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RIT Professor Chance Glenn wrote the song *Well Done* as a tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to save others on Sept. 11, 2001.



Chance Glenn

During the past four years, however, other poignant moments to share his song have come his way.

Last month, Glenn performed *Well Done* before those gathered for the funeral service for Arthur Fletcher, an adviser to four U.S. Presidents and who was known as “the father of the affirmative action enforcement movement.” Among the invited dignitaries were former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Rev. Jesse Jackson. The service was held at the Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church in Washington, D.C.

“I really did not realize the magnitude of the man until I learned more about him through reading and talking to his family members,” says Glenn, who was invited to perform at the funeral by Fletcher’s daughter, Joan—a member of the church where Glenn was the worship leader when he resided in Maryland. “I did not write the song as a funeral song. However, it was so appropriate for Dr. Fletcher’s life. I was honored to be there and I think I did justice to the moment. It was a very emotional moment and an amazing experience.”

Fletcher was assistant labor secretary during the Nixon administration and deputy urban affairs advisor to President Gerald Ford. He also served in the Reagan and first Bush administrations, where he chaired the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights from 1990 to 1993. He was executive director of the United Negro College Fund, from 1972 to 1973, and alternate

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Highway bill includes RIT research funds

Sens. Clinton and Schumer secure \$4 million for cutting-edge life-cycle engineering programs

RIT will receive \$4 million in federal funding to research alternative fuel sources and issues related to life-cycle engineering.

U.S. Sens. Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer have announced the joint House and Senate Conference Committee included the funding for RIT in the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill that was recently passed by Congress. The bill, which authorizes funding for transportation programs through the 2009 federal fiscal year, was signed into law by President Bush last week.

“After two years of hard work, we have achieved a bill that will create jobs and bring significant resources to Rochester and the Finger Lakes region,” says Sen. Clinton. “I am especially pleased to support RIT’s alternative fuels research, which may lead to reduced fuel costs and a cleaner environment. The dividends of this

investment will pay off for years.”

The RIT funding will lead to the creation of the Alternative Fuel and Life-cycle Engineering Program within the university’s Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies. The initiative focuses on expanding the use of alternative fuels (fuels other than gasoline and diesel), extending the life cycle of vehicles, and promoting the use of remanufactured components.

“There is no other university that I would rather have doing this work than Rochester Institute of Technology,” states Sen. Schumer. “With their ongoing research on hydrogen fuel, and the great work they have accomplished on extending the life of our military vehicles, RIT owns a unique expertise that will help overcome the challenges of bringing alternative fuels to market.”

Nabil Nasr, assistant provost for academic affairs and CIMS director,



CIMS director Nabil Nasr and his research team will focus on improving the performance, service life and safety of America’s public transportation fleet.

emphasizes the goal of the program is to improve the performance, service life and safety of America’s public transportation fleet, which includes

buses, vans, subway cars and commuter rail cars.

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Wine & Culinary Center classes begin this fall

New York state wines, food and agriculture—along with RIT—will share center stage in a collaboration launching this fall involving RIT’s College of Applied Science and Technology, Constellation Brands, Wegmans and the New York Wine & Grape Foundation.

A ceremonial groundbreaking for the New York Wine & Culinary Center was held Aug. 10 in Canandaigua. RIT’s School of Hospitality and Service Management is leading the consortium’s educational component and will host classes on campus until the center opens next summer.

The planned two-story, 19,000-square-foot facility, located on three acres on South Main Street (Route 332) overlooking Canandaigua Lake in Ontario County, will educate consumers about New York wines and

foods and offer training for employees in the food, wine, hospitality, health and nutrition industries. The center will attract an estimated 100,000 visitors each year, organizers predict, and will foster job creation and retention in hospitality-related industries across the state.

RIT President Albert Simone, at the ceremonial groundbreaking, predicted the center would be a tremendous asset for the community and for RIT. New York Gov. George Pataki, pledging \$2 million in state support for the center, said he was eager to return to

the completed facility as a consumer after completion of his third term—joking that he will be in need of a job (Pataki is not seeking reelection next year). Estimated total cost for the center is \$7.1 million.

“In addition to attracting thousands of tourists and generating jobs, the center will increase awareness of New York’s wine and agricultural products, which will have a tremendous impact on every part of the state,” Pataki says.

In its role administering the center’s educational component, RIT

has created a concentration of six courses that can be taught at the center or in a “blended” format (online and face-to-face). Eric Wendorff, a Wegmans chef, has joined the RIT faculty, as a visiting scholar, to design and instruct culinary and food management courses in food preparation techniques, new technologies, health-related issues and New York state foods. Wendorff previously taught Foods of the World as an RIT adjunct professor. In addition, RIT students will be offered co-op

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An artist’s rendering of the planned New York Wine & Culinary Center, scheduled to open next summer in Canandaigua.

Neighborhood alliance helps transform city block

The stereotypical image of a vacant city block includes rundown buildings, piles of trash and all too often the presence of drugs and violence. However, when members of the NorthEast Neighborhood Alliance and the Greater Rochester Urban Bounty first viewed the site at 126 Sanders St. several years ago, they saw opportunity.

Today, that site, now known as the Vineyard, is a 2.69 acre urban farm. It will also become the site of a new urban agricultural center designed to teach members of the



Rochester dignitaries and neighborhood leaders participate in the groundbreaking of NENA and GRUB’s Urban Agricultural Center.

community about nutrition and food production while also serving as a learning center for students from

Edison Technical High School and RIT.

In a groundbreaking ceremony held in July, community leaders and city officials joined with the two groups to celebrate the center and promote the Vineyard as a powerful resource for neighborhood revitalization.

“The agricultural center will be a place for people to meet and hold family gatherings, while also learning about their food and how to keep their bodies healthy,” says Shirley Edwards, executive director of the

alliance’s Community Land Corporation.

“This project will also allow the youth of our community to learn positive ways to express themselves while making their neighborhood a better place.”

The center will include a commercial kitchen, green house, and living space for a farm manager. The two groups—NENA and GRUB—received donations of funds, labor and materials from Laborers Union Local 435, Home Depot and other local construction vendors and contractors. Additional funding also will be provided by the City of Rochester and the State of New York.

“Businesses have been very supportive of this project right from the beginning,” says Bob Vickers, Alliance, page 4

Sen. Alesi secures program funding

Two important RIT partnership programs will receive additional New York State funding support thanks to the efforts of New York state Sen. Jim Alesi (R-Fairport).



Sen. James Alesi

The RIT Student Ambulance corps, which serves the RIT campus community and the Town of Henrietta in partnership with the Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance, will receive \$10,000 to help support its program and equipment needs. The ambulance, which is run and staffed by RIT students, responds to 500-600 calls per year on the RIT campus alone. Over the past several years,

Alesi has secured a total of \$50,000 for the RIT Ambulance, which has enabled the program to purchase and equip a new first-responder vehicle, upgrade critical communications equipment and acquire other critical equipment to support the emergency response mission of the ambulance.

"We are very gratified to continue to receive this support from Sen. Alesi," says Cassandra Jordan, director, RIT Student Health Center. "These students do a great job and serve the RIT and Henrietta communities with dedication and professionalism. This funding enables us to provide them with additional resources in accomplishing their mission."

In addition, the Scholastic Art Awards, which has been hosted

by RIT for the past six years, will also receive \$10,000 through the senator's efforts.

The Scholastic Art Awards program enables over 1,500 middle and high school students from 35 school districts in the 10-county Finger Lakes region to participate in one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious student art competitions.

The program promotes the self-esteem of the students and provides college scholarship support for the students whose works are determined to be exceptional. Award winning pieces and portfolios from our region will be on display in RIT's Bevier Gallery in February, prior to going on to a national competition in New York City. Finalists selected there are exhibited in the Corcoran Gallery in Washington in June.

"RIT is proud and honored to partner with Sen. Alesi in sponsoring this program," says Joan Stone, dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. "The tremendous volume of work that is submitted by these talented student artists requires a great deal of careful attention and time on the part of the college staff in cataloguing, displaying and organizing the judging and selection process. This support is critical in enabling RIT to continue to host this important program for young people."

"I value the opportunity to partner with RIT in the many ways we mutually serve the needs of the college and its students. My commitment remains steadfast in pursuing funding for RIT and its programs," adds Alesi. ■

News brief

Orientation activities

It's time to welcome the newest members of the RIT family. Orientation for first-year students begins with move-in activities on Sunday, Aug. 28. A full week of events are planned to help newcomers adjust to their surroundings, and allow them to kick off their college careers in a fun and interactive fashion.

RIT staff members are encouraged to help welcome the students by taking part in the 2nd annual Tiger Walk on Monday, Aug. 29. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Student Life Center's indoor courts by 8:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to take part is asked to contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 475-2586.

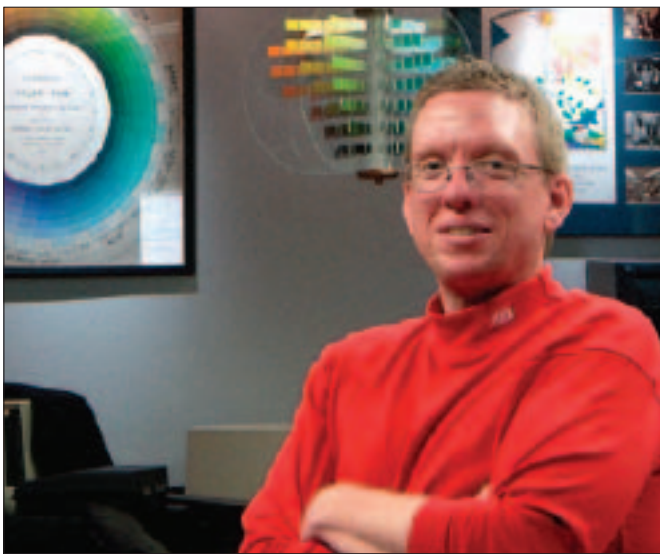
Color science Q&A now online

Do blue and yellow really make green? What color reflects the least amount of heat? What is the best color to paint walls in a factory? These and other questions about color can now be answered through an innovative project at RIT.

Ask a Color Scientist, an Internet-based message board, allows anyone with a color-related question to connect with scientists and researchers at the Munsell Color Science Laboratory. Professors provide detailed

responses and offer additional material for further study. The message board is already fielding questions from students, teachers and research scientists from around the world.

"It has been very challenging and rewarding to answer these questions as they come in," says Mark Fairchild, director of the laboratory in RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science.



Mark Fairchild is one of the participating scientists in the new project.

"In particular, the queries that stump me for a while are the most fun. It is also great to receive all the thank you notes from people who have truly been helped by the answers, especially the younger children working on school science projects."

The Ask a Color Scientist project was inspired by President Albert Simone's Ask the President Web page and is already serving as a

model for other academic programs throughout the university. In addition, Fairchild is developing a parallel educational program called the Color Curiosity Shop, which will present scientific principals and theories in fun and entertaining ways to area school children.

"I am very pleased with the success of the Ask a Color Scientist project. It provides yet another educational outreach vehicle for the university and gives us a chance to share the

unique expertise we have in color and imaging science at RIT," notes Stefi Baum, director of RIT's Center for Imaging Science.

To view the Ask a Color Scientist site, go to the color science homepage at www.mcs.l.rut.edu. As for the answers to the opening questions, you will have to ask a color scientist to find out! ■

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Mark your calendars



Students will receive a gift from RIT's print media club, PUB, to welcome the start of the 2005-2006 academic year. From left are club members Nick Bradish, Pam Stomel and Lauren Hodulich inspecting calendars as they were printed on RIT's Heidelberg Sunday 2000 Web Press. PUB worked for months acquiring photographs and designing the calendar. The photographs are of popular spots in the Rochester area. The free calendars will be distributed to students in the fall.

Preparing mind and body for college



Calib Marquez from Philadelphia tests his body fat composition during physical training at the 2005 North Star Academy. Marquez is among nearly 60 incoming RIT AALANA (African American, Latino American and Native American) students to take part in the three-week summer program sponsored by the North Star Center for Academic Success & Cultural Affairs. The academy is designed to acclimate students to the challenges of college life while providing them the opportunity to generate academic credit, experience faculty mentorship and develop lasting friendships.

SG leaders focus on school spirit

Increasing school spirit and uniting RIT students while giving them comfortable places to hang out are on the agenda for new Student Government leaders James Macchiano and Cory Hoffman. The pair will head up Student Government for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Macchiano, a third-year animation student, will be the Student Government president, with Hoffman, a fourth-year mechanical engineering BS/MS student, as his vice president.

The April election had the highest student voter turnout ever with a record 3,300 votes—more than twice last year's participation.

"I really want to push spirit, using school colors and RIT's look to facilitate that," Macchiano says. He also wants to look at space for clubs and organizations and the RIT community as a whole.

"A lot of effort is being made in



President James Macchiano and Vice President Cory Hoffman

Grace Watson and the Commons, but I still think that the Student Alumni Union needs work. Students go in there but they don't stay in there."

Hoffman agrees, saying, "I also would like to see the RITreat redecorated to reflect the Center for Campus Life. The atmosphere should reflect life and not concrete—more comfortable furniture,

plants, better lighting and possibly even an aquarium would bring a breath of fresh air to the student union."

Other goals include incorporating RIT school colors into campus life by painting the inside of the Gordon Field House and Activities Center, changing the colors of the Web site and increasing school-oriented apparel in Campus Connections; finding new programs to unite students, such as a dance off in the field house during week of welcome where the students dance to earn free rent; and tapping into RIT's electronic/technology base with a huge LAN party to get students out of their rooms, Macchiano says.

All in all, celebrating community and increasing involvement and spirit are on the table for the coming year and the two are ready to go.

"I'm anxious to begin working in Student Government and am very excited about the opportunities awaiting us," Hoffman says. ■

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Bader gives \$100K

Grant helps educate students on alcohol use and abuse

Students need a release from the stress of their academic responsibilities, but concern remains over helping them find ways to do it responsibly.



Daniel Bader

Thanks to the ongoing support of the Milwaukee-based Helen Bader Foundation, students at RIT are learning how to achieve that balance. The organization recently pledged \$100,000 over the next three years to the university's Reality Campaign for alcohol and drug education and prevention initiatives. Since 2000, RIT has received more than \$300,000 from the foundation to fund this effort.

"We have made great progress in reducing abuse at RIT, especially among first-year and deaf or hard-of-hearing students," explains Daniel Bader '87, president of the Helen Bader Foundation and an RIT trustee. "Our challenge now is to reach out to the Greek community with the goal of ultimately sharing RIT's approach with other colleges and universities."

Among the Bader-funded initiatives is the SpiRITs program, a 90-minute training session designed specifically for RIT students. The goal is to raise self-awareness and understanding of the role that alcohol plays in a university setting, highlight the expectations RIT has regarding responsible use of alcohol and empower all students to impact the drinking patterns of those around them.

Support from the Helen Bader Foundation is an example of how long-term relationships with various foundations positively impact the campus community. More than 20 percent of funds raised during the Campaign for RIT have come from private foundations—totaling \$47.4 million.



For more information on the RIT Reality Campaign, visit <http://www.rit.edu/~300www/helen-bader>. ■

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Paving the way for the future of math and science



Exxon Mobil Corp. officials were on campus recently to make a \$10,000 contribution to PRIS²M. PRIS²M, for the Program for Rochester to Interest Students in Science and Math, urges companies across the nation to participate in efforts to strengthen pre-college math and science education. Working with the Rochester City School District, PRIS²M has a 25-year track record of promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines to minority students. PRIS²M is the result of a partnership between the Rochester Business Alliance, lead by RIT trustee Sandy Parker, and RIT.

"These funds will help support valuable tutoring, counseling and academic support services for Rochester area students," adds Eulas Boyd, RIT assistant provost for diversity, second from left.

Cyber threats studied

RIT faculty, students learn to combat cyber attacks

RIT engineering faculty and students studied cyber security for 11 weeks this summer in a fellowship program at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome, N.Y.



Moises Sudit

They formed part of a team that devised a system using information from multiple sensors to detect complex cyber attacks.

"High-level data fusion is becoming an important field in mission-critical applications," says Moises Sudit, director of business development for multidisciplinary programs in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering and a professor of industrial and systems engineering.

Data fusion involves the correlation of data from multiple sources in

threat assessments and the continuous evaluation of threats, Sudit explains.

The RIT team—Sudit, Michael Kuhl, assistant professor of industrial and systems engineering, Jay Yang, assistant professor of computer engineering, and engineering majors Eric Bohannon, Jared Holsopple and Jason Kistner—joined two doctoral students from the University at Buffalo and a student from Northwestern University to form a cross-disciplinary team. The multiple-university approach was unique in the Air Force summer fellowship program, Sudit says.

Researchers and students presented their findings as part of Fusion Day, organized by the Center for Multisource Information Fusion at the University at Buffalo (<http://www.infofusion.buffalo.edu>), an RIT partner. ■

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New book examines changing face of the printing industry

From this publication to a newspaper to an outdoor billboard—print is everywhere in our lives.



Frank Cost

Frank Cost, associate dean of RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences and co-director of the RIT Printing Industry Center, has written a book about how the printing industry has changed in the Internet era.

The New Medium of Print: Material Communication in the Internet Age is the latest release from RIT's Cary Graphic Arts Press. The book looks at current uses of print media and covers steps in the print production of everyday items like newspapers and billboards.

Cost also examines how these products and their markets will

change as a result of the digital world.

Cost, who has been teaching for 25 years in RIT's School of Print Media, formulated the basis of the book through his extensive experience as an educator.

Cost is also an adviser to the graphic communications industry, allowing him a global perspective while consulting in the United States, Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East.

He is the author of numerous articles, and his previous book, *Delmar's Pocket Guide to Digital Printing*, has been in print for almost a decade.

The New Medium of Print: Material Communication in the Internet Age is the first publication in the RIT Printing Industry Center Series. It's available for purchase online at www.amazon.com. ■

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Larsen Engineers celebrates 50 years in Rochester

In 1955, RIT was in downtown Rochester, Disneyland opened in Anaheim, Calif., and the Brooklyn Dodgers beat the New York Yankees in seven games to win the team's first (and only) World Series title.



Bill Larsen

Gas cost about a quarter a gallon, the first McDonald's restaurant opened in suburban Chicago, and a young engineer started a business out of the basement of his Rochester home.

Today, that young engineer, Bill Larsen, is an RIT associate professor of civil engineering technology and the company he founded, Larsen Engineers, at 50 years old this month, is one of the area's longest-running engineering firms.

Larsen ran the business for 25 years before leaving for an RIT teaching post in 1980. The company has come a long way since its modest

beginnings, when Larsen was its sole employee. Larsen Engineers, now located in Metro Park in Brighton, today employs 31 and has annual sales of \$2.1 million.

Leaving the nest

A growing young family and expanding business eventually nudged Larsen Engineers from its nest, as the distraction of "little feet pounding overhead in the kitchen" motivated Larsen to relocate the company to rented space on Monroe Avenue in Brighton. (The feet belonged to David and Chris, the first children of Larsen and his wife, Dotte.) The municipal engineering and construction management services firm moved to its current location in 1989.

Larsen fondly recalls the company's early years.

"The people in the firm were like family," he remembers. "We were laid back, informal, but serious about our work and our clients. We didn't have job titles, as I recall. But everyone knew where they fit and everyone cooperated to get things done."

An international firm wanted to purchase Larsen Engineers in the 1960s but Larsen turned down the offer.

"Our business just wasn't that kind of company and it wouldn't fit our clients—who were, at that time, primarily western New York towns and villages."

Later, when he accepted the teaching position at RIT, Larsen agreed to sell the business to younger partners.

"It's pleasing to me—although not surprising—that the firm is still going and the folks there today have operated it for as long as I did."

Current company president Ram Shrivastava, who has been with Larsen Engineers since 1969, credits Larsen with setting the foundation for a sturdy, sustainable local company. Larsen will join former colleagues for a 50th-anniversary celebration later this year.

Other callings: A foray into politics and a lifetime of service

While still with Larsen Engineers in the 1970s, Larsen was instrumental in the development of RIT's civil

engineering technology undergraduate program. He also made a foray into politics, running for U.S. Congress in 1976 and 1982. A highlight during his bids for Congress, he recalls, was meeting then-presidential candidate Jimmy Carter on a Rochester campaign stop in 1976.

Larsen has also been active in humanitarian causes, particularly in the Caribbean region, for more than two decades. At RIT, he serves as faculty advisor to the RIT Caribbean Students Association and he coordinates RIT students' participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup (this year on Sept. 17).

Earlier this year, RIT presented Larsen with its Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award. Modesty was his overriding reaction then and whenever Larsen receives accolades for starting a company that's still doing business a half-century later. In typical style, he summarizes: "Milestones scare the [heck] out of me." ■

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News briefs

RIT named to top 100 list

RIT was listed in the July edition of *Black Issues in Higher Education* as being among the top 100 schools for granting master's degrees in computing and information sciences. The magazine examined institutions that awarded graduate degrees during the 2003-2004 academic year.

RIT ranked 38th nationally for the total number of master's degrees granted to minorities in computing and information sciences; 36th for Asian-American graduates and 34th for Hispanic graduates.

Networking event

The B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences will host Digital Rochester's monthly networking event 5-8 p.m. Sept. 6 in the Golisano College atrium. The event will highlight the college's graduate programs and the job outlook in the industry. Digital Rochester is a community of more than 3,200 technology professionals and entrepreneurs in upstate New York. The event is free and open to faculty, staff and students.

Wallace Library celebration

RIT's Wallace Library is hosting its free fall open house noon-4 p.m. Sept. 2. In addition to providing snacks and beverages, the library will offer opportunities to take tours and meet library liaisons and staff members. Coinciding with the fall open house is the official debut of the new Publishing and Scholarship Support Center, located on the first floor of Wallace Library.

Packaging students earn top honors

A team of RIT packaging science majors earned first place—topping students from five other universities—in a national competition.

Jenn Farrin, David Lickstein and Robin Matusik took home the blue ribbon for their "Building Innovation" promotional piece for the Paperboard Packaging Alliance. The organization's first Student Design Challenge asked students to create promotional pieces showcasing the functionality of paperboard packaging.

"Paperboard is versatile material coming from renewable and recycled resources and serving markets from pharmaceuticals/healthcare to software, candy to cosmetics, and beverages to food," says Deanna Jacobs, RIT professor of packaging science. "Creative uses of material will ultimately save resources and energy and continue to meet the demands of the supply chain."

The RIT team was mentored by Bill Wynkoop '87 (packaging science) of Lazer Inc. and Lesley Bates '89 (packaging science) of Diamond Packaging. Both are adjunct professors in packaging science.

In capturing first place, RIT earned \$4,000—divided between team members and RIT's packaging science department—beating students from California Polytechnic University who took second and third places.

For more information, visit www.paperboardpackaging.org/outreach. ■

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A taste of college life



Participants in RIT's Colleges and Careers Program listen to a student representative during a tour of campus. Colleges and Careers is a comprehensive academic and social orientation program for high school seniors and their parents. It includes more than 60 seminars on different courses and majors and also offers the chance to spend a night in the residence halls and interact with current students in a number of social activities. The first of two sessions took place July 22-23.

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billion miles and cost nearly \$5 billion to maintain," explains Nasr. "Along with improvements to the public transportation infrastructure and the expansion of the vehicle fleet, optimizing the performance of existing vehicles is an important, cost-effective way to meet America's increasing demand for public transportation."

Building on its varied and broad base of technical skills and experience, CIMS offers the combination of research, technology and design expertise to make the Alternative Fuel and Life-cycle Engineering Program successful. Through its membership on the U.S. Fuel Cell Council and its partnerships with industry, CIMS has developed valuable insights into the future of alternative fuels and has built useful relationships to help effect change.

In addition to its environmental implications, the Alternative Fuel and Life-cycle Program offers potential economic benefits. According to RIT President Albert Simone, the Rochester region is poised to become



Sen. Hillary Clinton shared views on alternative energy with Nabil Nasr during last year's Alternative Energy in New York conference, which was hosted by RIT.

a leader in the development of alternative energy sources.

"By positioning Rochester and RIT as a hub for the development of these innovative technologies, we provide an opportunity to enhance our region's economy by growing new industries and creating new jobs," says Simone. "RIT is proud of its leadership role in the exploration of alternative fuel, and we're grateful to Sen. Clinton and Sen. Schumer for their unwavering support of our research initiatives." ■

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RIT President Albert Simone, far left, joins dignitaries, including New York Gov. George Pataki, far right, for a groundbreaking at the future site of the New York Wine & Culinary Center.

positions at the center.

"The New York Wine & Culinary Center provides a direct connection for students in researching, developing and networking with New York's rapidly expanding wine and food industries,"

says Francis Domoy, professor and chair of RIT's School of Hospitality and Service Management and a director of the center's board of directors. Programs at the center for the general public will include cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs, lectures, concerts, tours, summer "culinary camp" for children and more.

Once completed, the center will include classroom space, a 50-seat, theater-style demonstration kitchen, a hands-on training kitchen, a wine tasting room, an exhibit hall, a retail center, a private dining room and an outdoor garden. The New York Wine & Grape Foundation will relocate its headquarters and administrative offices from Penn Yan to the center. ■

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Obituaries

George Celento, retired lab assistant/operations manager, School of Hospitality and Service Management, Aug. 12

Jessie James, retired coordinator of Urban Extension Programs, Aug. 4

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delegate to the United Nations in 1971. He ran for U.S. president in 1996.

Last March, Glenn performed *Well Done* at the Alfred L. Davis Public Service Awards ceremony honoring RIT's Bill Larsen, an associate professor of civil engineering technology, and Sheila Sarratore, who was president of Student Government. He also performed the song as a duet, with Renee Baker, RIT faculty recruitment manager, at RIT's Expressions of Diversity conference in 2004.

An associate professor of telecommunications engineering technology by day, Glenn has written more than 100 songs—many recorded and available through Morningbird Music, his publishing company, at www.morningbirdmusic.org.

"On some level, I think everyone wants there to be real meaning to their lives," Glenn philosophizes. "Ultimately, we want the one who matters most, our heavenly Father, to say to us, 'Well done.' I believe that's the true meaning of life." ■

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construction manager for the center. "There is something magical about the Vineyard because when you tell people about this project and its mission they want to get on board."

Students from Edison Tech are already working at the farm, helping with the construction of the Vineyard gazebo, and will assist contractors in building the new facility.

RIT students and faculty will also continue to work closely with the project through a unique community-university partnership spearheaded by Ann Howard, professor of public policy. Ten RIT students are working with community leaders on a number of projects this summer.

"The Vineyard is a tremendous community asset that provides wonderful educational opportunities in agricultural and environmental science, environmental management, business management and asset-based community development," Howard notes. "I am proud to be associated with the project, and with all the hard-working men, women and youth of NENA and GRUB. I also look forward to promoting and expanding RIT's relationship with our community partners for the benefit of our students and the greater Rochester region." ■

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Newsmakers

Abi Aghayere, associate professor of civil engineering technology, presented "The Case for Ongoing Student Course Assessment" and "Strategies for Embedding Scholarship in the Educational Experiences of Engineering Technology Undergraduate Students" at the 2005 ASEE Annual Conference and Exposition, June 12-15, in Portland, Ore. He was elected member at large to the executive committee of the engineering technology division of the American Society for Engineering Education.

John Ettl, professor and director of the Technology Management Center in the College of Business, received the Best Paper award for "Scale, R&D Performance and Idea Profiles for New Products," which he co-wrote and presented at the Global Business and Technology Association International Conference, July 12-16, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Satish Kandlikar, James E. Gleason Professor of Mechanical Engineering, chaired the third International Conference on Microchannels and Minichannels, co-sponsored by RIT, June 13-15 at the University of Toronto. Nearly 200 papers were presented at the conference, which drew 265 attendees from 24 countries. He presented keynote lectures, "Nucleation Characteristics During Flow Boiling in Microchannels" at the fourth International Conference on Transport Phenomena in Multiphase Systems, June 26-30, in Gdansk, Poland; and "Effect of Liquid-Vapor Phase Distribution on the Heat Transfer Mechanisms During Flow Boiling in Microchannels" at the fifth International Symposium on Multiphase Flow, Heat Mass Transfer and Energy Conversion, July 3-8, in Xi'an, China.

Eydie Lawson, associate dean of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, has been elected to the executive committee of the Special Interest Group Governing Board of the Association of Computing Machinery, the world's oldest and largest educational and scientific computing society. For the past two years, Lawson served as the association's chair of the Special Interest Group for IT Education.

Stephen Nelson has been named director of access services for NTID. He has been acting director of access services since October and manager of NTID's Liberal Arts Interpreting Team since 1988.

Albert Paley, the Charlotte Fredericks Mowris Distinguished Professor in the School for American Crafts, currently has an exhibition at the Bellevue Arts Museum in Bellevue, Wash. The exhibition, *The Artist Responds: Albert Paley and Art Nouveau*, opened June 18 and runs through Sept. 25. Paley gave a series of lectures during the exhibition's opening week.

Kathryn Schmitz, assistant professor in NTID's English department, and **Susan Keenan**, assistant professor in NTID's Liberal Arts Support department, co-authored "Evaluating Deaf Students' Writing Fairly: Meaning over Mode" in the May edition of *Teaching English in the Two-Year College*.

Glenda Senior, NTID associate professor, and **Mary Ellen Tait**, assistant director, NTID Center for Employment, presented a workshop, "Working Together: Understanding Deafness & Communication Strategies in Lecture, Group and Laboratory Environments," to the microbiology department at the University of Georgia on May 27.

Ramesh Shah, visiting research professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Advanced Fuel Cell Research Laboratory, received the Donald Q. Kern Award from the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. The award recognizes significant contributions to applied heat transfer or energy conversion. He also chaired the third International Conference on Fuel Cell Science, Engineering and Technology, co-sponsored by RIT, May 23-25, in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Jasper Shealy, professor emeritus of industrial and systems engineering, presented the keynote address, "The Role of Safety Related Equipment Design in Skiing," at the 16th International Symposium on Ski Trauma and Skiing Safety, April 17-23, in Niigata, Japan. He also presented "On-piste Fatalities in Recreational Snow Sports in the U.S." and "Head Trauma and Helmet Usage in Recreational Skiing." He presented the latter and participated in a panel discussion on the role of equipment in preventing injuries in skiing and snowboarding at the inaugural meeting of the World Congress on Sports Injury Prevention, June 23-25, in Oslo, Norway.

Gerald Takacs, professor of chemistry, presented "Chemistry at the Cu-fluoropolymer Interface: Relevance to Adhesion" at the Fifth International Symposium on Polymer Surface Modification, June 20-22, in Toronto.

Janet Zandy, professor of language and literature, published "Hands: Physical Labor, Class and Cultural Work" in which she looks at the effect of work on culture. Zandy is editor of *Calling Home: Working-Class Women's Writing and Liberating Memory: Our Work and Our Working-Class Consciousness*.