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Left photo: A robot (#73) belonging to the “Visioneers” from the Edison School of Engineering/Manufacturing, in the Rochester City School District, sponsored by Bausch & Lomb Inc. and Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics Inc., competes in the Finger Lakes Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, March 9. Above: Fans of the “X-Cats” from Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School in the Rochester City School District cheer on their school.

## Nasr addresses United Nations

RIT’s expertise in sustainable design has gained international attention over the last several years, as a host of researchers have received numerous grants in the areas of life-cycle engineering, fuel-cell development and sustainability education. In addition, RIT professors have been selected to appear at national and international scientific and engineering conferences, panel discussions and trade shows. Last month, an RIT expert spoke before the United Nations.



Nabil Nasr

Nabil Nasr, assistant provost and director of RIT’s Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies, and the new Sustainability Institute, was selected to attend the Inter-governmental Preparatory Meeting sponsored by the U.N. Commission on Sustainable Development at the organization’s world headquarters in New York City, Feb. 26-March 2. Nasr participated in a panel discussion on industrial development, offering insights into how the twin goals of economic efficiency and environmental quality can be fused with the use of sustainable technologies. The preparatory meeting assisted officials in developing policy goals for the 15th policy session of the commission next month.

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# Spirited FIRST Robotics rocks RIT

Bright colors, loud music, screaming fans, rough ’n’ tumble robots, and a pumped-up emcee declaring, “Let’s get ready to rumble!”—it *must* be a FIRST robotics contest. RIT’s Gordon Field House and Activities Center was the site of the third annual Finger Lakes Regional FIRST Robotics Competition, March 9-10, that pitted student-built, remote-controlled robots and their creators against opponents in a sports-style contest. Among three-dozen teams, five advanced to the national competition next month in Atlanta. The Penfield High School “Rolling

Thunder,” sponsored by Harris Corp., won the Regional Chairman’s Award, the event’s highest honor. In addition, Ed Hensel, professor and department head of mechanical engineering and a mentor to the Fairport High School “Blue Lightning,” sponsored by Gleason Corp., received the Regional Woodie Flowers Award, presented to an outstanding engineer for teaching excellence. RIT President Albert Simone and his wife, Carolie, received an Outstanding Volunteer Award. The “X-Cats,” from Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School in the Rochester

City School District and sponsored by Xerox Corp., earned the Johnson & Johnson Sportsmanship Award. “Delta Force,” the Rush-Henrietta Senior High School team sponsored by RIT alumnus Lee Garelick ’61 (engineering), earned the Imagery Award. FIRST—For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology—aims to inspire students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology and engineering, and it succeeds. According to a recent study by Brandeis University, 88 percent of FIRST participants go on to attend college; and, compared with non-

FIRST students, they are three times more likely to major in engineering and two to four times more likely to pursue careers in science, technology and engineering. The Finger Lakes regional competition was sponsored by RIT, Bausch & Lomb Inc., Eastman Kodak Co. and Xerox. For more information, visit [www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org). To see more photos from the FIRST Robotics competition, visit the photography area of the University News Web site, [www.rit.edu/news](http://www.rit.edu/news), and click “Photo Gallery.” ■ Michael Saffran | [mjsuns@rit.edu](mailto:mjsuns@rit.edu)



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RIT photography students and hospitality and service management majors are in Dubrovnik, Croatia, for spring quarter.

## RIT students document time spent in Dubrovnik

RIT’s annual “Big Shot” photography project will certainly live up to its name next month in the picturesque city of Dubrovnik, Croatia, along the Adriatic Sea. People from all over Europe and the United States will be converging on the walled city for the making of the nighttime photograph. RIT’s student ambassadors for the project have already arrived in Dubrovnik. For the first time, a group of

photography majors from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences are spending the spring quarter there visually documenting the people, culture and historical architecture. In addition to an extensive photography course, the students are taking elective courses at RIT’s American College of Management and Technology. “I feel this study-abroad experience

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### Student Spotlight

Two years ago, Luis Caceres Chong knew next to nothing about Rochester, let alone RIT. “I knew that Kodak started there,” says Caceres Chong, a telecommunications engineering technology graduate student in the College of Applied Science and Technology. “That was pretty much it.” But what Caceres Chong, an international student from Honduras, did know was that he was looking to advance his career in the telecommunications industry, and that obtaining a master’s degree would greatly help him accomplish that goal. Caceres Chong discovered RIT through his undergraduate university, Universidad Tecnologica Centroamericana, which has a partnership with RIT. Director of Graduate Enrollment Services Diane Ellison met Caceres Chong on a visit to Honduras in February 2005. Caceres Chong says the cultural transition from Honduras to the United States was an easy one. Why?

### Student takes RIT knowledge home to Honduras

“Because I have cable,” he answers. “I was able to watch *Friends* and *Seinfeld* and all those series here in Honduras.” Television wasn’t the only reason for the smooth transition. Caceres Chong attended a bilingual school in Honduras, where the educational system, he says, isn’t much different than that in the United States. He also points to the cultures of the two countries being quite similar. All of that helped pave the way for a successful career at RIT. Not only will he graduate this spring with a 4.0 grade-point average, but he spent last spring working for telecommunications engineering technology professor Chance Glenn as a research assistant. Caceres Chong credits his experience working with Glenn for much of his success. The two worked on the DYNAMAC, which is designed to reduce the bandwidth necessary to transmit high-definition television signals. The work he did with Glenn eventually served as the foundation for his thesis.



Luis Caceres Chong will graduate this spring with a 4.0 grade-point average.

“It was a new experience for me,” Caceres Chong says. “I had never programmed something related to multimedia.” It didn’t take long for telecommunications companies in Honduras to take notice of Caceres Chong’s accomplishments. After completing

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RIT Museum opens soon

The RIT Museum will officially open with a reception 3-5 p.m. March 27 on the third floor of Wallace Library. The museum is an environment for learning about RIT’s history and will offer opportunities to display artifacts, documents, photographs and art that tell the RIT story. The theme of the first exhibit will focus on RIT students.

a Cappella style

RIT’s Brick City Singers will host the annual Night of a Cappella 7:30 p.m. March 24 in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union. Tickets will be sold at the candy counter for \$3 before the event and \$5 at the door before the performance. For more information, contact Ed Schell at 475-6087.

Spring classes at OLLI

The Osher Lifelong Learning Center at RIT invites participants as well as members ages 50 and over to attend a preview of spring courses 2-3:30 p.m. March 28.

OLLI will also offer a four-day open house with sampler sessions 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. April 2-5. All sessions are free and open to the public.

Call ahead to reserve seating. For more information or for a spring catalog, call OLLI at RIT at 292-8989 or visit [www.rit.edu/osher](http://www.rit.edu/osher).

Philosophy lecture

Heather Douglas, professor of philosophy at University of Tennessee, will present “Integrity and Advocacy in Expertise” 4 p.m. March 29, Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium. Douglas will address the tensions between maintaining the integrity of expertise and allowing experts to be advocates. Her talk is part of the Ezra A. Hale Ethics Lecture Series in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information about the philosophy lecture, call 475-2057.

Annual RITz event

Students in the School of Hospitality and Service Management will be, once again, “Puttin’ on the RITz.” The 22nd annual gala will begin with a cocktail hour and hors d’oeuvre reception at 5:30 p.m. March 31 at the DoubleTree Hotel, 111 Jefferson Rd., Henrietta.

This year’s theme is “Mediterranean Mirage,” featuring courses from France, Morocco, Greece, Italy and Turkey. Tickets can be purchased at [www.rit.edu/ritz](http://www.rit.edu/ritz). Proceeds benefit the RIT Hospitality Education Fund.

Writing contest entries

The Institute Writing Committee is accepting submissions for its annual student writing contest. Students may submit one sample of work per category—essay, creative writing and scientific/technical writing—by April 2. The essay question asks students to critically analyze Jon Stewart’s *The Daily Show* and Stephen Colbert’s *Colbert Report*. Further details about each category are posted at <http://iwc.rit.edu/contest.php>. For more contest details, e-mail [lmhgs@rit.edu](mailto:lmhgs@rit.edu).

# Deaf Studies Archive opens April 3

Want to turn back the pages of history? Then come browse through an impressive collection of books—including NTID’s first yearbook from 1980—videotapes, artwork and literature collections when RIT Libraries officially opens its Deaf Studies Archive 3-4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, in room 3660 of Wallace Library.

Director Chandra McKenzie, researcher Harry Lang, professor emeritus Robert Panara and archivist Becky Simmons will be on hand to celebrate the Deaf Studies Archive, created last year to honor the 40th anniversary of RIT becoming the host institute for NTID. Guided tours of the archive will be offered and sign language interpreters will be available.

The expanding Deaf Studies Archive collection features historical documents related to the legislation, construction, and presence of NTID on RIT’s campus and contains significant materials related to deafness, deaf education, deaf studies, deaf theater and deaf culture.

Among the items are the Robert Panara Deaf Literature Collection,



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A sample of publications housed in the RIT Deaf Studies Archive.

consisting of literature, plays, mysteries, and romances featuring deaf characters; a series of 52 NTID Student Life videotapes from the 1990s; original artwork by deaf artists, including several alumni; records from the Empire State Association of the Deaf, the oldest state association dedicated to advocating for the rights of deaf and hard-of-hearing citizens; research papers and curricular materials from

Edward Scouten, English teacher at NTID in the 1970s and 1980s; and a collection of photographs and documents from Delta Alpha Sigma sorority, the first deaf sorority at RIT.

The archive also contains a collection of materials from Lights On! Deaf Theatre and the Eugene and Inez Peterson Collection, a compilation of oral histories of “everyday deaf people” in the United States. ■

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## Saunders College creates strategic growth program

RIT and the E. Philip Saunders College of Business announce the establishment of an innovative new program, “Creating and Leading Strategic Growth.” The purpose of the program is to support employment in regional small- and medium-sized companies.

“One of the distinguishing features of this program is applied design,” says Richard DeMartino, associate professor of management in the Saunders College of Business. “Participants will work with experts to develop growth strategies for their specific business. We believe this program can have a measurable positive impact on employment growth in the Rochester area.”

Strategic Growth is a short-term certificate program offered at RIT from May 4 through June 30. The program is presented in an executive-style format, and participants meet for a half day Friday and all day Saturday on alternate weeks for a total of five sessions.

The program is sponsored by Finger Lakes Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development, or WIRED. The WIRED program

seeks to jumpstart growth in regional firms where technology and innovation are core components of company growth strategies.

According to DeMartino, the Strategic Growth program is grounded in practice and builds on RIT’s reputation as a business friendly and applied university. Participants will bring an existing business growth challenge to the program and will apply learned strategic growth concepts as they work with experienced practitioners, RIT faculty and business coaches. The end result culminates in a customized implementation plan.

As Joseph Loboza, president and founder of JML Optical Industries Inc., explains: “This custom course is a must for anyone who is looking for the tools, concepts and frameworks necessary to drive their organization to that next level of successful growth. It is a program with a clear focus and foundation for helping you achieve success.”

For more information, contact the Saunders College of Business Executive Education office at 475-7435 or visit [www.ritemba.com](http://www.ritemba.com). ■

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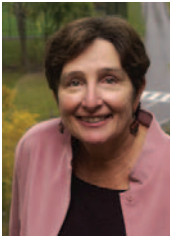
## Conference to examine media, social change

How does the media use new and traditional ways to reach segments of the population perceived as separate, diverse or “marginal,”

and oppositional? These groups are part of the public voice usually heard from the fringes.

“In discourse to counter established powers and politics, protest and actions are frequently created by diverse ‘publics’ through webs of Internet and traditional media,” says Diane Hope, the William A. Kern Professor in Communication in RIT’s Department of Communication.

The relationship between social change, media and counterpublics will be the focus of the Kern Communication Symposium, “Counterpublics, Media and Social Change.”



Diane Hope

The free symposium will be held at RIT from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 11-12 in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences auditorium and in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium.

The event will focus on two dimensions of the connections between counterpublics, media and social change. The presentations on Wednesday will feature talks on “Counterpublics, Media and Democracy,” and on Thursday will focus on “Counterpublics, Media and Environments.”

Dana Cloud, associate professor of communication at the University of Texas at Austin, will present, “The Revolutionary Public Sphere,” at 10 a.m. April 11 in the Golisano College auditorium.

Visit [www.rit.edu/kern](http://www.rit.edu/kern) for registration information. ■

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## Atwood, León to appear at RIT

Acclaimed author and poet Margaret Atwood and composer Tania León will visit RIT as part of a unique literary and musical event.

The Rochester premiere of *Atwood Songs*, León’s vocal-instrumental work based on five Atwood poems, will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, March 26, in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union.

Pianist Sylvie Beaudette, assistant professor of chamber music and accompanying at the University of Rochester’s Eastman School of Music, will perform *Atwood Songs* with soprano Eileen Stempel, an assistant professor at Syracuse University.

In between the two musical performances, Julia Figueras, music director for classical music station WXXI-FM (91.5), will moderate a discussion between Atwood and León.

The performance of *Atwood Songs* marks the 20th anniversary of the Susan B. Anthony Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies at UR and opens the annual Women in Music Festival at the Eastman School of Music.

The event is sponsored by RIT and UR. Support also comes from the New York State Music Fund, established by the New York State Attorney General at Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors.

For more about the free event, contact John Roche at [jfrgla@rit.edu](mailto:jfrgla@rit.edu). ■

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Female-focused talk

RIT will host “Bridging the Gender Gap: Expanding the Future Pipeline of Women Engineers,” a panel discussion featuring such topics as why women don’t gravitate to engineering, problems that arise from the lack of women engineers in the United States, and best practices to encourage women to pursue engineering careers. Sponsored by Harris Corp. and WE@RIT: Women Engineering the Future, the event begins at 4 p.m. March 29 in Xerox Auditorium, with a networking reception following in Erdle Commons, in the James E. Gleason Building. Call 475-6321 or visit [www.rit.edu/~women](http://www.rit.edu/~women) for information.

Bevier Gallery exhibit

Bevier Gallery is hosting a Graduate Thesis Exhibition featuring graduate work by MFA candidates from the School of Art, School of Design and School for American Crafts. Thesis Two runs April 2-18 with an opening reception scheduled 5-7 p.m. April 6. For more information, call 475-2646.

‘Gnarly’ lecture April 4

Rudy Rucker—writer, mathematician and computer scientist—will present “Life is a Gnarly Computation” 8 p.m. April 4 in Webb Auditorium in the James E. Booth Building. The free talk is part of the Caroline Werner Gannett Project Speaker Series, “Consilience: The Cognitive Revolution.”

Rucker has written 29 books and is best known for his novels *Software and Wetware* and *The Hacker and the Ants*. His most recent books are a science fiction novel, *Mathematicians in Love*, and an anthology of stories, *Mad Professor*.

Call 475-2057 or visit [www.rit.edu/~cwg](http://www.rit.edu/~cwg) for information.

Pinizotto signs with Caps

RIT second-year student Steve Pinizotto has become the first player since RIT hockey moved to Division I in 2005 to leave early and sign a professional contract. Pinizotto signed with the National Hockey League’s Washington Capitals and has reported to the American Hockey League’s Hershey Bears. Pinizotto led RIT scoring with goals and assists, and also led the team with penalty minutes.

### Helping others during Spring Break



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Instead of spending spring break having fun in the sun, 11 RIT students decided to give back to the Rochester community as part of RIT’s Alternative Spring Break. The students spent their week doing community service activities while learning about Greater Rochester. From left, Kim Son Tran, Ihudiya Ogburu and Psalm Mizuki spent March 6 helping the American Red Cross with its Meals on Wheels program.



# Kandlikar named engineering award finalist

Satish Kandlikar, the James E. Gleason Professor of Mechanical Engineering in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, is a finalist for the Leo H. East Engineer of the Year Award, presented annually by the Rochester Engineering Society. The recipient will be announced at the society’s 105th annual gala, March 24, at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center.

Kandlikar, an expert in thermal analysis, fuel cells, two-phase flow, microfluidics, heat transfer in microchannels, and advanced cooling technologies for microelectronic and high heat flux devices, is a three-time recipient of the IBM Faculty Award recognizing outstanding contributions to research in computer chip cooling and microchannels, which are key components in fuel-cell



Satish Kandlikar

stack design and enable the efficient operation of fuel cells, electronics, and bioengineering and microelectromechanical, or MEMS, devices.

Under contracts with the U.S. Army, Kandlikar helped develop the “flameless heater” technology for Meals Ready to Eat—commonly called MREs—that makes possible the efficient heating of meals for soldiers in battlefield conditions. He is a co-inventor of a sterilization system utilizing chemical heaters that’s being developed by the U.S. Army.

In the last 10 years, Kandlikar has received grants totaling close to \$1 million. Upon receipt of additional expected grants—including \$3.5 million just awarded from the U.S. Energy Department for a project on water management in fuel cells, in partnership with General Motors and Michigan Technological University—he will have secured grants worth approximately \$4.5 million by the end of 2009.

Kandlikar has chaired the Inter-

national Conference on Microchannels and Minichannels since its inception in 2003. The fifth annual conference will be held this June in Mexico. He is founder and chairman of the Rochester Heat Transfer Chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and, in 2001, was recognized as an outstanding reviewer for the *Journal of Heat Transfer*, one of six journals for which he is an associate editor.

A member of the RIT faculty since 1980 and past department head of mechanical engineering, Kandlikar received RIT’s prestigious Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching in 1997. He has advised two Ph.D. and more than 45 master’s students. He is director of RIT’s Thermal Analysis and Microfluidics and Fuel Cell laboratories, and he is the founder and an organizer of the E<sup>3</sup> Engineering and Technology Fair for middle-school students, hosted at RIT annually since 1991.

A fellow of the American

Society of Mechanical Engineering, Kandlikar has written nearly 200 conference and journal papers and presented 30 keynote and invited papers; served as editor of *Handbook of Phase Change: Boiling and Condensation* and *Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow in Minichannels and Microchannels*; and contributed 10 chapters to books and handbooks, including *Compact Heat Exchanger Design* and *Handbook of Multiphase Flow and Heat Transfer*.

Kandlikar earned his doctorate from the Indian Institute of Technology, in Bombay.

Bill Larsen, RIT associate professor of civil engineering technology, received the Engineer of the Year Award in 2002. Last year, Jasper Shealy, professor emeritus in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, was a nominee for the award, given in recognition of contributions to the engineering field and the Rochester-area community. ■

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## News briefs

**Product development talk**  
“Closed-Loop Product Development” is the topic of the next Kate Gleason College of Engineering Dean’s Alumni Speaker Series talk 1-2 p.m. March 22 in Xerox Auditorium in the James E. Gleason Building.

Michael Field ’86 (B.S. mechanical engineering), vice president of engineering with The Raymond Corp., in Greene, N.Y., will discuss closed-loop product development, engineering tools applied during the phased-development process, and closed-loop engineering problem-solving techniques.

For more information about the free talk, contact Mary Jane Frind at 475-2146 or mjseen@rit.edu, or visit [www.rit.edu/coe/news](http://www.rit.edu/coe/news).

**Imaging science talks**  
Larry Scarff, director of imaging science at Flextronics Corp., will present “Zen and the Art of Image Science: Musings on the Measurement and Meaning of Image Quality,” at 4 p.m. March 28 in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, room 1125.

Francesco Stellacci, Finmeccanica assistant professor of materials science and engineering at MIT, will give his talk, “Supramolecular Material Science: From Nanomaterials to Lithography,” at 4 p.m. April 4 in the Carlson auditorium, room 1125. The free talks—open to the public—are part of the CIS Seminar Series. For information, visit [www.cis.rit.edu/seminar](http://www.cis.rit.edu/seminar).

**Art critic, author speaks**  
Art critic and author Jed Perl will give a free lecture at 2 p.m. March 29 in room A172 of the Frank E. Gannett Building. Perl wrote the acclaimed book *New Art City* and his writings have appeared in *Vogue* and *New Republic*. Perl will discuss his writing and his views on the art of our times. He will give a formal talk at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Art Gallery. Perl’s visit to Rochester is sponsored by RIT, The Print Club of Rochester and the MAG. For more information, call 473-4115.

**Technology and our world**  
Kathy Hill, from Cisco Systems Inc.’s Ethernet and Wireless Technology Group, and an RIT alumna, will be the featured guest in the next installment of the Golisano College Dean’s Lecture Series. Hill presents, “Leading the Experience as Technology Changes the World” at 1 p.m. March 30 in the Golisano College auditorium. The free event will be followed by a reception.

**Global affairs presentation**  
The Gosnell lecture series will continue with a talk by Devashish Mitra, professor of economics and the Gerald B. and Daphna Cramer Professor of Global Affairs at the Maxwell School at Syracuse University. The lecture, “The Political Economy of Trade Policy,” will take place from 3-4 p.m. April 4 in the Xerox Auditorium in the James E. Gleason Building.

The lecture series is sponsored by Amit Batabyal, Arthur J. Gosnell Professor of Economics in the College of Liberal Arts. For more information about the presentation, call 475-2057.

## A taste of RIT diversity



*RIT’s Finance and Administration Division held its annual Diversity Luncheon March 6. Division employees showed off their culinary expertise by creating a variety of foods from different cultures. Shown here, Vince Incardona, information technology services manager for desktop support, prepares an Italian dessert, casatidi, from his grandmother’s recipe.*

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## Stiebitz named to Sustainability Institute position

RIT’s Sustainability Institute has named Paul Stiebitz as interim academic director. The Sustainability Institute, an institute-wide, comprehensive research and academic center, is devoted to the study of all areas of sustainable production systems, including product realization and development, market transformation, logistics, policy and environmental and societal impacts. Stiebitz will lead the Sustainability Institute’s search for a permanent academic director, recruit additional faculty for the center, and coordinate curriculum development for the proposed Sustainable Production Ph.D. program. He will report to the institute’s director, Nabil Nasr.

Stiebitz previously served as an associate professor of industrial and systems engineering and as director of the multidisciplinary engineering design program in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

“I am incredibly excited about helping RIT establish world-class programs in sustainability,” Stiebitz says. “The graduates of the Sustainability Institute will play major roles in the transformation of wasteful, production-focused industrial enterprises into sustainable enter-



Paul Stiebitz

prises that use natural resources as efficiently as possible.”

“Paul has a wide breadth of experience both as an educator and systems engineer and his unique skill set will be a major asset as we seek to develop both an academic and applied research focus in sustainable production systems,” adds Nasr, director of CIMS.

RIT was awarded a \$465,000 planning grant last May by the Henry Luce Foundation for the creation of a Ph.D. program in sustainable production. The multidisciplinary doctorate will ultimately integrate research and coursework in engineering and science with economics and public policy, particularly environmental policy, and management. The program will be one of the first in the world dedicated to the study of sustainability. Stiebitz will be assisting faculty in the development of the program, including curricula and research thrusts which will commence in the following month.

“I look forward to working with my RIT colleagues and our academic and industrial partners to make the Sustainability Institute and its Ph.D. program a leading education and research institution,” Stiebitz adds.

Before joining RIT in 1984, Stiebitz spent 15 years as a design engineer and systems engineer for Xerox Corp. and Eastman Kodak Co. ■

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## Former U.S. ambassador to speak at 2007 presidential colloquium

The 2007 RIT Presidential Colloquium presents a lecture featuring William Montgomery, former United States ambassador to Serbia-Montenegro, Croatia and Bulgaria. “War and Ethnic Conflict: Lessons Learned in the Balkans” will be held 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science



William Montgomery

auditorium. A reception immediately follows the presentation.

Montgomery retired in 2004 after a 30-year career in the foreign service. Assignments included special adviser to the president and secretary of state for Bosnian Peace Implementation and deputy chief of mission in Bulgaria and Tanzania.

He also served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1970, including one year of service in Vietnam. His army decorations included the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medal for Valor. ■

## Fairway to heaven



*RIT’s 2007 United Way Campaign kicked off with the fifth annual Mini Golf tournament on March 19 in the Student Alumni Union and Fireside Lounge. Students, faculty, staff and retirees enjoyed 18 “weatherproof” holes of miniature golf on creative greens designed and sponsored by RIT student groups and departments.*

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## Sharing the secrets of success



*E. Philip Saunders, the namesake of RIT’s business college, discussed his entrepreneurial success with more than 30 EMBA alumni during Sharpen the Saw Day on March 8. On hand for the event were accounting professor Daniel Tessoni, who shared his wit and wisdom on “the latest news affecting our accounting sector,” and Saunders College Dean Ashok Rao, who explained his goals in implementing a continuous learning network.*

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Destler meets the press



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University of Maryland Provost William Destler visited the campus March 16 for the first time since being named RIT’s ninth president earlier in the month. He met with the Rochester media after speaking with students, faculty and staff. Destler begins his presidency on July 1. Visit [www.rit.edu/news](http://www.rit.edu/news) and click “New President” for complete coverage on Destler.

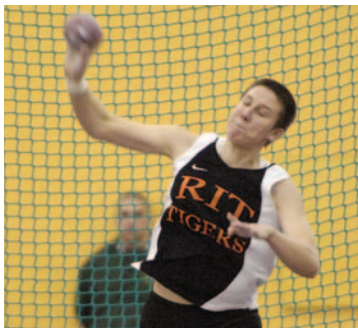
Winter sports end on high note

The 2006-2007 winter season was a historic one for RIT Athletics. The women’s hockey team qualified for the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time in school history. Sophomore Danielle Nagymarosi set a school record with 32 goals. She and Isabelle Richard and Stacey McConnell have a chance to earn All-American status. The men’s hockey team, in just its second season as a Division I program and first as a member of Atlantic Hockey, won the conference’s regular season title. The Tigers improved from just four Division I wins in 2005-2006 to 21 this season. Seniors Margot Sandy and Ramata Diallo, along with head coach Debbie Buff, led the women’s basketball team to a school-record 15 wins and its first postseason games in the program’s history. Sandy and Diallo ended their careers in the top-five in virtually every major RIT category. Both women earned All-Empire 8 first team honors, while Buff was selected as the conference’s Coach of the Year. In track and field, the women made school history by winning the 2007 New York State Collegiate Track

Conference Championship for the first time. The men placed fourth in that same event, also a school-record finish. Seniors Allison Griggs and Danielle Simmons were selected to compete in the NCAA Championships. Sophomore Luke Baum and freshman Mike McNally competed in the NCAA Division III wrestling championships. McNally finished with a 35-9 record and was chosen as the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Empire Conference meet in February. In the pool, both the men and women enjoyed considerable success. On the men’s side, divers Quinn Donahoe and Matt Joseph will compete at the NCAA Championships. For the women, freshman Caitlyn Burr and sophomore Kristen Curtze broke several school records. The men’s basketball team finished with at least a .500 record for the 16th straight season and earned its fourth straight Empire 8 playoff berth. For more sports coverage and a schedule of upcoming spring sporting events, go to [www.rit.edu/athletics](http://www.rit.edu/athletics). ■ Joe Venniro | [jtvsid@rit.edu](mailto:jtvsid@rit.edu)



LaKeisha Perez, left, and Allison Griggs were members of RIT’s championship women’s track and field team.



Public Service Awards honorees



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The Alfred L. Davis Public Service Awards were presented March 14. Students Kate Dyson, far left, and Marco Flagg, second from right, earned the Bruce R. James ’64 Distinguished Public Service Awards. D. Robert Frisina, second from left, founding director of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, earned the Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award. Joining them is RIT President Albert Simone.

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is an opportunity to explore myself and my surroundings, just in a different location than Rochester,” says Tyler Joyce, a third-year photojournalism student. “I have grown restless in the states, and I would like to learn something about another culture.” Students and alumni from RIT and ACMT, along with the Dubrovnik community, will be armed with flashlights and camera flash units after sundown on April 12. The Big Shot, often described as a “painting with light” photograph, requires hundreds of volunteers. Strategically placed along the high fortress wall near Dubrovnik’s Pile Gate, the volunteers will bathe the parapets, turrets, stonebridge and moat with their light sources while RIT photographers shoot an extended exposure. “It’s like standing on the street in a discotheque because all the flashlights and camera flash units are waving all over,” says Bill DuBois, administrative chair of photographic arts in RIT’s School of Photographic Arts and Sciences and a Big Shot organizer. “It still amazes me how hundreds of people come together for an event that is over within minutes. The Big Shot is truly a community event and we are so excited to be sharing it this year with our RIT family at ACMT as well as with the people of Dubrovnik.” This will be RIT’s 23rd Big Shot

and only the second one to be photographed at an international location, following the event held at the Royal Palace in Stockholm, Sweden, in 2003. To learn more about the Big Shot project and details about the Dubrovnik event, a podcast, “Destination Croatia: A Preview of RIT’s 2007 ‘Big Shot,’” is available on the University News Web site at [www.rit.edu/news](http://www.rit.edu/news) (see “Latest Podcasts”). ■ Kelly Downs | [kaduns@rit.edu](mailto:kaduns@rit.edu)

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work on his thesis in the fall quarter, he returned to Honduras, where he accepted a position as a project manager with Grupo Financiero Ficohsa. Two weeks ago, he accepted a position as a network engineer optimizer with Telefonica Celular, a competing company. “It’s going to give me a chance to put into practice everything I learned at RIT,” he says. Now he is looking forward to a return trip to RIT in May—for commencement. And this time, he’s bringing his family with him. “I’m going to show them the campus and will take them downtown to see High Falls,” Caceres Chong says. “It’s very important for them to see me graduate.” ■ John Follaco | [jpfuns@rit.edu](mailto:jpfuns@rit.edu)

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sustainable processes throughout the world, and I am hopeful the upcoming session will further proliferation of sustainable technologies and concepts throughout the world,” says Nasr. The Commission on Sustainable Development is part of the U.N. Economic and Social Council and was established in 1992 to assist in implementing the goals set by that year’s United Nation’s Earth Summit. The current session will focus on energy for sustainable development, industrial development, air and atmospheric pollution and climate change. “The future of our planet depends on governments and institutions working together to create manufacturing systems that are more efficient, produce less pollution and create less waste,” adds Nasr. “It is imperative that U.S. companies and universities work with the international community to accomplish these goals, and I believe forums like this will enhance that effort.” ■ Will Dube | [wjduns@rit.edu](mailto:wjduns@rit.edu)

Larsen honored by Lifespan

Bill Larsen, associate professor of civil engineering technology, is a 2007 honoree for Lifespan’s “Eli Rudin Second Half Hero Award.” Larsen



Bill Larsen

will be recognized at the organization’s March 29 Celebration of Aging luncheon. Larsen has generously shared his engineering expertise with needy areas in the Caribbean region. Working with RIT alumna Sarah Brownell ’98 (B.S. mechanical engineering), he designed a solar-powered drinking-water-disinfecting unit for use in rural areas of undeveloped countries. He has also spearheaded the donation, over 20 years, of thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses and shoes to Haiti and Nicaragua, and he supports a Haitian youth literacy program that provides jobs in forestry or nursery positions. Larsen coordinated RIT students’ participation in the annual International Coastal Cleanup. He received RIT’s Four Presidents Distinguished Public Service Award in 2005. ■ Michael Saffran | [mjsuns@rit.edu](mailto:mjsuns@rit.edu)

A palpable tension



A. Sue Weisler | photographer

High school students competed against each other during the Monroe County Math League All-Star Competition held March 8 at RIT. Finalists navigated small-scale competitions throughout the day before meeting for the final round held in Ingle Auditorium in the Student Alumni Union. The top competitors from this event will attend the upcoming state-level competition. RIT’s School of Mathematical Sciences hosted the event.