President Albert Simone announces RIT’s upcoming move to Division I hockey.

RIT celebrates move to Division I hockey

175th highlights women leaders

Federal support expands key imaging research program

RIT opens first ‘social computing’ lab

Mayberry named vice president
Letters from the past

Paul Bernstein
signed copies of his
new book, Letters to
Eleanor: Voices of the
Great Depression, at
Campus Connect
ions last month.
Bernstein served as
dean of the College of
Liberal Arts—
then called the
College of General
Studies—from
1966 to 1976 and
teaches one graduate
studies course from
will have another
book signing from
noon to 4 p.m. on
Jan. 22 at Writers
& Books. For more
information, visit
www.letters-to-
eleanor.com.

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The widely known Flying Words Project will perform a free show this month at 7:30
p.m. Jan. 29 at the Robert F. Panara
National Technical
Institute for the
Deaf.

Imagine was a twelve-week
program that used the power of
art to help deaf and hearing
students cross the communication
gap. The program provided
opportunities for deaf and hearing
students to participate in the arts, to
understand cultural differences, and
to gain a new perspective on the
social, economic and political
issues of the nature of communication.

An exchange of students and ideas

A group of delegates from the Kanazawa Institute of Technology in Japan trav-
el to RIT in December to sign a renewal of a student exchange agreement. The
delgation, led by Larry Wonke, associate dean, College of Liberal Arts and
Catherine Winnie, director of RIT’s Academic Enhancement Programs, included
KFP President Ken-ichi Ishikawa, shown above. The group toured several cam-
pus departments and labs before signing the official agreement during a dinner
at Liberty Hill, home of RIT President Albert Simon. Here, students working in
the Foreign Language Lab discuss their project with Ishikawa.

RIT Women’s Center awarded two grants

The RIT Women’s Center was recently awarded two grants totaling $375,000.
The Department of Justice awarded the Women’s Center a $500,000 grant for
December 2004 to November 2006. This brings the total funding secured by
Julie White, the former director of the Women’s Center, to more than
$1 million from the Department of Justice over the past six years.

White said, “This is crucial funding for the Women’s Center to continue its mission
to support women on the RIT campus both personally and academically while
continuing to develop and deliver successful, comprehensive programming and services to prevent violence at RIT. The center does this
through professional training and support for Campus Safety; the Center for
Student Conduct and Conflict Management Services; staff and students personnel and local law enforcement by improving coordination among programs and people responding to crimes against women on campus and by strengthening the delivery of victim
services for all students.

The Women’s Center also coordinates with campus and community partners to
devise and deliver programming based on social norms and make peer-support models.
The center also received a $57,000 grant from the Davenport-Hatch Foundation towards the expansion of the Women’s Center. Davenport-Hatch,
a private foundation in the Rochester area, also provided support for con-
struction of the Gordon Field House and Activities Center in recent years.

This grant will be used for the future relocation and renovation of the center in the Student Alumni
Building.
In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, RIT will host a program featuring a guest speaker, musical performances and a reception following the event.

The program will feature welcome remarks from RIT President Albert T. Vita, D.D.S., and a musical selection from Professor Carl Atkins, and the Gospel Ensemble. The keynote address, “More Than 40 Years Later, Has the Dream Become a Reality?” will be presented by Robert Colón, assistant attorney general, Rochester Regional Office. In his role with the New York State Attorney General’s office, Colón oversees all functions of the Rochester regional office including supervising attorneys and staff members.

A question-and-answer session will follow Colón’s talk, and a reception will be held in the Fireside Lounge, 2 AMU, after the ceremony.

The program is sponsored by RIT’s Commission for Promoting Pluralism.

Two local unions, Unions and Businesses United in Construction and the Rochester Building and Construction Trades Council, were recently honored at RIT by the National Association of Community and槎川 for eight annual Snowball 8 p.m.-midnight, Jan. 21 in the Student Alumni Union Cafeteria. The Snowball is open to all RIT students. Half of all proceeds are donated to local Habitat for Humanity chapters. Tickets are $8 per sale at the Student Alumni Union candy counter and $10 at the door. E-mail habi
tatl@mail.rit.edu.

Let’s “spirit” move you

Students from the College of Business understand that diverse in the hectic pace of RIT life during Spirit Week, Jan. 17- 21. Students are expected to celebrate the Max Lowenthal Building— including games, raffles, a baked goods silent auction, ice cream social and coffee hour.

Charlie Brown, senior vice president and chief administrativa officer at Kodak, will be the keynote speaker. His lecture takes place 4 p.m., Jan. 26. Call 475-2199 or e-mail dbb@rit.edu.

Happy 200th Birthday

Campus Connection bookstore is turning 20! As a thank you, the store will host special events each day until Jan. 25. For example, every day until Jan. 23, the first 100 customers will each receive a 20 percent-off coupon, and a drawing will be held for a $25 campus bookstore gift card. For information, call 475-6033.

Gallery r showcase

“Exciting the Mundane” is underway through Jan. 22 at Gallery r, 775 Park Ave., RIT’s student-run metro showcase. The free show hosts works by artists, designers, photographers and photographers who capture the usual in uncommon visual statements. Call 475-9490, or visit www.galleryr.org.
### Mayberry

Collaborating with the other vice presidents and to continued productive partnerships with the deans and provost, McKenzie became provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1994. As provost, McKenzie will remain chief academic officer. The deans, associate provost for outreach programs, assistant provost and director of CIMS, and assistant provost for diversity will continue to report directly to the provost.

“Student success means that students graduate from RIT, feel good about their experiences here and move on to successful lives and careers. With regard to extracurricular activities, Vice President for Student Affairs Mary Beth Cooper thinks of our students every day I want the same emphasis on the academic side of the house.”

### Computing

“Accordingly, Kit Mayberry will be thinking about the academic progress and success of every student every day. Stan McKenzie, in his role as provost and chief academic officer, will continue to work closely every day with the deans, faculty, and associate/professor. He and Kit will interact on issues of curriculum, academic advising, teaching/learning and other issues which directly relate to student academic success. Most universities do not focus on student academic success, as Kit will doing. This approach is a new paradigm, one for which I have great expectations.”

“I want to congratulate Kit on his new and unique role. I want to thank Stan, especially, for agreeing to postpone his retirement here for several years so that we can finish what we started together more than 10 years ago.”

### Athletes leave their mark

The RIT Jim & Conference Center was the site for the 2004 RIT Athletics Hall of Fame Induction ceremony in November. Former RIT athletes and staff are selected based upon their athletic excellence and distinguished service. This year’s inductees are, from left, Bob Gross, baseball; Ken Williams, hockey; Paul Schuhan, soccer; Ulii Patel, volleyball; Meredith Ray, athletics interpreters; Kevin Collins, cross country and track; and Jeff Molisani, basketball.

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### Learning bioscience skills

RIT’s Center for Bioscience Education and Technology is retaining members of the Rochester workforce in basic bioscience skills. To the full, Eastman Kodak Co. allocated up to $200,000 from its Rochester Economic Development Fund to provide free tuition for 35 people in study at CBET. The 10-week certificate program, Basic Bioscience Skills for Bioprocessing Operations, provides fundamental skills needed for people seeking entry-level positions at local biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies and medical research centers. Students, drawn from left: Scena Thomas, Siva Sugunan, Yauaneek Jackson and Richard Schmanke study enzyme kinetics. The next session begins Jan. 19 and runs through March 29.

### Women leaders

The series features from page 1 to a telecommunications lab. A reception in the Golisano College lobby will follow her presentation. Van Court is also a member of RIT President Albert Simone’s round-table advisory panel.

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