

Destler: Imagine RIT as the first ‘innovation university’

New president announces Innovation Festival in May

RIT President Bill Destler has a vision for the university that he believes is a call to national service: Lead higher education in innovation and creativity.

“Does America still possess any significant competitive advantages that we can exploit to both sustain and advance the quality of life here?” Destler asked faculty and staff at his inaugural opening address to the campus Aug. 30 in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. “I think the answer to this question is a resounding ‘yes,’ and happily, RIT is well positioned to take a leading role in these efforts.

“Imagine RIT, not just as a teaching university or a research university, but as the first innovation university,” Destler said.

The new president has visited each of RIT’s eight colleges and several other major administrative units since his July arrival. He believes RIT’s unique program mix of the traditional “institute of technology” programs in science, engineering and business combined with its strong programs in the liberal, design and creative arts and the unique diversity provided by NTID, gives the university “the potential to become a national center of creativity and innovation unlike any other.”

Destler, who seeks feedback from students, faculty, staff and alumni, would like to set an expectation that every RIT student produce a form of



A. Sue Weisler | photographer

RIT President Bill Destler speaks to the crowd of faculty, staff and students in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center during his inaugural address to the campus Aug. 30.

creativity, invention and innovation before graduation. To showcase RIT’s talents, Destler announced plans for the university’s first “Innovation Festival,” to be held in May.

“RIT is well positioned to take a leadership role in the development of these next-generation inventors, entrepreneurs and artists because of the institute’s close connections with the real world and the many faculty and staff who have experience with moving ideas into actual value-added products and services,” said Destler.

The president also envisions closer ties with industry where RIT may “carry out short- and medium-term corporate research and development projects at low cost and without the usual intellectual property fights that usually derail such efforts.”

Destler said RIT is in a strong position to become a national leader in addressing complex social problems, such as global warming or sustainability, by creating cross-disciplinary teams of faculty, staff and students. He introduced the concept of the nation’s first “Team Ph.D.” program, where groups of students and faculty across the university would work to solve complex problems.

“Imagine how exciting that would be and how much fun it would be to shake up the world of higher education with these ideas and others,” he concluded. “Imagine how much fun we can have working together to make RIT the university that captures the new high ground in higher education.”

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Big names highlight Brick City entertainment

An innovator and an entertainer will headline festivities at Brick City Homecoming this year. Steve Wozniak, co-founder of Apple Computer, and comedian



Steve Wozniak

Howie Mandel will take to the Gordon Field House and Activities Center stage Saturday, Oct. 6, for the 10th anniversary of RIT’s homecoming tradition.

Wozniak, the 2007 Horton Distinguished Speaker, will speak at 2 p.m. Wozniak

was instrumental in developing more user-friendly personal computers, such as the Apple I and Apple II. He is currently the co-founder, chief technology officer and chief visionary officer for Jazz Technologies Inc.

“We chose Steve Wozniak because he embodies many of RIT’s qualities,” says Ed Wolf, RIT’s student government president. “When he invented the Apple I back in 1976, not only did he bring personal computers to the average user, but he also opened the door to an industry that many of our students are currently pursuing degrees in.”

Mandel may best be known for hosting NBC’s hit game show *Deal or No Deal*, but his career in televi-

sion extends far beyond that. He was the creator and producer of the Emmy Award-nominated animated children series *Bobby’s World*, provid-

ing the voice of Bobby and other characters for eight seasons. Mandel also spent six years on the Emmy Award-winning series *St. Elsewhere* and he hosted his own syndicated talk show, *The Howie Mandel Show*. Mandel performs at 8 p.m.

Rhythm and blues performer Rihanna will kick off the weekend’s entertainment Friday night in the Field House. Rihanna, who recently released her third album, *Good Girl Gone Bad*, topped the charts with her lead single, *Umbrella*, which was a collaboration with rap superstar Jay-Z.

Tickets for each event are available at the Gordon Field House and Activities Center box office or online by visiting www.rit.edu/brickcity and clicking on “register now.” ■

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Rihanna

Tickets are available at the Gordon Field House box office.

- Steve Wozniak: \$8 for RIT students; \$12 for parents, alumni, faculty, staff and guests
- Howie Mandel: \$17 for RIT students; \$35 for parents, alumni, faculty, staff and guests
- Rihanna: \$16 for RIT students; \$25 for faculty, staff; \$30 for the public.

RIT enhances alert system

RIT has reached an agreement with 3n (National Notification Network), the leading global mass notification system provider, which will significantly expand RIT’s ability to send critical news and information to students, faculty and staff during campus emergencies.

The expanded alert system will make its debut later this fall. Students, faculty and staff will be able to sign up for the system in coming weeks.

“RIT chose 3n based on the reliability of the technology and the system’s broad range of features, including real-time reporting capabilities,” says Jonathan Maurer, RIT’s director of Business Operations and Risk Management Services. “3n’s solution leads the industry and will enable RIT to quickly and efficiently communicate with students, faculty and staff in any emergency using a variety of communication methods, including text messaging, instant messaging, e-mail and voice calls to cell phones and dorm phones. The

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iPhone whiz settles in at RIT

One of RIT’s newest students has placed the university in the international news in recent weeks.

Freshman George Hotz announced Aug. 23 that he was the first to unlock the Apple iPhone, allowing it to be used on wireless networks other than AT&T, which had been its exclusive wireless provider. A whirlwind of media activity ensued.

Here’s a smattering of the hundreds of news outlets that have featured Hotz since his announcement: *The New York Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, Associated Press, CNBC’s *Street Signs*, CNN’s *Headline News*, NBC’s *Today Show*, *Sydney Morning Herald*, *Toronto Globe and Mail* and the *Financial Times UK*.

When Hotz arrived on campus Aug. 26, he was greeted at the Gordon Field House and Activities Center by the Rochester media.

The unlocking of the iPhone wasn’t the first time Hotz has garnered national media attention. His creation of a holodeck, the simulated-reality machine from *Star Trek*, earned him a \$20,000 prize at the In-



Elizabeth Lamark | photographer

RIT freshman George Hotz speaks to the media about unlocking the Apple iPhone.

tel International Science & Engineering Fair and the honor of being one of five teenagers recognized in *Forbes* magazine as junior innovators.

Hotz is a student in the College of Science, majoring in biotechnology. He spent his first week on campus taking part in orientation activities along with more than 2,500 of his classmates—who represent the largest freshman class in RIT history. ■

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Marching proudly



A. Sue Weisler | photographer

Faculty and staff welcomed the largest incoming class in RIT history Aug. 27 during the annual Tiger Walk. The first-year students marched from their residence halls to the Gordon Field House and Activities Center as their orange-clad supporters cheered them on. Fifty-one percent of the record 2,530 freshman hail from outside New York state.

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Golisano Game Day

Enjoy playing video games? If so, RIT’s Golisano College invites you to come out and play! The college will host Game Day 11:30 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Sept. 20, in the Building 70 atrium, to celebrate the launch of the new bachelor’s degree in game design and development. Students, faculty and staff can play in tournaments (no pre-registration required) as well as non-tournament games. RIT students created all the video games. There will be prizes and giveaways.

Osher course previews

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at RIT offers a variety of classes to include the arts, literature sciences, history and government. Free course previews of fall sessions will be held 2-3:30 p.m. Sept. 10-11. Course highlights range from Understanding the Human Brain and The Music of Duke Ellington, to Artificial Intelligence and Computer Learning.

An open house during the first week of classes, also free of charge, is scheduled 9:30 a.m.- 3 p.m. Sept. 17-20. This includes the Pfaudler Enrichment Series, a popular brown-bag lecture noon-1 p.m. Sept. 20. The topic of discussion is “Mega Weather, Water, Wind and Watts” with Ed Evans, retired Hilton science teacher.

New members are welcome; for information or a course catalog, call 292-8989 or e-mail info@Osher.RIT.edu.

Math against terrorism

RIT’s School of Mathematical Sciences will host a conference highlighting the essential role mathematics and computational techniques play in analyzing terrorist activity and the continued need for new methods.

The fourth Conference on Mathematical Methods in Counterterrorism will take place Sept. 20-22 in the Student Alumni Union. Informative talks will provide background about the various subjects, current state of research and areas of future study.

The conference is free and open to the RIT community. For details, or to register online, visit www.cmmc2007.org.

Gannett series kicks off

A stimulating group of thinkers, scholars and performers whose work blends several disciplines will visit RIT this year as part of the free Caroline Werner Gannett Project and lecture series, “Visionaries in Motion.” The series will start with Janna Levin, acclaimed physicist, theoretical cosmologist and PEN award-winning author of *A Madman Dreams of Turing Machines* and *How the Universe Got Its Spots*. Levin, professor of physics and astronomy at Columbia University, will present “Minds, Machines and the Cosmos: Is the Universe Infinite?” at 7 p.m. Sept. 11, in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building, and “Chaos and Black Hole Binaries” at 4:15 p.m. Sept. 12, in the Center for Computational Relativity and Gravitation, building 74, room 2060. For more information, visit www.rit.edu/~cwg.

Web site helps students stay in ‘The Loop’

The *Democrat and Chronicle*, in conjunction with RIT and six other Rochester area colleges, has launched “The Loop,” a Web site designed to become a gathering place for college students.

The Loop (www.rocloop.com) is produced entirely by college students, with oversight from editor-in-chief Kara Race, a *Democrat and Chronicle* employee. Its content is wide-ranging, featuring stories on Rochester favorites such as garbage plates and Wegmans, neighborhood guides, an events calendar, blogs and photo galleries.

Content is viewable to everyone, but you must be a student with an e-mail address from a Rochester-area college to take advantage of the site’s interactive features.

Two RIT students, junior Chris Sternal-Johnson and recent graduate Heather Hynes, were instrumental in the site’s launch. Sternal-Johnson was its Web developer, working side-by-side with Hynes, a new media publishing major, who designed both the look of the site and its logo.

Both students worked for The Loop as co-op students.

“We designed the site to be fun and interesting—something that



The Loop, created with the help of RIT students, is published under the auspices of the Democrat and Chronicle. The Web site is produced by college students, for college students.

college kids would want to go to,” Hynes says.

The project had special meaning to Sternal-Johnson, who had attended both University of Rochester and Monroe Community College before settling in at RIT.

“Students from the various colleges in Rochester never really talk to one another,” says Sternal-Johnson, a business management major who developed his information technol-

ogy skills doing freelance work. “RIT students have RIT friends. U of R students have U of R friends. Having attended three of the area colleges, I know that there are events out there that are relevant to everyone, and I’m sure there are people on all of the campuses that would be great to hang out with.

“It’d be wonderful to have a closer-knit community in Rochester.”

Both Hynes and Sternal-Johnson

have already parlayed their summer experience with The Loop into full-time jobs. Hynes accepted a position as a multi-media designer with Dawn Breaker, a company in Chili. Sternal-Johnson, while continuing his studies at RIT, has accepted a full-time position in the *Democrat and Chronicle* information technology department.

Each of the partnering campuses, which also include Monroe Community College, SUNY Brockport, SUNY Geneseo, Nazareth College, St. John Fisher College and Roberts Wesleyan College, will have its own “backpack journalist” who will shoot photos and video from campus in addition to a content coordinator, who will write stories.

Hynes also says that once the site builds a sufficient user base, it will be adding a social networking section. “College students aren’t connecting in Rochester, but only because there has been no way of actually connecting,” Hynes says. “I moved downtown in my second year and I love Rochester. Now I’m going to stay here and go to work here. That’s why I got involved. I think connecting college students with each other and the community is a great idea.”

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Alumnus wins prestigious photo competition



This photograph, shot by 2006 RIT graduate Paul Van Hoy II, won the grand prize in the Microsoft Future Pro Photographer Competition. More than 15,600 student photographers submitted entries from 90 countries. Van Hoy’s winning image, *Apocalyptic Summer*, was taken in Rochester in the summer of 2006. Van Hoy won a \$20,000 cash award and a digital workflow package valued at \$5,000. He earned a master of fine arts degree in imaging arts from RIT’s School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

Submitted by Paul Van Hoy II

Meet the photo professionals



Award-winning Olympus Visionaries Judy Herrmann and Mike Starke will share the inspiration behind their photographs as well as offer tools of the trade during their on-campus visit. They will give a free lecture at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, in the Gosnell Building’s Van Peurse Auditorium. The above image, used in an advertising campaign for a women’s boutique, is a composite of three shots; an image of the Eiffel Tower, a sheet of wet glass and a woman standing at a marble shelf. The two photographers own Herrmann and Starke Digital Photography. Both are contributing writers for various photo magazines and are guest speakers at the Photo Plus Conferences. Their lecture is co-sponsored by Olympus and RIT’s School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.



A. Sue Weisler | photographer

Stephen Kingston is on board as RIT’s new executive chef.

New chef brings ‘good taste’ and know-how to RIT campus kitchens

Stephen Kingston knows how to whet the palate when he speaks of the diverse array of foods available on the RIT campus—from just like mama-used-to-make beef barley soup and Thanksgiving Day-style turkey dinners, to cold melon soup and beef barbecue with pineapple corn bread, pastas and eggplant parmesan, vegetarian entrées and specialty fruit salads, and healthy choice menu items like Tuscan pork loin adorned with a canopy of apples. And let’s not forget the before-and-after palate pleasers—appetizers like mini-quiche and Swedish meatballs to sweet-tooth delicacies ranging from muffins and cookies, to designer cakes and souffles.

Since May, Kingston has been overseeing a staff of eight full-time chefs as RIT’s executive chef and manager of the Student Alumni Café and Brick City Catering.

“They already do a great job here at the SAU,” says Kingston, “and I have been designing new recipes to add to the menu to attract the diverse population of students, faculty and staff at RIT. One thing we will continue to do is utilize outside vendors like Mrs. Yang’s sushi and Indian cuisine from Pakistan House. It’s important to make everyone feel like they are eating right at home.”

Kingston is also back at home, and the former Honeoye Falls resident is happy to be back in the Rochester area with his wife, Deena, and their two dogs. A graduate of the

College of Culinary Arts at Johnson and Wales University, Kingston’s first post landed him a job as a private chef on an island golf course resort in Cape Cod. Looking for more than seasonal work, Kingston accepted an offer at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn, Mich.—first serving as an intern at Hyatt Key West—where he met his wife.

In 2005, Kingston left Michigan to run Hyatt’s Specialty Seafood Restaurant in Chesapeake Bay before coming to RIT.

“Together Deena and I have a very good understanding about the industry. People watch the Food Network with Emeril Lagasse and Bobby Flay and think it’s oh-so-easy to prepare food and experiment with new recipes. But they don’t realize what it takes to get there—working 12-hour days and working every weekend, every holiday.”

One special occasion that Kingston remembers catering was during Super Bowl XL in 2006. “The Hyatt sent me to be the Chef Liaison for Paul Allen’s private room. He’s the owner of the Seattle Seahawks and it ended up being a gala for 2,500 which started at midnight,” he recalls.

Kingston envisions offering SAU and Brick City Catering patrons appetizing foods that appeal to a wide variety of taste buds. “Being a chef takes commitment, and you have to have passion for what you do,” Kingston says.

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RIT researcher honored for advancing imaging science

The Royal Photographic Society recently named RIT color scientist Mark Fairchild the winner of a prestigious international award for his contributions to imaging science and color research. The RPS Annual Awards recognize individual achievements and contributions to the art and science of photography.

Fairchild is the recipient of the Davies Medal, established in 1998 to honor those whose work advances imaging science, especially digital methods that improve upon traditional or chemical imaging. Kodak European Research and Development sponsored the medal in memory of E.R. Davies, a former research director of the Harrow Laboratories. Fairchild will receive his award at an Oct. 4 ceremony in London.

“I was a photographer before I was a scientist, and it means a great deal to me personally to be recognized by a group that has been an important part of photography from the very beginning,” says Fairchild, the director of Munsell Color Science Laboratory in the Chester F.



Submitted by Mark Fairchild

This image of the Golden Gate Bridge from Mark Fairchild’s High Dynamic Range Photographic Survey was captured approximately 30 minutes after sunset with a series of nine bracketed exposures. The image is rendered for low-dynamic-range displays or printers using an iCAM-based model of local adaptation in the human visual system.

Carlson Center for Imaging Science at RIT. “I am honored that the RPS feels my work has had a meaningful

influence on the art and science of photography.” Fairchild’s research focuses on

color reproduction, image appearance, and high-dynamic-range imaging. Examples of his work will be included on a DVD produced for the awards ceremony, and a selected image will be added to the National Media Museum in Bradford, England, which has a collaborative arrangement with the Royal Photographic Society.

The Davies Medal recognizes Fairchild’s contributions to the understanding of color perception and imaging as well as color-appearance modeling, image appearance, image preference, image perception, color measurement, image and video quality measurement, high-dynamic-range imaging, image rendering and video rendering.

Fairchild is the author of numerous publications including *Color Appearance Models*, now in its second edition. Details about one of Fairchild’s latest research efforts, a High-Dynamic-Range Photographic Survey, are available at www.cis.rit.edu/fairchild/HDR.html. ■

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Destler to visit RIT alumni chapters

President also pledges \$150K annually

RIT President Bill Destler will be earning frequent flier miles this academic year as he visits alumni in nearly 30 cities across the United States. Destler wants to engage the alumni—now greater than 100,000—on his “conversation starters” related to innovation and creativity.

Destler wants to encourage alumni involvement as RIT ambassadors and volunteers, recruiting students, serving as mentors and program advisors, and hiring co-ops and graduates. The president is also looking for feedback on the concept of corporate research and development at RIT.

In the next several months, Destler will visit with alumni groups in Boston, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, New York City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix and Austin, among others.

Meanwhile, Destler and his wife, Rebecca Johnson, have pledged \$150,000 annually to RIT. The funds



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will be used to support student scholarships.

“This gift is a tremendous gesture by Bill Destler and Rebecca Johnson,” says Michael Morley, chairman of the Board of Trustees. “This certainly shows their pride in RIT and devotion to student success.” ■

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Networking about cybersecurity



A. Sue Weisler | photographer

Networking, Security and Systems Administration professors Bill Stackpole, far left, and Yin Pan, far right, were among the department’s faculty members who shared their expertise with educators from all over the country. Professors from Oakwood College, Texas A&M Corpus Christi and Hampton University took on the role of students, learning about networking, computer security and forensics. The two-week workshop in August, sponsored by a \$114,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, aims to build up the number of faculty teaching security courses and ultimately increase the number of students nationwide learning about cybersecurity. The grant will also fund RIT faculty and students to travel to each of the partnering universities for guest lectures and curriculum training.

Princeton Review names Saunders College among best business schools

RIT’s E. Philip Saunders College of Business is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company has selected the school for inclusion in the 2008 edition of its book, *Best 290 Business Schools*, available in bookstores Oct. 9. Saunders College of Business is one of 23 business schools The Princeton Review is adding to the guidebook this year.

In response to RIT’s selection, Saunders College of Business Dean Ashok Rao says: “The faculty and staff of the E. Philip Saunders College of Business believe in student-centered learning and continue to develop exciting new programs. We prepare our students to succeed in today’s innovative and globally diverse companies.”

According to Robert Franek, vice president and publisher of The Princeton Review: “We select schools for this book based on several



criteria. They cover three areas: our regard for their academic programs and other offerings, institutional data we collect about the schools and opinions of students attending the schools.

Best 290 Business Schools has two-page profiles of the schools with write-ups on their academics, student life and admissions, plus ratings for their academics, selectivity and career placement services. The book has 11 ranking lists with each one reporting just the top 10 business schools (of the 290 in the book) in different categories from “Toughest to Get Into” to “Best Career Prospects.” ■

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News brief

Research wing dedication

The Kate Gleason College of Engineering will dedicate a new state-of-the-art research wing of the James E. Gleason Building 2-3 p.m. Sept. 7. The wing will house the Department of Computer Engineering, the Brinkman Machine Tools Laboratory and space for student project work through the college’s senior design program. The construction was funded through the efforts of several donors including the Gleason Foundation, the Brinkman family and Harris Corp.

On the Pod

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News flash: Did you know that you *don’t* need an iPod—or any other kind of portable media player—to listen to a podcast? If not, you have plenty of company.

Admittedly, I’ve mistakenly taken it for granted that most people already knew it. So, it’s good for people like me—those immersed in new media—to be aware of misconceptions surrounding podcasting and reminded every so often that podcasting remains mysterious to many people. In fact, lately I’ve been hearing that point more frequently.

In a recent report on podcasting, Edison Media Research states: “A good chunk of people who might otherwise be interested in podcasts believe that an MP3 player (and, specifically, an iPod) is required to listen.”

Although the term “podcast” comes from the name of the ubiquitous iPod, *all that’s required to listen is a computer and an Internet connection*. By simply clicking on a podcast link (such as “Dateline: RIT – The Podcast”) on a Web site, the podcast usually will begin playing through a media-player plug-in within your Web browser.

You also can listen to podcasts using a media player—such as Windows Media Player or QuickTime—or subscribe to RSS (really simple syndication) feeds and listen on your computer through services such as iTunes (again, *no iPod is required*—although the iPod’s portability is a major convenience).

Watch and listen for an expanded array of University News-produced podcasts—including “RIT NEWSMINUTE,” a weekly calendar-type show that made its debut on Sept. 3. (Calendar submissions sent to univnews@rit.edu are welcome.) It joins our flagship podcast, the twice monthly “Dateline: RIT – The Podcast,” which features the remarks of RIT newsmakers in their own voices, campus news and *News & Events* highlights.

Also currently available is an audio podcast of RIT President Bill Destler’s Aug. 31 address to the RIT community—his first formal address since becoming president July 1.

All University News-produced podcasts are free and available on the University News Web site, www.rit.edu/news (see “Latest Podcasts”), via RSS feed and through Apple iTunes.

See you on the pod—and remember, *no iPod required!*

A warm welcome home



During her year of service in Southwest Asia, Jennifer Gates’ duties were somewhat similar to her work with RIT’s ITS Distributed Support Services as PC systems administrator with the College of Liberal Arts. She worked on computer network defense, conducting assessments and teaching Army units how to manage and protect their systems. Gates, a 2000 RIT graduate, joined the reserves while in high school and participated in ROTC at RIT. She was called to active duty starting Nov. 7, 2005, and served in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq from December 2005 to last December. After her return to the states, she stayed on orders working at Fort Belvoir, Va., until last May. Her ITS and College of Liberal Arts colleagues welcomed Gates back to work Aug. 6 with a lunchtime celebration. About two dozen RIT faculty, staff and students have been called to duty since the Iraq war began in 2003.



Elizabeth Lamark | photographer

RIT President Bill Destler, far left, and his wife, Rebecca Johnson, spent Aug. 26 helping RIT students move into their residence halls rooms. Destler and his wife moved into their new home at Liberty Hill on July 1.

RIT faculty rise up the ranks

Select members of the RIT faculty are rising up the ranks as a new school year gets underway. Promotions have been granted to 52 faculty members effective Sept. 1.

Recognition for high standards in enhancing student learning is the primary factor determining promotion. Academic and professional qualifications, scholarship, special contributions to RIT and community activities may also factor into the decision to grant a promotion.

“The view that teaching is the foremost activity of the RIT faculty is deeply rooted in the traditions of the institution, and the primacy of teaching continues to be a hallmark of RIT,” states Provost Stanley McKenzie. “These promotions are evidence of the extent to which high standards of teaching can be achieved and maintained.”

Faculty promotions for the 2007-2008 academic year are as follows:

College of Applied Science and Technology: Steve Ciccarelli, associate professor; William Leonard, associate professor; Jennifer Schneider, professor; Linda Tolan, professor; Maureen Valentine, professor; Thomas Voss, associate professor

E. Philip Saunders College of Business: Khondkar Karim, professor

B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences: Catherine Beaton, associate professor; Kevin Bierre, associate professor; Deborah Coleman, associate professor; Joseph Geigel, associate professor; Edith Hemaspaandra, professor; Tona Henderson, associate professor; Edward Holden, associate professor; Jai Kang, associate professor; Louise Oyzon, associate professor; Thomas Reichlmayr, associate professor; Nirmala Shenoy, professor; Ronald Vullo, associate professor; Keith Whittington, associate professor

Kate Gleason College of Engineering: David Borkholder, associate professor; Agamemnon Crassidis, associate professor; Matthew Marshall, associate professor; Jacqueline Mozrall, professor

College of Imaging Arts and Sciences: Juan Carlos Caballero-Perez, associate professor; Robin Cass, associate professor; Denis Defibaugh, professor; Thérèse Hannigan, associate professor; Dan Larkin, associate professor

College of Liberal Arts: Grant Cos, associate professor; Babak Elahi, associate professor; Andrew Herbert, associate professor; Keith Jenkins, associate professor; Christine Kray, associate professor; Jonathan Kruger, associate professor; Tina Lent, professor; Amit Ray, associate professor; John Roche, associate professor; Christopher Schreck, associate professor; M. Jeffrey Wagner, associate professor

College of Science: William Basener, associate professor; Bernard Brooks, associate professor; Maureen Ferran, associate professor; Hamad Ghazle, professor; Suzanne O’Handley, associate professor; Jeff Pelz, professor; Michael Radin, associate professor; L. Paul Rosenberg, professor; Hyla Sweet, associate professor; Nancy Valentage, professor; Kristen Waterstram-Rich, professor

National Technical Institute for the Deaf: Jessica Cuculick, assistant professor, Lawrence Scott Jr., associate professor

In addition, 11 retiring faculty members have been awarded “emeritus” status including James Fleming, Robert Brown, James VerHague, James Worman, Kay Turner, Marilu Raman, Thomas Pray, Mark Price, William Larsen, Nabil Kaylani and Richard Chu. ■

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3n mass notification system will be instrumental in our ability to manage any crisis situation or non-standard condition across the campus.”

RIT also currently uses several communication tools to reach the university community, including the RIT homepage, University News Web site, broadcast e-mail alerts, broadcast voice-mail messages, a recorded emergency hotline, (585) 475-7075 (voice)/(585) 475-7076 (tty), a campus radio station and indoor and outdoor electronic message boards.

The initiative to improve emergency communications pre-dates the tragedy at Virginia Tech. 3n announced a partnership with Virginia Tech in June.

3n is the leading provider of mass notification solutions to Global 2000 corporations, government agencies, healthcare systems and educational institutions in more than 70 countries with the ability to communicate in more than 230 countries.

For information about 3n, visit www.3nonline.com/pr. ■

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New CAST appointments

Maureen Valentine has been appointed to the position of Paul A. Miller professor and vice dean in the College of Applied Science and Technology. Valentine has been the chair of the Department of Civil Engineering Technology, Environmental Management and Safety for the past seven years.



Maureen Valentine

“In her new role as vice dean, Professor Valentine will be responsible for faculty affairs and selected operational administrative activities of the college,” says Carol Richardson, interim dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology.

“As the Paul A. Miller professor, Professor Valentine will pursue several special projects, including strengthening the efforts of the college’s Women in Technology program and incorporating sustainability and green design into the college’s programs.”

Valentine served as the president of the Monroe Professional

Engineers Society last year. In 2006, she was awarded the RIT Student Government Outstanding Club Advisor award for her work with the college’s concrete canoe team.

Other appointments in the College of Applied Science and Technology:

John Morelli has been appointed to a two-year term as the college’s Russell C. McCarthy endowed chair. Morelli will investigate the roles of environmental managers, particularly as they pertain to sustainability. He will also conduct an annual Environmental Management Leadership Symposia at RIT and in international locations.

Daniel Johnson has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology/Packaging Science.

Abi Aghayere has been appointed interim chair of the Department of Civil Engineering Technology, Environmental Management and Safety. Aghayere, who joined RIT in 1996, received the Eisenhart Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2005.

Paul Harris is the college’s new director of development. ■
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RIT launches provost search

The search for a new provost will be lead by Paul Rosenberg, a chemistry professor in the College of Science. The 16-member committee, which includes faculty, staff, students and trustees, will conduct a national and international search. The new provost will be named later in the academic year.

Stan McKenzie, entering his 14th year as provost, will step down and will return to teaching. McKenzie has worked at RIT for 41 years, serving in a variety of roles including professor, director of judicial affairs, assistant to the provost and acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts. He will return to the College of Liberal Arts where he will teach literature classes next year. ■

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Building blocks to a career



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Alexis Coley, left, an eighth grader at Frederick Douglass Preparatory School, and Chavon Thomas, a ninth grader at East High School, were among twenty-five local students, that attended a summer computing camp at RIT. Larry Hill, professor of networking, security and systems administration, taught them how to build their own personal computers and how to install and test software. Staff from RIT’s K-12 Office worked with the students on professional development skills such as résumé writing and job interviews. The six-week camp was sponsored by a \$40,000 federal grant offered through Rochester Works. Microsoft donated \$15,000 in software. Each student received their own computer and a stipend.

Obituary

Alice Pochulsky, staff assistant for mechanical engineering technology, Aug. 21.