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RIT has announced its new undergraduate tuition and other charges for the 2004-05 academic year. Tuition for returning students who matriculated and enrolled prior to fall of 2003 will increase 4.9 percent to \$21,447. Tuition for entering freshmen, transfer students and other undergraduate students who matriculated and enrolled fall of 2003 or after will be \$22,056, also a 4.9 percent increase.

RIT began a two-tiered tuition program last year to minimize the impact of tuition increases on returning students and their families.

"The staff, faculty and administration of RIT have worked collaboratively to identify many cost-saving opportunities during this past year," says James Watters, vice president of finance and administration. "The reality of increased costs in health care, natural resources, advanced technology, and skilled personnel exceeds our ability to trim expenses while ensuring quality."

Full-time graduate tuition is also going up 4.9 percent to \$24,090. Specialty graduate programs, such as the Executive MBA and Executive Leadership Program, have different rates.

A complete schedule of tuition costs, fees and related charges can be found at http://finweb.rit.edu/bursar/tuition_fees_04_05.html

"Overall costs at RIT will remain lower when compared to many of our peer institutions," adds Watters. "When comparing costs and academic quality, we believe that an RIT education will continue to be worth the investment in years to come." ■

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Imaging science research reaches high schoolers

Victor Senior High School is the first school in the Rochester area—and possibly in the country—to offer an elective in imaging science, a blend of physics, chemistry, mathematics and computer science. Students there are learning how scientists create imaging-information systems to capture data on different wavelengths and solve scientific problems. For instance, the U.S. Forest Service uses special cameras on airplanes to detect heat on the infrared wavelength, which can help locate and track wild-fires.

Mathematics teacher Shaun Goodrich introduced the unique elective with an eye to her students' futures, exposing them for the first time to this multidisciplinary field in which the camera is only one element of a larger system.

"I see it as a nice bridge between high school and college," Goodrich says. "It is another avenue to discover."

A growing field, imaging science has been a mainstay at RIT since 1985. RIT is the only university in the country to offer undergraduate and advanced degree programs in this field of study.

Like college freshmen, Goodrich's class of high school juniors and seniors learns about imaging science through lectures, hands-on laboratories and visits from RIT



Victor high school teachers Shaun Goodrich, left, and Robert Callens, developed an elective in imaging science with help from RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science.

imaging science faculty.

"The curriculum is similar to the freshman-level class at RIT," says Joe Pow, associate director at RIT's Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science.

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The curriculum is based on the imaging chain—a conceptual model that describes everything involved in creating a visual rendering of an object or phenomenon.

—Joe Pow, associate director, Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science

Last summer, Pow worked closely with Goodrich and Robert Callens from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School to develop a series of lessons and experiments appropriate for high school students. The teachers had previously learned about intro-

duced imaging science into the classroom during an image-processing workshop at RIT three years ago. Next year, Callens at HF-L will teach a new yearlong physics elective that will include the study of imaging science. "There has been a great deal of interest in this course by our students," Callens says. "We have enough students signed up to have two sections next year." Goodrich and Callens will share their experiences developing an imaging science curriculum for high school students during the CIS

NTID gets \$1.26 million from Nippon Foundation Program works to improve education, careers for deaf students

The Nippon Foundation of Japan has awarded the Postsecondary Education Network-International, a grant program housed at NTID, \$1.26 million to steward a worldwide network to improve education and career opportunities for deaf men and women. To date, The Nippon Foundation has awarded PEN-International more than \$4.5 million.

Deaf college students in Japan, China, Russia, the Czech Republic, Thailand and the Philippines will continue to benefit from PEN-International's expertise through

improved curriculum, increased access, new technology, multi-media labs, and trained faculty members.

"Perhaps our most important achievement is the growing number of faculty members who are successfully sharing their newly developed expertise within their respective countries," says James DeCaro, director of PEN-International.

DeCaro says significant inroads have been made with associates at Tianjin University of Technology in China, De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde in Philippines, and

Bauman Moscow State Technical University in Russia, who have added more than 20 additional institutions to the network.

"This is the ripple effect for which we have been striving," DeCaro adds.

PEN-International is a multilateral international effort to network colleges and universities that educate people who are deaf.

For more information about PEN-International and its global partners visit www.pen.ntid.rit.edu. ■

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RIT celebrates '175' with new interactive Web site

Free evening classes . . . Distinguished speakers like Charles Dickens, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Frederick Douglass . . . Classes to help the defense industry during World War II . . .

These are all part of RIT's history. To learn more, visit the 175th anniversary Web site at www.rit.edu/175.

The anniversary officially kicks off in May during Commencement ceremonies, but the Web site is



now active and will continue to add content throughout the year.

Key Web site features include:

- Historic timelines for each college
- Video archives
- Event calendars with highlights of the celebration year
- "Create your own history" page—alumni, students, faculty, staff, retirees and friends of RIT can post memories
- Campus tours

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Industrial Associates meeting in May at RIT.

"Their talk will be webcast so that other teachers interested in this will have an opportunity to watch it on the Internet," Pow says. "We hope to attract a nationwide audience." (For more information, visit www.cis.rit.edu/info/IA_S2004.html.)

In addition, Pow would like to offer another round of summer workshops to interested high school teachers. He eventually hopes to export the class to other schools in the area and around the country.

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Energy Dept. creates CIMS learning site



Nabil Nasr

RIT's leadership in the research and development of alternative energy sources is taking a significant step forward. The U.S. Department of Energy is committing its support to the creation of a hydrogen-technology learning center at RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies.

The goal of a hydrogen-technology learning center is to educate students, potential end users, elected leaders and the public about the vision of a fuel cell economy. Areas of research include hydrogen applications, its safe use as an energy carrier and other related challenges.

CIMS will be one of four learning center sites established through \$750,000 in Department of Energy funding. Two centers will be in California and the other in Florida. According to Nabil Nasr, CIMS director, this brings together the three states with the most hydrogen-related activities.

"Our center would serve as the catalyst for education and research throughout the Northeast as the fuel cell economy moves from the planning stages to reality," explains Nasr.

The project, which will be conducted over 18 months, is in collaboration with University of Central Florida, San Diego Miramar College, University of California at Davis, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, and the California Energy Commission.

"This partnership will open the door to a variety of opportunities for

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RIT student film selected for prestigious national festival

Vosbury's award-winning film chronicles the passion for cheesesteaks

Bush or Kerry? Yes, this year's choice for the American presidency is a hot topic. But well after all the ballots are counted in November, another debate is certain to rage on—Pat's or Geno's?

The intense—but always comical—rhetoric between fans of these rival Philadelphia eateries is chronicled in *The Great Cheesesteak Debate*. The 12-minute film by RIT student Scott Vosbury will be part of this year's prestigious Full Frame Documentary Film Festival. Screening of Vosbury's production is set for April 3 in Durham, N.C.

"This is considered to be the most important documentary film festival in the country," he states. "It's a tremendous honor to have my work included."

Philadelphia's love affair with

cheesesteak sandwiches is legendary. Vosbury, who grew up in nearby Downingtown, Pa., decided that offered fodder for a film project. Over the course of three weekends in 2002, he hit the city streets in search of opinions on Philly's best cheesesteak.

Despite an array of vendors, the competition between two proved particularly appetizing.

Pat's and Geno's are located across the street from each other, and both keep hungry patrons lined up at all hours. When it comes to deciding which is the cheesesteak champion, Vosbury says passion and proximity make the debate between customers entertaining—and sometimes volatile.

"At 2 a.m., the lines for both

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Scott Vosbury travels to North Carolina next week for the Full Frame Documentary Film Festival and the latest screening of his project, *The Great Cheesesteak Debate*.

News briefs

Henry's spring opening

Henry's restaurant, on the fourth floor of the George Eastman Building, opens for spring quarter today, Thursday, March 25. Operated by RIT hospitality and service management majors, the eatery serves lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, through May 11. Take-out orders and RIT debit cards are accepted. For more information, call 5-2351 or visit www.rit.edu/~henrys.

Got hair?

If you've got hair to spare, consider donating it to Locks of Love. From noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 28, you can have a free haircut by professional stylists at Pharaoh's Hairum salon if you donate to the program. Prizes will be awarded to the person who donates the longest length of hair and to the organization with the most donors.

The donation is sponsored by RIT's Center for Residence Life.

For more information on the program, log onto www.locksoflove.org.

Diversity conference

RIT's Expressions of Diversity conference will be held March 29-April 2. The conference will feature more than 30 scheduled talks and performances, all free and open to the public, focusing on artistic expression of diversity, enhancement of the understanding of diversity within the RIT and Rochester communities, or topics about culture, ethnicity or religion.

Performances from Spiritus Christi Gospel Choir, along with RIT Gospel Ensemble and Bush Mango Drum and Dance with RIT's Dance Troop, have been scheduled. The featured speaker is Claude Steele, the Lucie Stern Professor in the Social Sciences, Stanford University.

For information, log onto www.rit.edu/diversity.

Sidewalk sale, April 7-9

Campus Connections announces its spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 7-9, in the atrium in front of the store. The clearance sale features assorted styles of sportswear and sports-related clothing, selected stationery, general books, gifts, posters, assorted art and school supplies, selected, discontinued and demo photographic equipment and more.

Student writing contest

The annual student writing contest encourages students to express themselves in either essay form or through creative writing. The Institute Writing Committee sponsors the contest.

In an essay of 500 to 1,000 words, students should explore the positive and/or negative aspects that personal computers play in our lives. Students should reference any resource materials used following MLA guidelines.

Students may enter one category or both, but may submit only one work in each category. The judges will award \$250 to the best entry.

Deadline is Thursday, April 1. For information, call 5-2461 or the language and literature department at 5-6928.

Speaker to discuss sexuality, religion connection, March 28



Christian de la Huerta

Author Christian de la Huerta will speak about sexuality and religion at the Upstate New York GLBTQA (Gay, Lesbian,

Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Ally) advocacy and training conference on Sunday, March 28.

The conference, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in room A205 of the College of Liberal Arts, is hosted by the RIT Gay Alliance. Workshops and advocacy training, as well as sessions on diver-

sity, leadership and relationships, will be held throughout the day.

At 4 p.m., de la Huerta will speak about coming out spiritually, a program on the relationship between homosexuality and spirituality.

He is the author of *Coming out Spiritually*, named by *Publishers Weekly* as one of the top 10 religious books of 1999. Now in its fourth printing, the book has provided gay and lesbian people hope for a thoughtful synthesis of their gay and spiritual selves.

In his campus program, de la Huerta shares an understanding of the teachings of many of the world's religions—Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism, Sufism and Taoism—and their atti-

tudes toward homosexuality.

Offering a fresh outlook on gay spirituality and how to assert it, de la Huerta gives gay and straight audiences new foundations from which to build a spiritual life.

The conference is open to the public—free for students and \$10 for everyone else. Lunch is included. It is sponsored by the Center for Religious Life, RIT Women's Center, RIT Gay Alliance, Student Government, Center for Residence Life and Center for Student and Transition and Support. For more information and to register, contact the RIT Women's Center at 5-7464 or ritwom@rit.edu. ■

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Conference schedule

Sunday, March 28

- 9 a.m. to noon: Activist and ally-building workshop
- Noon to 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
- 12:30 to 2 p.m.: Workshops on transgender; healthy relationships; what leaders are made from...
- 2 to 3 p.m.: Workshops on sex; same-sex marriage: roundtable discussion on how to organize in your community; organizing for change; transgender
- 3:30 to 4 p.m.: networking
- 4 to 5 p.m.: end note speaker, Christian de la Huerta

Opportunity knocks for undergraduate researchers in communication

Conference showcases student papers and posters at annual gathering April 8

What do Richard Nixon and Disney heroines have in common? Both will be among the topics of research presented at RIT's 2004 Conference for Undergraduate Research in Communication on Thursday, April 8.

Sponsored by the department of communication in the College of Liberal Arts, this event—the first of its kind in the area—will draw student presenters from six area colleges and universities including State University of New York at Brockport, Ithaca College, Alfred University, SUNY Geneseo and SUNYIT Utica as well as RIT. Students will discuss a variety of topics including a rhetorical analysis of Richard Nixon's resignation speech and a critical analysis of contemporary Disney heroines.

The event—free and open to the public—will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Alumni Union.

The conference will kick off with an opening address from

remainder of the morning and early afternoon. The event will close with an awards ceremony recognizing the three best papers and best poster.

Keith Jenkins, assistant professor, and Patrick Scanlon, professor,

other institutions," says Jenkins.

Adds Austin: "Few undergraduate programs emphasize research as ours does. By having this conference, and presenting our research, our scholarly obligations to share research are fulfilled while stimulating our own thinking on other topics to pursue."

Participation in this conference also will help position undergraduates for careers in graduate study, where research and thesis papers are far more common.

Plans are in the works to make the conference an annual event. "We're off to a really good start," says Austin. "Success breeds success, and there is potential to grow the conference both here and at other institutions." ■

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—Bruce Austin, chair, professional and technical communications

Andrew Moore, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, followed by a welcome from Bruce Austin, chair of the communication department. Participants will break into sessions and poster presentations for the

from RIT's communication department organized the conference.

"This conference will be an opportunity to not only showcase our own students, but to expose them to research from their peers at

Hospitality alums share knowledge



RIT's School of Hospitality and Service Management welcomed back alumni employed by Renaissance Hotels and Resorts for an interactive workshop on March 10. Michael Murphy '84 (hotel and resort management), shown at left, and Kimo Kippen '93 (career and human resource development) discussed brand strategy and human resources with more than 150 RIT students and alumni. A representative of E.J. Del Monte Corp. also presented at the workshop, which was sponsored by the hospitality alumni society.

Robotics teams in competition

RIT-associated teams gear up for Cleveland regional

Four FIRST robotics teams connected with RIT are set to compete in the FIRST Buckeye Regional in Cleveland today, March 25, through Saturday, March 27. The event is one of 26 regional competitions leading up to next month's 2004 national FIRST Robotics Competition in Atlanta.

RIT and Bausch & Lomb Inc. sponsor a team from Edison Technical and Occupational Education Center. The team is mentored by RIT students and advised by Bill Scarbrough, instructor of mechanical engineering.

Ed Hensel, professor and department head of mechanical engineering, advises the Fairport High School FIRST team, and RIT students also mentor FIRST teams from Charles Finney High School and Churchville-Chili Senior High School. Other

Rochester-area high schools with FIRST teams include Global Media Arts School at Franklin High School, John Marshall High School, Webster Schroeder High School, Webster Thomas High School and Wilson Magnet High School.

As part of a business-educational alliance with Bausch & Lomb and Xerox Corp., RIT will host annual regional FIRST competitions beginning in 2005.

Begun by inventor Dean Kamen, FIRST competitions aim to inspire youths to pursue studies and careers in science, technology and engineering. Working with adult mentors, students design, build and program robotic creations for friendly, team-based, sports-style competitions. Visit www.usfirst.org/robotics/. ■

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This column presents opinions and ideas on issues relevant to higher education. We hope "Viewpoints" inspires discussion among the RIT community. To suggest an idea for the column, e-mail newsevents@rit.edu.



In the past, institutions such as RIT, regarded as teaching institutions, did not require scholarship of faculty, who historically carried heavy

teaching loads (an average of 13 contact hours per quarter or nine courses per academic year).

Outside the classroom, focus was on consulting, particularly in engineering technology, a professional field distinguished by an applications-oriented, hands-on emphasis.

Most faculty in engineering technology programs in the College of Applied Science and Technology are licensed professional engineers with many years of industrial experience. They bring a wealth of real-world experience to the classroom, which enriches students' educational experience and prepares them for careers in engineering design and management or graduate school.

Today, significant scholarship is expected of "teacher-scholars." Across all disciplines, scholarship leads to faculty renewal and continuous learning that enhance students' education and bring prestige, recognition and funding to programs and the university. However, scholarship expectations can only be realized if support mechanisms enable faculty to become more fully engaged in scholarly

activities. The new requirement for scholarship has not come with a corresponding reduction in teaching loads, leading many faculty to ask, "Where do I find the time for 'significant scholarship' with my already overloaded teaching schedule?" It is incumbent on the university to provide support such as course release time, summer mini-grants or fellowships for scholarship, and a travel fund program to enable faculty to present papers at conferences.

CAST has begun a program to grow and nurture the scholarship culture and has appointed a Faculty Associate for Scholarship to lead these efforts. Several strategies already implemented indicate an increase in scholarly productivity. About 30 percent of CAST faculty collaborated to produce more than 20 scholarly products within the last six months—an increase of almost 100

percent compared with the previous academic year in terms of scholarship and participating faculty. We now have a "good problem": where to find funds to enable faculty-scholars to present papers. As we look to the future, engineering technology faculty should prepare to become more engaged in scholarship while maintaining the applied flavor and practice-oriented emphasis that is the hallmark of engineering technology programs. Faculty of the future will be teacher-scholar-practitioners who excel in teaching and scholarship while bringing real-world examples

from consulting into the classroom. The scholarship of teaching/pedagogy and application, a good fit with engineering technology, may represent the majority of scholarly activity, though external funding may be limited. A recent nationwide survey of engineering technology programs shows 70 percent of engineering technology faculty disseminates scholarship through peer-reviewed annual conference proceedings of the American Society for Engineering Education. Faculty can enhance scholarly productivity by reflecting on and writing about teaching and classroom techniques and experiences, student learning outcomes assessments, and consulting activities. Results can be shared in journals and conferences or in the form of patents or new software. Engineering technology faculty must continue to distinguish themselves by their practice-oriented and hands-on approach to teaching while engaging in student-centered and curriculum-enhancing scholarship. RIT must ensure the "publish or perish" culture, at the expense of student learning, does not take root by supporting every willing faculty member seeking a ticket to board the scholarship "bus." We must put our money where our mouth is on scholarship.

Engineering technology faculty must continue to distinguish themselves by their practice-oriented and hands-on approach to teaching while engaging in student-centered and curriculum-enhancing scholarship.

Aghayere is associate professor of civil engineering technology and the faculty associate for scholarship in the College of Applied Science and Technology. This essay is based on "The Scholarship Horizons in Engineering Technology: Choosing the Best Path," co-written by Wiley McKinzie, CAST dean. The paper received a Best Paper Award from the American Society for Engineering Education.

Mellon Foundation grant expands Wallace Library offerings

ConnectNY makes holdings of four other libraries accessible to RIT community

RIT has won a \$250,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, in collaboration with four other New York state independent colleges and universities, supporting development of a resource-sharing system for academic libraries throughout the state.

The project, called ConnectNY, allows the institutions to share library holdings, making the collections of all five readily available to students, faculty and staff. Colgate University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, RIT, St. Lawrence University and Vassar College have joined together to form ConnectNY.

"We are already fortunate to have



48-hour turnaround access to more than two million additional book titles through ConnectNY," says Chandra

W. Mellon Foundation last year awarded a \$40,000 grant to plan the

project. This award, for implementation, included handling over 10,000 book requests by the five libraries. Among the organization's goals is the addition of five new academic library members to ConnectNY in the next three years. In addition to increasing the offerings available to library users and reducing resource-sharing costs, the new system speeds delivery of volumes from participating institutions. Users may borrow materials from ConnectNY libraries by requesting them online and items are delivered to their own library for pickup, usually within 48 hours. ■

RIT racers 'shoot for the stars' in moon buggy competitions

Little things like funding, an all-rookie staff and lunar craters don't get in the way of RIT's Moon Buggy team.

On April 2, the team will travel to Huntsville, Ala., to compete in the 11th annual Great Moon Buggy Race, sponsored by NASA.

This will be the fourth year RIT has entered the competition, and the team of enthusiastic rookies is looking forward to a great learning experience.

Third-year mechanical engineering students and co-captains Mike Reid and Andrew Streett each dedicated themselves to the evolution of this year's moon buggy going back to last summer.

"We gave a lot of thought to the design aspects over the summer, then reunited when we both got back," says Reid. "From there, we just started designing and recruiting around campus."

After gathering a number of second- and third-year students for the team, the next step was raising funds.

Substantial contributions came from David Cerqueira '03 (mechanical engineering), a former team member. Current members refer to him as the "grandfather of the buggy



Third-year mechanical engineering major Andrew Streett tests the pedals of the RIT Moon Buggy as team members look on. The team will compete in a NASA-sponsored competition on April 2 in Huntsville, Ala.

team." With the groundwork laid, the team started modeling components of the buggy and analyzing areas of improvement. According to Reid, steering was a major issue for re-design this year. "We really needed a more accu-

rate steering mechanism. We came up with a new design, and coupled with a proper suspension, there should be a significant improvement over last year's rover," he says.

Streett's assignment was to re-examine the geometry and ergonomics of the buggy design, making it

more comfortable and efficient for the riders. Though some parts of the new rover were cannibalized from the old model, much of the rover is original.

This year's buggy is a "mirror" design—two riders sit back-to-back and pedal a bicycle mechanism mounted chest-high. All team members contributed equally to the design, one of the best parts of working in the small-size team.

Reid adds, "Working on this project allows first- and second-year students to be involved and is a valuable opportunity to get your hands dirty and your thoughts heard."

One challenge still awaits the team: a treacherous course that no one on the team has ever seen or ridden. The course is littered with simulated lava ridges, lunar craters and a scale model of the Apollo lunar landing vehicle. In constructing the vehicle, the team had to take two-foot drops and 30-degree rolls into account.

"Basically," says Reid, "they're going to try to break the buggy." But the team remains steadfast and confident. "We're confident it will hold up. This rover can take anything that course has." ■

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Athenaeum open house

The Athenaeum, RIT's academy for learning over age 50, invites returning and new members to a preview of spring classes and a weeklong open house.

The preview session—free and open to the public—will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on March 31. Guest speaker is registered architect Tim Forward, who will discuss "The Figure a Building Makes." The event also will feature a book discussion on *Pride and Prejudice*, hosted by Athenaeum course leader Ann Owens.

A taste of spring classes will be offered during a weeklong open house, with sampler sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday, April 5 through 8. Participants are invited to stay the day—attend classes, bring a brown bag lunch and socialize with current members.

For more information or for a complete spring catalog, call 292-8989 or visit www.rit.edu/athenaeum. Call ahead to reserve seating.

Math awareness lecture

The tendency to synchronize is one of the most mysterious and pervasive drives in all of nature—from fireflies flashing in unison along the tidal rivers of Malaysia to the moon spinning in orbit around earth.

Steven Stogatz, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics at Cornell University, will present "Sync: The Emerging Science of Spontaneous Order." The lecture will take place from 7 to 8:50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences auditorium.

The event—free and open to the public—is sponsored by the department of mathematics and statistics in celebration of Mathematics Awareness Month.

Night of A Cappella

The Brick City Singers are hosting the fourth annual Night of A Cappella at 8 p.m. on April 3 in Ingle Auditorium.

Three other groups will perform with RIT's Brick City Singers—WPI Interstate 8, MIT/Wellesley Toons and Cornell Class Notes.

Tickets are \$3 at the door.

Log onto www.brickcitysingers.org for information.

Common Novel lectures

The final set of lectures highlighting Anthony Swofford's memoir, *Jarhead*, will conclude this year's common reading experience sponsored by RIT's language and literature department in the College of Liberal Arts.

Jarhead chronicles a marine's perspective of Desert Storm and his attitude toward U.S. foreign policy, American life and manhood.

Upcoming presentations:

- A videotape of Swofford's fall lecture will be shown on Wednesday, April 7
- Faculty members and a military representative will discuss *Jarhead* on Wednesday, April 14
- A faculty panel will respond to the previous discussion on Wednesday, April 21

All events will be at 7:30 p.m. in Webb Auditorium in the James E. Booth Building.

For more information, call 5-6928.

Something else Twinkies are good for



Nearly 50 female high school students "shadowed" RIT students for a day as part of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering's fourth annual "Shadow Day," March 18-19. The students participated in hands-on engineering-related activities with RIT student mentors, such as creating a "projectile system" and studying the behaviors of projectiles in motion (in this case, Hostess Twinkies, as shown above). The event, was sponsored by RIT's student section of the Society of Women Engineers and RIT Women in Engineering.

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At a time of loss, United Way was there



The Baldwin family as profiled on this year's United Way poster

At first glance, you see a happy, smiling family of six—their faces featured on the posters around campus for RIT's 2004 United Way campaign.

Look closer and one of the twin boys is cuddling a teddy bear—a simple, yet poignant reminder that one family member is missing and always will be.

Her name was Samantha Teresa and she died the day she was born.

"She was a healthy baby girl but didn't survive the birth because the cord was wrapped around her neck," says Jackie Montione-Baldwin, who works in business/administration for RIT's campus safety department.

"My husband, Dave, and I

knew something was wrong when I started labor and the medical staff were hovering around."

After her birth, Samantha's vital statistics were recorded, she was dressed, photographed and placed in her mother's arms.

"As I cradled Samantha and looked at those heart-shaped lips, it took all my strength to let her go. I couldn't believe I went to the hospital

ready to have a baby and I was going home empty," Jackie remembers.

A caring and sympathetic nurse gave Jackie a bear to hold in her arms as she left the hospital. Family and friends tried to help and understand, but real solace for the couple came from Parallel, a United Way donor option participant that offers support for newly bereaved parents.

"Dave and I found comfort with couples who knew what we were going through," says Jackie, who currently is on Parallel's board of directors. "We realized we were not alone."

Nine months later, the couple and Dave's children, Robby and Katie, welcomed the birth of identical twin boys—Jamie and Evan.

"I kept our daughter's bear and someone is always holding it in our family pictures," says Jackie. "Parallel helped us heal through our grief and give Samantha meaning."

"We wouldn't be the happy family we are today without help from United Way." ■

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Simones honored at annual gala

Albert and Carolie Simone are this year's recipients of the Catholic Family Center Award. The Simones were honored at the center's 12th annual St. Patrick's Day Charity Gala on March 12.



Carolie and Albert Simone

Catholic

Family Center presents the award annually to individuals who show an exemplary spirit of devotion to the many human service organizations in the Rochester area. President Simone is involved with numerous boards and organizations in the community, while Carolie Simone is currently the board president for Rochester School for the Deaf.

The gala raised more than

\$100,000 for Catholic Family Center.

"It was clearly a night for celebration as we honored Al and Carolie with the CFC Award," says Carolyn Portanova, president and CEO of Catholic Family Center.

"Without a doubt, their leadership in involving and connecting a place of higher learning, RIT, with and to the community, has had far-reaching benefits for so many people. Al and Carolie embody the spirit of the CFC Award in their dedication to numerous human services and other organizations in the Greater Rochester area." ■

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places practically touch, and sometimes that can lead to fights. It's crazy! I had always known about the rivalry between the two, but I guess I didn't realize how deep it went."

Acceptance into the Full Frame Festival is the latest acknowledgment

of *The Great Cheesesteak Debate*. Last year, it won for best short film

editing at the Atlantic City Film Festival. Previous screenings at festivals in Napa, Calif., Annapolis, Md., and Detroit were also well received.

Vosbury is a fourth-year student

in the School of Film and Animation. According to Malcolm Spaul, SOFA professor, Vosbury has worked hard over the years and is always striving to improve his skill set.

"An important characteristic of a good filmmaker is attention to detail,"

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—Scott Vosbury

explains Spaul. "Scott is very organized and very much fluent in the technology he needs to effectively practice his craft."

After graduation, Vosbury

expects to head to New York City or California to begin his career. He plans on working in the post-production field—editing films and producing visual effects—but his long-term aspiration is to direct his own motion picture.

"Early on, I just hope to surround myself with talented people and help them achieve their goals," he says. "We'll see what happens

after that."

To view *The Great Cheesesteak Debate*, visit the Web at www.vosbury.com. ■

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• Photo gallery featuring original construction of the Henrietta campus
• Photo gallery capturing anniversary events later this year

The site will eventually allow users to register for anniversary events under the calendar tab. The site was created and designed by the Educational Technology Center, Wallace Library Archives and University News Services, with guidance from the 175th Anniversary Committee.

"The 175th Web site is dynamic in nature and therefore will continue to evolve over the anniversary celebration," says David Cronister, director of ETC. "I am most pleased with the site's visual components. By showcasing archival photographs, film and video, along with current images of RIT, our audience will be able to experience RIT's past, present and future." ■

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Obituary

Charles Werberig

Charles Werberig, a retired professor from the former film and video department, passed away on Jan. 23.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children. Werberig spent 17 years on the RIT faculty prior to his retirement in 1992.

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RIT," says Nasr. "For example, the University of Central Florida is bringing NASA into this program through one of their existing partnerships."

The NASA hydrogen research program, with an annual budget of \$8 million, explores hydrogen applications for space travel and new propellants for future space vehicles.

Plans for the hydrogen-technology learning centers include hands-on and interactive exhibits, live demonstrations and various forms of media as educational resources. Also, a national conference will be held at

one of the centers next year.

The RIT partnership was one of three projects selected for funding by the Department of Energy, which received a total of 61 proposals. The aim is to combine state and federal efforts to address the nation's energy challenges.

"The collaborative is proving extremely successful in other areas," states David Garman, assistant secretary for energy efficiency and renewable energy. "We look forward to positive results from these new awards." ■

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Ready, aim, fire!



Members of the Asian Culture Society bravely offered up their faces in a pie-throwing fundraiser in the Student Alumni Union March 18. The fundraiser was held to raise money for the club's programs and events such as the Asian Expo coming up May 1 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. in Webb Auditorium.