
Worth Noting

Monday, Sept. 24 through Thursday, Sept. 27
World Manufacturing Congress International Symposiums on Manufacturing Systems, Technology and Management, Louise M. Slaughter Building

Friday, Sept. 28
John Beck and Rod Blumenau’s Rochester Classic Jazz Band, 8 p.m., Ingle Auditorium

Friday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 14
Reunion 2001 and Brick City Festival, RIT campus

Sunday, Oct. 14
Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta, Genesee Valley Park, Rochester

Friday, Oct. 26
Grand opening, Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center at NTID, 4 p.m., Lyndon Baines Johnson Building

Friday, Nov. 2
Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, all-Mozart concert, 8 p.m., Ingle Auditorium

Trip to Galapagos Islands open to alumni

Close encounters with sea lions, giant tortoises, amazing lizards, and untold numbers of rare birds are among the experiences that draw visitors to the Galapagos Islands. Biology professor Robert Rothman has experienced the enchantment first-hand, and has led more than a dozen trips to the islands, located 600 miles off the west coast of South America. He has another trip planned for late May 2002, and alumni are welcome to be part of the 12-member group of students and faculty for the eco-tour.

The trip includes one day in Quito, the capital of Ecuador, before boarding a private ship for a seven-day cruise of the islands, with many stops for hiking, snorkeling and observing the unique species within Charles Darwin’s laboratory of evolution.

Reservations are required by Oct. 31. For more information, visit Rothman’s Web site at www.rit.edu/~rhrbsi, call (716) 475-5215, or e-mail him at rhrbsi@rit.edu.

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Caps, gowns, tears, smiles. Some things never change. This photo from the 1980s seems to illustrate so much of what we feel about commencement. But we don’t have a record of this young graduate’s name, or the precise year. If you can shed any light on this picture, please write to The University Magazine, RIT, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, New York 14623, or send e-mail to umagwww@rit.edu. See page 5 of this issue for the story behind the Archives photo in the Spring 2001 issue.