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RIT helps develop ready-to-eat technology for troops

At faraway U.S. military bases in the Middle East and around the world, the heating device in Meals Ready to Eat, or MREs, was developed with help from RIT, giving U.S. troops piping-hot meals and



A look inside the MREs

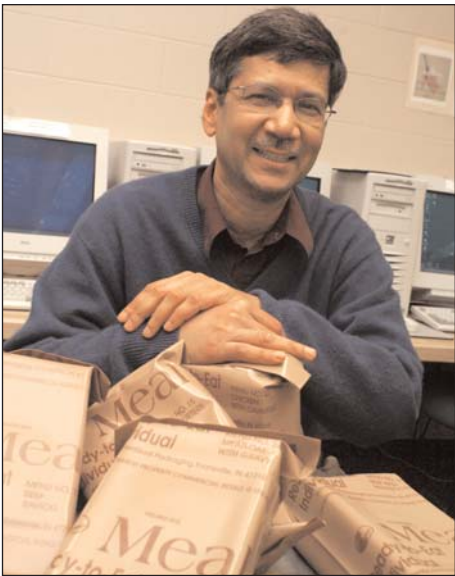
tastes from home wherever they're stationed. In the future, the technology could be used for hot drinks and in-field kitchen applications.

Easy-to-use and nutritious, MREs are a vital tool in successful military campaigns. The technology works like this: water added to a plastic pouch containing a magnesium-and-salt mixture produces heat, says Satish Kandlikar, RIT professor of mechanical engineering and director of the Thermal Analysis and Microfluidics Laboratory in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Kandlikar, a specialist in heat transfer in thermal systems—everything from food packaging to computer chips—helped simulate and optimize heat generation and delivery in “flameless ration heaters” under contracts with the U.S. Army. The device, patented by the Army, has been used with MREs since the Persian Gulf War in 1991. Similar technology under development for “tub rations” would provide hot meals for groups of soldiers. Kandlikar is also studying advanced cooling technology for computer chips and electronic devices that may be useful in military communication and missile-control applications.

“Applying high-tech research tools in support of soldiers in battlefield conditions is something for which we're very proud,” Kandlikar says.

He adds, “The Army is very interested in improving the quality and nutritional value of meals eaten by soldiers.” Hot meals go a long way toward that goal. MREs come in two dozen varieties, not limited to franks and beans. Menu selections include entrées such as Pot Roast and Thai Chicken that could be straight off the menu of any fine restaurant. A single meal contains a main entrée,



Satish Kandlikar, surrounded by U.S. military Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) that use “flameless heater” technology he helped develop

powdered drink mixes, snacks, desserts, condiments (such as Tabasco sauce in tiny 1/8 ounce bottles—soldiers' favorite, Kandlikar says) utensils and an MRE flameless heater. Bon appétit. ■

RIT announces tuition changes

RIT will increase tuition and other charges for the 2003-04 academic year with changes that will reflect a new “two-tiered” tuition increase for full-time undergraduate students. The Board of Trustees approved a plan where tuition for full-time matriculated students will increase by 5 percent to \$20,445. Tuition for entering freshmen and transfer students will increase by 8 percent to \$21,027.

RIT leaders say the two-tiered approach will allow the university to respond to economic factors facing higher education today, while allowing for continued improvement in programs and services provided to students.

The two-tiered approach was established in order to minimize the impact of a tuition increase on returning students and their families who face difficulties in responding to changing costs, says James Watters, vice president for finance and administration. Recent enhancements in RIT programs and facilities will also benefit new students over a greater number of years enrolled, he added. One example: The new \$25 million Gordon Field House and Activities Center, scheduled to open in spring 2004.

“RIT's recent accomplishments are especially impressive given the current economic climate for higher education,” says Watters. “RIT's cost increases have been well below the average increase for private universities across the U.S. in recent years, and we expect this year may be no different once the nation's top universities announce new costs.”

Overall costs of attending RIT, which includes room, board and fees, will increase 4.7 percent for enrolled undergraduates. The overall cost increase for undergraduates entering RIT will be 6.9 percent when compared to last year.

Like most universities, RIT will need to address several financial challenges during the upcoming academic year. These include:

- Challenges to the endowment. The performance of Wall Street continues to have an impact on college and university investment portfolios nationwide.
- Increased expenses in areas such as health care, energy, insurance and equipment.
- An anticipated decrease in government funding at both the state and federal levels.

Approximately 70 percent of RIT students receive some form of financial aid. This year, RIT students will receive about \$62 million in institutional grants

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Web site details RIT emergency plan

The university has developed an in-depth Emergency Preparedness Web site to apprise the RIT community of safety and emergency-planning issues.

The Web site will provide the latest information during an emergency at RIT. The campus community should also use the site for emergency planning.

Highlights include an emergency update page; information on how to report an emergency; safety tips for students, parents, faculty and staff; and links to key RIT, local and national resources.

“In light of the nation's heightened alert, RIT is taking many proactive measures for increased security on campus, including developing the preparedness Web site,” says Bob Craig, director of campus safety.

“Our emergency response is based on a national model that is very flexible and can be applied to any and multiple scenarios.”

The Department of Risk Management and Safety Services, Campus Safety, Human Resources and University News Services developed the site at <http://finweb.rit.edu/campusafety/emergencypreparedness/>. ■

RIT supports U.S. troops



More than 50 members in six chapters of RIT's sororities assembled care packages for U.S. troops, March 11 at a Sisters, Service and Scouts event, with the help of two local Girl Scout troops from the Churchville-Chili area. They were donated to the American Red Cross for distribution.

The RIT community answered the call to join the Comfort Corps. On March 19 and 20, RIT faculty, staff and students generously donated large cartons of magazines, greeting cards, candy, sunscreen, toiletries and microwave popcorn to the program sending the “comforts of home” to U.S. military personnel stationed overseas.

“The collaborative effort between the American Red Cross and United Way presented the opportunity to let the troops know they are in our hearts and minds, and to send them a reminder of home,” says

Deborah Stendardi, associate vice president for government and community relations.

Special acknowledgment and appreciation goes to Gene Clark, associate director, Veteran Enrollment Services, and his connection to Patterson Dental, who joined RIT in contributing over 800 toothbrushes and toothpaste to be sent abroad.

Stendardi adds, “On behalf of RIT, the Red Cross and United Way, thank you for your generosity in joining the Comfort Corps and helping to take care of our own service men and women stationed around the world.”

Web partnership created to design university-wide Internet projects

The University Web Partnership is a new internal Web services organization comprised of RIT writing, graphic design, Web development and software engineering specialists who provide technical expertise to RIT departments needing assistance in developing, redesigning or maintaining their departmental Web sites.

Until now, RIT departments have assigned their projects to external Web design firms, student workers or their own departmental staff members. These approaches have too often resulted in sites with poor design, improper RIT logo



A screenshot from the University Web Partnership Web site.

usage, out-of-date information, browser incompatibility or other problems.

“By enlisting the help of the UWP, departments can be sure that their Web sites will be given professional attention as they are developed, will be better integrated with the university's brand-

ing and communications strategies and will be easily and properly maintained after they are launched,” says Robert French, assistant vice president for enrollment management and career services.

Web projects that are undertaken by UWP

are supported through a departmental charge back system, but hourly rates are subsidized by RIT and are set well below local market rates. UWP project leaders meet with departments needing Web services, discuss specific needs and provide a cost estimate before beginning work on the site. Other benefits include access to high-quality photos, graphics and RIT content knowledge; video, sound and animation capabilities; dynamically driven Web pages; and testing and evaluation of sites on multiple browsers and platforms. UWP also provides ongoing technical support and site maintenance at a reasonable cost for the Web sites that they develop.

Visit www.rit.edu/uwp to see a portfolio of completed projects, or e-mail uwp@rit.edu for more information. ■

Trustees meet on campus April 10-11

The RIT Board of Trustees will convene April 10 and 11 in CIMS, with a packed agenda. The major topic will focus on branding RIT. Other topics include updates on the capital campaign and faculty diversity, RIT's financial plans, **First in Class** and communications. Board members can also tour the newly opened building for the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, take sign classes and share in a retirement event for Robert Davila, vice president of NTID.

RIT's famous Big Shot to focus on Swedish palace

With a name like "Big Shot," it seemed inevitable that RIT's favorite photo project would become an international event.

On Thursday, Oct. 9, faculty from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences and NTID will lead volunteers in creating a night-time photograph of the Royal Palace in Stockholm, Sweden. It's among the events planned for the first-ever Lennart Nilsson Conference on Scientific Photography.

Big Shot, often described as a "painting with light" photograph, involves hundreds of assistants—armed with camera flashes and flashlights—who illuminate the subject area during an extended exposure. Sweden's Royal Palace will become RIT's 20th Big Shot.

Faculty members Michael Peres, Bill DuBois and Dawn Tower DuBois reprise their roles as Big Shot coordinators, but conference organizers in Europe will handle the early planning. The time and expense of overseas travel make it difficult for the RIT faculty to address the event's preliminary details.

"The three of us have a lot of experience in making these pictures, so it's unusual for us to pass along that responsibility," explains Peres. "There are always a number of subtle details to choreograph,

so we won't know what to expect until we get there. Of course, with each Big Shot, we're never sure what will happen."

Staffan Larsson, director of media at

scientific photography. Big Shot becomes a welcome highlight of the conference.

"We're anxious to expose more people to the importance of photography in various scientific disciplines," says Larsson. "This is a great way to showcase RIT's expertise in a way that is both technically complex and visually appealing."

As the first international Big Shot, this is the latest evolution in the history of the project. A photograph taken in 1999 of the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum in New York City became the first such event outside the Rochester area. The 2001 image taken of the



The Royal Palace in Stockholm, Sweden, will be the subject of the next Big Shot project.

Stockholm's Huddinge University, first proposed bringing the project to Sweden. Larsson became acquainted with Big Shot last year while judging entries for SPAS's Images from Science exhibition. He now serves as the liaison between Big Shot coordinators and the various contacts in Stockholm.

The goal of the Lennart Nilsson Conference is to provide added exposure to an annual awards program commemorating significant achievements in

Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, became the first Big Shot conducted beyond the New York state border.

Anyone from the RIT community is welcome to take part in the Sweden Big Shot. Alumni Relations is working on putting together a travel package for the event. For more details, contact Julie Goodsell at 5-7638 or jrgrar@rit.edu.

Updated information on Big Shot will be available by visiting the Web at www.rit.edu/bigshot. ■

Photo student wins coveted Alexia Award

Photographs bring to light a range of lifestyles that few of us ever experience—even those we wish didn't exist.

Christopher Capozziello, a fourth-year photojournalism student in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, recently used his talents to peer inside a world that strongly contradicts his own values.



Holly Foley clings to her mother prior to a ceremony of the Alabama White Knights. The image is part of the award-winning portfolio submitted by RIT photojournalism student Christopher Capozziello.

Last summer, Capozziello photographed the activities of white supremacists along our nation's Gulf Coast. The images are part of a portfolio that earned him the first-place student scholarship at the 2003 Alexia Competition. Sponsored by the

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Train show, March 30

The RIT Model Railroad Club will host its annual Spring Train Show from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, March 30, in the Student Alumni Union. Vendors, local model layouts and workshops will be set up and the club's HO scale layout, a representation of Rochester and the surrounding areas, will be open during the show. Club members will be on hand to run trains and answer questions about railroading.

Tickets are \$2 for students and senior citizens, \$3 for the general public, and free for children under 12.

For more information, visit www.ritmrc.org, e-mail info@ritmrc.org or call 5-2227.

Ethics lecture set

RIT's Ezra A. Hale Ethics Series will present the talk, Harassment and Hostility, by Wade Robison, Hale Professor in Applied Ethics, Tuesday, April 1, 4-5:30 p.m. The lecture, free and open to the public, will be held in the Liberal Arts Building, Faculty Commons, room 1251. For more information, contact Cassandra Shellman at 5-2057.

ITS seminar, April 1

RIT's Information and Technology Services continues its free seminar series from 9:30-11:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium, room 1125. The keynote speaker is Brian Woodfield, a Brigham Young University professor, who will answer questions and demonstrate his chemistry virtual lab application, Virtual ChemLab.

To register for the presentation, contact Michelle Cometa at macits@rit.edu or 5-2246.

Henry's restaurant open

Henry's Hideaway, on the fourth floor of the George Eastman Building, is open for spring quarter, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, through May 13. Operated by RIT hospitality and service management majors, the eatery features American and international cuisine. Take-out orders and RIT debit cards are accepted. For more information, call 5-2351 or visit www.rit.edu/~henrys.

Opportunities for helping abound at Student Volunteer Center

With spring just around the corner, it seems like everyone is coming out of hibernation. Leaders of RIT's Student



RIT students volunteer at Hillside Children's Center by clearing a trail.

Volunteer Center believe this is the perfect time to start volunteering.

"The volunteer opportunities in our community are as diverse as they are endless, as are the rewards we get from helping others," says Tracey Hanmer Karl, volunteer center coordinator. The Student Volunteer Center coordinates volunteer activities for RIT students, faculty and staff.

Join one of these service projects or contact the volunteer center to find one

right for you.

- If gardening is your thing, dig in at Crestwood Children's Center, RITires Program and local nursing homes.
- Handy with a hammer? Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity or a local neighborhood revitalization project.
- Enjoy a nice walk with one of these events: Heart Walk, 9 a.m., March 29, Blue Cross Arena; Walk to Cure Diabetes, 9 a.m., May 18 at RIT, sponsored by Rochester chapter of Juvenile Diabetes International Research Foundation.

Contact Sydney Long at 5-6556 or sslnvd@rit.edu. Dolores Ames Scleroderma Walk, 10 a.m., April 12, RIT track. Contact Ginny Orzel at vmo8433@rit.edu. Karen's Walk, May 10 at RIT, is the second annual walk to raise money and awareness for Cardio Myopathy organized by Phi Sigma Pi in memory of one of their members. Visit the Phi Sigma Pi Web site at www.myphisigmapi.com.

- Bird of Prey Week, April 11-19, at

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Mangia, mangia at the Center for Religious Life

Hungry? In need of a little conversation? How about a free pasta dinner?

On the first and third Tuesday of every month, from 5:30 p.m. until the food runs out, the Center for Religious Life offers a free pasta night for the RIT community.

The fare is fairly simple—pasta and sauce, salad, rolls, soda and cookies or cake for dessert. But it's been a hit, says Ron Von Perlstein, the special projects and community service director in charge of Hillel, Jewish and interfaith programming. Often, more than 70 students participate, with some nights topping out at 110 students eating and chatting. The center has been offering pasta nights since the fall.

Largely done in an effort to offer a place of community and interaction for

students, the dinners have been shared by a diverse group of students from different ethnic and religious backgrounds.

"The center's ministerial staff put an enormous amount of work into buying

supplies, cooking, serving and cleaning up," says Jeff Hering, director of the Center for Religious Life. "It's a wonderful opportunity for students from diverse backgrounds to interact," says Deirdre McKiernan-Hetzler, RIT's

Roman Catholic minister. "We're literally breaking bread together, getting to know people with different perspectives and building an interfaith community."

There are three pasta nights left this academic year: April 1, 15 and May 6. ■



Deirdre McKiernan-Hetzler and Ron Von Perlstein serve up pasta and sauce for hungry students at a recent Center for Religious Life pasta night.

HIGH ABOVE TOKYO... A two-story-high video screen displaying NTID students and Japanese deaf college students performing haiku is being featured in the business district of Tokyo. The two groups of students joined together for a haiku competition as part of NTID's Post Secondary Education Network-International's cross-cultural programming. The video screen rests on headquarters of The Nippon Foundation, which to date has given more than \$3 million to NTID to help other countries update technology and curriculum for their deaf college students.



CIMS gives students practical work experience through co-op opportunities

The co-op experience is what draws many students to RIT. It's what hooked Travis Fisher, a fourth-year mechanical engineering student. And this past winter quarter, he and 19 other students found themselves immersed in interesting and challenging work with industry, government and business here at RIT.

RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies employs about 20 co-op students each quarter. Their work covers a variety of areas, from working with the Department of Labor on ergonomics, to reducing environmental waste hazards in remanufacturing for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, to helping the U.S. Navy maintain its vehicles.

Fisher worked on several NYSERDA projects, helping remanufacturers reduce energy consumption and pollution when they clean automotive parts for remanufacturing. In May 2002, CIMS won the Governor's Awards for Pollution Prevention for their reduction efforts in



CIMS co-op students Aaron Smykowski (left), Travis Fisher (center) and Tom Gagnon work on a project. Pictured in the background are Shane Porzio, Eric Conley, Omar Anbari and Christopher Merlin.

automotive parts cleaning.

Aaron Smykowski, a fifth-year computer engineering technology major, spent winter quarter working on the

Office of Naval Research's asset health management project, designing circuit boards and working with sensors to monitor vehicle "health."

It's one of the best co-ops he's had, Smykowski says. At CIMS, he has had access to work, people and technology he otherwise would never have had.

The students also say they feel part of the CIMS team, involved in hands-on work that relates not only to their current coursework but also to their future careers.

Fisher, whose ideal job would be a mix of something that positively impacts the world and involves designing fast-moving watercraft, is using some of his CIMS

experience in an independent-study project this spring quarter. He's designing a jet ski powered by fuel cells. ■

Sociologist lecture

The Gannett Lecture Series will present author and scholar George Ritzer Thursday, April 3, for another perspective on globalization. Ritzer's talk, *The Globalization of Nothing: So Many Making So Much Out of So Little*, will start at 7:30 p.m. in Webb Auditorium in the James E. Booth Building.

Ritzer, professor of sociology at University of Maryland, College Park, wrote the pathbreaking book, *The McDonaldization of Society*, which inspired research into America's influence on globalization. His recent work on global consumerism, *Enchanting a Disenchanted World*, led to his founding of the international *Journal of Consumer Culture*.

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

Conference reminder

The RIT community is invited to attend the conference, Visual Communication and Social Change: Rhetorics and Technologies, April 3-6 at the Strathallan hotel at 550 East Ave. Featured presentations and exhibits are slated for the RIT campus and RIT's Gallery r at 775 Park Ave. The free conference is sponsored by RIT's College of Liberal Arts' William A. Kern Endowment in Communication.

For more information about the conference, contact Cassandra Shellman at 5-2057, or visit the site www.rit.edu/~698www/ptc/kern for a complete schedule of events.

Internet perceptions

How people perceive each other on the Internet will be the topic of the next lecture presented by RIT's Women's Research Forum.

Susan Barnes, associate professor of communication, will give her talk, *Presenting Oneself on the Internet*, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, in the Liberal Arts Building, Faculty Commons room. She is the author of *Online Connections*, and *Computer-Mediated Communication: Human-to-Human Communication Across the Internet*.

For more information, or to request sign-language interpretation, contact Christine Kray at 5-4686.

Bookstore sale

Campus Connections, RIT's award-winning bookstore, announces its spring sidewalk sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., April 9-11, in the atrium in front of the store.

The up-to-50 percent-off sale features assorted styles of sportswear and sports-related clothing, selected stationary, general books, gifts, posters, paper, brushes, discontinued software titles, discontinued photographic equipment and more.

Human cloning debate

How do you feel about human cloning?

The Delta Alpha chapter of Phi Sigma Pi is hosting an informal debate on human cloning at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 11.

The event, free and open to the public, will be in Webb Auditorium.

Phi Sigma Pi, a co-ed national honor fraternity, is inviting speakers from RIT faculty and the Rochester community to share their views and knowledge on this challenging topic.

Panel speakers will debate followed by a question and comment period. For more information, visit www.myphisigmapi.com/cloning.

Athenaeum previews

The RIT Athenaeum is hosting two events for adults over 50 to preview and sample a variety of educational course offerings:

- **A Taste of Spring Offerings**—April 1, 2-3:30 p.m. Sample courses ranging from the ABCs of computers and investment opportunities, to an interactive introduction to the Italian language.

- **Athenaeum Open House**—April 7-10, classes run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Attend the first week of spring classes on days of your choice. Courses range from learning computer and language skills to The Athenaeum's signature Pfaudler Enrichment Series, which will host a noon discussion on the Great American Painter Georgia O'Keefe on Thursday, April 10.

Admission to both events is free and participants may take part in as many classes/activities as they like. Brown bag lunches welcome. For those planning to attend, please call 292-8989. More Athenaeum news is on the Web at www.rit.edu/athenaeum.

Online learning forum

Online Learning will host a workshop luncheon on blended learning at noon on Thursday, April 3, in the Skalny Room, Interfaith Center.

Keynote speaker for the lunch is George Otte, director of instructional technology at CUNY. He will guide participants on planning a blended learning class and share the model in place at CUNY.

Registration is required; use the following link to register: <http://online.rit.edu/faculty/eventInfo.cfm?eventid=388>.

Final Shakespeare talks

The lecture series, Shakespeare's Politics, sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts' political science department wraps up with two final talks.

On Thursday, April 3, Pamela Jensen from Kenyon College, will present *On Measure for Measure*, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., in the Carlson building, room 1125.

On Thursday, April 10, David Nichols, from Montclair State University, will give his talk, *The Liberal Politics of Shakespeare's Comedies*, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., in the Carlson building, room 1125.

For information, call Sean Sutton at 5-4620.

RIT photo student wins Alexia Award

Alexia Foundation for World Peace, this national photo contest honors students and professionals who offer stories that further cultural understanding.

"If we have any hope of understanding our society as a whole, we need to honestly look at all of its parts—even the Klan," explains Copozziello.

During an assignment as a newspaper intern in Mississippi, he had his first encounter with the Ku Klux Klan. It opened up the opportunity to photograph Klan activities over a two-month period. Copozziello was particularly struck by the organization's influence on the development of children.

"Like vessels of clay, children take the shape of the hands that mold them," he states. "As younger generations are filled with the Klan's message, many of them will grow in the way of their mothers and fathers."

Copozziello says exposing organizations like the Klan is a necessary evil. "Only by understanding hatred can we ever hope to achieve a true peace."

In recognition of his photography and related observations, Copozziello receives a \$9,000 scholarship, along with a \$1,000 grant to produce his picture story.

Leila Navidi, a fourth-year applied photography student, is also being honored by the Alexia Foundation as an Award of Excellence winner. She receives a \$500 cash grant and a \$1,600 scholarship.

The Alexia Foundation was established by the family of Alexia Tsairis, a photo-journalism student at Syracuse University who died in the Pan Am bombing over

Lockerbie, Scotland. The non-profit organization is dedicated to advancing world peace.

Images from Capozziello's winning portfolio and more information on the 2003 Alexia Competition are available at <http://newhouse.syr.edu/alexia>. ■

COB lines up speakers for April 9 NPD forum

Dynamic Capabilities in New Product Development is the topic for discussion at the next open meeting of the RIT New-Product Development Forum.

Several presentations will address that issue on Wednesday, April 9, in Xerox Auditorium, James E. Gleason Building. Speakers include Patrick Meagher, director of technology at Flextronics; Steven Beyer, vice president of business development at Applied Mechanical Technologies; and James Martis, associate director of finance and accounting at Procter and Gamble Co. John Ettlie, Madelon and Richard Rosett Chair in the College of Business, will serve as moderator. The event, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, includes continental breakfast. Registration is free for RIT students, faculty and staff.

The RIT New-Product Development Forum is a consortium of six companies, sponsored by COB's Technology Management Center. To attend the next meeting, contact Angelo Fuino at 5-7431 or jafbba@rit.edu. ■



HOW MANY MEN DOES IT TAKE TO BUILD A ROCKET? (THE ANSWER IN A MOMENT) . . . Forty female high school juniors from across the northeast visited RIT March 20-21 for the third annual "Shadow Day." They participated in hands-on engineering-related activities with RIT student mentors, attended classes and spent a night in an RIT residence hall. Shown above, from left, Ashley Lowe of Connecticut, Chelsea Plourde of Maine and Sarah Smigielski of Cheektowaga with a LEGO Mindstorms robot they programmed. The event was sponsored by RIT's Society of Women Engineers, RIT Women in Engineering and RIT Admissions. (Answer, found on T-shirts worn by students: none.)

RIT's United Way campaign kicks off with a myriad of events

Many departments and students on campus are thinking green this spring—not because of the milder weather, but in preparation to create a miniature golf hole design that would challenge even a pro like Tiger Woods.

- Facilities Management Services is building a two-story winding green in the SAU, complete with bathroom fixtures to literally flush balls out of bounds.

- Residence Life is creating a living and learning theme where the ball must crisscross obstacles such as pizza boxes, DVD players, computers and desks—before its final descent over a fraternity swimming pool.
- ITS is constructing a textured mouse-maze-with more than 500 mouse pads serving as the green and 300 wrist rests as boundaries.

“Putt-putt” your mind at ease on April 2 and join in on the fun as RIT’s 2003 United Way Campaign debuts with a Mini Golf Tournament. The campaign runs from April 2-25; followed by a Taste of RIT on May 1. Your participation and your monetary pledges are a gift to our community—a way of “taking care of our own.”

Donors who give to the United Way for the first time or increase their gift by 50 cents or more per week will be entered in a special prize drawing. Prizes include an autographed basketball from Earvin “Magic” Johnson in the daily raffle or two airline tickets from US Airways at the Taste of RIT.

Gift giving goes a long way with United Way because every dollar goes to support more than 300 health and human services programs in the greater Rochester area.

RIT has set a goal of \$315,000 and invites the campus community to pledge its support. Thanks to your generous contributions last year, RIT surpassed its goal of \$285,000 and raised a grand total of \$300,058.

Please plan on attending the following scheduled “fun”-raising events:

Campaign Kick-Off/Indoor Golf Tournament—Wednesday, April 2, 10 a.m. -3 p.m., SAU



Last year’s “celebrity” car wash, with faculty and staff washers like COB’s Marty Burris, above, raised money for United Way agencies.

Students, faculty, staff and retirees are invited to play 9 or 17 holes of miniature golf. Putters and golf balls will be provided and tee off begins at 10 a.m. with tee times available every 5 minutes through 2:45 p.m. Players and hole sponsors are invited to check out the “19th hole” at the Ritz from 3 to 5 p.m. for complimentary snacks and cash bar. Tournament winners will be announced at 4 p.m. The cost to play is \$3 for faculty, staff and retirees; \$2 for students.

Video Showings—Tuesday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., SAU, Clark C; Wednesday, April 16, noon-1:30 p.m., SAU, M-1; Tuesday, April 22, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., SAU, Clark A

View this year’s United Way video and be eligible to participate in the United Drive-A-Way Sweepstakes to win one of three GM cars and other prizes.

Daily Raffle—Thursday, April 3-Fri., April 11

The earlier you return your pledge card with a completed raffle ticket, the more chances you have to win. Visit the Web at www.rit.edu/unitedway for winners of daily drawings. Grand Prize autographed basketball from NBA Hall of Fame member, Earvin “Magic” Johnson, will be drawn at the Taste of RIT.

Hockey Meltdown—Friday, April 4, 6:30 p.m., ESL Sports Center at Monroe Community College, Brighton campus. The 5th annual Hockey Meltdown features RIT’s men’s roller hockey team versus RIT’s men’s hockey team.

Celebrity Car Wash—Thurs., April 24; 4-6 p.m.; N Lot (across from D Lot) Wet and wild: Campus “celebrities” “spring clean” cars for a \$5 donation.

Day of Caring—Friday, April 25.



An all-day opportunity to contribute to our community by volunteering at area health and human service agencies.

Taste of RIT—Thursday, May 1; 10 a.m. -1:30 p.m.; SAU Cafeteria. RIT Food Service sponsors this delicious event with a sampling of appetizers, entrées, desserts and beverages. Grand Prize drawing for US Airways airline tickets at 1 p.m. ■

Volunteer center (from page 2)

Braddock Bay Park. Volunteers are needed to help with sales and raffle items, and cooking and serving food.

- Jefferson Middle School LEAD Program, 2-4 p.m., at Jefferson Middle School every other Thursday, needs volunteers to work with students one-to-one or help facilitate leadership activities. Contact Molly McGowan at mtmccl@rit.edu.

- In Our Hands, 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays (March 26, April 2, 9, 23, 30 and May 7), SAU cafeteria. Student tutors in various subjects are needed to work with middle school and high school students enrolled in the Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection.

- HWSC Leadership Saturdays (April 5, 19 and May 3, on the RIT campus) needs volunteers to work with HWSC students to explore leadership, social action and change, teamwork and college life.

For more information or a calendar of volunteer opportunities, call 5-6056, visit <http://svc.rit.edu> or e-mail tmh9861@rit.edu. ■

RIT listed in “101 Cool Campus Activities”

The competition was fierce, but seven of RIT’s many interesting things to do on campus—from building and racing mini-Baja cars to using Wallace Library’s Soap Box to spout off—made it into a nationwide list this month. *College Bound* magazine, a regular in high-school guidance offices, chose more suggestions submitted by RIT’s news office than any other school’s. To see the story, visit the site www.rit.edu/news/docs/college-bound.pdf.

International student nominations wanted

RIT’s International Student Scholarship Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding International Student Service Award, given annually to one or two international students who have made special contributions to RIT’s campus life.

Nominees must be full-time students who have completed three academic quarters and are in good academic and judicial standing. The candidates must be in the United States on valid F-1 or J-1 visa status. Faculty and staff should submit nominations by Friday, April 4.

For more information, contact Karen Thireos at kktrgr@rit.edu, or mail nominations to 1202 Eastman.

RIT announces tuition changes (from page 1)

and scholarships from RIT. They will receive an additional \$76 million in grant and loan funding from various federal, state and private sources.

“RIT has a long history of providing educational opportunities to students regardless of their financial circumstances,” says Verna Hazen, director of financial aid programs and services. “RIT will continue its commitment to assist students in obtaining the funds required to complete RIT’s academic programs.”

New rates for next year include:

- Room: \$4,452
- Board: \$3,381
- Full-time graduate: \$22,965
- Part-time graduate: \$644 per credit hour
- Part-time undergraduate, day (returning student): \$455 per credit hour
- Part-time undergraduate, day (new student): \$468 per credit hour
- Part-time undergraduate, evening: \$315 per credit hour.

For a listing of rates for the 2003-2004 academic year go to http://finweb.rit.edu/bursar/tuition_fees_03_04.html. ■

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CELEBRATING WOMEN WRITERS . . . Mary Sullivan, right, RIT professor emeritus, signed her book, *The Friendship of Florence Nightingale and Mary Clare Moore*, at an event honoring female authors on March 20. Keynote speaker Cheryl Woodruff, left, executive editor of Ballantyne Books, addressed the audience, along with celebrated authors Eileen Feeney Bushnell and Joyce Hertzson, assistant professors in CIAS, who co-wrote *Design Dynamics: Integrating Design and Technology*; Pamela York Klainer, founder of *Power and Money, LLP* and president of *Professional Planning*, author of *How Much Is Enough? Harness the Power of Your Money Story—And Change Your Life*; and Randi Minetor, president and founder of *Minetor and Company, Inc.*, author of *Breadwinner Wives* and the *Men They Marry*. The event was sponsored by RIT’s Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Women’s Center, the language and literature department in the College of Liberal Arts and the Office of the Assistant Provost for Diversity.