

Enjoying the benefits of a longtime partnership



Students converged on Kodak Quad for free Kodak photo paper and food as part of Kodak Day: A Shared Commitment to Excellence, Oct. 28. For the second year in a row, Kodak and RIT celebrated their more than 100-year partnership with campus-wide events. There were giveaways, digital camera raffles, interactive product demonstrations and panel discussions for students looking to find jobs at Kodak.

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American University in Kosovo. It also manages a collaboration in the Dominican Republic, and new partnerships are being explored in China, India and Russia.

Embracing RIT’s call for scholarship, the college recently appointed a faculty associate for scholarship.

‘Multi’ disciplinary and out of this world

CAST programs range from high-tech studies in telecommunications engineering technology and electronics manufacturing and assembly to one that is, well, out of this world. In fact, CAST is so diverse, you could say it has everything *and* the kitchen sink (make that *sinks*).

The college’s 31 undergraduate and graduate degree and 30 certificate programs include one of only six in the nation in packaging science, one of only two in the state in civil engineering technology, the first-in-the-nation ABET-accredited undergraduate program in telecommunica-

tions engineering technology, a newly developed graduate telecom program and the world’s only college-level course in space tourism development.

CAST is also home to an in-demand counter-terrorism course and disaster and emergency management certificate program, the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, an executive leader graduate program, the OSHA Training Institute Education Center, Air Force and Army ROTC, and RIT concrete canoe, steel bridge and mini-Baja teams. Add in the 112-year-old School of Hospitality and Service Management—one of the nation’s foremost—featuring the Global Learning Center at the RIT Inn & Conference Center, along with student-run Henry’s restaurant (and *seven* sinks), and you have the makings for RIT’s largest college, enrolling 3,568 this fall.

A place for engineering tech to call ‘home’

Despite its distinction as RIT’s largest college—or perhaps because of it—CAST has no one place on campus to call “home”—but that’s soon to change for the college’s engineering technology programs.

Earlier this year, CAST announced receipt of a \$2 million gift from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund to support construction of a 50,000-square-foot School of Engineering Technology Building. The structure will feature the centerpiece William G. McGowan Center for Telecommunications, projected to be a comprehensive center for telecommunications education, research and scholarship. The building will bring together under one roof CAST’s engineering technology programs, the Center for Electronics Manufacturing and Assembly and the National Technology Training Center—home to Project Lead the

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Newsmakers

Warren Koontz, associate professor of telecommunications engineering technology, presented “Application of optical system simulation software in a fiber optic telecommunications program,” at Photonics North 2004, in September in Ottawa.

Michael Kuhl, assistant professor of industrial and systems engineering, and Greg Laubisch, a B.S./M.S. student, received a best paper award for “A Simulation Study of Dispatching Rules and Rework Strategies in Semiconductor Manufacturing,” presented by Laubisch at the 2004 IEEE/SEMI Advanced Semiconductor Manufacturing Conference in May in Boston.

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degree from Syracuse University and, in 1986, founded a general practice law firm, Moran and Lawrence, in Livonia. He has served as Livingston County District Attorney since 1993.

Stephen Jamison '72 (physics), College of Science. Jamison is vice president and general manager of the infrared imaging systems business area for the Information and Electronic Warfare Systems unit of BAE SYSTEMS. Based in Lexington, Mass., the infrared imaging systems business area produces a wide range of commercial and military products. Jamison joined the Lexington group in 1985. He holds master’s and doctoral degrees in physics from Brown University.

Kenneth Reek '79 (M.S., computer science) and **Margaret Reek '81** (M.S., computer science), B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences. Besides being graduates of RIT’s computer science program, both of the Reeks are professors in the

department, and both have been honored with Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching. Kenneth has worked as a consultant for local companies and has a number of publications to his credit, including the textbook, *Pointers on C*. Margaret has received National Science Foundation grants for curriculum development and has been active in the ACM Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education, a professional organization.

Gary Behm '81 (electrical engineering technology), National Technical Institute for the Deaf. An advisory engineer with 23 years of experience with IBM Corp., Behm currently manages and coordinates technical team members, internal and external customers involved with the Advanced Process Control and Real-time Data Management System. A recipient of the IBM General Manager’s Teamwork Award, he was named the National Employee of the Year 2000 by the National Business and Disability Council. [n](#)

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Brick bashing was another unique student project in a CAST course last spring.

Way and the Cisco Networking Academy teacher-training initiatives.

Cause for a celebration

CAST’s Hospitality Alumni Society and the annual Puttin’ on the RITz dinner-dance each mark 20th-anniversaries during the 2004-2005 academic year. Also, for the first time in nearly a quarter century, RIT will host the Mini Baja East next May. Sixty teams and up to 1,000 spectators are expected for the three-day event. RIT’s mini-Baja team is sponsored by the manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology/packaging science department. CAST is also helping to celebrate RIT’s 175th anniversary by publishing a 2005 calendar featuring student, faculty and alumni success stories. (As RIT’s all-time leader with nearly 19,000 alumni since 1981—the next closest college has roughly half as many—CAST could fill a tome.)

That number will continue to rise, particularly through CAST’s expansion of global initiatives and its continuous evolution—marked by innovation.

“CAST will continue to develop along three dimensions: technology, service management and multidisciplinary studies,” McKinzie says. “A major expansion of global outreach education throughout the college will be facilitated by the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies. The possibilities are endless.” [n](#)

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RIT on U.S. list of ‘most connected’

RIT is being recognized nationally for its computing prowess. *The Princeton Review* ranks RIT 12th among its “Top 25 Most Connected Campuses” in the country.



Criteria for the second annual Most Connected Campuses survey included the ratio of school-owned computers accessible to students, the

breadth of the computer science curriculum and the sophistication of campus technology. This included streaming media of classes and extracurricular offerings, availability of school-owned digital cameras and equipment for student use, wireless Internet access on campus and support for handheld computing.

“Each year we find the bar raised higher and higher as students consider a sophisticated computing environment central to their college experience,” says Robert Franek, editorial director at *The Princeton Review*.

For the complete list, visit www.forbes.com/connected. [n](#)

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Relax on the Belvedere



Artwork designed by Roberley Bell, professor of first-year studies and contemporary art history, is featured in *Americans for the Arts Public Art Network’s* 2004 Year in Review, a guide highlighting the country’s best public art projects. Bell’s piece, called “Belvedere” is one of 39 projects featured in the publication. The piece consists of benches, made out of urns on their sides, covered in Astroturf, with flowers spilling out the sides.

The benches are tucked in between an alley of trees on the State University of New York Purchase campus. The piece was commissioned for the Public Art Biennial at the Neuberger Museum.

Obituaries

Edward Scouten, RIT retiree, April 25
Nicholas Orlando, RIT retiree, Sept. 25
Christopher Joseph Dudek, RIT student, Oct. 29

Campus Connections gets into character



Mark Hillengas, assistant manager of Campus Connections’ computer sales department, talks with student Sarah Messina during the annual Halloween extravaganza at the bookstore, Oct. 29. In the background, student Anthony Russo works despite his “injury.”



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RIT celebrates 175th year with Brick City Festival



Staff hailed for going above and beyond call of duty

Bob Dylan at RIT Nov. 13

Get ready to folk-rock Nov. 13. Bob Dylan, on a nationwide tour with his band, will perform at 8 p.m. in RIT's Gordon Field House and Activities Center.

Dylan recently released his autobiography, *Chronicles, Vol. I*—the first in a series of personal histories focusing on significant periods in his life and career.

A prolific songwriter, he released albums and toured extensively throughout the 1960s and 1970s. In 1997, he released *Time Out of Mind*, which received strong reviews



Bob Dylan performs at RIT Nov. 13.

and sparked a revival of interest. The album went on to win three Grammy Awards in 1998.

Many Dylan songs, such as *Blowin' in the Wind*, covered by Peter, Paul & Mary, became popular standards. He has also changed the face of songwriting, pioneering several schools of pop songwriting. Dylan redefined the role of a vocalist in popular music, breaking down the notion that in order to perform, a singer had to have a conventionally good voice. As a musician, he sparked several genres of pop music, including electrified folk-rock and country-rock.

Tickets are \$38 and are available at www.ticketmaster.com. Student tickets are sold out. [n](#)

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RIT documentary premieres Nov. 12

The cast of Nathaniel Rochester, George Eastman, Kate Gleason, Grace Watson, Mark Ellingson and many other RIT legends have starring roles in the upcoming documentary, *RIT 175: Rochester and its Institute*.

After hundreds of hours of research, filming and editing, the documentary is ready for show time. The film, co-produced by RIT and WXXI public television, is one of the highlights of this year's 175th Anniversary. The documentary is dedicated to the RIT faculty and staff, past and present.

The film will premiere to an RIT audience at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12, in Ingle Auditorium in the Student Alumni Union. The premiere will be followed by a 2 p.m. reception in the SAU cafeteria, followed by a second showing at 3 p.m. WXXI will broadcast the film at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, on Channel 21 (cable 11), and throughout December.

Film and animation professor Malcolm Spaul and David Cronister, director of the Educational Technology Center, produced and directed the 50-minute film. Students in the School of Film and Animation assisted in the project.



Directors and producers shoot scenes for RIT 175: Rochester and its Institute. The RIT community can see the film Nov. 12 in Ingle Auditorium. WXXI will broadcast the film on Dec. 1.

"Working with students and others is the only way I believe I can be a knowledgeable teacher," says Spaul. "Making a film is always a type of learning experience that you can't duplicate in any other way. Filmmaking at this level is a collaborative art and there is great joy for me in working with others toward a common goal."

Spaul noted that several students created "mini-films" within the documentary. Other students were involved on location during shoots, as well as creating animation scenes for the film.

Cronister noted the expertise provided by the WXXI crew. "We formed a close and creative partnership with WXXI. Working with their

videographers, sound engineers and other members of WXXI's production team was a highly rewarding experience," he says.

Both Cronister and Spaul say the documentary gave them a renewed appreciation for RIT.

"We learned to appreciate how many of us on campus are striving toward a common goal—to offer a great education to our own students and build our individual departments and disciplines to higher standards," says Spaul.

"This has been an invaluable experience," says Cronister.

The RIT 175th Anniversary Committee and WXXI provided support for the documentary. The film was also made possible due to the generous donations of Bruce and Nancy Bates, Donald and Jeris Boyce, Richard Eisenhart, Paul and Francena Miller, and Nixon Peabody LLP. [n](#)

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RIT to offer 'fast track' MBA advantage

The College of Business to implement an accelerated program

The ways and means of getting an advanced business degree today have never been more challenging—and often, the deciding factors are time, cost and commitment.

In summer 2005, RIT's College of Business will offer Fast Track—an accelerated, intensive and fast-paced MBA program for students with the motivation, skills and academic ability to be successful.

"Historically, engineers, technologists and scientists have pursued their MBAs by taking evening classes—a route that often requires many years and adds stress to their professional and home lives," says Tom Pray, RIT

professor and chair of decision sciences and management information systems.

"Now the one-year, Fast Track program provides an opportunity for seniors earning science- or technology-based four-year degrees to come to RIT—and stay at RIT—and earn their MBA in one calendar year."

RIT's 18-course MBA curriculum



Tom Pray

begins with six two-week modules covering the following core courses: Economics for Managers, Statistical Analysis for Decision Makers, Marketing Concepts, Financial Accounting Systems, Financial Analysis for Decision Makers and Organizational Behavior and Leadership.

The following fall, winter and spring

quarters, classes follow the traditional MBA schedule where students complete four courses per quarter.

"RIT's Fast Track program gives students the option of finishing their MBA program in one year and still pursue a concentration in finance, management and leadership, marketing, or technology management," says Donald Wilson, director of graduate business programs at RIT. "This is something very few one-year MBA programs can offer students."

For information, call 475-6221 or log onto www.ritmba.com/programs_fasttrack.html. [n](#)

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Celebrating 175

SPOTLIGHT ON

College of Applied Science and Technology

'College of Innovation' helps university grow by leaps and bounds

Colleges routinely spawn new programs and courses, but it's rare they foster the creation of an entire new college. The College of Applied Science and Technology did just that when the growth of three CAST programs culminated with the creation of RIT's new B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences three years ago. The new college represents the vision and entrepreneurial spirit of CAST leaders over the years.

Innovation, outreach and scholarship

CAST, known as the college of innovation, was home to RIT's first distance-learning course in 1982 and the university's first distance-learning program, a master's in software development and management, in 1987.

Under the leadership of Wiley McKinzie, dean since 1987, CAST initiated numerous corporate training



CAST is known for innovative concepts, such as building an entire academic course around the 2003 PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club.

and interdisciplinary programs and launched first-in-the-nation undergraduate and graduate programs in information technology and software engineering.

McKinzie is also the driving force

behind RIT innovations today. Earlier this year, he began development of RIT's Academic Program Incubator, envisioned as a center for forecasting the needs of industry and government and creating academic programs in

anticipation of, rather than in response to, demand for graduates.

In August, he proposed creation of a new charter college at RIT to coordinate global outreach education in the "global arena"—locally, regionally, nationally and internationally—via distance learning, corporate education, international academic partnerships, branch campuses and extension sites. RIT has the potential to become "the first and foremost global institute of technology," McKinzie says. The proposal will soon be reviewed by the provost and deans, as well as the President's Task Force on global outreach.

CAST is already an established leader in international partnerships. The college manages academic programs at, and provides faculty to, American College of Management and Technology in Croatia and

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Brick City Festival 2004 draws record crowd to campus

RIT campus celebration encompasses alumni and family weekend, and community open house

To view more photos from the weekend, log onto www.rit.edu/brickcity.



Actor, comedian and former Saturday Night Live star David Spade entertained a sold-out audience in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center during Brick City Festival, Oct. 23.



Film legend Robert Redford, left, sat with Democrat and Chronicle film critic Jack Garner during an afternoon talk at Brick City Festival, Oct. 21-24. Redford was the Horton Distinguished Speaker, sponsored by RIT Student Government.



Singer/rapper Kanye West brought his own brand of hip-hop music to students and alumni in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center. The event was sold out.



The annual Global Awareness Fair celebrated cultures and religions from around the world through arts, food and music. The event was coordinated by North Star Center's outreach program entitled Coalition for a Better World.



The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra helped celebrate RIT's 175th anniversary with a concert on Oct. 21 featuring favorite classical composers. RIT President Albert Simone introduced the ensemble. The concert was sponsored by Vice President Emeritus Al Davis.



It was a smashing good time as teams of engineering technology students used giant slingshots and catapults to launch pumpkins during RIT's third annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Contest on Oct. 23, as part of Alumni Weekend.



Mary-Beth Cooper, right, RIT vice president for student affairs, hosted an informal breakfast for first-year students and parents to help answer questions related to transitioning into college.

Photos by Ken Huth, Jeremy Lips and A. Sue Weisler

RIT honors distinguished alumni, volunteer of year with awards

Michael Morley '69 (business administration) is RIT's Outstanding Alumnus for 2004 and **Alfred Davis** is Volunteer of the Year. They were honored at the annual awards banquet Oct. 23 during Brick City Festival and Alumni Weekend. Nine others were named Distinguished Alumni by RIT's eight colleges.

Morley, who retired in June as chief administrative officer and executive vice president at Eastman Kodak Co., is a member of the RIT Board of Trustees and serves on the board of governors of the Al Sigi Center. He chairs the board of the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering. Morley began his career at Kodak in 1964. In 1986, he was awarded a Sloan Fellowship for study at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he earned a master's in management. He returned to Kodak in 1987 where he has held numerous positions including general manager of United States and Canada in the Consumer Imaging Division and director

of human resources.

Alfred Davis

joined the RIT faculty in 1938 after receiving a master's degree from Syracuse University. He served as associate director of the evening division, director of public relations, vice president for development and public relations, administrative secretary of the board of trustees and vice president of RIT. He became vice president emeritus in 1986, and continues his long association with the university in a variety of capacities. He is also involved with numerous community organizations including the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.

The 2004 Distinguished Alumni are:

Kevin Gavagan '79 (MBA), College of Business. Gavagan, presi-



Alumni winners gather for a group photo at the annual awards ceremony.

dent of QCI Asset Management since 1992, began his career in finance at Lincoln First Bank and worked in the investment offices at Cornell University and the University of Rochester. He received the designation of chartered financial analyst in 1982 and joined QCI in 1988.

Keith Shugerts '95 (hotel and resort management), College of

Applied Science and Technology. Over the past 16 years, Shugerts has pursued his career with The Harley Hotel of Pittsburgh, Walt Disney World, Wegmans Food Markets and Essex Partners Inc., where he currently is vice president of development and purchasing. He has assisted in

planning and opening six properties in four states for the company and is responsible for the upkeep of 18 properties in seven states.

Lee Green '74 (MFA, art and design), College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. As director of corporate identity and design for IBM Corp., Green has responsibility for the company's worldwide product industrial

design, identity programs, graphics, packaging and Internet design. He has published numerous articles on design and identity topics and has taught design courses and lectured at Stanford University, Harvard University, MIT and RIT. He serves on the board of directors and as advisory board president for the Design Management Institute.

Allen Casey '73 (electrical engineering), Kate Gleason College of Engineering. Casey is president of M/E Engineering P.C., a Rochester company he co-founded in 1991. In 2002, the company was named to *Inc.* magazine's Inner City 100 list of the country's most successful private companies located in urban centers, and in both 2000 and 2001 made Zweig White & Associate's "Hot Firms" list of the 100 fastest-growing architectural, engineering and planning firms in the United States.

Thomas Moran '80 (criminal justice), College of Liberal Arts. A former police officer and deputy sheriff, Moran received a juris doctorate

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Annual Staff Awards recognize outstanding efforts



Chic Bruno



Kelly Redder



Kate Gleason College of Engineering Student Services team



RIT Scheduling Officers

RIT’s eighth annual Staff Recognition Awards ceremony, held Oct. 20, honored staff members for their outstanding work above and beyond normal job responsibilities.

Gus Weber, Staff Council vice chairperson, served as master of ceremonies.

More on the winners:
Chic Bruno, senior project manager, Facilities Management Services, and winner of the individual award for Excellence in Satisfying Customers, “has worked tirelessly on the Field House project, one that will touch all of us at RIT and all who will come to RIT in the future,” says Weber. “I personally have never met such a cheerful, patient and positive person. I can sum up my support for his nomination by simply saying Chic is an example of what we should all aspire to be. He is that rare individual who does the golden rule one better.

He lives by the platinum rule—he treats everyone as they would like to be treated.”

Kelly Redder, executive director, Alumni Relations, winner of the individual award for Outstanding Citizenship within the RIT Community, “will go to the ends of the earth to help another. Whether to solve a problem or right a wrong, Kelly is there,” says Weber. “I can attest to Kelly’s strong passion for RIT alumni around the world and of her knowledge and commitment to this profession. I appreciate Kelly’s sincerity in the growing relationships with RIT’s AALANA alumni. It is because of her persistence and confidence in changing the status quo that many of her new ideas have brought forth a positive reshaping of the relationship RIT has with its diverse alumni body. In three short years, she has transformed Alumni Relations into a

dynamic organization with an agenda for growth, outreach and visibility.”

The **Kate Gleason College of Engineering Student Services Team**, comprised of Margaret Anderson, Fredda Bishop, Eileen Fishman, Karen Hirst, Rohan Palma and Dick Reeve, are winners of the team award for Excellence in Satisfying Customers. According to Weber, “This team has worked effectively to build a community with engineering students that wasn’t there before. One student says, ‘I am still at a loss of words to express my gratitude. You gave me the answers to all of my questions, and that was priceless.’”

Weber also added, “This comment from parents is very telling. ‘Thank you for counseling our son. You were the first person we interviewed when we considered RIT; you inspired my son to make his decision to come

here. Because of you, we really feel that RIT cares about our children and their education.’”

In the final award of the event, the group of **RIT Scheduling Officers** won the team award for Outstanding Citizenship within the RIT Community. Weber says, “The scheduling officers are one of the few groups on campus that unite and cross boundaries on a daily basis to solve student and institute issues. It does not surprise me that the scheduling officers who ‘magically’ make things happen on a regular basis rose to the challenge of making yearlong scheduling work. They embrace change for the good of the institute, while others resist. It is not magic that completes these tasks—it is hard work and dedication to the principle of doing the right thing for RIT.” ⁿ

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NTID workshops take guesswork out of classwork

Every deaf and hard-of-hearing person has experienced it: missing some or an entire part of conversations.

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf has helped by offering information technology workshops taught directly in sign language. To date, NTID has provided 30 workshops for more than 200 deaf IT professionals.

“This is unlike any other class or course that I have taken, because I usually have to work with sign language interpreters,” says James Johnson, a technical support chief for the Defense Logistics Agency, who has taken two of these workshops. “It takes me less time to understand the materials being taught, and I’m no longer behind at the end of the day.”

Deaf people often feel isolated when they are the only deaf person in a hearing class. They may take several minutes to look down to read the course materials and during that time, a hearing participant may ask a question. The deaf person will completely miss the question and answer. They may ask that same question, or not ask a question, fearing it may have already been asked.

“Communicating in sign language allows people to fully participate,



Karen Beiter, far left, NTID faculty member, leads a JavaScript workshop in sign language as part of a grant project.

which includes interacting with other attendees, group discussions, problem solving and networking,” says Don Beil, professor for NTID’s applied computer technology department.

The program is part of the Deaf Initiative in Information Technology, supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

With an interpreter, deaf students must decide if they are going to look at the interpreter or the computer screen the professor is referring to. They can’t watch both at the same time.

Seventeen more workshops have been planned. Visit www.rit.edu/diit. ⁿ

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Student creations housed in field house

Thousands of people who come through the new Gordon Field House and Activities Center will see the beautiful craftsmanship of four RIT students.

David Adams, Brandon Carmo, Y. John Kim and Aimee Pickett designed and built two trophy cases housed on the second floor. Adams, Kim and Pickett are graduate students in the woodworking program of the School for American Crafts, and Carmo is an undergraduate in the program.

“Our initial conceptual design for the trophy cases was to marry our aesthetic with that of the building’s architecture,” says Adams. “This impulse led us to organize the various case components into recognizable, individual parts, in the same way that the field house itself is a collection of aesthetically unique elements of volume, shape and mass.”



SAC students show off one of two trophy cases they designed and built for the field house. Pictured from left are Aimee Pickett, David Adams, Y. John Kim and Brandon Carmo.

For seven weeks, the students breathed life into their design at the RIT wood/furniture shop and studio.

The Rochester Building and Construction Trades Council, representing the 15 trades unions that built the field house, and Unions and Businesses United in Construction,

donated the \$10,000 to build the cases. The \$25 million field house project provided employment to hundreds of labor workers during a construction downturn. The donation was a way of saying thanks.

“We have a lot in common with RIT,” says Frank Wirt, president of the Rochester Building and Construction Trades Council. “The university strives to provide its students with the best education just as we offer the best training to those who want to pursue a career in the trades.”

“I’m extremely proud of the work we’ve done,” explains Adams. “I’m proud to leave a tangible artifact marking my experience as a graduate student at RIT. I believe we’ve captured a lucid moment of vision in wood, paint, metal, linen and glass, and that feels pretty good.” ⁿ

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WSQ bids farewell to RIT

Women’s Studies Quarterly, a leading journal of feminist thought, is bidding adieu to RIT after seven years and moving back to the Graduate Center of the City University of New York, taking with it a new editorial perspective on science and technology.

A rotating editorship keeps the journal fresh and lively, says Diane Hope, the William A. Kern Professor in Communication in the College of Liberal Arts and *WSQ* general editor for the last three years.

Founded in 1972 by literary scholar Florence Howe, *WSQ* is the oldest women’s studies journal in the United States. Hope became editor in 2001 following the four-year tenure of Janet Zandy, professor of language and literature at RIT. Together they enlarged the scope of the journal to include issues dedicated to women and health, science, technology and the environment.



Diane Hope

“Being at RIT moved the journal to consider subjects it hadn’t before,” Hope says. “*WSQ* was supported immediately by the provost’s office with a small budget, office and student worker,” says Hope. “The deans of COLA also supported it by granting the editor some released time from teaching.”

As a final gesture of thanks to the university for its support, Hope and the Feminist Press donated 80 books to Wallace Library on behalf of *WSQ*. ⁿ

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News briefs

NPD forum, Nov. 9

Five distinguished speakers will give insights to the latest innovations at the RIT New Product Development Forum, Nov. 9. Presented by the College of Business’ Technology Management Center, sessions on “The Interfaces of New Product Development” will run 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in the B. Thomas Golisano College auditorium.

Cost per person is \$100; fee is waived for NPD Forum members and RIT alumni, students and campus community. Visit www.cob.rit.edu or contact Angelo Fuino at 475-7431 or afuino@cob.rit.edu.

Sharing global lessons

David Della Penta will share his insights on “Going Global: Lessons Learned” at the William D. Gasser Distinguished Lecture Series, presented by RIT’s College of Business. The event, 4 p.m., Nov. 9, will be held in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium.

Della Penta, president and CEO of Fisher Scientific International Inc., is an RIT alumnus.

A reception will immediately follow the Gasser Lecture, which is free and open to the public. To register for the event, call 475-2199 or e-mail dlsbbu@rit.edu.

Entrepreneurship talk

Larry Peckham, founder of LPA Software Inc., will speak on “Entrepreneurship—The Good, The Bad and The Ugly,” at 4 p.m., Nov. 10, in the B. Thomas Golisano College auditorium. Admission is free for RIT faculty, staff and students.

The talk is sponsored by High Tech Business Council and RIT’s electrical, computer and telecommunications engineering technology department in the College of Applied Science and Technology.

Midnight Breakfast, Nov. 12

Help students prepare for finals by feeding their minds and their stomachs. Midnight Breakfast is back 10 p.m.-midnight, Nov. 12, in Gracie’s dining hall.

Sponsored by the Center for Residence Life, the event gives RIT faculty and staff a chance to support students during finals by serving them a hot breakfast and interacting outside of the classroom. Volunteers are needed to host tables, serve food and collect trays. Call Tara Loomis at 475-6986 or e-mail reslife@rit.edu.

ITS speaker series

RIT welcomes back B. Thomas Golisano College Alumnus of the Year Julianne Klie ’03 to serve as keynote speaker for the 2004-2005 ITS Technology Seminar Series. Klie leads off the new season of seminars entitled Technology in Balance: Design, Creativity and Learning. Her session takes place 3-4:30 p.m., Nov. 17, in the Golisano College auditorium.

Registration for the event is free and open to all members of RIT. E-mail ciotics@rit.edu or call 475-2246.

Hillside gift collection

Be a special Santa for a child at Hillside Children’s Center. Look for gift tags in the Student Alumni Union lobby and shop for a child’s gift. Bring gifts to the Student Volunteer Office on the second floor of the RITreat in the SAU before Dec. 17. Good gift ideas include board games, backpacks and walkmans.

For more information about the project, contact the Student Volunteer Center at 475-6056.