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Telecommunications master's degree launched

Melding telecommunications engineering technology expertise with business and project-management acumen, graduates of RIT's new master's program in telecommunications engineering technology will be sought-after to assume leadership roles as the telecom industry emerges from the recent economic slowdown.

The U.S. Department of Labor predicts job growth in telecommunications through at least 2010 as demand for greater capacity—or bandwidth—increases for business and residential service. Also spurring growth will be changes in telecom-industry government regulation and rapid expansion beyond traditional voice telephone service into areas such as wireless networks and fiber optics.

"This program will help fill a long-standing need in the industry for individuals who are well educated in the telecom business and technology and who can contribute from their first day on the job," says Warren Koontz, program chair.

The master's program launches spring quarter with three new telecom courses, some available through online learning,

offered by the electrical, computer and telecommunications engineering technology



RIT's master's program in telecommunications engineering technology launches spring quarter. It joins a baccalaureate program that was the first accredited undergraduate telecommunications program in the nation.

department in the College of Applied Science and Technology. The 48 credit-hour program also includes three additional telecom courses, management electives offered through the College of Business, technical electives and a capstone project. Bridge programs are available for students without telecommunications backgrounds.

"This program will be a model of accessibility for professionals with technical and non-technical undergraduate degrees who want to advance into managerial and leadership roles in telecommunications," says Carol Richardson, department chair.

Adds Wiley McKinzie, CAST dean, "The program will appeal to a variety of students, including regional and industry groups and online learners."

RIT began the nation's first accredited undergraduate program in telecommunications engineering technology in 1989.

For more information on the telecommunications master's program, log onto www.rit.edu/~706www. ■

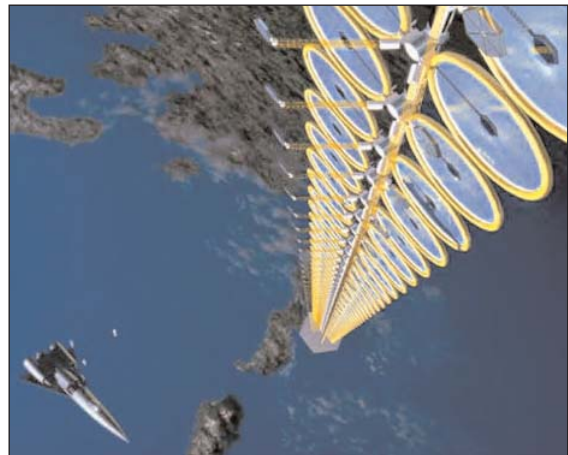


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IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF BEN FRANKLIN... RIT Board of Trustees Chairman Bruce James, shown here with wife Nora, officially became the 24th United States Public Printer on Jan. 9. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy conducted the swearing in and related the history of the printing office. James, an RIT printing school alumnus, oversees a staff of 3,000 people and a budget of \$700 million, and is responsible for the printing, publishing and distribution of all government information. RIT President Albert Simone joined him at his inauguration in Washington, D.C., with a crowd of nearly 500 people.

Nanopower lab researches solar cells

Someday, large-scale solar power stations in space could beam electricity to the surface of the moon, the earth and other



"Sun Tower" concept is one of the proposed designs for space solar power. Image courtesy of NASA.

that is light, thin and highly efficient. This solar cell, a thin-film device, will sandwich tiny granules of semi-conductor material, known as Quantum dots, and carbon nanotubes.

"In order to put football-field sized arrays in space, they need to be lightweight and flexible, and able to withstand the rigors of space," Raffaele says. "Today's technology isn't good enough, but with the theoretical possibilities offered by nanomaterials it could become a reality."

Gennett adds: "The types of solar cells that we are working to develop are a clear departure from even the most advanced crystalline solar cells used in the space industry today. If we are successful it will result in a complete paradigm shift in space solar power generation." ■

planets, decreasing our dependence on a dwindling fossil-fuel supply.

Scientists at RIT are developing the next generation of solar cells, advancing the technology that could put a solar power system into earth's orbit.

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a three-year, \$200,000 grant to Ryne Raffaele and Thomas Gennett, co-directors of RIT's NanoPower Research Laboratory, to develop nanomaterials—no bigger than a billionth of a meter—in support of NASA's space solar power program.

The notion of space solar power—discounted as farfetched after the energy crunch of the 1970s—never completely went away. Some scientists and other visionaries remained intrigued by the idea of orbiting, football-field sized "blankets" of solar cells that could generate tremendous amounts of power. NASA's program is revisiting the idea, pushing the latest technology as far as it will go.

Raffaele and Gennett are working with scientists from the Ohio Aerospace Institute and Phoenix Innovations Inc. to develop a new-and-improved solar cell



CELEBRATING A 100-YEAR SPAN OF TALENT... Gallery r pays tribute to RIT's art faculty with a centennial exhibition, "An Aesthetic Heritage," which runs through Feb. 9.

Opening night attendees included John Cox (NTID) and Zerbe Sodervick (CIAS), who were on hand to celebrate RIT's art faculty from the 1900s to the present.

"While celebrating RIT's Centennial of the Arts, we thought it was the perfect moment to salute the faculty by sharing their works with the public," says Sodervick.

Faculty/staff urged to complete survey

A survey that will measure the climate for racial, ethnic and cultural diversity on campus is now circulating among faculty and staff.

All RIT employees should have recently received a copy of the survey through interoffice mail. The survey can also be taken online at www.rit.edu/~climate.

The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete, says Alfreda Brown, chair of the Commission for Promoting Pluralism. The survey is part of a study that is gauging whether RIT offers an inclusive environment for students, faculty and staff. Students are taking a separate survey.

Employees who need assistance in understanding and completing the survey are encouraged to contact Brown at 5-4993.

The survey is being conducted by the Center for Governmental Research, a non-profit research group, which is using surveys, interviews and focus groups as part of a year-long study. ■

New Golisano College building welcomes inhabitants, bustles with activity

Activity is buzzing in and around the new home of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, but construction crews are now only partly responsible.

Although some finishing touches remain, GCCIS faculty and staff have begun transferring operations into the new "wireless" facility. It begins the process of consolidating most of the college's activities—formerly conducted in a half dozen buildings across campus—under one roof.

"This impressive building represents the future of the Golisano College," says

Jorge Díaz-Herrera, GCCIS dean. "We strive to be the best in the world at helping superior students develop into balanced computing professionals that can effectively

apply theory, principles and technology from the whole spectrum of computing in a wide range of domains."

The transition comes only 15 months after RIT officials broke ground on the three-story, 177,000-square-foot building. Last year's

mild winter and a relatively dry summer helped the workers from Pike Construction Co. move the project along at a brisk pace.

"It's been incredible to see it go up so



A 3-story atrium in the new home for Golisano College

quickly," says Kim Shearer, Golisano College director of operations. "I could step away a few hours to attend a meeting and, by the time I returned, an entire stairwell would be put in place. It's just amazing."

Upon entering, visitors notice a

What does it take to house a new college? Here's a look at the Golisano College facility, by the numbers:

- 13 classrooms
- 31 labs
- 7 conference rooms
- 94 faculty offices
- 151-seat auditorium
- more than 150 desks
- over 2,500 chairs

spacious atrium, featuring skylights and a series of sculptures by artist Harry Bertouia. The building's design incorporates

unique curves and angles, which made furnishing some of the office space more challenging than usual.

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Student Affairs honors top individuals and group with annual awards

RIT's Division of Student Affairs honored 22 employees for length of service and presented awards to distinguished faculty and staff members at a recognition brunch in December.

Audience members also praised the long-time efforts of John Buckholtz, assistant director and associate professor for wellness in the Center for Human Performance, who has worked at RIT for 35 years.



Hamad Ghazle

Hamad Ghazle, associate professor and director of the diagnostic medical sonography program in the College of Science, won the Award for Promoting Learning Outside the Classroom.

Ghazle joined the RIT faculty in 1994. After graduating from the College of Science with a bachelor's degree in ultrasound, he earned his master's degree in health professions from the University of Rochester. He is now pursuing a Ph.D. in imaging science. Ghazle was awarded the Eisenhower Award for Outstanding Teaching last spring.

Students describe him as enthusiastic, full of energy and passionate for his work in ultrasound in and outside the classroom.

"I am truly humbled and gratified by this honor and to be in the same company

with all the phenomenal RIT men and women who have received this award," Ghazle says. "We all know that learning can be obtained outside the boundaries of the classroom but we must show it and practice it. We need to go to where the students are, go to the dormitories and see how they live and interact with each other. One of the key things as an educator is to show our students that we care about them. We need to show them that we work with them, for them, and not against them. We need to show them that we are not only teachers but also learners. They can teach us and enrich our knowledge."

Greg Moss, associate director of recreation and facilities, earned the Excellence in Service award. Moss came to RIT in 1976 as an adjunct physical education juggling instructor. He is described by those who nominated him as "a source of endless energy," "a valuable resource," and "a man who always has a friendly smile and an encouraging word for co-workers and students."

"I am very honored and thrilled to receive this award but it is truly a team effort here at RIT to provide quality



Greg Moss

service to our community," says Moss. "Working together with great people makes all the difference. Employees here not only work hard, but take the time to show people they care. I am grateful and privileged to be associated with the outstanding students, faculty, staff and alumni who have helped me grow over the years."

The Award for Innovation in Program went to the New Student Orientation Program. Robin Diana and Nicole Boulais accepted the award on behalf of the orientation team. Orientation became a weeklong event held just prior to the start of the school year for the first time in fall 2002.

"On behalf of the Center for Student Transition and Support staff, we are thrilled



New Student Orientation staff, alphabetically: Susan Ackerman, Rhonda Baker, Joli Blaha-Levulis, Michelle Blinn, Nicole Boulais, Robin Diana, Dan Hickey, Matt Hinton, Kerry Hughes, Lucinda Koessler, Matt Todd, Brenda Trinidad, Karen Violanti, Joe Williams and Jo Vaughan.

to receive this award," says Diana. "What seemed impossible a year ago became possible due to the commitment, support and enthusiasm from administrators, faculty and staff. Our students and families caught the RIT spirit by all of us working collaboratively to deliver a first-rate program. We look forward to 2003."

ITS opens its doors to high school workers

It's not your typical high school job.

Two students from Wilson Magnet High School are part of a pilot project with the Rochester Business Education Alliance and RIT's Office of the President.

Between July 2002 and August 2003, Philip Zenkel and Priscila Ilarraza will each work 1,200 hours in Information and Technology Services and Finance and Administration Systems and Technology learning a variety of technical and customer service skills in each area. They are the first high school students, both juniors, to be placed in a university or an IT position through the program.

After they've rotated through each area in ITS, they'll complete an extensive senior project related to their work at RIT to receive credit for the apprenticeship.

So far, it's a good experience for all.

"It's been a very rewarding experience to be able to partner with Wilson Magnet High School and give these students an early work opportunity," says Fran Versace,

manager of the student employment program in ITS.

"I've learned so much in just a few short months," Philip Zenkel says. He plans to pursue a career in computer programming and appreciates the broad view of different areas that it can be applied to. No matter what area of computing you're

involved in, it's an important thing to understand, he says.

Ilarraza plans a career in medicine and is interested in combining medicine and technology.

Both students helped ITS prepare for new-student orientation and move-in and are rotating through each area in

ITS, including the HelpDesk, ResNet, networking, desktop support and the computer labs. During the summer of 2003 they will work in systems development with the programmers in FAST.

For more information on the Rochester Business Education Alliance, log on to www.rbea.org.



Priscila Ilarraza and Philip Zenkel learn about RIT's information and technology services via a pilot program.

Campus Safety encourages RIT community to follow Aretha's lead—RESPECT

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me." That's the first thought that comes to mind when hearing about Campus Safety's new RESPECT campaign.

"Our program is geared to promoting respect toward everyone and every living thing within the RIT community; we'd be grateful if people would resonate with Aretha's song and our mission," says Bob Craig, director of campus safety. Campus Safety will launch the campaign this winter with education and information to foster the community's culture of safety and awareness of the well being of others.

Phillip Goodwin, operations aid, will roll out the initial RESPECT outreach with appearances at RIT eateries. Goodwin will inform students, faculty and staff about how to join the growing wave of RESPECT, including through classes in driver

enhancement and driver improvement.

"I'm looking forward to reinforcing the connection between our mission to promote safety and individual responsibility for action within the RIT community," says Goodwin.

The campaign logo, encompassing safety awareness areas on campus roads and walkways, will soon appear around campus. Erin Youngwirth, third-year art illustration major and Campus Safety employee, created the winning look. "I tried to design something that would play on everyone's general knowledge of driving, such as popular diagonal signs used to tell drivers to be more alert."

RESPECT aims to connect to everyday life at RIT, recognizing the "hustle and bustle" pace while considering daily actions. "We want people to stop and think, 'are we really that busy?' And to take

time to add a few more minutes to their schedule, for safety's sake," says Craig.

To further encourage the value of safe habits, many options are on the table, such as: sandwich boards displaying the RESPECT logo, enhanced signage, and use of dash-monitored video cameras with instant replay to inform drivers of their speed. Such tools, combined with educational outreach, can help the community cultivate safer habits, contributing to the long-range goals of RESPECT, notes Craig.

"The RESPECT campaign is part of a long-term, committed effort to promote safety within the RIT community. The death of Desera Briggs reminds us of how important that is," he says.

To find out more about the RESPECT campaign, contact Goodwin at pcgcss@rit.edu.

Innovator to perform at Gospel Fest event

Artist, composer and pianist Richard Smallwood is said to have changed gospel music by blending classical movements with traditional gospel and deriving a sound of his own.

From forming his first gospel group at age 11, to graduating from Howard University with degrees in vocal performance and piano, gospel music is the thread running through his life.



Richard Smallwood

Smallwood delivers his timeless musical message of hope at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 8 in RIT's Clark Gymnasium. The College Gospel Mass Choir will open the show. Doors open at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 for RIT students, \$10 for RIT faculty/staff/alumni and \$15 for the general public. Available at the RIT Game Room and Candy Counter in the Student Alumni Union, tickets can also be purchased by phone with a credit card at 5-2239 until noon on Feb. 7, or at the door, pending availability. (Cash only at the door.)

The performance is part of Gospel Fest 2003, running Feb. 7 and 8, celebrating Black History Month. Gospel Fest is sponsored by the Center for Campus Life, the North Star Center for Academic Success, the Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Student Government, the Creative Arts Program, the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Center for Residence Life and the Gospel Ensemble.

On Feb. 7, the College Gospel Choir Concert at 7:30 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium includes free performances by the RIT Gospel Ensemble, Roberts Wesleyan Gospel Choir, University of Rochester Gospel Choir and St. John Fisher Gospel Choir.

New initiatives ease stress of housing selection

A revamped student housing selection process for fall 2003 will showcase several improvements, RIT housing officials say.

The changes should give students a better opportunity for selecting their housing as well as "eliminate some of the stress involved" with the old system, says Howard Ward, director of housing operations.

Here are some of the highlights for students who currently live in RIT apartments and the RIT Inn & Conference Center who have the opportunity to renew their contracts for fall 2003.

- Students will be assigned for fall quarter housing by the end of January, the earliest ever.

- Students have already been informed that they could be ineligible to participate because they have a registration "hold" on their student record. A hold could range from a problem with finances, academics or judicial conduct. The early notice will allow students to resolve the issues faster as the renewals begin Jan. 27-31.

- A \$300 reservation fee will be placed on the student's account on the spring quarter bill. It will be applied towards fall rent and prevents students from having to scramble for funds on the sign-up day.

Changes have also been made for students who will go through the second

phase of the housing selection process—the "non-renewal phase." This process includes current freshmen, students who did not renew their current apartment/room, co-op students and students who live off campus.

Improvements include:

- Priority will be given to current freshmen;
- Allowing students to register via the Web for the first time;

- No longer will students have to wait in line on a weekend to get their fall assignment. Housing operations will make assignments and mail them to students;

- On Jan. 27, students who are ineligible to participate in the assignment process will receive a letter notifying them they have a registration hold on their student record. They will have until March 14 to resolve the issue; and

- All eligible students who participate in this process will be offered housing.

"These changes will improve our customer service," Ward says. "Students who follow the process will be housed."

For more information, including all of the key dates in the process, go to the housing operations Web site at <http://finweb.rit.edu/housing/>.

Gannett lecture series

Global Meets Local: A Business-Labor Roundtable will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, as part of the Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series. Executives from Rochester's leading corporations and a representative from the AFL-CIO will discuss the economic and civic challenges posed by globalization.

The roundtable will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building.

The Gannett film series, new this academic year, will continue on Thursday, Jan. 23, with the showing of *Bill Moyers Reports: Trading Democracy (Chapter 11)* at 7:30 p.m. in the George Eastman Building, room 2000.

Both events are free and open to the public. Sign-language interpretation will be provided.

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

Viewpoints

A New Year's resolution—Take some time for you

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

by Dugan Davies, associate director of wellness, Center for Human Performance



Dugan Davies

It's that time of year again when we ask each other and ourselves: "What's your New Year's resolution?" In a world that has become so fast paced and demanding, we're often asked to produce more in a day than we can physically handle. Not just at work, but in all aspects of life.

Traffic is crazy, lines are longer, cell phones are a must, the fast food industry is booming, and it seems as though the days are

getting shorter and shorter.

What gives? Where is the time that we set aside for ourselves?

I was recently chatting with a colleague who realized that he has taken only one day off since August. How many of you are in the same situation?

As you begin 2003, I propose this challenge: Take some time for YOU.

The Center for Human Performance is introducing a new program in 2003—the Faculty/Staff Fit and Well Challenge.

We are encouraging all faculty and staff to regularly engage in activities enhancing their personal growth and development. Each month, we'll spotlight faculty and staff who are doing great things in this area. I believe that we can support and motivate one another to achieve a heightened sense of self and overall well being.

Based on my professional and personal experiences, I am suggesting not only becoming physically fit but also embracing a well-rounded approach to daily living. On a professional level I am afforded the opportunity to address the wellness behaviors of our student population and empower them to identify positive changes in their lives. On a personal level, I overcame severe stress-related challenges in 1999 by taking some time to re-evaluate the priorities in my life.

I look back at that time now and cannot for the life of me understand how I allowed things to get so out of control. I thoroughly believe that regular physical activity combined with the daily nurturing of "self" is critical for

overall peace and total well being. There is no time better than today to begin to pave the way for a more fulfilling way of life.

How? I suggest the following:

- Make exercise and physical activity a regular part of your day and not just an afterthought.

- Learn to say 'no' once in awhile without feeling guilty.
- Spend more time talking with colleagues about non-work-related topics.
- Take a colleague out for lunch just because you want to.
- Give compliments on a regular basis.
- Smile and say hello to people you may not know.
- Go for a long walk with your family and friends.
- Laugh, be goofy and humor yourself once in a while.
- Make efforts to enhance your spirituality.
- Sit on a park bench and watch children laugh and play.
- Give back to your community by volunteering your time.
- Take some time to read a book or magazine and really enjoy it.
- Treat yourself to a full body massage once a month.
- Take 20-minute power naps and get enough sleep each night.
- Enjoy warm bubble baths.
- Journal your thoughts.
- Make a whole-hearted effort to eat a well-balanced diet every day.
- Experience something totally new and culturally stimulating.
- Practice positive self-talk and positive thinking.
- Take a look at energy-soaking, negative habits that you want to address and seek assistance to help change them.
- Take a day to just "be" and encourage others to do the same.
- Call someone you haven't spoken to in years.
- Patch up troubled relationships and begin new connections.
- Allow imperfection in all areas of your life, and keep it simple.

Empower yourself this year to embrace life with a new attitude. There is no time better than today to become fit and well on all levels: physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually.

Enjoy your journey. ■

RIT dept. launches Faculty/Staff Fit and Well Challenge

The Center for Human Performance's Faculty/Staff Fit and Well Challenge will highlight RIT faculty and staff who exemplify living a lifestyle of well being and activity.

This month's spotlight falls on Mary-Beth Cooper, vice president of student affairs, and Frank Lamas, associate vice president of student affairs.

Mary-Beth Cooper says she's been exercising most of her life: from swimming and throwing shot-put in grade school to being a cheerleader in high school. As an adult, she's been jogging for about 10 years and enjoys swimming as often as possible.

Exercise tips: Find a group or a partner to meet you for regular exercise. It's easy to put exercise on a back burner especially if you have a busy schedule. Having a workout partner helps you stick with it and is a great way to pass the time on those long runs if you have company. **Exercise goals:** To complete a marathon in 2003.

Exercise confession: I exercise so that I can indulge my love for chocolate.



Mary-Beth Cooper, second from right, jogs on campus weekly with other faculty/staff members.

Frank Lamas says exercise has been an integral part of his life since childhood, from participating on athletic teams to just working out for personal benefit. These days he's dedicated to exercising on a regular basis, as often as his active professional and personal life allows.

Keeping fit, he says, is an important component in maintaining balance in his life.

Exercise tips for sticking with it: Working out is not an afterthought in my daily regi-



Frank Lamas

men but rather a lifetime practice that is intentionally planned into my schedule.

How exercise has helped him: I find that I am better able to manage and release stress when I am fit and healthy. ■

OSHA selects RIT for education and training

RIT will offer training in occupational safety and health beginning this summer after being selected by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration as a site for a new OSHA Training Institute Education Center.

The center will draw business owners, managers, engineers and others associated with construction and manufacturing in western New York for training in chemical exposure, construction safety, ergonomics, fire engineering, mechanical guarding and respiratory protection, says Jennifer Schneider, assistant professor of environmental management and safety and co-principal investigator.

"The education is tailored for the workforce," Schneider says. "Designation as a training center brings national and regional recognition to RIT for our abilities and experience in safety and health, and it adds another dimension to our academic programs in environmental health and safety and emergency management. Since we already educate today's environmental health and safety professionals, it's natural we add the capability

to reach the rest of the workforce."

Kitren VanStrander, director of managed academic programs in the College of Applied Science and Technology and co-principal investigator,



RIT students participated in a HAZMAT exercise like training offered at RIT beginning this summer.

will train this month at OSHA's primary training facility in Illinois. RIT will offer a complete schedule of courses beginning this October. The RIT center will be one of 20 nationwide and one of two primary centers serving a region comprising New York, New Jersey,

Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

"The additional centers will help us meet an increasing demand for OSHA training," says Elaine Chao, U.S. secretary of labor. "We expect the number trained by these centers to double over the next two years and to continue to increase substantially each year after that."

Adds John Henshaw, OSHA administrator, "Expanding our education centers allows us to reach more people with information that can protect their safety and save lives."

For more information, call VanStrander at 5-7054. ■



TRUST THE BUS WINNER... Tashi Mar, a fourth-year information technology student, won Campus Safety's "Trust the Bus" logo contest. Mar, far right, received a \$250 check from the RTS bus company and \$250 for an RIT flex-debit account. Mar's design will be used in promotions to increase bus ridership on campus. Pictured with Mar are Kathy Marchaesi of RTS; Gary Caton, manager of campus safety parking and transportation services; and Bob Craig, director of campus safety. "Trust the bus and you can take power naps, not worry about scraping ice off your car and avoid parking tickets," says Caton.

RIT plans new senior living facility on grounds of Racquet Club complex

RIT will put a new twist on life-long learning with plans for a senior living community at the vacated Racquet Club apartment complex.

RIT is working with a developer to convert the property, which previously housed students, into a retirement community. Services and programs linked to the university would cater to individuals over age 62. The developer, Christa Development Corp., will market an independent lifestyle via newly constructed patio homes and apartments, with an emphasis on RIT alumni and retirees. Nearly 30,000 of RIT's 90,000 alumni reside in the Rochester area and there are

more than 800 retirees.

"We felt this would be a way to encourage people to stay connected with the university," says Margaret Cass Ferber, associate vice president for finance and administration. "RIT will now have everything ranging from a day-care center to senior living."

Demolition of the old student apartments off East River Road will begin in the fall, followed by immediate construction. Patrick Tobin, vice president of Christa, says occupancy of 70 patio homes and 80 apartments should begin in 2004 or early 2005.

The target audience is seniors age 62 and up who seek independent living. Patio

homes will be about 1,500 square feet, with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The cottage-style homes will be rented for about \$2,500 per month. A two-bedroom apartment will start at \$2,200; \$1,850 for a one-bedroom. The complex will have a common area for social, cultural and educational activities, as well as meals.

The units will be maintenance free with services including housekeeping, grounds-keeping and transportation to RIT. The link to campus will also include:

- Use of RIT facilities, such as the future field house (2004 opening), swimming pool and fitness center;

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COB Spirit Week

Share your "spirit" with students from the College of Business.

Spirit Week, Jan. 20-24, features activities designed to offer a diversion from the hectic pace of academic requirements at mid-quarter. Events are scheduled throughout the week inside the Max Lowenthal Building—including games, raffles, a baked goods sale, silent auction, ice cream social and coffee hour.

William Nojay, chairman of the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transit Authority, will be the keynote speaker. His lecture takes place at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23, in room 1215 of the Max Lowenthal Building.

For information, contact Donna Slavin at 5-2199 or dlsbbu@rit.edu.

NTID instructor is first deaf female referee

An instructor from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf has become the first female deaf referee in the history of NCAA Division I.

Marsha Wetzel participated in the referee try-out camp for the Patriot and Atlantic 10 Women's Basketball Conferences over the summer and was added to the staff of both, said Renee Dorfman, coordinator of officials for the Patriot League.

Wetzel is an NTID instructor and sport assistant program coordinator where she works with deaf and hard-of-hearing students and supports those who are involved in intercollegiate athletic and intramural programs.

Marie Koch, coordinator of officials for Atlantic 10 Conference, said that Wetzel's being deaf has had no impact on her



Marsha Wetzel

ability on the court.

"Marsha has certainly worked hard and has earned the right to be in a Division I game, simply based on her officiating ability, and nothing else," says Koch.

"Marsha is an exemplary role model for all of our students at RIT," says Robert Davila, CEO of NTID and vice president at RIT. "She proves that education, hard work and commitment eliminate any

obstacles people think they have toward realizing their dreams."

Wetzel played basketball at Gallaudet University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in recreation and leisure studies in 1985, and another B.S. degree in physical

education in 1990. She then earned a master's degree in athletic administration in 1993 from Springfield College in Massachusetts, and another M.S. degree in deaf education in 1998 from Western Maryland College. ■

Senior housing plans

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- Discounted tuition and online learning opportunities; and
- Discounted tickets to RIT events.

Discussions are also underway to partner with the Athenaeum, RIT's organization that offers classes to people over 50 who have a thirst for lifelong learning. The Athenaeum is located adjacent to the project.

"Those who have had the RIT experience would have the chance to come back and continue interaction with RIT," Tobin says. "This would be very unique in the Rochester market."

RIT is also looking at ways to involve the university's hospitality and service management department. The department is now offering a new advanced master's-level certificate in senior living management, one of few such programs in the nation.

RIT will lease 37 acres to Christa between the university's boathouse on the banks of the Genesee River and two student mid-rise apartment buildings. "Our desire was to continue to have

Student wins award for chilling design



Sam Aquillano

Why open the refrigerator to get a piece of fruit or cheese when you can find them in the Frio, a futuristic countertop food chiller designed by RIT

junior industrial design major Sam Aquillano?

Aquillano's cool design won second place at the International Housewares Association's National Student Design Competition in Illinois. He came up with the design when Alan Reddig, visiting assistant professor of design at RIT, gave his students an assignment to create something that you could plug in and give as a wedding present.

For placing second among 215 entries, Aquillano won \$1,500 and a trip to Chicago for the International Housewares Show held in mid-January.

control of the use of the land," says Ferber. "It is a way of preserving the land for future RIT use, but making it useful for the present."

For more information, contact Tobin at 924-3101 or ptobin@christa.com. ■

Visual poetry, music workshop set for Jan. 29

Multimedia innovator and e-poet Jim Andrews will hold a workshop on visual poetry and visual music at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, followed by a reading and digital presentation at 7:30 p.m. Both events will be held in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium.

The free event is sponsored by the College

of Liberal Arts' language and literature department and *Signatures* magazine with assistance from an Interactive Learning Grant from Student Affairs.

To request an interpreter, contact John Roche at jfrgl@rit.edu. ■

Submit art and writing entries before deadline

Signatures, RIT's art and literary magazine, is calling for all creative minds to submit their work for the 2003 publication.

Formerly known as *Symposium*, *Signatures* has had a presence on campus since the mid-'60s. Within the past few years the *Signatures* student staff designed a CD-ROM format for digitally inclined artists allowing students interested in everything from poetry, short stories, painting, short films, animation digital art, e-poetry and taped performance to be included.

The deadline for student submissions is Jan. 23.

Submissions can be sent online to www.rit.edu/signatures or zip disks can be dropped off to the main office of the Frank E. Gannett building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Include your name, email address and phone number with your submission. There is a three submissions limit per person.

Signatures magazine and CD-ROM distribution date is estimated for May 1. ■



BEAT BACK THE WINTER BLAHS WITH MUSIC... RIT chemistry major David Lee, above, began the College of Liberal Arts' Friday Afternoon Salon series last month with a flourish of Bach, Brahms, Chopin and Mozart.

Upcoming recitals will include clarinetist Jun Qian from the Eastman School of Music on Jan. 17 and the RIT String Quartet on Jan. 31.

The free recitals will be held from 1 to 1:45 p.m. in the Student Alumni Union, room A128.

For more information, contact Michael Ruhling, assistant professor of music, at 5-2014.

Golisano College building (from page 1)

The facility includes a 151-seat auditorium, more than a dozen classrooms, ample laboratory space and student lounges on each floor. And, as you might expect from one of the nation's leading colleges for computer-related studies, it's a wireless facility.

Commenting on the complexity of the building project, Shearer compared it to an opera that takes plenty of work to orchestrate.

"The number of people who've had input in this process is remarkable," she

explains. "From the beginning, department chairs, faculty and department staff were consulted about their needs. Project Manager Mark Williams and everyone in Facilities Management Services have been wonderful about accommodating requests as we went along."

The last staff members and administrators will move in next week. Classes in the new building will begin spring quarter.

A dedication ceremony is scheduled for May 2. ■



HONORING RIT'S TOP ATHLETES...

RIT student athletes earn top fall honors in the Empire 8: (top left) Brian Lenzo, men's soccer Player of the Year; (bottom left) Chris Anabel, volleyball Rookie of the Year; (center) Sara Kula, women's tennis Player of the Year; (top right) Michael Lawson, men's soccer Rookie of the Year; (bottom right) Jennifer Hume, women's tennis Rookie of the Year.

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Obituaries

Fred Gordon

Fred Gordon, RIT trustee emeritus, passed away Jan. 3. A co-founder with his brother, trustee emeritus Lucius "Bob" Gordon, of Mixing Equipment Co. in Rochester, Gordon also chaired the Executive Committee of the Lincoln Alliance Bank and Trust Co. and the Industrial Management Council.

"Fred and his brother, Lucius (Bob), have given their time and interest selflessly and consistently to RIT," says RIT President Albert Simone.

James Philbin

Emeritus faculty member James Philbin passed away Nov. 28, at the age of 77. Philbin, who joined RIT in 1956, taught literature and composition courses for 31 years in the College of Liberal Arts. He was promoted to associate professor in 1968 and to professor in 1979, retiring in 1987.

"Jim Philbin was a brilliant reader and analyst of English and American literature, and extremely well versed in the various schools of literary criticism," says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

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