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On this week's "[Dateline: RIT – The Podcast](#)," RIT experts discuss U.S. energy sufficiency in real life, along with college courses entering the online virtual world of "Second Life."

In his technology-focused column in *City Newspaper* online, [Stephen Jacobs](#), assistant professor of information technology, discusses experiments implementing "[Second Life](#)" into college courses. Read his column, "[SUNY dives head-first into Second Life](#)," and hear about how—and how effectively—instructors are using "Second Life," on this week's [podcast](#).

Back in the real world, economics professor [Amit Batabyal](#) advocates for increased ethanol production using Brazilian-grown sugar cane, rather than U.S.-subsidized corn, to alleviate some of America's reliance on oil. Batabyal wrote an op-ed, "[U.S. should buy cane-based ethanol from Brazil](#)," which appeared in the *Democrat and Chronicle* on May 21, and he shared his views on the [pod](#).

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Special note: For live, open-captioned coverage of today's Academic Convocation keynote address by President Bill Clinton, visit www.rit.edu/convocation.html. (Video will also be available following Clinton's address.)

Best wishes to RIT graduates entering the "real world" . . . and have a great Memorial Day weekend!

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