Imaging science research explored

RIT celebrated the opening of its newest campus addition on April 17—a state-of-the-art artificial-turf field, complete with lights, which will be used by several athletic teams throughout the sports season. Left photo, members of the men’s soccer team warm up during the dedication ceremony. Right photo, Mary-Beth Cooper, vice president for student affairs, welcomes Jim RBahino, father of RIT men’s lacrosse player Craig RBahino, to the podium.


tny members in formal talks and poster sessions. (See the agenda at www.cis.rit.edu/info/DA_S2004.html.) Guests will speak about a range of imaging topics such as: Image Analysis via Fuzzy-Reasoning Approaches: Prototype Applications at NASA, by Jesus Dominguez, from the NASA Technology Applications Team, at 9 a.m. on May 11.


NTID prof volunteers to help African poor

Don Sims, an audiologist and associate professor of NTID, recently volunteered to test, diagnose and treat poor Nigerian women and children for hearing-related problems. Traveling to Africa with two other hearing specialists, he witnessed firsthand the brutal poverty that has swept the country for decades and felt the joy of assisting those who would otherwise go untreated.

The trip was arranged by ConCare International, which assists hard-of-hearing people around the world, and World Peace Interna- tional, whose volunteer assistance program sends experts in a variety of fields to help developing nations grow more prosperous. The audiologists traveled to schools, hospitals in eight cities and rural villages.

"I used one ounce of audiology skills that I knew because of the diverse needs we encountered," says Sims, adding he worked from dawn to dusk. In Nigeria, 120 million people

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A Rita of spring: RIT mini-Baja taken for a spin

Response to a recent wave of potentially devastating computer viruses, RIT’s Division of Information and Technology Services is entering a new era in its computer network protection strategy.

ITS administrators are making a significant investment in new computer hardware and software to better protect the university’s network and to eradicate new viruses that might compromise the computer system. They are also calling upon the RIT community to make necessary updates to computer operating systems and to follow a strict protocol to limit the impact on its network and systems.

Evidence of a worldwide computer threat surfaced nearly two weeks ago. At that point, RIT proactively initiated its critical incident management process to limit the impact on its network. Diane Barbou, RIT’s chief information officer, warns that the potential harm posed by this latest threat is unprecedented.

"These viruses have the ability to steal a user’s identity and also take over an infected computer, propagating viruses and distributing massive amounts of spam that can shutdown e-mail," she explains.

ITS continues to identify infected computers across campus. Those units are temporarily removed from the network until the infection can be cleaned or the vulnerability addressed.

Microsoft has acknowledged security flaws in its software and released an update to its operating systems designed to protect against these new vulnerabilities. Microsoft Windows users who have not yet updated their systems are urged to do so. The update is available at www.microsoft.com/windowsupdate. In addition, computer users should remain diligent in avoiding risky components and imaging systems. He will give his talk, The Engines of Creativity and Change, at 5 p.m. on May 11.

Other presentations will include stu- dent research projects in medical imag- ing, color science, remote sensing and astronomical imaging. Students will share their research efforts with indus- try members in formal talks and poster sessions. (See the agenda at www.cis.rit.edu/info/DA_S2004.html.) Guests will speak about a range of imaging topics such as: Image Analysis via Fuzzy-Reasoning Approaches: Prototype Applications at NASA, by Jesus Dominguez, from the NASA Technology Applications Team, at 9 a.m. on May 11.©

RIT prof pens Contable bio

The life and legacy of a prominent local states- man is the subject of the book, Window on Congress: A Congressional Bio- graphy of Barber B. Contable, Jr., by James Fleming, professor of poli- tical science at RIT. Contable passed away on Nov. 30, 2003, the day after Fleming finished his biography. Fifteen years in the making, Window on Congress, due out this spring, is a poignant tribute to the former congressman and World Bank president.

Contable represented western New York as a Republican in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1963 to 1983. Voted by his colleagues as the “most respected member” of the House of Representatives in 1984, Contable played a critical role in a number of issues, including the Watergate investigation; tax legisla- tion passed during the Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations; and solving the 1983 Social Security crisis.

Contable had just returned from Congress when Fleming first met him in the summer of 1985. At the urging Contable biography, page 4

Final draft in progress

Two open forums set for May 12 and 13

The Board of Trustees provided input on the Strategic Planning task force reports at the April 15-16 meeting and the Strategic Planning Steering Committee is working on a first draft of the Strategic Plan that will be avail- able for community review on May 6.

Mark your calendars to discuss the draft version at one of two open forums in late April. • Noon-2 p.m., Wednesday, May 12 • 10 a.m.-noon, Thursday, May 13 The draft will also be available at www.rit.edu/president/ feedback for the RIT community to provide comments from May 6 through May 23.

The feedback received from the forums and the Web site will be consid- ered as the final Strategic Plan is prepared.

I encourage the community to provide input to the plan during these final stages of the strategic plan- ning process as the plan will shape the direction of our university for the next decade," says RIT President Albert Simone.■
RIT community celebrates spring with series of events

Annual Spring Festival features music, carnival, novelty acts

**Concrete canoe and steel bridge teams head to regionals**

Civil engineering technology and mechanical engineering students will prove that concrete floats

**Brain tumor walk, June 13**

**Microsystems colloquium**

New Directions in Imaging Sensors: Breaking the Tyranny of Physics on Tuesday, April 22, from 1 to 2 p.m. at the L carcinogen. Dr. Ravindra Athale, program manager of the Microsystems Technology Office, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, will speak about the need for new technologies and approaches for imaging sensors.

**News briefs**

**E-cubed Fair coming**

RIT will host the 14th annual e³ Engineering and Technology Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., May 4, in Britter Ritter I-Arena. The fair features hands-on exhibits, engaging engineering, exploration, and entrepreneurship, created by area middle school students. Free and open to the public, the fair is sponsored by the Rochester Engineering Society. For information, visit www.e3fair.org.

**Safety systems discussed**

While the College of Engineering's Mission 2020: A lifetime of safety initiative has been successful in preventing accidents, and how can experts ensure the safety of new computer-controlled systems? New technologies will be explored during the latest installment of the Dean’s Lecture Series, sponsored by the Russell B. Gleason Endowment of the Rochester Engineering Society. For information, visit www.cae.rit.edu.

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Former Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush are among the famous faces captured by the camera of Antonin Platon. The London-born photographer was featured during the Charles Arnold Lecture Series, sponsored by the School of Photography, Arts and Sciences. His presentation at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14, in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science and Library, is open to the public. Platon is featured in the most recent installment of his series and, first book, Platon’s Republic, will be released in May.

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It must be spring: RIT mini-Baja team hits the circuit

RIT is only team from outside Brazil among 80 in South American contest

“IT’s not all about winning—but it’s what we like. Our approach is to build the best car we can,” says Lee Gagne about the attitude of students on RIT’s mini-Baja team.

Gagne, a fourth-year mechanical engineering major, is team manager of the 20-member group, which includes engineering technology, engineering and non-engineering majors, as well as two female students. For him and others like him, the chance to work on the mini Baja is a primary reason he chose to attend RIT. After all, only a relative handful of colleges have mini-Baja teams, and fewer still go to all three national competitions and international events in Brazil and South Africa.

“Every year we have to spend months of work that often crept into the late night starting last fall. Students designed and built every component of this year’s new car, which features improved suspension and brakes. The dune-buggy-like off-road vehicle must withstand a grueling four-hour endurance race and challenges such as hill climbing, water maneuverability, top speed, tractor pull and “rock crawl.”

In the first event of the year, the Mini Baja Brazil, last week in Sao Paulo, RIT earned seventh place among 80 entrants. RIT was the only U.S. team in the contest.

Next, two RIT student-built cars will be put to the test at the Mini Baja West this weekend in Portland, Ore., the Mini Baja East, May 6-8, in Montreal, and the Midwest Mini Baja, June 3-6, in Milwaukee. Each event features unique challenges, such as the “rock crawl” in the West competition, water maneuverability in the East contest and tractor pull in the Midwest.

RIT keeps at least two cars on the road at all times, with one serving as a freshman driver’s car. Gagne says.

More goes into mini-Baja competitions than building and driving cars, he adds. Some students focus on key aspects such as finance and technical writing, he says, and everyone learns to work as a team—especially when it comes to cleaning the car after a trek through the mud, when every bolt comes off and the entire car is disassembled.

“To be number one, you have to look like number one,” Gagne explains. “It definitely builds confidence,” he says about being part of the mini-Baja team. “I love it.”

Carl Atkins, professor of music, says: “It’s not all about winning—but it’s what we like. Our approach is to build the best car we can.”

Carl Atkins specializes in world music and has conducted research on blues music and elements of social commentary.

Examples of world protest music Atkins will present include Indonesian music, traditional Japanese music—which has themes of social commentary and protest dating to the early 1800s—and more familiar folk songs from protest of the United States.

“I think all cultures have music of social commentary,” says Atkins. “The importance of protest music has been sorely overlooked, especially protest music from outside the United States.”

According to Atkins, many important social movements in the United States have been affected by the use of protest music. “Both the feminist and civil rights movements had their own ‘soundtrack,’ so to speak,” he says.

“Carl was highly recommended to us as a lecturer for this series,” says Paul Grebinger, professor of anthropology and coordinator of Senior Seminar and the Gannett Lecture Series. “Music will be an exciting addition to our lectures.”

For more information call 5-2057 or visit www.rit.edu/gannettseries.

‘Park & Ride’ event teaches amusement park design

You don’t have to be a film major to have movie-watching assignments handed to you in class. And, if you’re an on-campus RIT student, you don’t even have to go out of your way to watch them.

The Center for Residence Life has offered ResLife Cinema for several years, but recently started collaborating with faculty and staff to provide movie programming in conjunction with class topics. Different movies are shown every day at 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. on RIT cable channel 14.

Faculty and staff members from across the institute have requested movies, including Shakespeare in Love, Crooklyn, One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, Whistle Blower, Raise the Red Lantern, Fight Club, American Beauty, Memoirs and 12 Angry Men.

Linda Reinfield, language and literature professor in the College of Liberal Arts, has used the program plays. She has also used movies as an extra-credit option as well as a way to provide students with another look at a movie they have watched in class while also discussing movies in a seminar format.

ResLife Cinema is also available to anyone on the RIT cable system (all campus residents and some office) who wants to sit back, relax and enjoy its cinematic offerings.

The events are sponsored by RIT and PEN-International. For ticket information, call 5-2827.
Women's hockey All American

Senior defenseman Jen Gorczynski, a member of the RIT women's hockey team, has been named a Division III member of the RIT women's hockey team in scoring with 30 points on 17 goals and 13 assists.

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She led the league's defensemen in scoring and was among the league's top scorers. Gorczynski finished her career at RIT as the program's all-time leading scorer with 127 career points. She is the first player in the program's history to score 100 career points and is the career leader in goals with 66 and assists with 61.

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Activities. Attachments from unknown senders should not be opened, and avoid clicking on Web links. Instead, TIPS recommends that users educate themselves to identify and recognize viruses. This may include reviewing virus pronouncements and technical descriptions, as well as visually inspecting the virus signs and symptoms. The TIPS recommends that users be aware of common symptoms, such as unauthorized use of system resources, unusual behaviors, and unexpected changes in system performance. The TIPS recommends that users be aware of common symptoms, such as unauthorized use of system resources, unusual behaviors, and unexpected changes in system performance.

Obituaries

J. Warren McClure

Milan-Tabush J. Warren McClure, former owner and publisher of The Burlington Free Press, and retired vice president of marketing, Gannett Company Inc., passed away on April 7 in Vermont.

Newsmakers

Fredda Bishop and Eileen Fishman, counselors in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, presented a session on RIT's undeclared engineering program and retention initiatives at the National Academic Advisors Region I Conference, March 26, in Burlington, Vt.

Marianne Buechler, Wallace Library's Online Learning CAST librarian, presented the Technology and Media Library's training in the MIT's Digital Library Software Users Group. In March, Buechler's presentation emphasized the library's application of the software.

Tamara Burton and Darren Narayan, professors of mathematics and statistics, recently presented research at the American Mathematical Society session on graph theory. Burton's presentation, Dominination i-Dot Critical Graphs, focused on collaborative research with Melissa Matthews, '03. Narayan's presentation, 'Ordered Colorings of Graphs,' was a result of a joint-research project with applied mathematics major Victor Kostyk.

Narayan co-authored the article, ‘Complete Classification of All Tournaments with a Disjoint Union of Directed Paths as Feedback Arc Set,’ which ran in the January issue of the Journal of Graph Theory.

Luisa Carrese, associate director of cooperative education and career services, presented a workshop entitled, Marketing Strategies for the Co-op Professional: Applying the Sales Process to Prospective Employer Development, at the Annual American Society for Engineering Education's Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration in Biloxi, Miss.

William Finewood, assistant professor of illustration, was named advocacy chair for the next ICQUN – Illustration Conference in 2005. Contributing to his election to the board was his leadership role in the “Conversations” conference at RIT in 2002.

Ronil Hira, assistant professor of public policy, received an Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers-USA award in March in recognition of contributions to teaching, advising on behalf of the organization at congressional hearings and for appearing in the national media as an expert on workplace issues. Hira is chair of the IEEE-USA Career and Workforce Policy Committee. He gave a talk on Globalization of the Engineering Workforce at the National IEEE conference held recently at RIT. He also has an article on trends in industry spending on research and development published in IEEE Spectrum.

Khondkar Karim, associate professor of accounting, was recognized as one of the most prolific authors in accounting literature. The study, published in Advances in Accounting, identified the top 10 researchers by year of doctoral graduation and the number of publications within 40 select journals.

Michael Kluge, Paul and Lorraine Miller Distinguished Professor in the School of Print Media, recently had the first volume of his two-volume Snorgs, which he edited, was chosen as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2004 by CHOICE magazine.

Alan Nye, professor of mechanical engineering, was elected to the board of directors of the Society of Automotive Engineers, becoming one of only 21 directors worldwide. Nye is also in the top 1000 members in 10 societies.

Andrew Phelps, associate professor of communication, presented two papers co-authored by Bruce Austin, professor and chair of communication, at the New York State Communication Association conference. "Using The Newsletters to Reach, Retain and Recruit" and "SnapPy Title with Colons Here: Best Practices of Departmental email." Phelps and Austin participated on two panels: Administrators Talk to Administrators and Administrators Answer Non-Administrators.

Joette Hartman, CMT graduate student and staff assistant in RIT’s Learning Development Center, presented "When Private email Messages Go Public."