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## A message from President Simone



Albert J. Simone

As our 175th anniversary celebration draws to a close, we can reflect on a year that was singularly successful in achieving its goals of celebrating RIT's past achievements, while promoting its current success and highlighting its vision and promise for the future. The anniversary strengthened the sense of pride and spirit among the entire RIT family of students, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, parents and friends.

These reflections are important not only for their commemorative significance, but they also serve to propel us forward in building on the momentum that the past year has created. As we continue to take RIT to the next level as a "Category of One" university, we can have every confidence in our ability to achieve that milestone because of the remarkable history of this university. We also know that we are headed in the right direction because of the increasing demand for our graduates in a technology-driven, global society. We can only

achieve our vision with the commitment and support of an RIT community that is characterized by an unbridled pride and a relentless can-do spirit that permeates everything that we do.

Our anniversary themes – Education, Exploration, Innovation – will continue to serve us well as we look ahead to the next 175 years. As you will read in this issue of *The University Magazine*, our increasing emphasis on research and scholarship will strengthen RIT's fundamental purpose of teaching and learning. As RIT's history has shown, this university has a unique ability to take some transformational risks, while at the same time building on its historical roots. The wisdom and vision of our forebears continue to guide us, while our agility, creativity and sense of purpose enable us to adapt this vision to today's world. The role of experiential education and its continuing evolution as an integral part of an RIT education for all students as envisioned in our new strategic plan illustrates this precept in a particularly visible and appropriate way.

And so, we close this anniversary year with a salute to those who have preceded us for their enormous contributions to RIT's success, and with a sense of optimism and opportunity for the future of this university. I would like to thank all who participated in the events of the past year. I hope that you will continue to return to campus often for other events and programs in the months and years ahead.

Cordially yours,

Albert J. Simone  
President



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Taking the ice are, from left, co-captains Jason Chafe and Michael Tucciarone and goalie Jocelyn Guimond. Photo by third-year advertising photography major Jeremy Lips with assistance from second-year advertising photography major Nicholas Duers and art direction by Peter Bella Jr. '03, University Publications.



## RIT welcomes veteran senator at Convocation 2005

**Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii will address graduates and the RIT community at the 2005 Academic Convocation ceremony May 20. The senator also will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree during the ceremony.**



**RIT's 2005 Convocation speaker is Sen. Daniel Inouye, shown here with President Simone on a 1996 visit to campus.**

Inouye, elected to the Senate in 1962, was first elected to Congress when Hawaii became a state in 1959. The son of Japanese immigrants, he was born and raised in Honolulu. A World War II combat veteran who earned the Medal of Honor, he is the ranking Democrat on the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

As a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Inouye has been able to address important issues, such as aviation and maritime transportation, which are crucial for Hawaii.

After losing his right arm in combat, he was honorably discharged and returned home with a Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for military valor, along with a Bronze Star, Purple Heart with cluster, and 12 other medals and citations. His Distinguished Service Cross was upgraded to the Medal of Honor, which was presented to him by President Clinton in 2000.

Academic Convocation, beginning at 4 p.m. May 20 in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center, is part of RIT's 120th annual Commencement, taking place May 20-21.

**Vienna Carvalho**

## Volpes 'give back' with \$5 million pledge for scholarships

An RIT alumnus and his wife have pledged \$5 million to the university for engineering, engineering technology and computing scholarships.

The commitment, from Charles and Andrea Volpe of Charleston, S.C., will expand the Charles E. and Andrea L. Volpe Engineering Scholarship to benefit additional students. Established in 2003, the scholarship, covering full tuition over four years, targets students from Red Jacket High School, Victor High School and Canandaigua High School in Ontario County, N.Y.

Charles Volpe '59 (mechanical engineering) is a 1954 graduate of Red Jacket High School and native of Manchester, N.Y. He is a current board member and retired president and chief operating offi-

cer of KEMET Electronics Corp. in Simpsonville, S.C.

"My wife and I have been searching for a way to give something back to RIT and to my hometown, so offering engineering scholarships to RIT for students from Red Jacket, Victor and Canandaigua seemed to accomplish both of these goals," he says. "Our dream is that enough students will graduate through this scholarship that they, in turn, will see fit to individually or as a group of Volpe Scholars get together and give some-



**Andrea and Charles Volpe**

thing back to RIT and to the hometown."

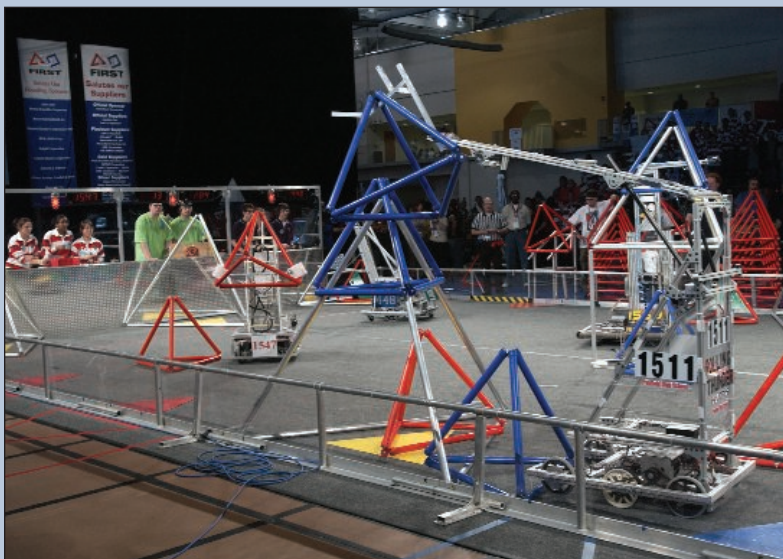
The \$5 million planned bequest is the largest ever from an RIT alumnus to the university. The couple also gave \$6,000 to help launch a FIRST robotics team at Red Jacket High School. FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology

– sponsors regional robotics competitions and an annual national competition.

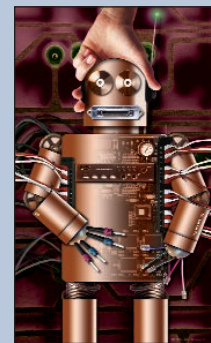
"I thought FIRST would be the perfect vehicle to stimulate interest in engineering with the students at Red Jacket," says Charles Volpe.

**Michael Saffran**

## A FIRST for RIT



Thirty-three teams of high school students from across the Northeast competed in the inaugural Finger Lakes Regional FIRST Robotics Competition held March 3-5 in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. FIRST – For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology – requires teams to design and build robots to play a challenging game. The event at RIT, which drew more than 2,000 participants and spectators, was sponsored by RIT, Xerox Corp. and Bausch & Lomb Inc. with support from Eastman Kodak Co., the Gleason Foundation, the *Democrat and Chronicle*, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield, NexPress Solutions Inc., The Pike Co., *Rochester Business Journal*, Wegmans Food Markets Inc. and Wilmore Properties Inc. For more information, go to [www.firstrochester.org](http://www.firstrochester.org).



Jeff Arbogast '93

## Industry giant supports new master's program in computer security

McAfee Inc. has donated more than \$1 million in next-generation technology to RIT's B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS). The hardware and software will be showcased in GCCIS' new security and forensics laboratory.

GCCIS also plans to utilize the McAfee equipment for a future master's degree in network and system administration and a proposed Ph.D. program in computing and information sciences.

## Rochester mayor will join faculty

The man who has led the City of Rochester for 12 years will be joining the faculty in 2006. Mayor William A. Johnson Jr. will become a distinguished professor of public policy in the College of Liberal Arts in January 2006.

Johnson holds bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from Howard University.

RIT's public policy program is four years old and serves both undergraduate and graduate students.

## RIT hosts 2005 Mini Baja East competition May 5 – 7

RIT will welcome approximately 60 collegiate teams and hundreds of spectators from across the United States, Canada and South America for three days of competition featuring all-terrain vehicles in thrilling, mud-churning contests.

The 2005 Mini Baja East competition gets underway May 5 in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center and continues May 6 and 7 at Hogback Hill Motocross track in Palmyra, N.Y. All events are free and open to the public. An awards banquet will wrap up the event on May 7.

The competition involves "Mini Baja" vehicles – single-driver, off-road, "dune-buggy-type" vehicles designed and built by students to withstand "severe punishment" and be "fun to drive" (an official requirement). The vehicles compete in acceleration, braking, hill climbing, land maneuverability, water maneuverability, pulling, top speed, traction, four-hour endurance race, and design and cost report presentations. Powered by 10-horsepower Briggs & Stratton engines,



RIT's Mini Baja team tests one of the student-built vehicles.

Mini Baja cars reach top speeds of about 40 miles per hour.

The 2005 contest, happening during event sponsor SAE International's centennial year, marks the 30th anniversary of the Mini Baja East. RIT last hosted the competition in 1982.

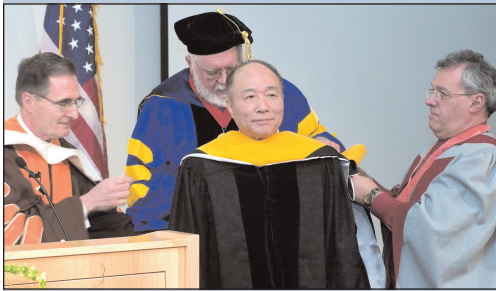
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For more information, go to [www.rit.edu/~baja](http://www.rit.edu/~baja) [www.ourc](http://www.ourc). For directions to Hogback Hill Motocross track, go to [www.palmyramx.com](http://www.palmyramx.com).



## 'Father of RIT computer science' receives honorary degree

The B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences honored Richard Cheng, a visionary who founded RIT's School of Computer Science and Technology in 1971 and served as an associate professor until 1979.



**Richard Cheng, center, with, from left, President Albert Simone, Provost Stanley McKenzie, and Dean Jorge Diaz-Herrera.**

Cheng also was instrumental in establishing computer science programs at Old Dominion University, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater, Hunter College and King Saud University in Saudi Arabia.

"RIT and the scientific community at large have benefited tremendously from the pioneering spirit of visionaries such as Dr. Cheng," states Jorge Díaz-Herrera, dean of GCCIS. "He was the founder of

the computer science school at RIT back in the early '70s, at a time when most universities barely had computer departments, let alone a school. This bold move undoubtedly played a crucial role, 30 years later, in the creation of our great college of computing and information sciences."

GCCIS was established in 2001.

Kelly Downs

## Former presidents honored on Charter Day

Former RIT President Paul Miller (1969-1979) and his wife, Francena, and former President M. Richard Rose (1979-1992) and his wife, Clarice, received Founders Awards as the university celebrated Charter Day at a special 175th anniversary event on Feb. 11.

The Founders Award has been presented to 16 individuals since it was established in 1934. Paul Miller, who was not able to attend the ceremony, helped guide the university during its first years on the current campus. M. Richard Rose is remembered for leading RIT through a period of unprecedented growth.

The event featured a dramatic interpretation of the signing of a New York state charter recognizing the Rochester Athenaeum in 1830, one year after RIT's original predecessor was founded. Keynote speaker Ryne Raffaele, director of RIT's NanoPower Research Laboratories, followed the history lesson with a talk about the future of science and technology.



**M. Richard Rose**

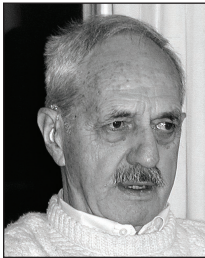
Bob Finnerty

## In memoriam

**Henry Cooke**, a professor in the College of Continuing Education for almost 20 years, died Feb. 2, 2005, at age 82. Mr. Cooke taught courses in manufacturing technology and served as director of science and technology. In retirement, he continued to be an active emeritus faculty member in the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies. He was predeceased by his wife of 59 years, Audre Pinny Cooke. A World War II veteran, he worked for TKM, General Dynamics and General Railway Signal as an electrical engineer and manager. . . . **John M. Marciniak**, a former staff member in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, died Jan. 13, 2005, at his Genesee County home after a long illness. He was a technical service manager for the School of Print Media for more than 20 years. Mr. Marciniak, 50, was an avid hunter and fisherman and was active in the prison ministry. . . . **Martin Siebach**, retired professor of electrical engineering, died Feb. 14, 2005. He was 76. A 1957 graduate of RIT, he taught in the College of Engineering for 38 years. . . . **James "JT" Thomas**, a 28-year employee of RIT, died at his home Nov. 30, 2004. Mr. Thomas joined RIT in 1976 as a custodian and worked in many buildings throughout campus during his career. He retired last summer. . . . **Watson E. "Jim" Walker** died on Dec. 7, 2004. He came to RIT as head of the electrical engineering department in 1967. He is credited with achieving national accreditation for the electrical engineering program and starting the master's degree program in that discipline. In 1974, he stepped down as department head to teach full time. . . . **William J. Welch**, controller at RIT for 23 years, died Dec. 17, 2004. He was 77. He was a certified public accountant and taught classes on campus. He navigated the RIT budget through years of major growth at the university before his retirement in 1993. Mr. Welch was an avid sports fan and played volleyball during the lunch hour in Clark Gymnasium with a group called the "RIT Red Dogs." He was past president of the Henrietta Kiwanis, and past president of the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce.



## Remembering Jim Walker



**Jim Walker**

Watson F. Walker, known to everyone as Jim Walker, died on Dec. 6, 2004. Jim came to RIT as head of the electrical engineering department in 1967. It can be said without undue exaggeration that his pioneering efforts laid the solid foundation on

which the reputation of the department has continued to grow to the high level it has today.

When he arrived, the EE program was not nationally accredited and the master's degree program, which Jim had started a year earlier as an adjunct faculty member, was in a state of infancy. During the next several years, Jim hired a number of new faculty members, most of them with solid industrial experience and advanced degrees, got the EE program accredited and strengthened the master's program.

Among the many trails he blazed was the off-campus graduate course offerings and the videotaping of a number of graduate courses in the early '70s.

In 1974, he stepped down from the department head position and started teaching full time. He was a challenging teacher who demanded excellence from his students and earned not only their respect but also their affection. There was one particular course that the students wanted him to teach. When he told them that the only time he could teach the course was at 7 a.m. four days a week, they had no problem with that. He was also the first engineering faculty member to have students do serious design projects as part of his course.

Among all of his outstanding qualities, the one that impressed all of us was his no-nonsense and unpretentious attitude and his incredible sense of humor. He was

a model of integrity and honesty. He was truly an exceptional human being and we were fortunate that we knew such a man.

**Swaminathan Madhu**  
Professor of electrical engineering  
Kate Gleason College of Engineering

## Hockey move scores with grad



**Matt Thomas**

I would like to congratulate RIT on the move to Division I in men's ice hockey. I believe that this is a move that can pay great dividends for the university.

As a player and coach from 1994 to 1999, I have seen the growth

and success of our cherished program. I feel like we have put RIT on the map over the years and this can only improve our standing as a top-notch university and hockey program that continually turns out quality people.

In my career following RIT, I have had the chance to coach and continue my education at the University of Maine, one of the premier hockey programs in the nation. I have seen the benefits that a winning and successful program can bring to the student-athletes, the student body, the community, and the university as a whole. There is a major sense of pride that individuals have in the university, especially when the athletic teams are successful and constantly in the national spotlight.

My association with RIT has proven to be very beneficial. It has allowed me to succeed in life and in my career.

As the youngest coach in professional

hockey, I am glad to say that RIT molded me into a successful young coach. I am proud to say that I went to RIT and will continue to support the mission that has been set forth.

**Matt Thomas '98 (criminal justice)**  
Head coach, director of hockey operations  
Atlantic City Boardwalk Bullies (2003 ECHL Kelly Cup champions)

## Recalling SOS

What a charge I got out of the letters in the winter issue regarding SOS. As a member of the 1970 orientation committee, it was I who came up with the "SOS" moniker. When I last visited the campus in 1992 I saw "thank you" letters from parents posted on the SOS bulletin board and was pleasantly surprised that the SOS name had carried on. I wish I had made such a contribution

scholastically! As a perennial pack rat, I still have an SOS-bag, an "OPUS '69" button (Operation Campus – pre-SOS), and the orange "alpine hat" that freshmen were

forced to wear during orientation in my first year, 1967. What great memories!

**Scott MacLeod '72 (photography)**  
Brentwood, Calif.



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# A New Ice Age

Excitement builds as men's hockey prepares for the move to Division I



## Lou Spiotti proudly sports two NCAA hockey championship rings.

The first ring is from 1983, when the men's hockey team won the Division II title.

The second ring is from the 1985 Division III championship. Spiotti, RIT's director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, alternates wearing the silver and gold on a daily basis.



The championship rings took on a new level of symbolism on Dec. 15, when RIT announced it was moving its nationally recognized men's hockey team to Division I. The Tigers are joining the Atlantic Hockey Association, which was created in 2003.

"This was the sum total of a lot of blood, sweat and tears for many people," said Spiotti, who has been affiliated with RIT sports for 30 years. "All those questions about RIT going Division I, all the rumors, all the articles, and all the years of waiting . . . Every single one of them has been answered," Spiotti added. "RIT hockey has arrived, RIT has arrived, and Rochester has arrived. We will now be on the map."

The Tigers have built a winning tradition since hockey was introduced at RIT in 1962. Besides the two national titles, RIT has appeared in the NCAA Tournament 13 times, including eight Final Four appearances. They have also won nine ECAC West league titles.

"We are adding an institution that has an outstanding tradition in intercollegiate ice hockey," said Bob DeGregorio, commissioner of the Atlantic Hockey Association. "RIT has one of the stronger programs at the Division III level, it has

won a few national championships along the way. RIT will match up with the other members of Atlantic Hockey right away, and that is in no small part due to their history, their tradition, and their commitment to this program."

RIT President Albert Simone sees the move to Atlantic Hockey with a lens that primarily focuses on academics. He is mindful that RIT's 24 athletic teams have a 3.17 grade point average across the entire program, slightly higher than the entire student body.

"The schools in Atlantic Hockey share our philosophies and values,"

said Simone. "They fit our academic profile. We pride ourselves on having student-athletes who put academics first, and so do the schools in Atlantic Hockey. The top priority for our athletic program is the academic success of our students. The second priority of the athletic program is

school spirit. Loyalty and tradition, that's important. The third priority is competitiveness. You like to play and win . . . But

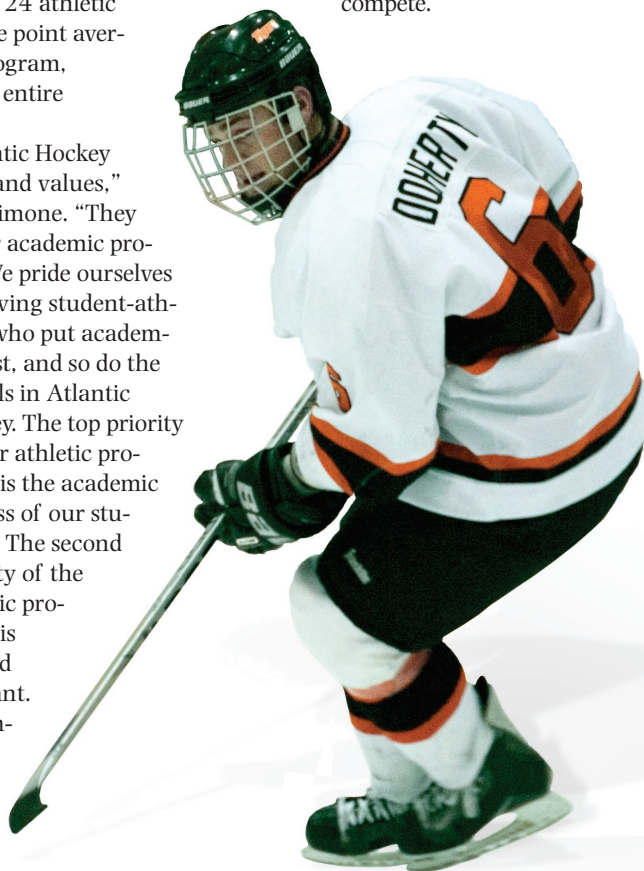
that's priority number three for me."

The cachet of Division I, outstanding campus facilities and the value of getting an RIT degree will play a major role in recruiting, said Wayne Wilson, head coach for six years. RIT will not be able to offer scholarships because only hockey is moving to Division I. Yet without hesitation,

Wilson is confident the Tigers will compete.



Lou Spiotti, director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation



## Here's what some people are saying about the move to Division I



### Alan Vyverberg '76

(criminal justice), manager Skating Institute of Rochester. Vyverberg played on the RIT team '73-'76. He has coached the hockey team at McQuaid Jesuit High School for four years.

"I think the current team can be competitive in Division I. What excites me most is we're going to see some big-name teams and some great hockey here. It's fantastic for the community. It's going to generate a lot of interest in hockey."



### Dave Burkholder

head coach, Niagara University men's hockey team. Burkholder played for RIT '80-'84 and was goalie of the '83 national championship team.

"I'm very proud that I played at RIT and I am very glad that they're moving up. I know RIT will be able to build a successful team. It's going to be outstanding for campus life."



**"The top priority for our athletic program is the academic success of our students."**

**Albert Simone**  
RIT president

"We accept this challenge," said Wilson. "We do expect to win hockey games. We do expect our players to graduate and be contributing members of society . . . I am confident we can compete in our conference and ultimately win our conference."

The news is big for sports fans in the Rochester community as well as on campus. Greater Rochester, population 1.2 million, has a strong tradition of minor league sports and hosting professional golf tournaments. But it has had the dubious distinction of being one of the largest metro areas in the United States without either a major league team or a NCAA Division I team.

Now that has all changed. And while the challenges are higher, Spiotti still has room to sport another ring.

"We will provide RIT and Rochester with its first big-time sport," said Spiotti. "A debt of gratitude goes out to all those who have helped make this happen, including our president and his team, trustees, coaches, Student Government, fans and the many hockey alumni who have contributed to our program."

**Bob Finnerty**



## **Kristine Pierce Brassie '99**

(hotel and resort management), former women's hockey team captain, All American, winner of the national Hockey Humanitarian award for 1999. Brassie was coach of the Mercyhurst College women's hockey team when it transitioned from Division III to Division I. She and her husband, David Brassie '86 (business administration), live in the Rochester area and are expecting their third child.

**"I am totally psyched about this – I love collegiate sports. I know Coach Wayne Wilson and I believe he has the determination to make the transition."**

# Division I hockey FAQ

## Why is this big news?

Division I is the highest level of competition in the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association). RIT is the first Rochester-area college or university to play at Division I.

## What schools comprise Atlantic Hockey?

American International, Bentley College, Canisius College, College of the Holy Cross, Mercyhurst College, Sacred Heart University, University of Connecticut and the U.S. Military Academy. Air Force is under consideration.

## When does the move to Division I take effect?

RIT will play a Division I schedule beginning in the 2005-06 season, but will not play a full-league schedule. In 2006-07, the Tigers will play an Atlantic Hockey schedule, but will not be eligible for post-season play. In 2007-08, RIT will be eligible for Atlantic Hockey and NCAA post-season play.

## Where will RIT play its home games?

Games will continue to be played in Frank Ritter Arena on campus, which seats 2,100. Atlantic Hockey officials said the arena is already among the best in the league, with attendance above the league average. Meanwhile, discussions are underway to move high-profile games to Rochester's Blue Cross Arena, with capacity of 12,000. Atlantic Hockey officials toured Blue Cross Arena and have discussed the possibility of future post-season tournaments.

## Who has RIT lined up on its schedule for 2005-2006?

The Tigers will play a minimum of 20 Division I opponents next year. As of press time, colleges that have committed to playing RIT include Air Force, Cornell, Clarkson, St. Lawrence, Quinnipiac, Bentley, Niagara, Canisius and Bowling Green.



## Will there be upgrades to Ritter Arena?

Many improvements have been made to the arena in the past decade. The only urgent upgrade for moving to Division I is improving the visitors' locker room.

## What is the financial cost of moving to Division I?

RIT budgeted about \$52,000 for hockey this past season. The move to Division I is expected to double the budget with increased costs in personnel, travel and recruiting.

## Can RIT hockey be competitive without offering scholarships?

Because only one of RIT's 24 sports is moving to Division I, the hockey team will not be able to offer scholarships, but Head Coach Wayne Wilson is confident that excellent players will choose RIT. "We offer a product of tremendous value: a degree from RIT, great facilities and the Rochester community as a whole," he said. He also noted that Holy Cross, which also does not offer scholarships, won Atlantic Hockey last year, earning an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

## Will RIT move other sports to Division I?

Women's hockey may move if the appropriate conference can be found. Only four current members of Atlantic Hockey have a women's ice hockey team. There are no plans to move any of RIT's 22 other varsity sports to Division I.

## What about an RIT football team?

RIT's football program ended in 1978. While some students and others have pushed for a football team, there are no plans for this. Student Government leaders said the real focus was moving hockey to Division I to increase spirit and tradition.



## Blaise McDonald

head coach, University of Massachusetts-Lowell. A coach for 19 years, McDonald started the hockey program at Niagara University nine years ago and has also coached at Dartmouth and Boston University. He played for RIT '80-84.

"RIT has a hockey program that is truly worthy of the great school RIT is academically. By my standards, and many would agree, athletics is the front porch of any college. I think there's a tremendous advantage to the Division I landscape in terms of media coverage and prestige."



## Sheila Sarratore

president, RIT Student Government, which played an instrumental role in promoting the move to Division I hockey.

"It's a point of pride and spirit. I think that this move into D-I hockey will be a great chance for our spirit to build in this community. It will be a lot of fun and a rallying point for the RIT community and for the Rochester community as a whole."



# the bright stuff

**The Rochester Institute of Technology Honors Program is one of the best-kept secrets on campus. In its third year, the program has fostered a community of exceptionally bright and active students who thrive on leadership opportunities, personal development and community service.**

"It's a different kind of student who joins the honors program," says Catherine Winnie, director of RIT's Office of Academic Enhancement Programs. "These students are accomplished and engaged in the community. They don't want to report to the CEO; they want to be the CEO."

President Albert Simone and Provost Stanley McKenzie envisioned the special academic and leadership program that launched in 2002 after two pilot years and considerable student input. Since then, RIT's Office of Enrollment Management and Career Services has invited the top 5 percent of each incoming class to apply to the program.

"I am tremendously pleased at the interest in and growth of the honors program, and especially the innovative courses and activities being developed by the colleges for the honors program students," McKenzie says. "We know this program is making a difference in the choices of some prospective students to come to RIT."

The program now boasts 321 students, with up to 125 additions each year. Winnie expects the number will reach



Catherine Winnie

500 to 600 students at full size.

Winnie joined RIT in 2001 to guide the office of academic enhancement programs, created to oversee the honors, fellowship and study abroad programs. She took over from Lawrence Belle, special assistant to the provost, who had researched successful counterparts across the country.

Winnie believes the honors program offers a broad university education without creating an elitist environment and that "arrogance is not part of the program." She cites benefits that

ried). "If anything it has been an opportunity not just for students, but for people who have been involved with the program. It's given us an opportunity to shape things, and we've shaped things for the good."

## Pioneering efforts

Student involvement has been critical to the program's success through course and annual program evaluations, representation on the honors student council and a presence at meetings of the college advocates, the faculty or administrative representatives. The students plan group activities, quarterly dinners with faculty and staff, and maintain their own Web site ([www.honors.rit.edu](http://www.honors.rit.edu)). Special honors student housing is also available in Francis Baker Hall for freshmen and sophomores.

Jason Selleck '04 (public policy) and Jeffrey Burger '04 (management information systems) were involved with the program during its first pilot year.

"My favorite aspect was being involved in the shaping of the program and its goals," says Selleck, an officer in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. "I was able to participate in a committee that researched similar programs at other institutions and presented our findings and recommendations to the president and provost of RIT. The chance for a student to have a say in the development of a major academic initiative is a rare one and the lessons learned through that simply cannot come any other way."

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Jason Selleck '04

spill over to the rest of the RIT community – seats in honors classes are open to non-honors students, and new courses designed for the program may eventually become part of the regular curriculum.

"It's still evolving, growing," says Laurence Winnie, assistant dean of the College of Liberal Arts and college advocate since 2000 (the Winnies are mar-



Burger agrees. "Leadership experience was, by far, the most important component of the program for me." Burger, a software engineer at Network Solutions in Herndon, Va., took advantage of several opportunities such as co-facilitating a First Year Enrichment Honors course, serving as a mentor to honors students during freshmen orientation, serving as the College of Business representative to the student-run honors council and attending the National Collegiate Honors Council conference in Salt Lake City in 2002.

## Challenges and opportunities

RIT's honors program blends academics, leadership and service with a professional career-oriented emphasis. All students take honors general education classes in COLA and the College of Science and, in some cases, special classes offered by their respective colleges. To graduate from the program, students must have a 3.6 grade point average and fulfill an annual complementary learning requirement, which involves service, volunteerism and leadership outside of the classroom. Planned activities within each college further cultivate students' professional and leadership development. For example, upper-level students have opportunities to participate in undergraduate research, professional trips and conferences, and to obtain membership in professional organizations.

Honors classes are typically small and are taught in a seminar format. Some have intriguing titles like "Internet America – A History of Communication

# Do you believe in magic?



For their midterm exam, students in a new class called "Magic, Science and Technology" became magicians and presented classic magic routines before classmates and guests. Shown here are Scott Bynton (top left) in the character of a nerdy mentalist; Zachary Panitzke helps Jill Zapoticznyj (top right) prepare for her performance; Jessi Mills (middle left) doing a classic rope trick; Andrew Gianfagna (middle right) as a slightly sleazy card reader; and Dean Ganskop (bottom) demonstrating telepathic powers.



Jeffrey Burger '04



Cultures from Print to Computer” or “Religion – the Problem of Evil,” promising a different perspective on material covered in general survey classes.

Deborah Blizzard’s new class, “Magic, Science and Technology” gave students a different context in which to think about belief patterns. For their midterm exam, students were asked to develop and perform a classic magic routine in character.

“I wanted to give them the opportunity to not just think like a magician, but to embody that experience of creating magic. And to see the look in someone’s eyes when you make something unreal real,” says Blizzard, assistant professor of science, technology and society, amateur magician and member of the Academy of Magical Arts.

Above all, the honors program builds a community of engaged and bright students. On a big campus, it gives students a sense of belonging.

“The honors program has given me a lot

of leadership opportunities (council, committee chair, and college rep),” says Jessi Mills, second-year graphic design major. “The thing that I value most, though, is the friendships that I have built within the honors program as a community.”

## Incentives and choices

The program has its perks for the students who participate. These include an annual \$1,000 scholarship, \$500 travel scholarships to attend international conferences or to help offset study abroad expenses, and a waiver of class-overload fees. Another advantage is the one-day advance registration that helps students schedule classes required for the honors program as well as for their degree program.

Perks aside, the expectations are high for these students and their commitment level is monitored. “If not on top of their grades and doing complementary learning activities, they may be put on proba-

tion,” Catherine Winnie says. “Sometimes we have to withdraw students from the program.”

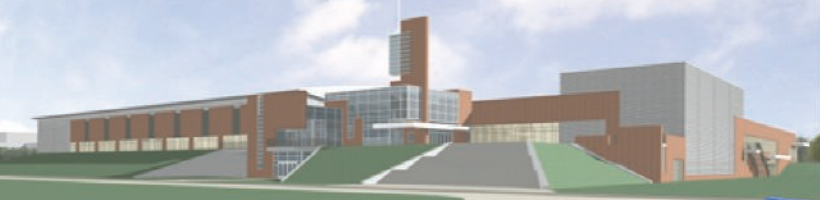
Although the honors program carries additional obligations and opportunities, students say the system allows plenty of freedom of choice.

“The wonderful thing about the program is that you are only as involved as you want to be,” says Blair Brown, a third-year environmental science student and vice president of the honors council. “Some people cling to their honors friends and honors housing like a fraternity, while others barely mention their membership in the program. I find myself somewhere in the middle; I love attending honors activities, but I also have many friends of similar values and goals who are outside of the program.”

Susan Gawlowicz '95

More information about the RIT Honors Program can be found at [www.rit.edu/honors](http://www.rit.edu/honors).

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## High Tech Incubator: The perfect lab for 'experiential learning'

By James Watters

Throughout its history, RIT has offered a career-oriented, application-driven education, producing students prepared to grow into positions of leadership in the modern corporate world and to operate in a collaborative, team-oriented environment.

The focus on career preparation and cooperative education places the university within a select set of prestigious colleges and universities. RIT's cooperative education program is among the five largest in the nation.

The new 10-year strategic plan, *A Category of One University*, is designed to further distinguish RIT from other universities. A key initiative of this plan states, "RIT will become a national leader in the integration of experiential learning and academic programs. This integration will provide a unique educational advantage and skill set for RIT graduates."

Working toward this initiative, RIT has created an exciting new pathway from the classroom to small company creation and development. The High Technology Incubator (HTI) is a 30,000 square foot office and technology center open to students, staff, faculty and friends of the university and staffed with professionals experienced in small business development.

George "Mick" Stadler, former president and chief executive officer of the Vanderbilt University Technology Company and managing partner of Vanderbilt's Chancellor Fund, is the new executive director. Stadler, who is founder of Seges Capital, will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the incubator.

The HTI adds an important dimension to the university's entrepreneurial commit-

ment by creating an environment where students and faculty are engaged in applied innovation and business creation. The incubator's Student Business Development Laboratory (SBDL) offers technical and professional services to students focused on developing new products and technologies. The SBDL assists these young entrepreneurs in understanding the value of creating multidisciplinary teams to effectively launch new ventures. Students from RIT's Colleges of Business, Kate Gleason College of Engineering, and B.

Thomas Golisano College of Computer and Information Sciences are forming exciting new partnerships across disciplines.

Professional coaching helps students understand the elements of venture success.

The first student company to join the incubator is Ruby Bay Development Inc., a winner of the 2004 student business plan competition in the College of Business. The firm develops Web-based systems capable of handling an organization's resource management, communication and information administration needs.

Ruby Bay CEO Michael Pinch is completing his MBA in technology management and marketing. "The biggest advantage of being in the incubator is the support structure we have," says Pinch. "We have a consultant and a coach that have been crucial in our development."



**Ruby Bay Development Inc., which operates out of the High Technology Incubator, is led by students Michael Pinch, left, CEO, and Brian Lio, president and founder.**

As future students evaluate the investment of their time and money in selecting a university, we believe they will increasingly seek out the highly valued and highly applicable experience of an RIT education. Perhaps for some, the ability to build their own company while in school will be the deciding factor.



**George "Mick" Stadler**



**James Watters**

**For information concerning the incubator and its varied services, visit the Web site at [www.rithti.org](http://www.rithti.org) or send e-mail to [james.watters@rit.edu](mailto:james.watters@rit.edu).**

**James Watters is RIT vice president of finance and administration, and treasurer of the High Technology Incubator.**





# The rewards of research

**Students benefit from expanded scholarship activities**



**"It's a paradigm shift for RIT. I believe RIT is on a path transforming itself from an excellent teaching institution to an excellent institution that integrates research and education."**

**Marjorie Zack, director, Sponsored Research Services Office**



**Editor's note: The themes of RIT's 175th anniversary, "Education, Exploration and Innovation," are deeply embedded in life at the university. As the celebration draws to a close, *The University Magazine* looks at one aspect of "innovation" – RIT's expanding research activities.**

When John Schott joined the faculty 25 years ago, he was startled to discover that RIT had no Ph.D. programs, and that very little research was conducted at the institute.

The young imaging scientist was determined to continue his research in the area of remote sensing and digital imaging. On the positive side, Schott recalls, "Nobody knew to tell me 'no' when I wanted to do something."

But pioneering RIT's early steps into the world of funded research proved to be a big challenge. There were no procedures for obtaining and administering grants, no staff to facilitate the process, and RIT had no history or reputation with funding organizations.

"I had to start from scratch," says Schott, professor and director of the Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Laboratory in RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science. "I had to do everything myself."

Despite "endless growing pains," Schott's efforts met with great success and helped launch RIT as a leader in imaging science research and education with the world's first Ph.D. program in that field. While the Center for Imaging Science remains on the forefront of scientific inquiry at RIT, today research activities flourish in all eight colleges as well as RIT research centers. A growing number of faculty and staff are winning grants and contracts for their projects from agencies including the U.S. Department of Education, National Science Foundation, NASA, U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory, National Parks Service and numerous private organizations and industry sponsors.

**Left: John Schott, director of the Digital Imaging and Remote Sensing Laboratory, and Sharon Daly '02 (imaging science) discuss an image from RIT's airborne imaging spectrometer of the Lake Ontario shoreline. The work is part of the lab's ongoing Great Lakes water quality studies.**

Over the past six years, more than \$132 million in funding has been awarded, with an average annual growth rate of 25.5 percent.

Growth in sponsored research will continue: RIT's strategic plan for 2005 – 2015, formally titled *Category of One University: Uniquely Blending Academic Programs with Experiential Learning for Student Success*, embraces and encourages research as a key component of scholarship.

"There's an important reason for this, and it is spelled out in the strategic plan," says Donald Boyd, associate provost for outreach programs. "The goal is to enhance education. Scholarship and research involving our faculty and students ensure that the students are engaged in the latest knowledge and provides them relevant experiences in a rapidly changing world."

## Historic partnerships

RIT has a long tradition of partnering with industry and government on applied research. Through the First in Class initiative begun several years ago, RIT's laboratories and centers continue projects and outreach in a number of areas.

What's new is the increased emphasis on proposals that come from inside RIT – generated by faculty and staff.

"Faculty-driven research is different from industry partnerships," explains Marjorie Zack, director of the Sponsored Research Services Office. "With partnerships, there is consensus about the goals of a particular funded program. With faculty-driven research proposals, we say what's important to us and propose our project to a funding agency or other sponsor that wants to achieve the same goals. The key is for a faculty member to come forward and say 'I want to do this project.'"

Zack came to RIT in 1998 from Cornell University, where she was director of foundations and corporate relations for the College of Engineering. She was hired to establish an infrastructure to help faculty and staff identify funding sources, write proposals and administer grants.

"What we do is help people realize their professional and artistic dreams," says Zack. As a

measure of the office's success, from 1998 through 2004 the number of proposals submitted increased from 102 to 1,013, and the number of proposals that received funding increased from 51 to 773.

"It's a paradigm shift for RIT," says Zack. "I believe RIT is on a path transforming itself from an excellent teaching institution to an excellent institution that integrates research and education."

The university is taking steps to provide additional opportunities and support for faculty research. The Sponsored Research Services Office offers ongoing workshops as well as one-on-one assistance, and the colleges can help faculty make time for the work by reducing the teaching load.

## Teaching and learning

The new emphasis on research has raised some concerns within the RIT community. Software engineering professor Michael Lutz, chair of the Academic Senate, worries that research can conflict with teaching. "It's a different mission," he says. "The vast majority of faculty I know at RIT came here because they wanted to teach. The pressure to do research makes them uncomfortable. There's a fear that research could take



**Fourth-year biochemistry major Naomi Lee works on polymer synthesis research with chemistry professor Thomas Smith.**



# From black holes to national parks

Researchers throughout RIT are investigating a wide variety of subjects. Following are just a few examples. Students are involved in all of these projects.

- Stephen Boedo, associate professor of mechanical engineering, and his students in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering are investigating the effects of friction, lubrication and wear on the performance of microscale bearings. The research is supported by the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation.

- Improving energy efficiency at 375 national parks to conserve natural resources and save tax dollars is the goal of a project led by James Winebrake, associate professor and chair of the Science, Technology and Society/Public Policy Department in the College of Liberal Arts. Funding for the project comes from the National Parks Service.

- Astrophysicist David Merrit of RIT's College of Science, with collaborators from Cornell University, MIT and the University of Chicago, is studying the enormous bursts of gravitational energy resulting when black holes collide. The research is sponsored by NASA, the Space Telescope Science Institute and the National Science Foundation.

- Kitren VanStrander, director of outreach education and training in the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, and Jennifer Schneider, assistant professor in the Civil Engineering Technology, Environmental Management and Safety Department in the College of Applied Science and Technology, received a grant from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to assess the safety needs of small businesses and develop training materials to promote safety and health management systems.

- The International Center for Hearing and Speech Research (ICHSR) at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), received a five-year grant from the National Institute on Aging to study age-related hearing loss. D. Robert Frisina, director of the center, is principal investigator of the project, working with a multidisciplinary team from the University of Rochester including William O'Neill, James Ison, Joseph Walton, and Robert D. Frisina.

In the direction of the constellation Canis Major, two spiral galaxies pass by each other in this image taken by NASA's Hubble Space Telescope

away from the classroom and time spent with students."

Provost Stanley McKenzie promises that teaching will not take a back seat to research at RIT. "The new strategic plan clearly states that scholarship at RIT is always for the purpose of enhancing student learning, either through the results of the scholarship being directly incorporated into the curriculum, or else through student participation in the faculty scholarship as an 'experiential learning' opportunity," he points out. "We value scholarship, including research, as part of teaching and learning. These are not mutually exclusive, they are paths to the same goal."

"You do research to generate an environment to teach students and create knowledge," explains John Schott. "RIT is transitioning to appreciate that research and scholarship are important parts of teaching. In order to teach students at the very frontiers you have to be at the very

frontiers yourself. You can't read it out of a textbook."

From his perspective as a professor at a highly regarded research university, Robert Harper '80 (computer science) believes that expanding research efforts will prove to be a positive move for RIT.

"There are no disadvantages, as far as I'm concerned," says Harper, who teaches and conducts research in the area of programming languages at Carnegie Mellon University. "Research keeps you on the cutting-edge of knowledge. Teaching and research go hand in hand. You cannot be a world-class institution without doing research."

## Knowledge and know-how

Tona Henderson and Elizabeth Lane Lawley are discovering the benefits of research. The two faculty members in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing

and Information Sciences won a \$325,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study why women students drop out of information technology programs. They expect to conclude their two-year project this year, and they have received a one-year extension to disseminate their findings.

They are vitally interested in the subject, but they also wanted to explore the funded-research process. "This was a chance to learn by doing," says Lawley.

"Doing research requires you to read research," she adds. "That's beneficial to all of us. It keeps your brain alive, keeps you energized."

"We've had the opportunity to meet with others around the country who share this concern about women students leaving information technology," adds Henderson. "It's rewarding to hopefully be a part of a solution. Plus I think it reflects well on RIT."



- **Software Engineering Professor Jim Vallino and Computer Engineering Professor Roy Czernikowski** received National Science Foundation funding to create courses on real-time and embedded systems and disseminate them to other colleges and universities.

- **Professors Nirmala Shenoy and Bruce Hartpence of the Laboratory for Applied Computing in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences** are developing a wireless networks integration framework. The work is funded by a Cisco University Research Program grant.

- **Amit Batabyal, Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics in the College of Liberal Arts,** won a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to apply economic theories to the problem of invasive species management.

- **Suzanne O'Handley, Maureen Ferran and Hyla Sweet,** assistant professors in the College of Science, have received Academic Research Enhancement Awards from the National Institutes of Health for three behavioral and biomedical research projects.

- **The Printing Applications Laboratory, led by Director Bill Garno,** conducts applied research and educates industry employees through more than 150 industry-supported projects per year.

- **Satish Kandlikar, Gleason Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering,** received his second IBM Faculty Award recognizing his research into computer chip cooling and microchannels. The award includes a grant from IBM for future research. He is on the research proposal review panel of Fluid Physics NRA, part of NASA's Physical Sciences Division, and is currently working on projects sponsored by General Motors Corp. and the National Science Foundation.

- **Research produced by Bruce Oliver, professor of accounting in RIT's College of Business and director of RIT's Center for Business Ethics,** measures the structure of the personal value system of corporate managers. His findings, "Another Ingredient Contributing to Recent Audit Failures: A Study Providing Insights on Management Integrity," were presented in the Proceedings to the Northeast Business and Economic Conference in Parsippany, N.J.

Photo by NASA, European Space Agency and the Hubble Heritage Team.



**Information Technology faculty members Tona Henderson, left, and Elizabeth Lawley received a \$325,000 grant to study why women are more likely than men to drop out of IT programs.**

The NSF funding pays Lawley and Henderson to work summers on the project and covers some equipment and stipends for students who help with various aspects of the project. As with RIT's historic co-op program, hands-on research experiences give students an advantage in the job market – or in applying to graduate programs. The work can

pay off in other ways as well.

"My GPA has skyrocketed since I started doing research," says Naomi Lee, a fourth-year biochemistry major. Last year she worked with chemistry professor Massoud "Matt" Miri on his polymer synthesis research (development of new types of plastic compounds). That work led to a summer internship at the University of Southern Mississippi, where she worked with Lon Mathias in the area of biodegradable polymers used in medicine. Her efforts resulted in a presentation at the university's INSPIRE Conference last October. During the current school year, Lee has been working with chemistry professor Thomas Smith, also on polymer synthesis, including work that has applications in fuel cell development.

"Dr. Miri opened a window for me," she says. "Working on research is so different from taking labs. I really felt like I was

working at a higher level."

Lee, who graduates in May, plans to go on to graduate school and ultimately to continue in the field of polymer research.

"Engaging undergrads in work like this allows them to see the application of their classroom studies," says Smith, who came to RIT in 2002 after 28 years in the research labs at Xerox Corp. "We know that involving students in research is one of the best ways for them to learn. What I find is that once students become engaged in research they are more focused. Young researchers have a great deal of energy, they're creative in their approach to problems. They can do amazing things."

**Kathy Lindsley**



# War and Peace

## World War II veteran and '92 grad find common bond in RIT experience

By Kevin Shea '92

**Many of the students who arrive at RIT to study photography carry with their cameras the aspirations of becoming photojournalists who will one day document history or have their pictures seen by millions.**

When George Paragamian arrived at RIT in the fall of 1946, he had a bit of an edge on his classmates. He had already photographed an epic war, had been wounded in combat and had survived what may be the greatest seaborne invasion of all time: the Allied storming of Europe at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944 – D-Day.

Paragamian was an Army Air Force photographer assigned to a bombardment group that flew the B-26 Marauder. He photographed the moment that the plane's bombs hit their targets all over Europe for damage assessment. If the camera systems in the plane did not work, he leaned out with a classic Speed Graphic news camera to get the job done.

He flew the morning of June 6, 1944, capturing the invasion from 3,000 feet. Later in the war, his plane was hit by German anti-aircraft fire and he dropped his camera to take over for a wounded machine gunner while the pilot guided the craft to a crash landing. Paragamian was wounded by shrapnel and recovered in a Canadian hospital in England, where he survived the blast from a bomb that landed 10 feet from his tent.

He came home to Boston with stacks of pictures from the war, from stunning aerial views of the Allied armada approaching Normandy and haunting images of dead Holocaust victims, to snapshots of Bob Hope socializing with the troops and lots of group pictures of air crews posing in front of their airplanes, smiling young men who knew they might not come back. Nowadays, he flips through these slices of history, stored in a dresser drawer, like old baseball cards.

And in what may be the most ironic twist for Paragamian, the RIT undergraduate, was that he already was a published photographer – in *Life* magazine, no less.

Paragamian went to RIT because that's what the Army had trained him to do and they were paying, courtesy of the GI Bill. "I don't even know how much my education cost. I never saw one bill," he said recently. He wanted to work at Kodak, but he never did. "It was the first time in the history of Kodak that they



During his student years, George Paragamian was part of an informal "fraternity" called Phi Gamma Dektol.

were having layoffs," he says with a chuckle.

Instead, Paragamian worked for decades as a salesman in the photographic field, working for companies like Weston Electrical Instruments, Westinghouse and Phillips, where he retired, and eventually settled in central New Jersey. He married and had three children, who are now married and have children. As with many of his generation, Paragamian's experiences in the war shaped his future.

And about 60 years later his status as a World War II veteran and his RIT degree – and mine – would be the link that brought me to his living room outside Trenton, N.J.

I know about going to RIT as a camera-toting freshman itching to learn more and more about photography and wanting to travel the world, cameras slung around my neck. I was that student in 1988. I have since put down my camera professionally and picked up a notebook and pen as a newspaper reporter since the mid-1990s.

But it was my photojournalism degree that led me to newspapers,

and although I am "just" a journalist now, technically, my degree continues to define me. In the newsroom, I am the reporter "who used to be a photographer."

When my newspaper, *The Times* of Trenton, was planning stories for D-Day's 60th anniversary in June 2004, I volunteered for the assignment. I have a great interest in World War II and respect for its veterans, and writing about it is also a fresh escape from my crime beat, a topic I've been covering for almost 10 years.

I found Paragamian through a colleague who had written about him in 1994, the 50th D-Day anniversary. My colleague knew I had attended RIT, and remembered Paragamian showing him war pictures and talking about RIT. I called Paragamian at home and immediately mentioned I was an RIT grad. I could tell that credential perked him up a bit. A few days later we were engrossed in an interview about D-Day.

Then our conversation turned to RIT in the late 1940s, and then back to the war. This went on for hours, and I've been back

Kevin Shea '92

to Paragamian's home to chat. During the first interview, I forgot to take notes at times because I was enthralled by his memories of his 27 combat missions. His recollections were vivid and his deep voice and his gregarious nature flavored them well. The resulting story in *The Times* included lines like this:

*On the night of June 5, 1944, Paragamian witnessed the 2,000 airplanes taking paratroopers to their drop zones behind German lines. "It looked like a thousand mosquitoes in the air. It was magnificent," he said, his hands painting the air. "To me, it was the most amazing sight in my life. It still is."*

And my personal favorite memory, simply because I do not believe it could occur today, was that on D-Day, *Life* sent their own photographer to Paragamian's bomb group, but the man's pictures were unclear once developed. So Paragamian and his photo unit buddies gave the man copies of their pictures. They ran in the magazine with the staffer's name and nobody complained about getting no credit, he says.

*"Life magazine, we set them up," Paragamian recalled with a shrug.*

he still displays. He took his case to the administration and won. He stayed for another year.

Paragamian played on an RIT baseball team that only had shirts issued by the school. He attended basketball games at Jefferson High School because the RIT city campus had no court at the time. And, he says, "I wanted to play hockey so bad." RIT didn't have a team, unimaginable now for a national Division III power – soon to become Division I (see page 6). The Boston native says he tried to get one started, using a nearby pond. He got no takers.

Paragamian says he wished he had attended class on the new campus so he could play indoor hockey and live in a real dormitory. Another irony for a veteran, his first dorm room was a converted barracks.

"All the good stuff came after I left," he says.

Paragamian's key to success, and life, he says, is staying busy.

He consulted for 10 years after officially retiring at about age 70, and now in his young 80s, he is still busy with an active



**George Paragamian's photos of the days surrounding the D-Day invasion on June 6, 1944, include an aerial view of the Normandy coast, left; military leaders including Dwight D. Eisenhower, center; and planes filling the night sky "like a thousand mosquitoes."**

We have more than 40 years between our photography degrees, but Paragamian and I can talk RIT like it's another language. He has regaled me of his years of going to classes in downtown Rochester, and I told him of the new campus in Henrietta, something he knew only from the alumni magazine.

Paragamian went to RIT with many other veterans of the war, and their experiences bonded them instantly. Fraternities rushed him, he says, but he declined. Partly it was because he was a bit older than the other students, and partly due to him not wanting to give up one of his two beers to a fraternity brother who challenged him at a college bar.

Jakes, the hangout was called, and post-war, college partying was at its finest, he recalls. Girls would come Wednesdays and dance, but not too late, he says. The RIT girls had a curfew.

Instead, he joined Phi Gamma Dektol, an unofficial fraternity of photo majors started a few years earlier that takes its name from dektol, a chemical that develops black-and-white photographic paper. "All we did was go over to this Italian restaurant that had a room downstairs and every two weeks or so we'd have a big blast with beer and singing," Paragamian recalls.

At the time, many photo programs were two-years, but Paragamian says he wanted to stay on and study printing, too. "Offset (printing) was a big deal then," he says, and he wanted the training for his sales career. "No, you can't do that," he was told.

"Yes I can," Paragamian says, demonstrating a determination

social life at a retirement community in Hamilton, N.J.

During our talks, Paragamian grew stern only once, when he warned me not to write about him being "some sort of a hero," when I wrote about his D-Day experience.

*"Leave that for the men on the ground," he said. "Those guys who were really getting shot at," he said. "I really feel strongly about that. My heart went out to them."*



**Kevin Shea '92**

**Kevin Shea '92 (photojournalism) has covered the police beat at *The Times* of Trenton (N.J.) since 1998. He has interviewed a twice-convicted killer who had escaped from jail, sifted through lower Manhattan rubble with Sept. 11 recovery workers and was a lead reporter covering the 2001 anthrax attack, which originated in the Trenton area.**

**Before that, he worked at the *Asbury Park Press* in Neptune, N.J., for five years, as a photography editor and staff writer. He is the recipient of 12 journalism writing awards and four photo editing awards. A native of Silver Spring, Md., he lives in Pt. Pleasant, N.J., with his wife and three daughters.**



# Remembering RIT

As part of the commemoration of the university's 175th anniversary, we asked readers to share their memories of RIT. Excerpts of some of the responses are printed here. You'll find longer versions of these and additional stories on the 175th Anniversary Web site at [www.rit.edu/175](http://www.rit.edu/175).

## The art of teaching

**Michael O. Olugbile II '79, '81 (ceramics and ceramic sculpture)**  
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Michael O. Olugbile

I dedicated my MFA thesis, "Ceramic Art – A Vehicle for Cultural Awareness," to my dear professor, Hobart Cowles. I now believe his name meant "C" for compassionate, "O" for overwhelming, "W" for wisdom, "L" for loyalty, "E" for exceptional, "S" for service. The School for American Crafts/Ceramics

only could accommodate eight freshmen in fall of 1977, but Professor Cowles understood my determination and squeezed me in. Without this golden experience during my ceramic art studies I would not have become a senior instructor and head of ceramics programs at Shawnee State University.

"Raison d'être Intellectual Tutelage," my definition of "RIT," makes me "Rejoice In Trust" of kind-hearted people who stuck their necks out to teach, nourish, protect and care for me during that first 1977 winter blizzard experience, or other cultural shock scenarios that could have discouraged me except for the selfless good Samaritan qualities of Barbara Letvin, our international students advisor or "Mom," as I'd like to refer to her.

Let me know when you start a doctorate degree program in ceramics and ceramic sculpture. I'll take the bull by the horns – even with gray hair – because I am one RIT Tiger.

Thank you RIT, my Brick City.

## From Laos to RIT

**Sengphet Phongphachanh '03 (MBA)**  
Vientiane, Laos

I was given a Fulbright scholarship from the Institute of International Education (IIE) to undertake MBA studies in the U.S. When I began my first quarter at RIT in fall 2001, my feeling was mixed – lonely, nervous and excited at the same time. Why did I feel lonely? It was because I was far away from home and my

family in Laos. How about nervous? There were many things that I worried about – courses, exams and projects. Lastly about my excited feeling – this was because I considered taking an MBA at RIT was a good opportunity for me as well as for my country.

Quarter after quarter, exams and projects kept me busy all the time. I faced a lot of difficulties, but I never gave up. I gained support from the academic advisers, professors and instructors at the College of Business. In addition, the International Student Services office provided assistance and guidance any time I asked.

I still remember the day that I received my MBA degree. It was the day of joy and success. I could scream to myself that I did it! I couldn't imagine how happy I was when I was on the stage and the MBA degree was handed to me.

Before I end my memory sharing, I would like to express my thanks to RIT and IIE for giving me the opportunity to take an MBA program. As Laos is a developing country, education plays an indispensable role. I work as a production manager at a pharmaceutical factory, a state-owned enterprise. I also teach English to my subordinates at the factory as English is an important means of communicating with foreigners. Thus, my study at RIT is very useful and of great benefits for me, the factory, and my country as well.

## Driving Professor Barschel

**Robert S. Weber '76 (professional photography)**  
Hamilton, Ohio



Robert S. Weber

As a student, I never realized how RIT would produce such a significant imprint upon my life. Several professors stamped an indelible Brick City mark, but one stands out.

A short and very distinctly German RIT professor named Hans J. Barschel provided that imprint in 1974.

Coming from the distant cultural landscape of Ohio, I ventured 500 miles from home to pursue my love of photography. As a pro photo major, I enrolled in Professor B's photo design class. At first glance, he appeared as a

lost German grandfather. Little did I know that his early designs graced the pages of *Fortune* and that his work hangs in the Museum of Modern Art.

After the first class, the stout and stodgy German asked for a student volunteer who could drive him home after each class, as his eyesight was failing and driving prohibited. Falsely thinking my grades might improve, I quickly raised my hand.

My '66 Lemans guided the professor home that first spectacular fall day, through the Can of Worms to his flower-surrounded home. I met his wife, Marga, along with Blackelein, their well-fed family cat.

On the second trip home, he requested stops at the fruit market and Wegmans. In an augenblink (eye blink) as Professor B would say, after each class another small adventure developed. Downtown Rochester for some design class photography defined one trip, then Highland Park to the flower conservatory for another. He included Ellison Park, the Eastman House, Irondequoit Bay, Don and Bob's, Campi's, a German pastry shop, and of course, a Brighton garden store to purchase his beloved plants.

On these drives, Barschel espoused his philosophy, experiences in Germany, and details of his 15-year artistic journey in New York City that laid the design framework for his teaching at RIT. Trip days often ended with Kuchen und Plätzchen (cake and cookies) with Professor B and Marga in their garden, and more philosophical conversation.

He often said, "My neo-realistic approach was prompted by my exploits into the neo-cosmos, or ultra minute micro-cosmic abstract imagery . . . yet, no mortal will ever surpass the conceptual daring, the colors and shapes, the creative imagination of the Infinite Mind (God)!"

When I left RIT in early '76 to pursue a photography career back in Ohio, my friendship with Professor B continued. For 12 years, a steady stream of artistically adorned letters arrived detailing his neo-realistic philosophy, along with tidbits about his retirement, photography and of course, Marga. His colorful communication finally stopped in '89 when Marga passed – then he passed in 1998. Professor B's ashes were scattered in the Adirondack's Garnet Lake where he met Marga in 1943. His ultimate embrace of nature was complete.

By the way, I only got a B from Professor B. Nonetheless, his magical neo-realistic year represents the educational bargain of my life – and his RIT photographic imprint upon me remains intact.

## I was in love with my RIT car

**Paul McMorris '80 (hotel and tourism management)**  
Woodstock, Vt.

Fellow alums, please bear with me as we blast back through the time matrix to September 1978 when I first arrived in Brick City as a transfer student from a campus with 40,000 wilderness acres in the Adirondack Park.

RIT accepted all my credits so I signed on and found myself assigned to a crowded triple dorm room. As an expatriate fraternity president with a lakefront room in a historic Adirondack "cottage," these new living conditions would never do.

Not far down East River



Road, a few miles beyond the Racquet Club, I found comfortable lodging in a new townhouse development. The three of us who shared the three-floor unit were living large for students – private rooms, dishwasher, fridge and the complex had a pool! I got quite creative cooking those three-for-a-buck Kraft Macaroni & Cheese dinners by adding mustard and other spices.

What was really exciting about my RIT days was my 1971 Ford Pinto with bucket seats, four-on-the-floor and a vinyl top. The gas tank in those models would explode if hit in an accident so I was able to buy my RIT dream car for a mere \$400. That little car served me well for years. When her starter finally failed and I couldn't afford to buy a new one, I simply parked her on a direct downhill slope. To get her massive four cylinder pistons a-pumping, all I had to do was open the driver's door, push a little bit, jump in and pop the clutch.

Back at our luxurious student paradise, our neighbors enjoyed my morning Pinto start-up show. It was like something out of *The Flintstones*, running to get the car started. Once the engine fired, the "quadraphonic" eight-track sound system with a 65 watt power booster and equalizer would kick in with Frank Zappa's *Joe's Garage* literally blowing the Pinto's doors open at times. An RIT dream machine!

## Holding that tiger

**David Page '66 (photography)**  
Durham, N.C.



**David Page, SPIRIT, and President Mark Ellingson.**

When Mary-Beth Cooper, vice president for student affairs, came to Duke in 2004 for a gathering of a Raleigh-Durham alumni group, she commented that we once had a live tiger on campus but that she did not know a whole lot about it. I filled her in, as I was part of the effort to handle the tiger – and also served as the human stand-in.

The concept of the tiger as a mascot came into being in the mid- to late 1950s. In 1962 I was given a tiger suit by a Theta

Xi friend and wore it till I graduated in 1966. For many years after that, it was handed down through the brotherhood of Alpha Phi Omega until the athletic department took over this responsibility. In those days cheerleaders really led cheers and the RIT Tiger performed with the fencing team, shot hoops, skated with the hockey team in warm-ups and generally greeted fans, led cheers and harassed opponents.

The tiger also showed up at school events, carried the flag at the annual parade and represented RIT in the community.

With a rising interest in the Tigers, Denis Kitchen, Roger Kramer and Jim Black formed an ad hoc tiger committee and persuaded Student Government to loan them \$1,000-plus for the purchase of a baby Bengal Tiger, which would be



our mascot, to be kept at the Seneca Park Zoo and brought on campus till he became too big. The zoo promised to purchase a mate so that there would always be a real mascot. The plan was to repay council by selling \$1 shares of stock in the tiger. The response was overwhelming and the zoo personnel acquired the baby.

A caravan with more than 50 students and officials met the plane. The pilots joined us as we opened the burlap over the cage. We were awed by a 40-pound bundle of striped fur that was all head and feet with big brown eyes.

With the Tiger on campus, the loan was repaid quickly. A big "name the tiger contest" was held and SPIRIT was chosen. My classmate and now distinguished photography professor Andy Davidhazy was credited with the name, which derived from "Student Pride In RIT."

A group of us took lessons at the zoo and became SPIRIT's handlers. He appeared on a local TV program where, with all the excitement, he relieved himself as he sat on a table. The host deftly covered his indiscretion with the comment "He sure sweats a lot under these hot TV lights." We took him to picnics on the land that was purchased for the new campus, brought him out before and between periods of basketball and hockey games and walked him around our concrete campus.

SPIRIT loved his time on campus and was very comfortable with students. He and I became good friends. As he got big enough to require two handlers at a time we noticed that he had soft bone problems that was diagnosed as a calcium deficiency. When his calcium deficiency was mitigated, a larger problem, a pelvic constriction, was revealed.

It was a profoundly sad day when I was summoned to the zoo to spend time with SPIRIT, in pain, just before he was put down on Sept. 28, 1964.

Today the SPIRIT of the RIT tiger resides on campus in the form of a student-commissioned, life-size bronze sculpture near the Campus Connections book store. Students visit him every day. Student Pride in RIT is alive and well.

## Mr. President

**Bernie Lazorchak '59 (printing)**  
Toano, Va.

As a U.S. Navy veteran, I enrolled at RIT based on it being the very best of printing schools. On the day school started I arrived in Rochester and started looking for RIT. I continued to ride around a block in the city and finally asked a policeman where I could find RIT. His response was, "Son, you already rode around the entire campus at least three times and the red brick building you are looking at is RIT."

Registration for classes went well but then I learned housing was not available on campus. I was sent to an office arranging off-campus housing. While walking down the hallway a very distinguished gentleman greeted me and asked how he could help. I informed him I needed housing. He asked if I would accept housing in an old army barracks. My response was "YES." The distinguished gentleman introduced himself as Dr. Mark Ellingson, president of RIT. From that day forward, during my four years as a student and years thereafter, Dr. Ellingson always remembered and greeted me by my name.

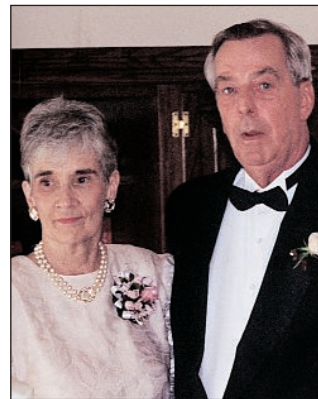
## True love blossoms

**Anne McElhaney Stanton '50 (retailing)**  
Fort Worth, Texas

What do I remember about RIT? I met my husband there. Don was from Brooklyn and I was from Corning, N.Y. It was my lucky day when I met him at Sibley's, where we were both working. Don mustered out of the Air Force fresh from the Berlin Airlift and was fortunate to use the GI Bill to finance his education. We both pursued careers in retailing, working at such great stores as Sibley's, Halle Bros., Bonwit Teller, Wanamakers-Rikes, and Dillards. Some of those carriage-trade stores are now gone.

Teachers like Ms. Hogadone, Ms. Stampe and Mr. Droste bring back fond memories. The downtown campus was wonderful and so close to "House of Fran" and "Jakes" where we drank more than our share of beer. I am still in contact via e-mail with several classmates and treasure their friendship. All in all it was the very best choice for me. I did love the old, smaller school – we had such a great time in those days.

We were married for 47 years when Don passed in 2000. I still work part time for Dillards. I do hope to be able to visit the new campus and see all the changes that have been made since I was there 54 years ago – somehow it doesn't seem that long ago.



Don and Anne McElhaney Stanton in 1955, left, and in 1993.

## The day the world changed

**Robert M. Frank '65 (photography)**  
Somerset, Mass.

When I think about memories of RIT, the strongest one took place on Nov. 22, 1963. I was in class in the Clark Building and headed out into the quad to meet my wife-to-be, who was in Rochester scouting for an apartment. We were to be married in December.

When I reached the quad everyone was standing quietly and most seemed to have transistor radios to their ears. The news quickly passed to those without them: President John Kennedy had been shot in Dallas. No one alive at that time will ever forget exactly where they were or what they were doing when they heard the news.

Of course I have many other RIT memories, of living in a corner room in NRH, the men's dorm; of meeting Mel Rinfret, the director of housing, downstairs at the bar next door; of shooting

pool or getting a haircut in the basement of the NRH; of being out on the streets of downtown Rochester photographing the denizens of the streets for class projects; of the great profs we had, some even famous, Todd and Rickmers and Shoemaker and Engdahl; of long hours in the darkroom and the studio; of the RITSkeller and endless games of hearts at the APO table; of Spring and Fall Weekends. But the one memory that will be with me as long as I live is of that November afternoon when the world changed for all of us, there in the RIT quad.

## Mini Baja debuts

**Pete Romocki '80 (mechanical engineering)**  
Atlanta, Ga.

In 1978, our RIT student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) took the responsibility of entering into the Mini Baja East competition. As president, I found it relatively easy to get the chapter excited about the undertaking: Our chapter unanimously agreed it would be a great idea to get an entry together so we could travel to the University of South Florida, host of the spring 1979 competition. Professor Alan Nye, faculty advisor, added his support – providing he could make the trip.

It took almost the entire school year to find resources needed to build our car. Our SAE chapter pooled resources with the RIT American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) chapter (whose president was Donald Cary '80, mechanical engineering).

Fund-raising events like road rallies were organized, but our program really got life when we secured a grant from RIT's Student Development Program for \$2,000. Unfortunately, because the grant money did not come through until the end of the spring quarter 1979, we were unable to compete in Florida. We immediately started our plans to enter the 1980 competition at the University of Delaware.

In the spring of 1980, we loaded "our baby" into a rented van and we car-pooled to the University of Delaware. Most of the schools did not know who (or where) RIT was. A lot of the schools confused us with RPI (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute).

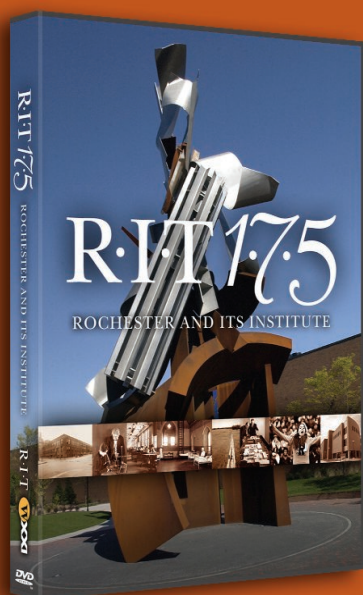


**Members of the pit crew at the Mini Baja East competition at the University of Delaware in 1980 included, from left: unidentified, Pete Romocki, unidentified, Doug Jurusik, Jerry Scheller, Joe Raleigh and David Vadney.**

One thing is for sure, they knew who we were when we left.

To this day I remember the rush of the RIT school spirit that went through me that day as our vehicle took first place in the endurance race. I would never have imagined the impact of our efforts and am grateful for receiving such a lasting "graduation gift."

In 1981, RIT captured first place in the overall Mini Baja East event and in 1982 RIT hosted the entire competition in Rochester. Since this first entry the involvement by RIT in the Mini Baja and other similar design/build vehicle competitions has blossomed to provide tremendous opportunities for RIT in education and recognition nationwide.



## Anniversary documentary now available on DVD

**RIT 175: Rochester and its Institute**, a film produced last year in commemoration of the university's anniversary, is now available on DVD.

Malcolm Spaul, film and animation professor, and David Cronister, director of RIT's Educational Technology Center, produced and directed the 55-minute film. Students in the School of Film and Animation assisted in the project. In addition to the documentary, the DVD contains another 30 minutes of content, including

extended interviews and student-produced mini-films.

The film, co-produced by RIT and WXXI public television, was first shown at RIT in November, and in December aired several times on WXXI-TV.

The DVD is available in the RIT bookstore, Campus Connections, for \$18.95, plus shipping and handling, and tax. For more information, call 585-475-2504 or visit <http://bookstore.rit.edu>





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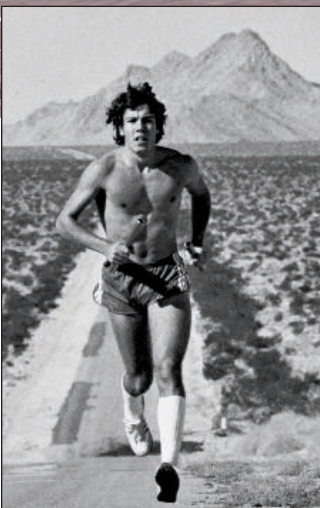
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## On the run



Donald Campbell '81 (mechanical engineering) was one of 12 runners who participated in the 1979 run.

**Run RIT, run. Their goal was to make it across the United States in 14 days or less and to celebrate the university's 175th anniversary.**

But they outdid themselves, besting by more than two days the record of the 1979 coast-to-coast run – organized to celebrate RIT's 150th anniversary.

A team of 18 students and alumni set off from San Diego, Calif., on Nov. 17. Crossing 13 states and the District of Columbia, they encountered mountains, cactus, sleet, snow, detours and Thanksgiving dinner on the road during their 2,730-mile trek.



They met folks who stopped to see how they were doing, encountered a restaurant owner who insisted they stop by for pie – in Pietown, N.M., no less – and, in Ohio, became part of an impromptu parade in a small town’s annual winter festival.

Each runner – a member or graduate of the cross country team – ran a 2-mile segment, then rested for three to four hours in one of two RVs before joining the relay again. The conditions were cramped, showers were scarce, but they kept at it, overcoming their challenges and building camaraderie and confidence along the way.

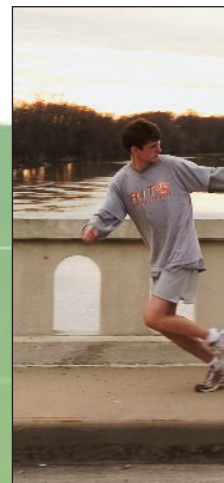
“Most of us gained a true feeling that there wasn’t a single

thing that could come up that we couldn’t handle in stride,” says Chad Byler, fourth-year mechanical engineering student and the principal organizer of the run.

They kept parents, friends and the rest of the world informed through an on-the-road blog – an online journal – packed with tales and photos of the trip.

The run officially ended around 7 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the city docks in Annapolis, Md., near the United States Naval Academy. They were greeted by the academy’s cross country team and offered welcome warm showers.

A few days after returning to RIT, the runners were met with





cheers and a homecoming celebration as they made a ceremonial run into campus with President Albert Simone and Mary-Beth Cooper, vice president of student affairs.

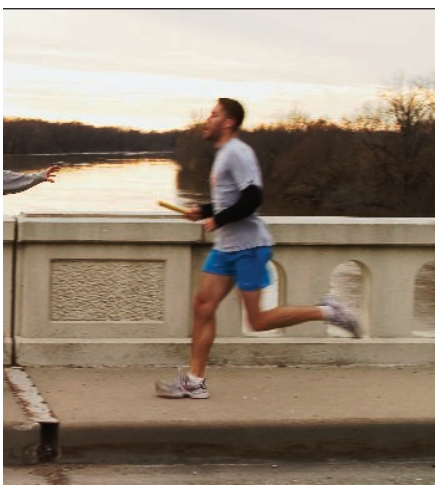
"Now that we are back in the swing of things," Byler says, "I think many have taken away that in life, not just out on the road, there is nothing we as individuals or as a team can't accomplish."

The run was declared a success – and proclaimed an RIT tradition. The next cross-country run? Look for it in 2029 – RIT's 200th anniversary.

Silandara Bartlett

To read the Coast-to-Coast blog and see additional photos of the run, visit [www.ritcoasttocoastrun.com](http://www.ritcoasttocoastrun.com).

**About the photographer: Matthew Hartman '04 (fine art photography) documented the Coast-to-Coast run. During his student years at RIT, Hartman was on the indoor and outdoor track and field teams and worked as a student trainer for three years. Originally from Gilmanston, N.H., Hartman returned there after graduation and launched a free-lance career.**



Map illustration by fourth-year new media design and imaging major Sean Carner.



## Grad's business lands at pinnacle of the Rochester Top 100

The company that Nancy and Manny Marcano '82 (electrical engineering technology) started in their basement in 1989 reached the top spot on the Rochester Top 100 list for 2004.

"This is very exciting for us and we're especially happy for our employees," says Marcano, president of EMA Design Automation Inc. "This is a great tribute to their hard work."

The Rochester Top 100, sponsored by the Rochester Business Alliance and the accounting firm KPMG, ranks the area's fastest-growing privately held companies. EMA sales have surged in the past three years: \$3 million in 2002, \$18 million in 2003, and \$30 million in 2004. Employment grew from fewer than 15 in 2002 to nearly 100 across the country, with 67 in the Rochester area.

The company sells and services design software for the printed circuit board industry. Starting in the Rochester area, Marcano gradually expanded throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. A key event came in 1998, when EMA began a relationship with Cadence Design Systems Inc. In 2003, Cadence named EMA exclusive North America provider for its OrCAD and Cadence Allegro product lines.

Marcano seized the opportunity. "Like any entrepreneur, I have a vision for where I want the company to go," says Marcano. "I'm totally commit-



After years of hard work, Nancy and Manny Marcano are winning recognition for their business success.

ted to growing the company. Nancy and I just live and breathe this business."

Success in this industry requires more than great products and an effective sales force. EMA provides pre-sales consulting, system integration, post-sales support, and design methodology consulting.

"With our overlay of service and technical support, we can exceed anyone in the business," Marcano says. "We know that for us to succeed, our customers must succeed, and we do whatever we can to help them."

Marcano came to RIT at

age 28, after eight years in the Air Force. He and Nancy had two young children, and school was a challenge. "By the time I graduated I realized I didn't want to be an engineer," he says. "I leveraged my education into sales. That technical background has been invaluable."

He sees RIT as a continuing resource. EMA's technical services department is headed by Walt Pyska '83 (computer science), who joined the company in 1990. The company currently employs 18 RIT grads and co-ops. EMA headquarters is conveniently

located in an office park just south of campus. "There's a lot of talent here," says Marcano.

What's next? Marcano constantly searches for new challenges. "I love building a business," he says. "It's very rewarding to be able to look around and say 'We did that.'"

Visit EMA at [www.ema-eda.com](http://www.ema-eda.com) for more information.

Other members of the RIT family included on the Top 100 list were:

**Gregg Coughlin '77** (MBA), president of GRIPA, an integrated health care network ranked No. 3.

**"We know that for us to succeed, our customers must succeed, and we do whatever we can to help them."**

**Manny Marciano '82**

**Philip C. Gelsomino II '86** (business), CEO of The Restaurant Group, No. 6 on the list. The company operates Perkins Restaurants in New York state.

**Mike Fennessy '82** (electrical engineering) and **Dave Kostick '75** (electrical engineering), co-CEOs of Great Lakes Controls of New York LLC, an automation distribution company ranked No. 27.

**Sharon Napier '04** (M.S., hospitality and service management), president and CEO of Parners + Napier, a marketing

strategy firm ranked No. 31.

**Mark L. Redding '86** (computer science), president of Impact Technologies, an engineering consulting and system development firm ranked No. 42.

**John Costello '75** (MBA), president of Eagle Construction Co., a residential remodeling specialist ranked No. 45.

**Beverly A. Finnerty '85** (continuing education), president of R.D.U. Inc., a transportation services company ranked No. 48.

**Ronald Ricotta '79** (busi-

ness), president and CEO of Century Mold Co. Inc., ranked No. 53. The company designs, manufactures and sells molded plastic parts and related tooling.

**Herbert L. Besaw '85** (business), president and CEO of Spoon Exhibit Services Inc., ranked No. 55. Spoon provides services for trade shows and marketing events.

**Lorraine D. Ellis '93** (MBA), president and CEO of Research Dynamics Consulting Group Ltd., ranked No. 56.

**Chris Bonacci '92** (con-

tinuing education), co-owner of Advanced Interconnect Manufacturing Inc., an electrical wire harness manufacturer ranked No. 58.

**Lou Germain '93** (business), CEO of Lumarc Computer Corp., an international computer hardware sales firm ranked No. 64.

**Thomas F. Judson Jr.**, member of the RIT Board of Trustees, chairman and CEO of The Pike Co., a general contracting, design, and construction management firm ranked No. 82.

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**NEWS TO YOU**  
Tim Dillon, left, of the Atlantic Hockey Association and RIT President Albert Simone take questions from reporters at a news conference.



## Community service is an important part of the RIT tradition

In the wake of December's tsunami tragedy, many of RIT's student groups launched fund-raising programs or donated gifts of money and time to organizations helping in the relief effort. Not only are we proud that our students immediately responded to this overwhelming need, but we are happy to report that this is one of many examples of RIT students committing resources to help those less fortunate.

From individual students with a desire to help, to RIT fraternities, sororities, and other student clubs who participate for the community service requirement in their charter, volunteerism is a big part of campus life. Just one avenue for lending a hand is the



**Mary-Beth Cooper**  
Vice President for Student Affairs

Community Service Center, a clearinghouse for RIT students (as well as faculty/staff) who are interested in making a difference in their community.

The CSC provides information on the volunteer needs of more than 300 agencies in the Rochester community and coordinates volunteer requests for long-term assignments, one-day activities, individual placements and group projects. Last year, approximately 1,600 students, faculty and staff logged more than 35,000 hours of community service through the Center!

When a need arises, RIT responds. This is just one more source of "Tiger Pride" found on campus and spreading to the Rochester community every day.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary-Beth".

Mary-Beth Cooper  
Vice President for Student Affairs

## In case of emergency, call . . .

Occasionally problems arise that impact students' health and well being, their families, and other members of the campus community. With a campus the size of a small city, parents are sometimes unclear as to what they should do in these events.

Parents can take comfort knowing that whatever the situation, RIT's first concern is the safety and health of their children, but there are both practical and legal considerations in communicating with parents. Often the university is bound by law with regard to what can be communicated, and with more than 15,000 students, RIT can't contact parents individually to let them know about a problem.

The quickest and most practical method to communicate is via the Internet. Currently, RIT posts emergency notifications on the university's home page ([www.rit.edu](http://www.rit.edu)). In addition, under the "Parents" navigation option on the RIT Web site, there is a link to the RIT emergency preparedness Web site with a wealth of information and contact numbers for use during emergencies. RIT can also communicate through broadcast e-mails if valid e-mail addresses are on file for parents.

**Parents: Make sure your students have an updated health insurance card with them at all times!**

If a parent believes that their student is in trouble or in need of assistance, several campus groups are available to help. The Office of Student Affairs oversees much of campus life outside of the classroom, and can help guide both parents and students through the mix of RIT departments to find assistance.

Additionally, RIT's parent liaison, Dawn Murley, is available to help parents. Murley has more than 30 years of experience working at RIT, and is well-versed in the procedures for dealing with student emergencies. She has an instinct for knowing just who to contact to help any student. Her role is primarily that of a troubleshooter, coordinating the efforts of several RIT departments to assist a student in trouble. Emergency situations with which Murley has assisted include:

- Illness/death of a parent or close family member at home.
- Students who are extremely stressed by academic and work demands, or otherwise seem to the parent to be unusually depressed.
- A student tells their parents they are receiving threatening e-mails.

- A parent has not heard from their child for an extended period of time and can't reach them on their own.

In some cases, Murley will connect the parent with Campus Safety. (Parents are also able to contact Campus Safety directly if they believe their child is in physical danger or know they've been the victim of a crime.) In other cases, Murley will coordinate efforts between academic counselors, residence life staff, the Counseling Center or the Student Health Center to provide the support needed.

Valuable contact information is included with this article. We encourage you to keep these numbers handy.

## Emergency contact information

**Office of Student Affairs:** 585-475-2853

**Dawn Murley, parent liaison:** 585-475-6424  
voice/tty; Fax: 585-475-2133; E-mail: [parents@rit.edu](mailto:parents@rit.edu)

**Campus Safety:** 585-475-3333

**Center for Residence Life** (for students living in residence halls, campus-owned apartments, or fraternity/sorority housing): 585-475-6022 voice/tty

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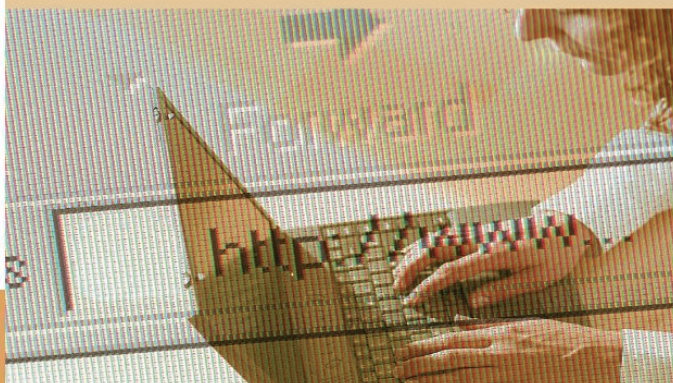
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# Regional Alumni Activities

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## Albany

**John '94** and **Laura '92 Comstock** hosted the Albany Alumni Chapter Networking Night on Feb. 24 at Scrimshaw Tavern.

### Upcoming event

The 3rd Annual Alumni Day at the Races is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 20. Mark your calendars and stay posted for more information as the date draws closer.

## Atlanta

Atlanta alumni attended a reception at the Bridgetown Grill followed by a performance of *Movin' Out* at the Fox Theatre on April 2. Special thanks to alumni host **Joe Del Conte '85**.

## Boston

On Feb. 5, 2005 members of the Boston alumni chapter enjoyed dinner at Durgin-Park Restaurant along with the RIT Women's Ice Hockey Team. Special thanks to alumni hosts **Mary Jo Savino '90, '04** and **Patrick Ward '00**.

### Upcoming event

Plans are underway for the next chapter event to take place this summer. Keep your eyes open for the invitation!

## Buffalo

Buffalo alumni attended a performance of Disney's *The Lion King* at Shea's on March 5. Special thanks to alumni host **Tom Stumpf '98**.

### Upcoming event

The next Buffalo chapter event will be a tour of the Chautauqua Institute along with the Rochester chapter on Saturday, June 4. Keep your eyes open for the invitation in the mail!

## Central Florida

Alumni and guests attended a reception at the Big City Tavern with Mary-Beth Cooper, RIT's Vice President for Student Affairs, in Tampa on March 23. Special thanks to alumni hosts **Jamie Aymerich '93, '98** and **Jason Ramaizel '98**.

## Chicago

### Upcoming event

The next Chicago chapter event will take place this summer. Stayed tuned to [www.rit.edu/alumniactivities](http://www.rit.edu/alumniactivities) for details!

## Cleveland-Akron

Alumni and friends are planning a reception and tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art on April 20. Special thanks to chapter leader and alumni host **Al Teufen '73**.

## Class Notes

### Key to abbreviations

<b>CAST</b>	College of Applied Science and Technology
<b>CCE</b>	College of Continuing Education
<b>CIAS</b>	College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
<b>COLA</b>	College of Liberal Arts
<b>COB</b>	College of Business
<b>KGCOE</b>	Kate Gleason College of Engineering
<b>COS</b>	College of Science
<b>FAA</b>	Fine and Applied Arts
<b>GAP</b>	Graphic Arts and Photography
<b>GCCIS</b>	B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
<b>NTID</b>	National Technical Institute for the Deaf

### 1948 *Golden Circle Reunion*

**Mamie Simonson '48 (GAP)** and husband, **Marvin Simonson '48 (GAP)**, recently celebrated 55 years in their business, Simonson Studio, Lewiston, N.Y.

### 1951 *Golden Circle Reunion*

**William Carnahan '51 (GAP)** is working on a collection of original World War II posters. They were exhibited at Christ Congressional Church, Silver Spring, Md. If you would like to see the posters, please visit the church's Web site at [www.christ-ucc.org](http://www.christ-ucc.org). Click on PHOTOS, then CCC Art Shows 2004.

**Betty Wright Lewis '51 (FAA)** retired in 2001 as curator of the William Henry Seward House, Auburn, N.Y.

## 1955 *50th Reunion-2005*

**Donald Nagel '55 (FAA)** and wife, **Joyce Nagel '56 (FAA)**, moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C. He is a Member of Excellence in the Southeastern Pastel Society and has received numerous awards from the New York Art Directors Club and a Cleo award for television. He also has been featured in *100 ways to Paint Landscapes*, published by International Artists. You can view his works online at [www.redpianoartgallery.com](http://www.redpianoartgallery.com).

## 1956

**Joyce Tilley Nagel '56 (FAA)** who moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in 1986 with husband, **Don Nagel '55 (FAA)**, has been recognized with awards and exhibitions for her pastels at the Degas Pastel Society, the Kansas Pastel Society, the Maryland Pastel Society of America, of which she is a signature member. In 2004, she received the Best of Show award in the Hilton Head Art League's Annual International juried exhibition. You can view her works online at [www.redpianoartgallery.com](http://www.redpianoartgallery.com).

## 1957

**Carl Chiarenza '55, '57 (GAP)** exhibited a new collection of black-and-white photographs at the Carl Solway Gallery in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is artist-in-residence and Fanny Knapp Allen Professor Emeritus at University of Rochester (N.Y.). He also had two new books published, *Peach Warriors of 2003* (Nazraeli Press) and *Solitudes* (Lodima Press). His works can be viewed online at [homepage.mac.com/chiarenza/](http://homepage.mac.com/chiarenza/).

## 1963

**Kener Bond '63 (FAA)** is professor emeritus of art in the School of Art and Design, CIAS, RIT.

## 1966

**Janette Dodge '66 (COB)** is a residential realtor for Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, Tampa, Fla.

**James Owen '66 (COB)** is a teacher and cross country coach for Hamburg (N.Y.) Central School.

**Robert Roperti '66 (GAP)** and his wife, **Mary-Dianne Older Roperti '65 (COB)**, owners of Jiffy Reprographics, received the 2004 "Business of the Year" Award from the Regional Chamber of Commerce of Pinellas County, Florida.

## Connecticut

Alumni and guests enjoyed spotting eagles on the Winter Eagle Watch Cruise, part of the Connecticut Audubon Society Eagle Festival, on Saturday, Feb. 19.

### Upcoming event

Tickets will be available for the Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament finals on Saturday, Aug. 27 in New Haven. Orders will be accepted online at [www.rit.edu/alumniactivities](http://www.rit.edu/alumniactivities) soon.

## Denver

Alumni and guests enjoyed a special deal to ski/snowboard at Breckenridge and Keystone on Saturday, March 5. Ski instructor **Jennifer Ladieu '94** gave fellow alumni a private mountain tour of Breckenridge and an alumni lunch was enjoyed at Keystone.

### Upcoming event

The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra is playing at the Bravo! Vail Music Festival this summer. Special alumni-priced tickets will be offered for the 6 p.m. performance Sunday, June 26. Stay posted for more information on how to order your tickets!



Denver alumni and guests hit the slopes at Keystone.

## Los Angeles

Alumni and guests enjoyed an evening at Canal Club in Venice Beach on March 2. Special thanks to alumni hosts **Jennifer Lindstrom '99** and **Eric Senna '91**.

## New York City

**Jennifer Zausmer '93** and **Amy Sundstrom '95** held their annual networking night in Hoboken this year. More than 60 alumni and guests participated in the fun-filled evening.

### Upcoming events

Special alumni-priced tickets will be available for the Saturday, Aug. 13, Yankees game against Texas. Your alumni hosts for this event are **Mike Larson '93** and **Dean Guite '95**.

Tickets for the U.S. Tennis Open in September will be available again this year.

## Phoenix

**Kathy Goll** coordinated alumni and guests for "Bond. James Bond. The Exhibit" at the Arizona Science Center on Saturday, April 2. Prior to the exhibit alumni and guests enjoyed lunch in Heritage Square.

## Raleigh Durham

Alumni and guests gathered at A Southern Season on Tuesday, Feb. 8, to prepare and enjoy a Mardi Gras themed meal together. The more than 25 people that participated had a great time.

### Upcoming event

Interested in touring Chatham Hills Winery? **Mike '98** and **Sue '98 Pail** are coordinating this fun activity for alumni and guests. Invitations will go out soon with more information.



Phoenix alums volunteering at St. Mary's Food Bank.



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## Rochester

Alumni had the opportunity to see acclaimed composer Marvin Hamlisch guide the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra through his Hollywood and Broadway hits on Friday, Jan. 14.

Tiger Sports Night was held this year in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. Alumni and guests enjoyed a dinner reception in the new facility. They also enjoyed the opportunity to cheer on student athletes! Thank you to our alumni hosts **Bary Seigel '50** and **Donna Bell '83**.

RIT Alumni Night at the Amerks was a hit! Alumni purchased special priced tickets to the Sunday, March 13, game against the Syracuse Crunch.

### Upcoming events

A day trip to Chautauqua is scheduled for Saturday, June 4. Event details will be available as the date approaches.

On Saturday, Aug. 6, alumni and guests will have the opportunity to experience White Water Rafting. Bus transportation, equipment, and lunch will be provided. Registration for this event will soon be available. Thank you to **Frank Lucas '75** for coordinating this alumni activity.

## San Diego

Alumni and guests enjoyed dinner at Candelas restaurant on March 3. Special thanks to alumni hosts **Micki Hafner '92**, **Phil Ohme '99**, **Rick Prenoveau '78**, **Louis Semon '72** and **Pam Wick '94**.

## Seattle

### Upcoming event

Plans are underway for an alumni group tour led by the Seattle Architectural Foundation. Stay posted for more information. Thank you to **Mike Woods '92** for coordinating this event.

## Southern Florida

Alumni and guests attended a networking reception at Boston's on the Beach in Delray Beach on Jan. 6. Special thanks to alumni host **Paul Finkelstein '91**.

## Syracuse

Alumni enjoyed a night of Big East basketball as SU took on UConn Feb. 7.

### Upcoming event

A day trip to McKenzie-Childs is planned for June. Event details will be available as the date approaches.

## Washington, D.C.

Thank you to **Vicki Decker Griffith '93** for her years of service in the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter. She is stepping down this year as the chapter leader. She has planned and executed dozens of events for alumni in this area and been a true ambassador for the Institute.

## 1967

**Walter Bruehs '67 (GAP)** is a research fellow for Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

**James Dertinger '67 (GAP)** is coordinator of education and safety programs for Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

## 1968

**Paul Hageman '68 (GAP)** is president of Davidson Screen Printer & Embroidery, Mooresville, N.C.

## 1969

**Robert Fickes '69 (GAP)** is president of California Oil Producers Electrical Co-Op, Long Beach, Calif.

**Philip Sciabarrasi '69 (KGCOE)** is vice president of engineering for Parson Corp., Charlotte, N.C.

## 1970

**Joseph Frick '70 (COB)** is a senior manager for Creative Orthotics & Prosthetics Inc., Elmira, N.Y.

**Stephen Kelly '70 (GAP)** is a project manager for IBM Corp., Middletown, Ohio.

**Janice Fox-Ford Sterling '63, '70 (FAA)** is superintendent of creative services for the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.

## 1971

**Roger Kuntz '71 (COS)** is a veterinarian for Chili Animal Care, P.C., Rochester.

**Thomas Tyberg '71 (GAP)** is an assistant professor for Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pa.

## 1972

**Bruce Bracebridge '72 (COB)** retired from the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), April 2, 2004, after serving for 33 years in a broad variety of professional financial support positions. He was the CIA's first finance co-op. He is enjoying retirement and the opportunity to home school his youngest child.

**Allen Brown '72 (CCE)** is an executive director for Beth Shalom Congregation, Columbia, Md.

**Harvey Duze '72 (GAP)** is a graphic designer for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, Washington, D. C.

**Richard Gabelman '72 (GAP)** is a sales representative for Cenveo, Gambrills, Md.

## 1973

**C. Ann Baker '73 (COB)** is the vice chancellor for human resources for Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

**Frank Barbero '73 (COS)** is a chemist for High Falls Brewing Co., LLC, Rochester.

**Robert Bonk '73 (COS)** is a technical staff and field representative for Occidental Chemical Corp., Niagara Falls, N.Y.

**Wayne Dennis '73 (COB)** is south central district manager for Perfection Corp., Division of American Meter, Madison, Ohio.

**Bernard Marino '73 (COB)** is senior investigator for IIC-UN Oil for Food Program, New York City.

**Margaret McCullough SVP '73, '80 (CAST)** is a senior programmer analyst for Perot Systems at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Quincy, Mass.

**Alan Scuterud '73 (COB)** is a sales supervisor for Panasonic Industrial Co., Secaucus, N.J.

## 1974

**Bryce Boothby '74 (GAP)** is president of ModusLink, Waltham, Mass.

**Donald Kyrnitszke '74 (KGCOE)** is vice president of engineering for Ibus Corp., Santa Clara, Calif.

**Donald Maziarz '74 (KGCOE)** is a senior engineer for the Defense Technology Security Administration, Washington, D.C.

**Steve Peterka '74 (GAP)** is a newspaper application specialist for Enovation Graphics Systems Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.

**Mark Siegel '74 (GAP)** is a research fellow for Georgia-Pacific Corp., Neenah, Wis.

**David Vogel '74 (COB)** is a real estate investment specialist for Raymond James Financial Services, Atlanta, Ga.

## 1975 *30th Reunion-2005*

**Eugene Gardner '75 (COB)** is a controller for Acroprint Time Recorder, Raleigh, N.C.

**James Lantry '75 (COB)** is a senior account executive for Invention Machine Corp., Boston, Mass.

**Allan Luftig '75 (GAP)** is president of Allan Luftig Studio Inc., New York City. He has owned his studio since 1975. Along with his photography career, he became a partner in Monster Sushi Inc., which now operates three restaurants in Manhattan and a fourth in Summit, N.J.. Check out [www.allanluftig.com](http://www.allanluftig.com) and [www.monstersushi.com](http://www.monstersushi.com) for more information.

**Gary Magaziner '75 (KGCOE)** is an environmental engineer for the Maryland Department of the Environment, Baltimore.

## 1976

**Stephen Chiodo '76 (GAP)** is a creative director for Chiodo Bros. Productions, Burbank, Calif.

**Stephen Loder '76 (COB)** and wife, Gale, have written two cookbooks, *Quality Venison, Homemade Recipes & Homespun Deer Tales* and *Quality Venison II, All New Recipes and Deer Tales Too*. He recently conducted a wild game sampling of his recipes at Gander Mountain in Henrietta, N.Y.

**Frank Trovato '76 (COB)** is a quality assurance engineer for Raytheon, Baltimore.

## 1977

**James Francimone Caryl '77 (FAA)** is a designer for Welch Allyn Inc., Skaneateles Falls, N.Y.

**William Frank '77 (COS)** is an advisory information technology specialist for IBM Corp., Atlanta, Ga.

**Andrew Fredericksen '77 (COB)** is a senior partner for Goldstein, Fredericksen, Sirianni & Fuller, Rochester.

**Ira Goldstein '77 (GAP)** is president of sales for Jerry's Artarama Inc., Raleigh, N.C.

**Joyce Hanson '77 (COS)** is a principal for Hanson Marketing Communications. She and husband, Stephen, were married in 1998 and moved to Lexington, Ky. They adopted a daughter, Alene Zhu Yang from Anqing, China, in 2001.

**Charles Loschiavo '77, (KGCOE)** is a software designer and developer for Motorola Inc., Horsham, Pa.

**Norman Minekime '77 (COS)** is director of engineering for Computer Sciences Corp., Chantilly, Va.

**John Raiello '77 (CAST)** is an engineering manager for Northrop Grumman Information Technology, Reston, Va.

**Ronald Tubbs '77 (GAP)** is a team leader for Digicon Imaging Inc., Buffalo, N.Y.

**Earl Westerlund '77 (COS)** is a senior database manager for the University of Rochester.

**Leslie Whynot '77 (COS)** is a medicine technologist for Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego, Calif.

## 1978

**Thomas Demond '78 (GAP)** is an exploratory technology teacher for Monroe High School, Rochester.

**Douglas Fannon '78 (GAP)** is vice president of content development for 3 Pixels Design Group, Norwalk, Conn.

**Stephen Graff '78 (GAP)** is a senior quality services specialist for Lastra America Corp., Jacksonville, Texas.

**Gregory Hitchin '78 (GAP)** is a business development manager for Onondaga County Economic Development, Syracuse, N.Y.

## 1979

**Mark Beckelman '79 (GAP)** is owner and commercial photographer for Beckelman Photo Illustration, Springfield, N.J.

**Dale Bleier '79 (CAST)** is a team leader for IBM Corp., Windsor, Conn.

**William Campbell '79 (FAA)** of Torrington, Conn., exhibited his photographs in a group show entitled "The Best of the American Photo Mentor Series" at the Photo District Gallery in New York City.

**Curtis Dewolff '79 (KGCOE)** is manager of engineering and manufacturing for Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

**Claire Cavanaugh Grendahl '79 (CAST)** is in her second year of teaching at an elementary school. Her husband is in his second year as a Methodist minister and they have three sons.

**Daniel McAlpin '79 (KGCOE)** founded a church, Calvary Chapel, in Irondequoit, N.Y.

**Thomas Marullo '77, '79 (COB)**, director of Visiting Nurse Service Meals on Wheels of Rochester and Monroe County, Inc., was elected president of the Meals on Wheels Association of America's New York State Chapter. Marullo has been with VNS since 1996.

**Gary Pugh '79 (GAP)** is a sales representative for Pitney Bowes, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Daniel Salitrik '79 (GAP)** is a technical analyst for Uniontown (Pa.) Hospital.

**David Sampson '79 (COB)** and wife, Nancy, are celebrating 22 years of marriage.

## 1980 *25th Reunion-2005*

**Frederick Casper '80 (GAP)** is a financial advisor for American Express Financial Advisors Inc., New Market, Md.

**Frank Mustari '80 (COB)** is a principal consultant for Cognos Corp., Reston, Va.

**Emily Scherer Steinberg '80 (FAA)** is an art director for Yeshiva University, New York City.

**Jens Williamson SVP '80, '83 (NTID)** is an accounting technician for DFAS (Defense Finance and Accounting Service), San Antonio, Texas.

## 1981

**James Early '78, '81 (KGCOE)** is a flammable gases project manager for Praxair Inc., Tonawanda, N.Y.

**Wilbur Hinkston '81 (COB)** is vice president of global operations for Lord Corp., Cary, N.C.

**Neal Krasnoff '81 (CAST)** is a network technician for Qwest Communications Corp., Minneapolis, Minn.

**Robert Newport '77 (CCE), '81 (COB)** is director of human resources, ABB Kent Taylor, Rochester.

**Donald O'Connor '81 (CAST)** is general manager for Acterna, Germantown, Md.

**Mark Spitzer '81 (GAP)** is teaching photography and television at Brittonkill High School, Brunswick, N.Y.

## 1982

**Carl Boudakian '82 (COB)** is vice president of service strategy for Thomson Financial, New York City.

**Cheryl Koenig Desellier '80, '82 (FAA)** and husband, James, have twin sons, Joseph and Matthew, born July 15, 2002.

**Kathryn Seward MacKay '80, '82 (GAP)** published a book titled, *Dying in Vein: Blood, Deception...Justice*. It is a photographic essay on the AIDS/hepatitis crisis in the hemophilia community. She spent five years working on the book after her husband, a hemophiliac, died in 1997. An image from the book won first place in the Gordon Parks Photography Competition.

**Timothy Mitchell '82 (GAP)** is a minister for Peotone (Ill.) United Methodist Church.

**Kevin Moyer '82 (COB)** is a regional sales manager for Royal Crown Derby USA, Dallas, Texas.

**Judson Paige '82 (COB)** is a purchasing manager for Anheuser Busch Inc., St. Louis, Mo.

**Marie Schreffler Perazella '80, '82 (GAP)** is vice president of marketing for Chevy Chase Bank, Bethesda, Md.

**Kevin Reilly '82 (GAP)** was featured in the October, 2004, Cygnus Business Media publication, *Studio Photography and Design*. The two-page spread showed Reilly's original photography commissioned by Fuji Films USA. The article focuses on the creative process between Fuji Vice President Bruce Mitchell and Reilly, who operates



Oh! Reilly Photography,  
Philadelphia, Pa. You can view his  
work at [www.ohreilly.com](http://www.ohreilly.com).

**Elliot Siegel '82 (COLA)** is a  
Medicaid liaison for Lakeside Health  
Systems, Brockport, N.Y.

## 1983

**Jodi Renna Carville '81, '83 (KGCOE)** is a sales director for  
Discovery Toys, Rochester.

**John Cieply '80, '83 (COS)** is  
an information technology man-  
ager for Woodcraft Industries,  
Bellefonte, Pa.

**John D'Agati '83 (COB)** is direc-  
tor of the Senate Higher Education  
Commission, New York State  
Senate Office of Kenneth LaValle,  
Albany, N.Y.

**Scott Donovan '83 (COB)** is  
director of internal audit services  
for Moss Adams LLP, Seattle, Wash.

**Jennifer MacKenzie Gorenc '83 (COB)** is a vertical marketing man-  
ager for Xerox Corp., Rochester.

**Michael Kane SVP '83, '88 (COB)** and wife, Erin, reside in  
Sioux Falls, S.D., where he has been  
an assistant vice president of  
accounting at Communication  
Service for the Deaf since November  
1999. CSD is known for its telecom-  
munication and human services  
throughout the country. Prior to  
moving to Sioux Falls, he worked at  
the National Association of the Deaf  
(NAD) as director of business affairs  
for more than nine years.

**William Lampeter '83 (GAP)** is  
chief executive officer for Truth-n  
Beauty Software, Rochester.

**David McCord '83 (CAST)** is a  
retail sales deployment manager for  
Hershey Foods Corp., Hershey, Pa.

**Michael Pezza '81, '83 (GAP)** is  
an account executive for Abar  
Imaging Center, Providence, R.I.

## 1984

**Joanne Bottorff-Sult '84 (FAA)** is  
an office manager for Sawmill  
Covenant Church, Powell, Ohio.

**Wilfred Bourdon '84 (KGCOE)** is  
a senior lead engineer for General  
Dynamics Corp., Pittsfield, Mass.

**John Braiman '84 (FAA)** is a  
director for Standard & Poor's, New  
York City.

**Mary Grybos Gemming '84 (CEE)** has written two internation-  
ally acclaimed books in the meta-  
physical realm.

**Mary McNamara '84 (GAP)** is a  
converting technical specialist for  
Exxon Mobil Chemical Films  
Division, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. She and  
husband, **Robert Barbera '84 (GAP)**, welcomed the birth of son,  
Devin Robert, on Aug. 13, 2004.

## Alumni Updates

### Grads' expertise shapes new diet advice

Two RIT alumnae were among five members of the American Dietetic Association who helped develop the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans released in January. **Penny Kris-Etherton '71** (medical dietetics), now Distinguished Professor of Nutritional Sciences at Penn State University, served as chair of the fatty-acid subcommittee and on the alcohol subcommittee. **Theresa Nicklas '79** (general dietetics and nutrition care), professor of pediatrics in the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, lent her expertise on children's nutrition to the nutrient adequacy and fatty-acid committees.

After attending RIT, Kris-Etherton went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in nutrition. Nicklas earned her master's degree and Ph.D. in public health.

The guidelines, revised every five years by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, set the nation's policy direction in nutrition programs, research, education, food assistance, labeling and promotion.

To learn more, visit

[www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines](http://www.healthierus.gov/dietaryguidelines).



Penny  
Kris-Etherton

Theresa Nicklas

**Sean McNamara '84 (COB)** is an  
assistant dean of the college of  
business for the University of  
Louisville (Ky.).

**Walter McQuillan SVP '84, '87, '88 (NTID)** is a budget analyst for  
Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley  
Healthcare System, Montrose, N.Y.

**Elizabeth Charney Morasse '82, '84 (CAST)** is a software engineer  
for Quantum Technology  
Associates, Rochester.

**William Ney '84 (COB)** is married  
and living in Connecticut. He has  
two children, Alex (age 7) and  
Caroline (age 9).

**Bruce Tracy '84 (KGCOE)** is  
owner and account executive for  
Technical Professionals Inc., Boise,  
Idaho.

**1984 Mary Walkowicz '84 (FAA)** is a senior packaging engi-  
neer for Bausch & Lomb, Rochester.

## 1985 20th Reunion-2005

**Robert Andruszkiewicz '83, '85 (GAP)** is a producer and director  
for ABUZZ Media, Albuquerque,  
N.M.

**Stephen Blumstein SVP '85, '88 (NTID)** is a computer graphic tech-  
nician for the National Security  
Agency, Ft. Meade, Md.

**Glenn Boyd '85 (CAST)** and wife,  
Karen, welcomed their third child,  
Alexis Jenna, on Dec. 18, 2003.

**Daniel Connor '90 (FAA)** is a  
computer graphics professor for  
Columbia Greene Community  
College, Hudson, N.Y.

**Kenneth Gehle '83, '85 (GAP)**  
is a commercial photographer for  
Ken Gehle Photography Inc.,  
Decatur, Ga.

**Thomas Haessig '85 (GAP)** is  
president of Plains Printers Inc.,  
East Hanover, N.J.

**Morton Levey '85 (COB)** is a  
financial consultant for Smith  
Barney, Atlanta, Ga.

**Linda Tracy Marsden '70 (FAA), '82 (CEE), '84, '85 (COB)** is a  
sales representative for B.H. Tracy &  
Sons Inc., Fayetteville, N.Y.

**Patricia Rinehart Mchugh '85 (CAST)** is a senior sales manager  
for Renaissance Westchester Hotel,  
White Plains, N.Y.

**Stacey Resnick Rychlewski '85 (CAST)** is a business manager for  
Kraft Foods, Glenview, Ill. She  
recently relocated to the Chicago  
area and was promoted to business  
manager of Cold Refreshment  
Beverages and Ven/OCS.

**Lawrence White '85 (CAST)** is a  
technical and quality manager for  
Tyco Plastics, Yonkers, N.Y.

## 1986

**Joseph Biegel '78, '86 (GAP)** is  
vice president of product manage-  
ment for McKesson Medical  
Imaging Group, Richmond, British  
Columbia, and Canada.

**Walter Colley '85, '86 (GAP)** is  
owner and president of Walter  
Colley Images Inc., Rochester.

**Philip Elzer '84, '86 (COS)** is a  
professor at Louisiana State  
University, Baton Rouge, La.

**Robert Gunderman '86 (KGCOE)** has passed the U.S.  
Patent and Trademark Office Bar  
Exam and is licensed to practice  
patent law. He is a licensed profes-  
sional engineer with his firm, GND  
Engineering, PLLC, Rochester.

**Laura Cohen Holmes '86 (GAP)**  
is an environmental health liaison  
for the Department of Health and  
Human Services for the State of  
New Hampshire in the  
Environmental Health Tracking  
Program, Concord, N.H.

**Michael Page '86 (CAST)** is a  
mechanical engineer for G.A.  
Braun Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.

**Jeanne Meyerhoff Peters SVP '86, '92 (COLA)** and hus-  
band, Malcolm, welcomed their  
second son, William "Liam" on  
March 5, 2004. He joins 2-year-old  
brother Rory.

**Gerard Skrzynski '86 (KGCOE)** is a computer engineer for SCIPAR, Inc., Williamsville, N.Y.

**Angela Strode Wenner '86 (FAA)** is an account executive for Campbell, Harrington & Brear, York, Pa.

**Mary Ganoung Williams '86 (FAA)** is a consultant and advisor in the student administration services department at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

## 1987

**Haline Marotta Figueroa '87 (COB)** is owner of Weigelia Gardens, E. Brunswick, N.J.

**Michael Guarino '87 (CAST)** is a senior packaging engineer for Fisher Diagnostics, Middletown, Va.

**Tracey Schipp Householder '85, '87 (COS)** is an assistant professor in the Department of Biological Sciences for SUNY College at Brockport (N.Y.).

**Robert Hull '87 (KGCOE)** is a plant manager for Tyco Healthcare-Unipatch, Wabasha, Minn.

**Eliot Kagan '87 (KGCOE)** is a test engineer for Hill-Rom, Batesville, Ind.

**Andrew Kalilec '87 (CAST)** is living with his wife and two children in The Netherlands. He is working for Air Products & Chemicals as project manager of a new hydrogen manufacturing facility being constructed in Switzerland to meet European Auto Oil Clean Fuels legislation.

**Heather Larkin '87 (CAST)** and Adam McLaughlin were married in 1996. They welcomed a son, Liam, in January, 1999 and son, Connor, in September, 2000. She is working for Colgate Palmolive, New York City.

**Carin Peter '85, '87 (FAA)** and Jim Calano were married on May 5, 1999. They have two sons, James and Michael.

**Debra Richardson '87 (GAP)** is director of catering sales for Historic Hotel Utica (N.Y.).

**Richard Schreiber '87 (CAST)** is a senior engineer for Auragen Communications, Rochester.

**Christopher Vaccaro '87 (GAP)** is a commercial photographer in Pawtucket, R.I.

## 1988

**Cheryl Heffernan Birmingham '88 (FAA)** has started her own business in painting (oils and acrylics). You can visit her Web site at [www.cherylbermingham.com](http://www.cherylbermingham.com).

**John Gottman '88 (KGCOE)** is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch & Co., New York City.

**Michael Kinzly '88 (CAST)** is an information management specialist for Wawa Inc., Media, Pa.

**Kenneth Levine '88 (CAST)** is president of Tier One Partners Inc., Los Angeles.

**Carmen Martorana '88 (COB)** is a section head for New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Buffalo.

**Thomas Rickner '86, '88 (GAP)** is a design engineer for Ascender Corp., Madison, Wis.

**Mary Ryan '88 (COS)** is a senior scientist for Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, Raritan, N.J.

**Darren Swartzendruber '88 (CAST)** is a software developer for Asset Point, Greenville, S.C.

**Elaine Kenna Turner '88 (FAA)** is a freelance graphic designer in Morristown, N.J.

**Gregory Wenchell '88 (GAP)** is vice president of sales and marketing for Arjo Wiggins, Stamford, Conn. Arjo is the largest security paper company in the world. He is a board member of NASPO (North American Security Products Organization) and the Document Security Alliance, a government and private sector group that is run by the U.S. Secret Service. In the past three years, he has donated his time to give several presentations for one of RIT's continuing education programs, which was developed specifically for forensic document examiners.

## 1989

**Elizabeth Olsen Black '89 (CAST)** works for food services on Sodexo campus for Nazareth College, Rochester.

**Derek Case '89 (COB)** is worldwide packaging market segment manager for Kodak Polychrome Graphics, GmbH, Eschborne, Germany.

**Gary Chernosky '89 (CAST)** is a staff scientist for Keller and Heckman, Washington, D.C.

**Christopher Driscoll '89 (CAST)** and wife, Patricia, have two sons, Connor and Ryan.

**Therman Fuller '89 (CAST)** is a product developer of golf and sports events merchandise for Walt Disney Parks and Resorts Merchandise, Kissimmee, Fla.

**David Haviland '89 (GAP)** is a primary/secondary teacher for Hanover County Public Schools, Mechanicsville, Va.

**Melody Heck '89 (COB)** is director of fiscal services for Seneca Cayuga ARC, Waterloo, N.Y.

**Reginald Henderson '89 (CAST)** is senior vice president of Kamakura Corp., Rochester.

**Marlene Krauth '89 (CAST)** is a packaging engineering manager for Rockline Industries Inc., Springdale, Ark.

**Michael LaRose '89 (CAST)** is a senior manufacturing engineer for Wilson Greatbatch Technologies Inc., Clarence, N.Y.

**David Lindsay '89 (COS)** is a quality engineer for Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

**Cynthia Ludwig '89 (KGCOE)** is a systems manager for North Shore Medical Center, Salem, Mass.

**Britta Fominaya MacIntosh '89 (KGCOE)** is vice president of federal sales for Semptra Energy Solutions, Hopkinton, Mass.

**Boniface Nwugwo '89 (CAST)** is chief technology officer for Computer Systems Solutions Group Inc., Columbia, Md.

**Charles Rossi '89 (CAST)** is a software engineer for Google, Mountain View, Calif.

**Kathryn Seely '89 (FAA)** and husband, Timothy, have two daughters ages 6 and 9 in Brooktondale, N.Y.

**Andrew Skotnicki '89, '90 (KGCOE)** is a chief systems engineer for McClendon Corp., Chantilly, Va.

**Thomas Worth '89 (KGCOE)** is a principal engineer for Gtech Corp., W. Greenwich, R.I.

## 1990

**William Bowers '90 (COS)** is an assistant professor in the department of neurology for the University of Rochester.

**Robert Bresson '88, '90 (GAP)** is Midwest regional sales manager for Leaf America, Elmhurst, Ill.

**Christopher Brink '90 (CAST)** is a senior manager for Marriott International, Washington, D.C.

**Lawrence Cantwell '90 (KGCOE)** is a senior director of network engineering for Computer Network Technology Corp., Lumberton, N.J.

**David Clark '90 (COS)** is a senior engineer for Imaging & Sensing Technology, Horseheads, N.Y.

**Richard Coulcher '90 (KGCOE)** is the cutting and clamping business unit director for The Stanley Works-Tools Group, Orlando, Fla.

**Philip Curtis '90 (FAA)** is a customer service representative for the Cross Country Group, Medford, Mass.

**Jeffrey Downs '90 (CAST)** is director of development for MyWebGrocer.com, Williston, Vt.

**James Henry '90 (CAST)** is a test engineer for General Motors Corp., Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

**Jeffrey Labelle '90 (CAST)** is a senior technology solutions architect for Oracle Corp., Rochester.

**Maria Stanton Patterson '90 (CAST)** and Simon Patterson were married in November 1998. They

welcomed their first child, Joshua Thomas, on Sept. 28, 2000.

**Michele Simpson Turner SVP '90, '97 (NTID)** is a blood bank supervisor for Virginia Blood Services, Harrisonburg, Va.

**Paul Vinges '90 (GAP)** is vice president of sales for Hatteras Press, Manasquan, N.J.

## 1991

**Melissa Adamo SVP '91, '95, '97 (COB)** is an applications developer for the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Matthew Brown '91 (COB)** is vice president and regional sales coordinator for Bank Banking and Trust (BB&T), Johnson City, Tenn.

**Zoe Blitzer Coulcher '91 (COB)** is a licensed real estate consultant for Keller Williams Classic Realty, Orlando, Fla.

**Wallace Dalpan '91 (COB)** is a project manager for Things Remembered Corp., Highland Heights, Ohio.

**Fabian Grabski '91 (CAST)** is a major in the U.S. Air Force and is part of CJTF 76 at Babram Air Field, Afghanistan, functioning as a design engineer for forward operating bases in the 231st Civil Engineering Flight.

**Alexander Guimbard '91 (COS)** is a clinical research associate for NMT Medical Inc., Boston, Mass.

**James Johnson '91 (CAST)** is a chief architect for Xerox Corp., Webster, N.Y.

**Mia Medina Mueller '91 (FAA)** is a production manager and senior video editor for CGI Communications Inc., Rochester.

**Mark Ritter '90, '91 (GAP)** says Hello to the class of 1991, PPHL and Photo House alumni! He misses everyone and wants them to know that he's doing great and involved in a very diverse career. Mark resides in Endwell, N.Y.

**Jason Rosenberg '91 (GAP)** is a director for Waccamaw Pain Management, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

**Eric Sciacca '91 (GAP)** and wife, Leigh Ann, welcomed a daughter, Lindsey, on Aug. 4, 2004.

**Eric Senna '91 (GAP)** is a sales representative for Liberty Mutual Group, Westlake Village, Calif.

**Gregory Snyder '91 (GAP)** is a senior satellite systems engineer for Lockheed Martin Group, Thornton, Colo.

**Robert Walsh '91 (GAP)** is a paramedic for the New York City Fire Department, South Bronx, N.Y.

**Debra Hujar Zarzycki '91 (COB)** is a tax manager for Bonadio & Co. LLP, Pittsford, N.Y.



## Computer skills helped economics grad on the job

**Nicole Richardson '91** (economics) knew from an early age that she was destined for a career in corporate America. Today, the vice president of statistical modeling and analytics at the JP Morgan Chase Insurance Group points to her bachelor's degree in economics from RIT as one key to her success.

Richardson arrived at RIT in 1988 by way of Barnard College in search of a technically savvy economics education.

"The first computer course that was required of everyone was Survey of Computer Science, and I was impressed by that," Richardson says. "I knew that this was definitely the place I needed to be because whether you were a communication, economics or art major, you needed to understand computers."

Richardson credits RIT with her later ease as a graduate student at the University of Delaware and in the workforce.

Richardson has worked in health care policy and market research with an emphasis on both the supply and the demand side. She joined JP Morgan Chase in 2000 as an assistant vice president in customer solutions and quickly advanced to vice president. In her current position, Richardson helps guide the insurance group's market strategy through analysis of mortgage portfolios and mortgage customers, as well as credit-risk analysis.

"I would like to stress how valuable my RIT education has been," Richardson says. "Although I've always been interested in economics and wanted to study it, I think RIT shaped the path that I took by helping me develop the quantitative, analytic and computer skills necessary to succeed in corporate America."



Nicole Richardson

Susan Gawlowicz

**Michael Lahetta '93 (COB)** is a regional sales manager for Moore Wallace (a R.R. Donnelley Co.) Edison, N.J.

**Heather Martin '93 (COLA)** and Kent Castleman were married on Nov. 20, 2004. Fellow classmate, **Jennifer L. Trowbridge '94 (CIAS)** served as her maid of honor. Just weeks before the wedding, Heather began a new job as communications manager for Busak + Shamban Americas, a manufacturing company based in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

**Anthony McNeilly '93 (COB)** is a financial analyst for AGI Klearfold Inc., Warrington, Pa.

**Charles Metz '93 (FAA)** is a senior designer for Cityspace Ltd., London, England.

**Stephanie Newell '93 (CAST)** is a regional sales manager for U.S. Franchise Systems Inc.-Microtel, Myrtle Beach, S.C.

**Chad O'Connell '93 (COB)** is an investment advisor for Dopkins Management Wealth LLC, Buffalo, N.Y.

**Luke Panezich '93 (COLA)** is a program manager for Microsoft, Redmond, Wash.

**Matthew Pino '93 (COS)** is manager of business operations for Cardinal Health, San Diego, Calif.

**William Richmond '93 (CAST)** is a senior product manager for Sepracor, Marlborough, Mass.

**Barbara Robinson '93 (COB)** is an assistant director and teacher for Stepping Stones Pre-School and Child Care Center, Seneca Falls, N.Y.

**Chadd Rolland '93 (KGCOE)** is a chiropractic physician and owner of Rolland Chiropractic Inc., Edinboro, Pa. He and his wife recently welcomed their second son, Zachary.

**James Sculley '93 (KGCOE)** is a mechanical engineer for Welding Services Inc., Norcross, Ga.

**Scott Steva '93 (COLA)** is a deputy sheriff for Erie (Pa.) County Sheriff's Office.

**Mark Zolty '93 (GAP)** is president of RPC Bramlage/Wiko-USA, Exton, Pa.

## 1994

**John Berg '94 (COS)** is a safety coordinator for Gordon Food Service, Springfield, Ohio.

**Mark Casilio '94 (CAST)** is an electro-optical product engineer for ITT Space Systems Division, Rochester.

**Michele Conklin '94 (CAST)** and Tom Williams were married on Oct. 9, 2004. Many RIT alumni attended the wedding.

**Gina Jacobeno '94 (CIAS)** is an art director for Design Print Co., Scranton, Pa.

## 1992

**Dale Bondanza '92 (CAST)** is a managing partner and senior consultant for DAB Enterprises, LLC, Collegeville, Pa.

**Ian Chandley '92 (COB)** is a logistics manager for West Indies Home Contractors (WIHCON), Kingston, Jamaica.

**Renee Jessome '92 (KGCOE)** is a mechanical development engineer for Hewlett Packard Co., Boise, Idaho.

**Michelle King Jones '92 (COLA)** is an assistant professor in the School of Justice for Community College of Baltimore County, Baltimore, Md.

**Richard LaCava '92 (CAST)** is a patent attorney for Dickstein, Shapiro, Morin & Oshinsky LLP, New York City. He and wife, Kristine, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Samantha Lynn, on July 19, 2004.

**Shannon Navarette '92 (FAA)** is a package design manager for The Dial Corp., Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Jeffrey Newman '92 (COB)** is director of operations support for ALLTEL, Matthews, N.C.

**Elizabeth Sernatinger Richmond '92 (GAP)** is a senior manager of packaging development services for Hasbro Inc., Toy Division, Pawtucket, R.I.

**Zebulon Robbins '92 (CAST)** and wife, Jane, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Honor, on Nov. 12, 2004.

**Martin Waruch '92 (COB)** and Brenda Lefler were married on July 17, 2004, in Sacramento, Calif.

**Michael Wenzler '92 (COB)** is a labor relations specialist for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C.

**Brian Wilson '92 (GAP)** is a banquet captain for Hilton Corp., St. Petersburg, Fla.

## 1993

**John Adamo '93 (CAST)** is a senior software engineer for Veeco Instruments, Plainview, N.Y.

**Jill Atkinson '91, '93 (GAP)** is an educational technology specialist for Shore Country Day School, Beverly, Mass.

**Patricia Bradshaw '93 (COS), '96 (CCE)** and husband, Jonathon, welcomed their second child, Isabelle, on Sept. 25, 2004.

**Kevin Brayton '93 (CAST)** is senior manager of voice and data implementation engineering for Global Crossing, Phoenix, Ariz.

**Howard Broughton '91, '93 (GAP)** is president of Pace Levy Inc., Westlake, Ohio.

**Ezra Burke '93 (GAP)** has joined commercial and music video production company Notorious Pictures as head of sales, Santa Monica, Calif.

**Wei-Chun Chen '93 (KGCOE)** is a system architect for Intel Innovation Center, Taipei, Taiwan.

**Naomi Haus '89, '93 (FAA)** is a manager at Mitchell Performing Arts Center, Bryn Athyn, Pa.

**Daniel Hayden '93 (COB)** is a network engineer for Citibank Student Loan Corp., Pittsford, N.Y.

**1993 Cindi Hofner '91, '93 (FAA)** is a graphic designer for Linens 'n Things, Clifton, N. J.

**Leonard Ko '93 (FAA)** is a design director for Yupo Design Co., Hong Kong, China.



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**Suzette Jimenez '94 (CIAS)** is vice president of Model Offset Printing, Humacao, Puerto Rico.

**Daniel Kellem '94 (KGCOE)** is founder of Blue Ridge Solutions, Asheville, N.C. The company manages all aspects of Web site design and development.

**Anne Manzella '94 (CIAS), '96 (CCE)** is an art department director for North Colonie Central School District, Latham, N.Y.

**Jennifer Markwica '94 (CIAS)** is an art director for Citibank, Jacksonville, Fla.

**Roger Martinez-Colom '94 (CIAS), '95 (CAST)** is a multimedia producer for Ideamedia, Girona, Spain.

**Christopher Mullin '94 (CAST)** received a professional engineering license in environmental engineering from the state of Pennsylvania on June 8, 2004.

**Joseph Pagliaro '94 (ACST)** is a lead engineer for Unilever, Englewood Cliffs, N.J.

**Joshua Pagliaro '94 (COB)** is senior vice president and group managing director for Cline, Davis and Mann, New York City.

**Matthew Ryburn '92 (FAA), '94 (CIAS)** is a senior designer for Freeman Companies, Dallas, Texas.

**Mark Stevens '94 (KGCOE)** is a technical instructor for Nortel Network, Raleigh, N.C.

## 1995 10th Reunion-2005

**Seth Ansell '90 (GAP), '95 (CIAS)** is a senior researcher for Samsung Advanced Institute of Technology, Suwon, Korea.

**Jason Bauer '95 (CIAS)** is owner of Hatch Design Group, New York City.

**Ryan Cahill '95 (COS)** is a self-employed family physician in Babylon, N.Y.

**Joseph Digoia '95 (CIAS)** is a professor of graphic design for Savannah (Ga.) College of Art & Design.

**Brian Farney SVP '95, '98 (NTID)** is an image transport specialist for Bank One, Westerville, Ohio.

**Daniel Foster '95 (CIAS)** is a network engineer for SAIC, McClean, Va.

**Derek Goodwin '95 (CIAS)** is owner and photographer/cinematographer for Derek Goodwin Photography, Northampton, Mass. He has also become well known in the animal rights and vegetarian movement. Examples of his work can be viewed online at [www.veganica.com/derekgoodwin/](http://www.veganica.com/derekgoodwin/).

**Karen Starr '95 (CIAS)** is a special education teacher for Monroe 1 BOCES, Fairport, N.Y.

## 1996

**Michael Birenbach '96 (CAST)** is a senior engineer for Qualcomm, Cary, N.C.

**Richard Champlin '96 (CAST)** is a lead software engineer for Thomson Legal & Regulatory, Rochester.

**Karen Farnham '96 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer for Cornell Cooperative Extension, Binghamton, N.Y.

**Darrell Herbst '96 (CAST)** is a senior consultant for Booz, Allen & Hamilton, McLean, Va.

**Jeane Jobst '96 (COLA)** is an attorney for Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice, Atlanta, Ga.

**Kevin Livermore '96 (KGCOE)** is a product engineer for Texas Instruments Co., Dallas.

**Ralph Lynn '96 (COS)** is a senior software engineer for D.O. Tech, Rochester.

**Zaki Megeed '96 (COS)** is a research fellow for Massachusetts General Hospital & Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

**Eric Oberg '96 (CIAS)** is a creative director for The Push Group, Fairfax, Va.

**Paul Probst '96 (CIAS)** is an industrial designer for Lithonia Lighting, Conyers, Ga.

**Vivienne Scholl '94, '96 (CIAS)** is owner of a design studio, Vivienne Design, San Francisco, Calif. She specializes in applying graphic design to bring communications, brand strategy and identity, exhibit design, environmental graphics and interactive media.

**Aaron Steigerwald '96, '97 (CAST)** is an applications engineer for Science Applications International Corp. Kihei, Hawaii.

**Neng Wee Teo '96 (CAST)** is a chief executive officer and founder for MaxTel Pte. Ltd., Singapore.

**Patrick White '96 (KGCOE)** is a senior process engineer for Motorola, Elma, N.Y.

## 1997

**Jennifer Alden '97 (CAST)** is principal packaging engineer for Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., New Brunswick, N.J.

**Alicia Bineyard '97 (KGCOE)** is a project leader for ON Semiconductor, Phoenix, Ariz.

**Matthew Boudreau '97 (CIAS)** is a designer for Reebok, Canton, Mass.

**Patrick Calder '97 (CIAS)** is owner and graphic designer for Design Foundry, Washington, D.C.

**Parastoo Farzad '97 (CIAS)** is a photography teacher and photographer for Paris Photographics, Birmingham, Ala.

**Balazs Feher '97 (COB)** is a brand manager for Unilever Ltd., Budapest, Hungary.

**Jason Fish '97 (CIAS)** is an art teacher for Gates Chili Central School District, Rochester.

**Theodore Hackl '97 (KGCOE)** is attending Texas Tech University HSC School of Medicine and expects to receive his M.D. in 2008. He is married and has two children, ages 6 and 4.

**James Harrington '95, '97 (CIAS)** is a senior art director for Digitas Inc., Boston.

**Daniel Howard '97 (KGCOE)** and Laura Ann Meralisto were married on Dec. 4, 2004.

**Gerrit Kruidhof '97 (CAST)** is the chief technology officer for iEnterprise Technologies Inc., Costa Mesa, Calif.

**Jeffrey Kuhn '97 (COB)** is a financial planner for Advanced Planning Group, LLC, Fairfax, Va.

**Deborah Kulas '97 (CIAS)** is a purchasing manager for Ralph Lauren, New York City.

**Peter Kull '97 (KGCOE)** is a test engineer for ITT Industries, Space Systems Division, Rochester.

**Cris Lau '97 (CAST)** is a product manager for Citrix Systems Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**Todd Lorenc '97 (CIAS)** is a medical student at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, N.Y.

**Kathryn Marshall '97 (KGCOE)** is a senior staff engineer for RIT, Rochester.

**Scott Miner '97 (CIAS)** is an information architect for Ettain Group, Charlotte, N.C.

**Brian Nieves '97 (CIAS)** is a photographer for Snow Photographics, Warwick, N.Y.

**Deborah Piccirilli-Schauseil '97 (CAST)** is vice president of physician services at ViaHealth/Rochester General Hospital, Rochester.

**William Rhodes '88 (KGCOE), '97 (COS)** is a senior research engineer for DuPont & Co., Wilmington, Del.

**Douglas Roberts '97 (CIAS)** is a global information technology network and security leader for Diamond Innovations, Worthington, Ohio.



**Jeffrey Smith '97 (CAST)** is a test engineer for Valeo Engine Cooling, Auburn Hills, Mich.

**Jennifer Telitz '97 (COLA)** is a senior account executive for Jefferson-Pilot Communications, San Diego, Calif.

**Erin Tracy '97 (COS)** is a research associate for Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo.

**Frank Waligora** and wife, **Kimberly Warner Waligora '92 (COS)**, welcomed a son, Jack, on Aug. 29, 2004. He joins big sisters Paige and Taylor. Frank is senior manager of manufacturing for Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Cambridge, Mass.

**Evan You '97 (CAST)** is a senior network solutions designer for BT America, New York City.

**Xun Zhang '97 (COB)** is a vice president for JP Morgan Chase, New York City.

## 1998

**Jessica Andresen-Pahl '98 (COB)** is a service sales representative, first aid and safety for Cintas Corp., W. Sacramento, Calif.

**Angela Brightwell '98 (COS)** is a senior microbiologist for Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Warsaw, Ind.

**Alexander Burlakin '98 (KGCOE)** is a financial services consultant for Accenture, Kronberg am Taunus, Germany.

**Shelby Cates '98 (COB)** is an accountant and auditor for Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP, Rochester.

**Christopher Conroy '98 (COLA)** is an electronic graphics specialist for American Geophysical Union, Washington, D.C.

**Karen Donnelly '98 (CAST)** is a loan analyst for NBT Bank NA, Norwich, N.Y.

**John Dracos '95, '98 (KGCOE)** is a research and development design manager for Compucon S.A., Thessaloniki, Greece.

**Scott Drazhal '98 (COB)** is a financial counselor for Vanguard Group, Charlotte, N.C.

**John Flannery '98 (COB)** is a solutions architect and project manager for Ciber Inc., Fairport, N.Y.

**Mark Funderburk '98 (COB)** is an account executive for Marketing Drive Worldwide, Wilton, Conn.

**Gregory Jarmusz '98 (COLA)** is a wing antiterrorism advisor for the U.S. Air Force, 22nd Security Forces Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan.

**Richard Mc Caffrey '98 (CAST)** is an administrative recruiter in the human resources division for Walt Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

**Elizabeth Miller '96, '98 (CIAS)** is a manager of vendor relations for Echo International, Pittsburgh, Pa.

**David Moszak '98 (CAST)** is a packaging engineer for Johnson & Johnson-Merck, Lancaster, Pa.

**Jarrod Needle '98 (CIAS)** is an optometric technician for Vision One, Fort Mitchell, Ky.

**Alison Payne '98 (CIAS)** is a marketing coordinator for CCN International, Geneva, N.Y.

**Leah St. Martin '98 (COLA)** is a human resources consultant for Hewitt Associates, Lincolnshire, Ill.

**Francien Trubia '98 (CAST)** is an environmental health and safety engineer for Cree Inc., Durham, N.C.

## 1999

**Daniel Brockway '99 (CAST)** and Nicole Miklitsch were married on Oct. 2, 2004.

**Christopher Caruso '99 (CIAS)** is a process consultant for R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Chicago.

**Matthew D'Angelo '99 (CIAS)** is an art director for Archer Communications, Rochester.

**Jennifer Dailey-Ponessi '99 (CIAS)** and **Christopher Ponessi '99 (CAST)** were married in June 2002. They have a son, Andrew, born on Sept. 17, 2003.

**Michael Fuszara '99 (KGCOE)** is an engineer III for Goodrich Corp., Peabody, Mass.

**Kurt Iamele '99 (COLA)** is a personal security agent for the U.S. Army, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

**Peter Jansky '98, '99 (KGCOE)** is a product manager for IBM Corp., Boulder, Colo.

**Andrew Jensen '99 (CAST)** is a test development engineer for Axcelis Technologies, Beverly, Mass.

**Kevin Kolmetz '99 (KGCOE)** is a marketing manager for Perkin Elmer Fluid Sciences, Phelps, N.Y.

**Paul Kurrasch '99 (CAST)** is a sales engineer for PAETEC Communications Inc., Fairport, N.Y.

**Theresa Marconi '99 (CAST)** is an electronics design engineer for Xerox Corp., Webster, N.Y.

**Dan Prokupets '99 (COB)** is owner of Wood Wise Land Co., LLC, Homer, N.Y.

**Scott Rankin '99 (CAST)** is a legal technician in the children's court for the Alaska Court System, Anchorage, Alaska.

**Joseph Rusnak '99 (CAST)** is a sales agent and independent contractor for Re/Max, Trumbull, Conn.

**Allison Schmidt '99 (CIAS)** is an ophthalmic photographer for Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

**Erin Shull SVP '99, '03 (CAST), '04 (CIAS)** is a photographer assistant for Lifetouch National School Studios, Rochester.

## 2000 *5th Reunion-2005*

**Benjamin Griffin '00 (CIAS)** is president of SG Creative Group, Los Angeles, Calif.

**Jill Johnson '00 (COLA)** and **Ryan Hess '01 (CAST)** were married on June 19, 2004.

**Thomas Kiseleski '98, '00 (CAST)** is a production supervisor for NexPress Digital, LLC, Rochester.

**Jeffrey Kolb '00 (CAST)** and Melissa Femia were married on Aug. 21, 2004, in Utica, N.Y.

**Michael Loewenthal '00 (CAST)** is a senior beta application engineer for Concord Communications, Marlboro, Mass.

**Michael Murphy '00 (KGCOE)** is an electrical engineer for Anheuser-Busch Inc., Baldwinville, N.Y.

**Robert Onofrio '00 (COS)** is a rescheduling platform manager for Broad Institute, Cambridge, Mass.

**Christopher Purcell '00 (CAST)** is a packaging engineer for Godiva Chocolatier, Reading, Pa.

**Bige Saatcioglu '00 (COB)** is a graduate assistant and Ph.D. student at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

**Jill Saehloff '00 (CAST)** is a project management consultant for Advantage Professionals, Rochester.

**Jay Spoto '00 (KGCOE)** is a senior RF engineer for Motorola Inc., Plantation, Fla.

**Ryan Stein '00 (CIAS)** is a photographer and cinematographer for Stein Photography, Frederick, Md.

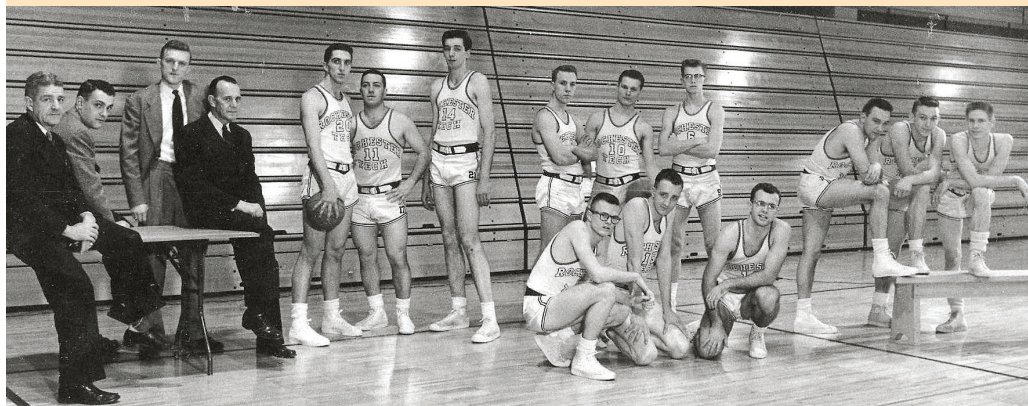
**John Turner '00 (KGCOE)** is a senior design engineer for Tundra Semiconductor Corp., S. Portland, Me.

**Jamie Brenchley Warner '00 (COS)** and **Matt Warner '00 (KGCOE)** were married on Aug. 20, 2004, in Buffalo.

## Hoopsters plan 50th reunion

Members of RIT's 1955-56 varsity basketball team are planning a reunion for November 2005 to mark the 50th anniversary of their undefeated season. John Buchholz, Arnie Cardillo '60, Ralph Van Peurse '58, Ed Baucum '56 and Fred Moss '58 are trying to locate teammates Robert E. Lorenzen '56 and Kenneth Johnson '61.

If you were a member of this team, or if you have questions, please contact Rob Grow '88, Office of Alumni Relations, Crossroads, 41 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623; 585-475-2601; or e-mail [regrar@rit.edu](mailto:regrar@rit.edu).



**Brian Weston '00 (CAST)** is a manufacturing engineer for Borg Warner Morse TEC, Cortland, N.Y.

**Eric Wiley '99 (CIAS), '00 (COB)** is a printing manager for International Paper Co., Shelbyville, Ill.

## 2001

**Chetan Acharya '01 (CIAS)** is a managing partner for Nippon Enterprises S., Chennai, India.

**Timothy Braun '01 (CIAS)** is a structural designer for Alliance Display/Rock Tenn, Totowa N.J.

**Matthew Carver '01 (CAST)** is a researcher for Symantec, Herndon, Va.

**Stacey Culbreath '01 (CAST)** is a lead network engineer for Verizon, Exton, Pa.

**Sherri Fazio '99, '01 (COB)** is a finance officer in the defense finance and accounting services for the U.S. Army, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Christopher Murtaugh '01 (COB)** is a senior project manager for Logical Solutions Inc., Rochester.

**Katherine Shaunessy '01 (COB)** is a business consultant for Masterfoods, USA-M&M Mars, Hackettstown, N.J.

**Lina Skladaitis '01 (CIAS)** is a photo editor for America Online Inc., Dulles, Va.

**Sean Wilson '01 (CAST), '01 (COB)** and Jennifer Marie Harris were married on June 18, 2004.

**Michael Woodworth '01 (CIAS)** is a production manager for Ad-Comm Inc., Westfield, Conn.

## 2002

**Stacey Austin '02 (COS)** is an ultrasonographer for St. Joseph Hospital, Bangor, Maine.

**David Clark '02 (CIAS)** is a photographer for Lauren Studios, Cucamonga, Calif.

**Frank Cosamano '02 (CAST)** is a civil engineering associate for ESP Associates PA, Charlotte, Pa.

**Peter Esposito '02 (COB)** is manager of investment services for The Summit Federal Credit Union, Rochester.

**Brenda Gates '02 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer for Estee Lauder Companies, New York City.

**Jessica Gill '02 (CIAS)** is an art director for Cramer-Krasselt, Orlando, Fla.

**Bradley Goertzen '01, '02 (CAST)** is a logistics engineer for Menlo Worldwide Logistics, Concord, N.C.

**Paul Gomez '01 (CAST), '02 (GCCIS)** is a senior consultant of discovery services for Navigant Consulting, New York City.

**Rodrigo Gomez '02 (CIAS)** and wife, Maria, welcomed a son, Nicholas, on March 24, 2004.

**Althea Guss** is a style editor for *Baby Talk*, New York City.

**Phillip Martin '02 (CAST)** is a design engineer for Alpine Engineering, Edwards, Colo.

**Lawrence McKeough '99, '02 (CAST)** is a bioterrorism response planner for the City of Joplin (Mo.) Health Department.

**Joshua Moore '02 (GCCIS)** is an information technology administrator for USAirports Development, Rochester.

**Matthew Palmateer '02 (CIAS)** and Elizabeth McFarlin were married on March 13, 2004.

**Abbey Parsons '02 (COB)** is a network administrator and systems analyst for Lifetime Assistance Inc., Rochester.

**Guy Pascarella '02 (KGCOE)** is a software engineer for Intelligent Software Solutions, Arlington, Va.

**Heidi Plain '02 (COB)** is a Web developer for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin, Texas.

**Christopher Ponessi '02 (CAST)** is a civil engineer for The Chazen Companies, Troy, N.Y.

**Renae Powell '02 (COB)** is an assistant account executive for Grey Worldwide, New York City.

**Adam Renzi '02 (KGCOE)** is a design engineer for Lockheed Martin, Niskayuna, N.Y.

**Michael Slifka '02 (CAST)** is a senior electronic packaging engineer for ITT Industries Space Systems Division, Rochester.

**Matthew Susko '02 (CAST)** is a quality engineer for the U.S. Army, Department of Defense, Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

**Brenna Welsh '02 (CIAS)** is a freelance photographer in Chicago.

**Nicole Welsh '02 (CIAS)** is a production coordinator for Printcraft Graphics, Oceanside, N.Y.

**Patrick White '02 (CIAS)** is an account executive for Johnson & Quin Inc., Niles, Ill.

**Charles Wolfe '02 (GCCIS)** is a systems management engineer for IBM Corp., Southbury, Conn.

**Matthew Wronkowski '02 (COS)** is a voice solutions engineer for Cisco Systems, Research Triangle Park, N.C.

## 2003 *2nd Reunion-2005*

**Adeola Akinola '03 (CAST)** is a contract packaging engineer for Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

**Christopher Allen '03 (GCCIS)** is a programmer and analyst for the NYS Public Employees Federation, Latham, N.Y.

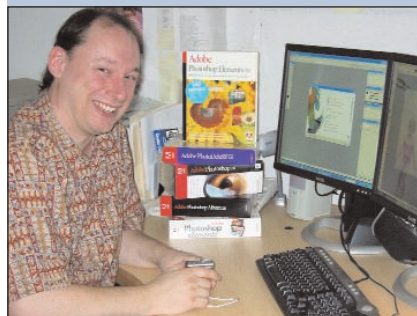
## Alumni Updates

### Alumnus aims to build 'computer friendly' world

There is no need to "Photoshop" anything in the career portfolio of Christopher Haupt. Haupt '88, '94 (computer science), part of the technical team that builds and operates the popular photo editing software, already has a compelling story about working in the computing field.

Haupt is a senior engineering manager in digital imaging/digital video at Adobe Systems Inc., headquartered in the heart of Silicon Valley. While completing his master's degree, he worked in RIT's former software services group.

"I helped students and faculty with problems they might have had using various tools," says Haupt.



Christopher Haupt

While teaching at RIT, Haupt began collaborating on a project with Neill Kramer, a former faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts, and Darin Krauss '88 (biomedical computing) who worked with Haupt in software services. Their lunch conversations led to an

innovative idea – creating children's educational software. The three started a company called CyberPuppy Software, which created software targeted at children in kindergarten through 12th grade.

"Our first glimmer was actually when we took the beta software to a local middle school in Rochester to have the kids in computer camp test it. Wow, that was cool! They really became engaged in telling their stories."

The three men took the software on the road, and they landed a deal with a company called Maxis. Soon after, their software was on store shelves. In 1996, Haupt and Kramer sold the rights to the company's technology.

Haupt found himself out of a job, but not for long. Lunch with a schoolmate from RIT led to an interview with Adobe. Haupt planned to stay with the company for six months. That was eight years ago. What does he love about his job?

"I work with a fantastic group of smart, funny, passionate people who together love to bring the power of telling stories with photos to as many people as we can. Having millions of customers use our work in a way that is very meaningful and personal to themselves is really motivating."

Kelly Downs



## All that Jazz . . .



As a tribute to Duke Ellington and the jazz era, 17 students recreated a scene from the legendary Cotton Club as a final project for their production photography course. Professor Douglas Ford Rea, the project's faculty supervisor, called this "one of the most ambitious shots we've ever done because of the choreography involved. We could not have done this project without help from the Eastman School of Music, The Memorial Art Gallery and Nolans Rental Inc."

**Peter Bella Jr. '03 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer for University Publications, RIT.

**Mary Bellanti '03 (KGCOE)** is a mechanical engineer for Luminescent Systems Inc., East Aurora, N.Y.

**Erin Berberich '03 (COLA)** is a bartender for Shoot The Breeze, Seattle, Wash.

**Sheri Bierman '03 (GCCIS)** is a senior Web developer for Unite U Technologies Inc., Rochester.

**Shipra Chaturvedi '03 (COB)** is a consultant for RvaluE Consulting, New Delhi, India.

**Christopher Cikra '03 (CAST)** is a product engineer for Ensco Inc., Springfield, Va.

**Linda Colanero '03 (COB)** is a scientist for Wyeth Vaccines Research, Pearl River, N.Y.

**Carmen Goatseay '03 (CAST)** is a human resources supervisor for Adecco Employment Services, Canandaigua, N.Y.

**Monica Haley '03 (COLA)** is an office manager for Virginia Retina Center, Leesburg, Va.

**Michael Hoag '03 (COB)** is a metered supplies inventory and systems manager for Xerox Corp., Rochester.

**Anne Hutton '03 (CAST)** is a disaster specialist for American Red Cross, Santa Ana, Calif.

**Geoffrey Irwin '03 (COB)** is a senior support consultant for SAP America Inc., Newton Square, Pa.

**Melanie Jarzyniecki '03 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer for Ajilon Consulting/Element K, Rochester.

**Jacob Kibler '03 (COB)** is a management trainer for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Alexandria, Va.

**Laura Kornylak '03 (CAST), '02 (CIAS)** is a buyer for UsedCameraBuyer.com, Ashland, Va.

**Sara Lange '03 (CIAS)** and Gary Proctor were married in February 2004 in Key West, Fla. She is a graphic designer for Trinity Glass International Inc., Tacoma, Wash.

**Sarah Maneri '03 (CIAS)** is a VIZ RT developer and graphics operator for ESPN, Bristol, Conn.

**Patrick Mc Ginty '03 (KGCOE)** is a software engineer for Intel Corp., Folsom, Calif.

**Timothy McManus '03 (CAST)** is a business unit advocate for Thomsom Scientific & Healthcare, Monvale, N.J.

**Kimberly Mead '03 (CAST)** is a project manager for Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester.

**Daniel Novello '03 (COB)** is an information and management specialist for Capital Supply Co., New York City.

**Ingi Olafsson '03 (CIAS)** is a managing director for Graphic Arts Institute for Iceland, Reykjavik.

**Thomas Peeples '94 (KGCOE), '03 (CAST)** is a lead engineer for Goodyear Proving Grounds, San Angelo, Texas.

**Tamara Pine '03 (COB)** is a human resource coordinator for American Fiber Systems, Rochester.

**John Prall '03 (KGCOE)** is a design engineer for Hussmann, Suwanee, Ga.

**Andrew Quagliata '01 (COLA), '03 (COB)** is coordinator of student services for the Center for Campus Life at RIT, Rochester.

**Scott Risinger '03 (CAST)** is a design engineer for Nelson & Pope, Melville, N.Y.

**Michael Rosello '03 (GCCIS)** is a service and operations manager for Sarcom Inc., Maumee, Ohio.

**Lee Rowland '03 (CIAS)** is an associate art director for Buck & Pulleyn, Pittsford, N.Y.

**Carrie Senise '03 (CIAS)** is a multimedia designer for Zgraph Inc., Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Paul Shimkus '03 (KGCOE)** is a project manager for Hi-Speed Checkweigher, Ithaca, N.Y.

**Barry Shook '03 (CAST)** is an operations director for Williams Lea, Washington, D.C.

**Carlton Smith '85 (CAST), '03 (KGCOE)** is an engineer for Duke Energy, Charlotte, N.C.

**Hilary Stanley '03 (COS)** and **Scott Southerland '04 (CIAS)** were married in June, 2004. She is currently attending medical school at the University of Buffalo (N.Y.).

**Alison Taber '99, '03 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer for E.H. Publishing, Framingham, Mass.

**Stacey Wronkowski '03 (COB)** is a network security consultant for Crowe Chizek LLC, Chicago, Ill.

**Joshua Zutulove '03 (GCCIS)** is an associate financial technologist for GlobeOp Financial Services (GFS), New York, N.Y.

## 2004

**Aiyana Appling '04 (CIAS)** is an account executive for Williams Printing, an R.R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Atlanta, Ga.

**David Ashley '04 (CAST)** is a project manager for the New York City Transit Authority, New York City.

**Kimberly Cooks '04 (CAST)** is an administrative assistant for Baron & Budd, Dallas, Texas.

**Stefanie Davis '04 (CAST)** is an associate design engineer at Parkinson Technologies Inc., Woonsocket, R.I.

**Kara Dowling '04 (CIAS)** is a pre-press specialist for Xerox Corp., Rochester.

**Robert Fazio '04 (COS)** is a scientist for Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, Rochester.

**Denishea Flanigan '04 (COB)** is a territory manager for Nestle Purina, St. Louis, Mo.

**Korrie Kamp '04 (CAST)** is a ENS, USNR (fire control officer) for the U.S. Navy, Yokosuka, Japan, FPO, AP.

**Scott Kanzelmeyer '04 (GCCIS)** is a programmer and analyst engineer for Boeing, Seal Beach, Calif.

**Meneshea Levy '04 (COB)** is a MIS programmer and customer liaison for Paul T. Graham & Associates, Fairport, N.Y.

**Victor Lokhmatov '04 (GCCIS)** is a systems administrator for Robert A.M. Stern Architects, New York City.

**Christopher Moore '04 (KGCOE)** is a mechanical engineer for General Dynamics C4 Systems, Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Jeremy Morgan '04 (GCCIS)** is an information technology analyst for E.S. Bird Library at Syracuse University.

**Robert Rinefield '04 (KGCOE)** is a mechanical design engineer for Xerox Corp., Webster, N.Y.

**Mary Jo Savino '90, '04 (CAST)** was a visiting faculty at the new America University of Kosovo for its opening quarter in fall 2003. She has returned to Boston.

**Jeremy Smythe '02 (CAST), '04 (CIAS)** is an imaging and photographic specialist for MIK Multimedia, San Diego, Calif

**Jonathon Sturdevant '04 (CAST)** is an associate member of the engineering staff for Lockheed Martin, Moorestown, N.J.

**Christina Sweetland '04 (GCCIS)** is a software development engineer for Northrop Grumman, Reston, Va.

**Melina Tranchemontagne '04 (CIAS)** is an art director for Stockwell Design Group, Blairstown, N.J.

**Timothy Trapp '04 (KGCOE)** is a senior product development engineer for Fisher-Price, E. Aurora, N.Y.

## In Memoriam

**1932**

**Albert Chesterman '32 (GAP)** Nov. 2003.

**Kenneth Huff '32 (KGCOE)** June 27, 2004.

**1942**

**Walter Chase '42 (GAP)** Feb. 17, 2004.

**1948**

**Philip Cole '48 (GAP)** Aug. 18, 2004.

**1949**

**John Parton '49 (GAP)** May 2004.

**1950**

**John Carroll '50 (KGCOE)** Oct. 14, 2003

**1953**

**Margaret Wright Hyde '53 (COB)** Jan. 21, 2003.

**Ellwood Kleckner '53 (FAA)** Jan. 23, 2003.

**1955**

**Maurice Hare '55 (COB)** Jan. 9, 1998.

**1958**

**Louis Polito '58 (KGCOE)** Sept. 26, 2004.

**Donald Sykes '58 (GAP)** Aug. 10, 2004.

**1959**

**Jonathan Way '59 (COB)** Sept. 13, 2004.

**1960**

**Charles L. Rood '60 (CCE)** Dec. 31, 2001. Mr. Rood worked for 38 years as an engineer with Stromberg-Carlson Division of General Dynamics in Rochester. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

**1962**

**Dewey Kailburn '61 (CCE)** July 20, 2004.

**1962**

**Ernest Beechy '62 (CCE)** Dec. 27, 2004.

**1963**

**Andrew Omelchenko '63 (CCE)** Nov. 20, 2004.

**1964**

**Carl Peck '64 (KGCOE)** Feb. 3, 2004.

**1969**

**Charles Shaffer '69 (COB)** July 23, 2004.

**1973**

**James Hetzel '73 (FAA)** Nov. 8, 2003.

**1981**

**R. Henry Cowherd '81 (GAP)** Nov. 5, 2004, in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Mr. Cowherd participated in several archeological digs in Jordan and Egypt. His photos have been published by the University of Chicago Center for Oriental Research. He also worked as a photography instructor for Amman Jordan University in Jordan.

**1994**

**Christine Serino '94 (CAST)** Oct. 19, 2001, age 33. A resident of Glendale, Calif., and former resident of Burbank, Calif., Chelsea, Mass., and

Revere, Mass., she was an accomplished digital artist who worked at both Disney and Warner Brothers. She worked on a number of Hollywood feature films including *Mars Attacks*, *Vegas Vacation*, *Batman & Robin*, *Bicentennial Man*, *Judge Dredd*, *Under Siege 2*, *Dark Territory*, *Doctor Doolittle*, and *102 Dalmations*.

**1999**

**Matthew Abercrombie '99 (KGCOE)** June 28, 2004.



# Alumni Highlights

## Action on the home front

When asked what inspired her to write a book, **Elaine Gray Dumler '75** (criminal justice) has a simple, one-word answer.

"Guilt," she replies.

Dumler's career as a presentation-skill trainer keeps her on the road and away from her home and family in Colorado. She felt badly about the separations and began devising methods for keeping in touch. In 2002 she decided to publish her tips. When a friend in the Air Force saw the manuscript, she urged Dumler to expand the section aimed at military families. She took that advice and spent the next four months interviewing people in the armed services, gathering their insights.

The result is *I'm Already Home*, described by *Ladies Home Journal* in an October 2004 article as a "grass-roots success story" and "a welcome tonic for families missing their loved ones." More than 16,000 copies of the reader-friendly, down-to-earth volume have been sold.

In 104 pages Dumler gives more than 100 practical tips, lists helpful Web sites and other resources, and shares poetry, anecdotes and cartoons aimed at "keeping your family close when you're on TDY (tour of duty)."

"Today's 'civilian soldier' is a big change from earlier generations, when the vast majority of people in the service were young, unmarried men," says Dumler, who has spent much of the past year speaking to families at military installations. She notes that 57 percent of people in the armed services are married, and nearly half of those



Elaine Dumler

people have children under the age of 12.

"I am so in awe of these people," says Dumler. "They have such strength. I am very impressed with the people we have supporting this country."

For more information about the book, go to [www.imalready-home.com](http://www.imalready-home.com).

## Out of Africa

Six months in Ghana provided inspiration for a book by **Carrie Brown '01** (fine art photography). As a volunteer for Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS), Brown documented life in the village of Woe. *Born on a Monday*, available at the RIT bookstore and the George Eastman House in Rochester, includes 50 color photos, three essays by Brown and three essays written by people in Woe.

Brown, who received her MFA from Savannah (Ga.) College of Art and Design in May 2004, says she hopes to return to Ghana. "I believe there's a need to document this culture," she says. For more on her experience, visit [www.carriebrown.com](http://www.carriebrown.com).



Carrie Brown (left)

## Living color



Maria Claudia Cortes

**Maria Claudia Cortes '03** (M.F.A., computer graphics design) has been receiving widespread praise for her RIT thesis project, an animated Web site titled *Color in Motion*.

The project received Best of Category honors in the *I.D. Magazine* 2004 Student Design Review competition, it was featured by *Communication Arts Magazine* in the 2004 Interactive Design



A page from Cortes' award-winning Web site, "Color in Motion."

Annual, and also made the pages of the December 2004 issue of *Proyecto Diseno*, the leading design magazine in Cortes' home country, Colombia.

Cortes joined Eastman Kodak Company in 2003, working first in Rochester and now in Bogota, Colombia, for the Technical Knowledge Management Department. She is a multimedia developer and graphic designer.

To view *Color in Motion*, go to [www.mariaclaudiacortes.com](http://www.mariaclaudiacortes.com)

## From RIT to West Point



Col. Brian A. Crawford

**Col. Brian A. Crawford '83** (criminal justice) became garrison commander at West Point in July. In this position, Crawford is responsible for many of the organizations and operations that keep the installation running. Similar to a city manager, he oversees public works, housing, information management, public safety and force protection, transportation, contracting, community recreation, and many other facets of the community, and he manages an annual operating budget in excess of \$150 million.

Prior to the West Point appointment, Crawford served as executive officer to the director of the Installation Management Agency in Washington, D.C. Crawford began his Army career after graduating from RIT, where he participated in the ROTC program. He has spent many of the succeeding years in Germany and the U.S., having served with the 3rd Infantry Division, the 101st Airborne Division, and the 1st Infantry Division. He also served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He attended and graduated from the National War College in 2003.

## Top shot

**Rikki Van Camp '84** (photo science) received the 2004 Barnard J. Kolenberg Award from the New York State Associated Press Association, the organization's top award for photography. Van Camp is a photographer for *The Daily Messenger* in Cananadaigua, N.Y. Her award-winning image, which also captured first place in the spot news category, captures the reaction of two people outside their burning home.

Van Camp joined the *Messenger* staff in 1990.

## Global position



Eugene Rosa

**Eugene Rosa '67** (business), has been appointed to the Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Change of the National Research Council/National

Academy of Sciences, a standing committee of the academy since 1989. The three-year appointment is based upon Rosa's research contributions to the further understanding of the human factors in global environmental impacts and his contributions to environmental science policy. Among its activities, the committee

advises the National Science Foundation's policy science program on global change issues.

Rosa is the Edward R. Meyer Distinguished Professor of Natural Resource and Environmental Policy, professor of sociology, affiliated professor of environmental science, affiliated pro-

fessor of fine arts, and faculty associate in the Center for Integrated Biology, all at Washington State University. He is also completing a three-year appointment on the National Board on Radioactive Waste Management of the National Academies.

Other current service for the National Academies is his membership on the Committee on Metrics for Global Change Research.

In 2004, Rosa was honored with his election as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

## All in the Hall

Three RIT alumni are among the first 11 inductees in the Alumni Hall of Fame of Oakfield-Alabama Central School District, located in a rural community in Western New York.

• **Donald Boyce '67** (business administration), retired chairman of IDEX Corp. and a member of the RIT Board of Trustees.

• **Teresa Drilling '83** (fine arts), an award-winning stop-motion animator who has worked on numerous projects including the feature films *Chicken Run* (2000) and *Elf* (2003).

• **D. Mark Kingsley '84** (fine arts), a graphic artist whose work in the music industry has been featured in advertising and CD packaging for musicians including Jewel, Bette Midler, Pat Metheny and many others.



## Bottled glass

**Dan Mirer '98** (fine arts), an artist and home brewer, created artful beer bottles during his Visiting Artist Fellowship at UrbanGlass, a not-for-profit center in Brooklyn. The experience culminated in an exhibit that showcased design and glassmaking techniques, the functionality of the bottles and the quality of the beer. UrbanGlass awards three fellowships each year. Mirer resides in the Albany, N.Y., area.

## Island prints

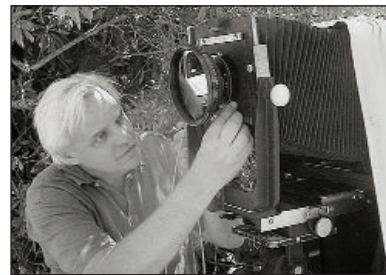
**Bob Kiss '73** (photo science) is using his 8x10-format bellows view camera to preserve historic houses in Barbados. The so-called "chattel houses" date to mid-19th century, when freed slaves needed to build simple wooden homes that could be easily moved. Today, these houses are being destroyed, so Kiss

has taken on the task of documenting all that remain.

"Not only am I trying to preserve our heritage with these prints," he says, "I am trying to show the chattels in the best aesthetic light through the beauty of these large platinum/palladium prints."

Kiss has received support in this project from local companies as well as Kodak and the National Art Gallery Committee. He has had several solo shows of his resulting photos.

Noted Barbadian historian Henry Fraser believes that "Bob Kiss' brilliant work will sensitize us more than ever to the importance of the chattel house and its significance in Barbadian history, culture and development."



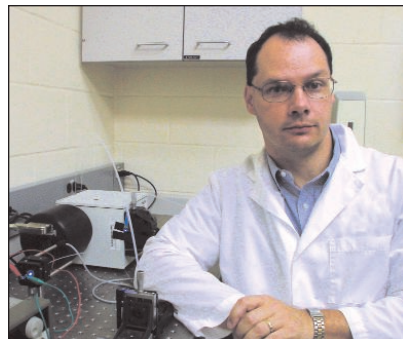
Bob Kiss



# Alumni Highlights

## Academic achievement

**Gerard L. Côté '86** (electrical engineering), has been named head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Texas A&M University. He also recently became the inaugural holder of the Charles H. and Bettye Barclay Professorship in Engineering.



Gerard L. Cote

Côté has been at Texas A&M since 1991, starting as an assistant professor. He was named professor and associate head in the Department of Biomedical Engineering in 2002. He is director of the Optical Biosensing Laboratory, where the research focus is on developing biosensing and diagnostic systems

using lasers, fiber optics and electronics.

Côté is a Fellow in the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering. The Association of Former Students honored him with a 2002 Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching, and he was selected as a Fellow of the Michael E. DeBakey Institute for Comparative Cardiovascular Science and Biomedical Devices at Texas A&M.

Côté received his master's and Ph.D. in bioengineering from the University of Connecticut.

## He came – and stayed

**Venkat Purushotham '81, '82** (imaging science) was named to the Alumni Hall of Distinction by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cicu), an Albany-based non-profit advocacy organization for private colleges and universities.

cicu created the Independent Sector Alumni Hall of

Distinction in 2000 to recognize graduates who have made extraordinary contributions to New York and the U.S. through their careers and civic service. This year, the organization honored a dozen individuals who came to New York to attend college and decided to make the state their home.

Purushotham is president and CEO of Rochester-based NexPress Solutions Inc. NexPress was formed in 1998 as a joint venture between Eastman Kodak Company and Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG, the world's largest printing solutions provider. In 2004, NexPress became a wholly owned subsidiary of Kodak.

## Speaking digital



Joshua Weinberg

**Joshua Weinberg '89** (professional and technical communications) was named head of the new Digital Life Practice of Eastwick Communications Inc., a PR agency in Silicon Valley. Digital Life Practice provides media programs for high-tech organizations that market products or services to non-technical clients.

"The dilemma for so many organizations is how to differentiate and sell technology products to consumers without talking only about bits, bytes and specs," said Weinberg. "Eastwick's Digital Life Practice helps organizations communicate

with consumers and other groups in language they understand and in the publications they read."

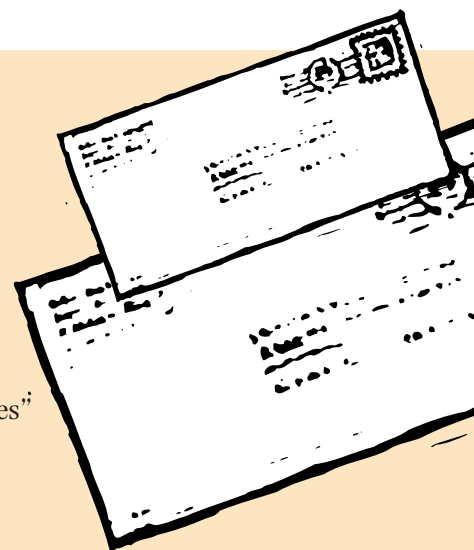
Weinberg, a public relations professional with 15 years of consumer high-tech experience, has launched a number of high-profile consumer technology products including Sony's VAIO PC line, Intel's toy microscope, and Handspring's Visor Edge. Eastwick has worked with companies including Adobe, Softbook, DoDots and SeniorNet.

# What's new with you?

## Do you have some news for the expanded alumni "Class Notes" section?

We'd like to share the stories of your accomplishments in a future issue of the magazine. Photos are welcome, too. You can submit information for the "Class Notes" section online at [www.alumniconnections.com/RIT](http://www.alumniconnections.com/RIT) or mail it to:

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# RIT Sports Hall of Fame honors seven Tiger athletes

The RIT Sports Hall of Fame grew to 142 members with the induction of seven on Nov. 13, 2004.

New members are:

**Kevin R. Collins '99** (medical illustration). A native of Cicero, N.Y., Collins was a five-time All-American in cross country and track. In cross country, he won two Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) crowns and three league titles and set marks for most invitational wins in a season (six) and career (14). In 1996 he was the first American finisher in the 100th Boston Marathon. In 2003 he was second in the U.S. Marathon Championship and the first American finisher in the World Cup Marathon in Paris. Collins is a sales representative with Fleet Feet in Syracuse, N.Y.

**Robert C. Grow '88** (marketing). A native of Henrietta, N.Y., Grow played three years of baseball and took over as coach in 1992. As an infielder/outfielder, the two-year captain compiled a .342 batting average and a .953 fielding average. In 1987, he was named All-Independent College Athletic Conference. In his 12 seasons as coach, Grow has more wins than anyone in RIT baseball history (200). In 2000, he was Empire 8 Coach of the Year. In addition to coaching, Grow is director of reunions and affinity groups for the RIT Alumni Relations Office.

**Jeffrey S. Molisani '93** (criminal justice). The Clyde, N.Y. native played basketball two years after transferring from Monroe Community College. He capped off his career as Senior Athlete of the Year in 1993. Two-time captain, twice MVP and Most Inspirational, Molisani achieved national recognition as an assist man. He was All-



The newest members of the RIT Sports Hall of Fame are, from left: Rob Grow, Len Williams, Paul Schojan, Ushi Patel, Meredith Ray, Kevin Collins, and Jeff Molisani.

Region and twice All-ECAC and All-League. Molisani, who lives in Fairport, N.Y., is a teacher and coach at Marion (N.Y.) Central School.

**Urvashi "Ushi" P. Patel '00** (printing management). Patel, a native of San Jose, Calif., was twice named Academic All-American in volleyball and in 1999 she was the NCAA College Division Academic All-American of the Year with a 3.82 grade point average. She was named to 26 All-Tournament teams with seven MVP honors. She capped her career as an All-American in 1999 and was selected WHAM Radio College Sportswoman of the Year. Now living in New York City, she is a project development manager for SYDA Foundation, an international not-for-profit organization.

**Meredith Ann Ray.** Meredith Ray, named to the Hall of Fame for Distinguished Service, has interacted with

thousands of student-athletes during her 27 years at RIT. As coordinator of RIT Interpreting Services for the Center for Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, the native of Huntington, W.V., assigns interpreters to intercollegiate athletic events and has interpreted for most of RIT's 24 varsity sports. In 1997, she received the Coaches Appreciation Award for outstanding contributions and service to Intercollegiate Athletics.

**Paul J. Schojan '03** (applied arts and sciences). Soccer player Schojan distinguished himself as two-time All-American (1984 and 1985) and Senior Athlete of the Year. Four times he was All-League, including two Player of the Year honors. Schojan served as captain and was the Outstanding Player in 1984. He was chosen to play in the indoor and outdoor All-Star games in 1985 and went on to be drafted by the

Minnesota Strikers of the Major Indoor Soccer League. Schojan is special accounts representative with Frontier Communications in Rochester.

**Leonard C. Williams '79** (business administration). In the 1973-75 hockey seasons, Williams scored 95 points on 59 goals and 36 assists. The Lake Placid, N.Y., native scored five goals in a contest on three occasions. In addition to extensive youth hockey coaching, he served as junior varsity and assistant coach at RIT from 1976 to 1980. He also coached at Eastridge High School in the Rochester area and was assistant instructor at the Stan Mikita Hockey Camp for Hearing Impaired in Chicago. In 1975 and 1979 he played on the Deaf Olympic Team and the USA Deaf World Team where he led the team in scoring. Williams is a resource and reimbursement agent with the New York State Office of Mental Health.

J. Roger Dykes



**1950s**

## What's cooking?

Happy co-eds pose with a baking tray of what appears to be crackers. Why? Are they promoting an event, or preparing for a party? We know the identity of two of the students. That's Irma Wunsch Forness '53 (art and design) in the center, and Nancy Drake Lucas '53 (art and design) on the right.

If you have information about this photo – including names of the people – we would love to share it with readers. Write to Kathy Lindsley, University News Services, Rochester Institute of Technology, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. E-mail can be sent to [umagwww@rit.edu](mailto:umagwww@rit.edu).



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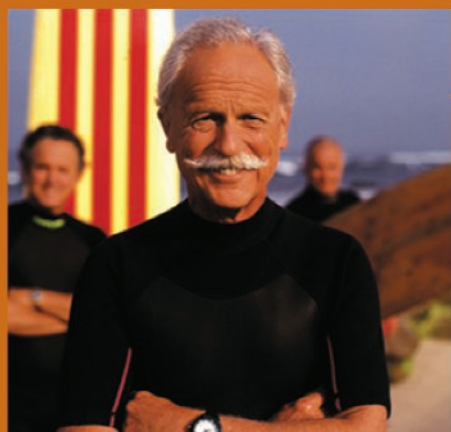
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