Sustainability Ph.D. gets state approval

RIT has received New York state approval for its doctoral degree in sustainability. The Ph.D. program is the first in the world focused on sustainable production and seeks to advance research and education in alternative-energy development, sustainable design, green product development, industrial ecology and pollution prevention.

“The program is being offered through RIT’s Golisano Institute for Sustainability, a comprehensive academic, training and technology-transfer center devoted to enhancing the development of sustainable systems for industry and society.”

—Nabil Nasr, director of the Golisano Institute.

The creation of this doctoral degree will allow us to take the next step in developing research, technologies and education that make the twin goals of economic competitiveness and environmental quality a reality.”

—Nabil Nasr

RIT celebrates groundbreaking for Vignelli Center for Design Studies

The iconic designs of Massimo and Lella Vignelli resonate around the world from their furniture and products to their corporate identity programs for such companies as Ford Motor Company, Bloomingdale’s, Xerox and American Apparel. The archive collection of these design pioneers will be the centerpiece of the Vignelli Center for Design Studies at RIT. The Vignelli’s were the guests of honor at a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 7. The Vignelli’s, longtime friends and supporters of RIT’s School of Design, are the visionaries behind such timeless classics as the

The great glass pumpkin

Students and faculty in the School for American Crafts’ glass program are making one-of-a-kind hand blown pumpkins to sell. The annual Glass Pumpkin Patch sale is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Red Barn on the west side of campus. Prices range from $15 to $150. Proceeds will benefit the Visiting Artist Series in the school’s glass program and RIT Women’s Council scholarships.

Student Spotlight

Throughout his high school and college years, Michael Lawson excelled on the soccer field. He was offered college scholarships and has traveled the world playing and being team captain of the U.S. Deaf Soccer team. Now Lawson has other goals. He plans to finish his master’s degree in secondary education this spring and start a career as a math teacher.

“I’ve always wanted to be a teacher,” Lawson says. “My mom and my sister are both teachers. I visited them in their classrooms, and I loved it.”

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Faculty, staff and students are ready to turn up the volume on RIT’s annual fundraising effort. ROAR Day, the third annual Raise Our Annual Responses initiative, takes place on Thursday, Oct. 23.

A kickoff ceremony, hosted by RIT President Bill Destler and Jeremy Haefner, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs, begins at 9:45 a.m. in front of the Student Alumni Union.

Stations will be set up across campus to encourage annual gifts to RIT. Contributions from more than 1,200 RIT alumni employees are especially encouraged. This group will play a key role in helping the Fund for RIT achieve this year’s goal of 10 percent overall alumni participation.

Students are encouraged to support their particular areas of interest at RIT. In addition, President Destler and Rebecca Johnson are offering a dollar-for-dollar match to student gifts totalling up to $10,000.

Volunteers will be available to assist with gift giving from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. along the walkway in front of the SAU. From 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the SAU Café, Shumway Commons, Student Life Center, and the main entrance to Wallace Library; from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Crossroads and the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences atrium; from 3 to 6 p.m. inside Barnes and Noble @ RIT; from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Grace Watson Hall lobby; from 8 to 10 p.m. in the SAU lobby; and at the Corner Store from 10 to 11 p.m. Cash, check, credit cards, payroll deduction pledges and Tiger Bucks will be accepted at all locations. Gifts can also be made online at rit.edu/makegift.

Last year, nearly 800 ROAR Day participants helped raise more than $22,500 for RIT students, programs and facilities.

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The 12th annual Staff Recognition Awards were held Oct. 1. The awards are given to individuals or teams who have excelled in the performance of their duties and created a positive environment for all members of the RIT community. This year’s honorees are:

Jacob Noel-Storr, Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, College of Science.

Noel-Storr is the first recipient of the Rising Star Award, which recognizes a staff member with three years or less of service to the university who presents progressive examples of high-quality service, has demonstrated a willingness to work collaboratively with colleagues and university constituents and shows imagination, creativity and innovation which embody the RIT spirit. According to information provided on the nomination forms, “Take is completely devoted to the students in everything he does. When he is working with the students on one aspect, he is at the same time concerned about their success in other areas. He is part of the RIT community in every aspect that he gets involved with, with regard to office boundaries. His orange lacrosse cap captures his attention, his intelligence will keep you captivated, and his integrity is what you will remember.”

Lisa Bodenstedt, first-year enrichment, Student Affairs. The nominator says: “One of Lisa’s greatest strengths is the patience and consistent support she that demonstrated for her students. She has an appreciability that resonates with them, and they trust her with their significant challenges. Since Lisa came to FYE, FYE is better. Our students are better.” Nicole Boulais, Academic Support Center. Nicole Boulais included: “Nicole has worked tirelessly to design innovative and creative interventions to help students succeed and to help the broader campus community understand how students perceive their university experience. Nicole is an advocate for the students, and the campus community is much richer for her exceptional and tireless dedication and passion that she brought to her role.”

Marcia Carroll, School of Print Media, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. “Marcia is the soul of our department for students, and she would be the first person to drop everything for a student and always has. I can not think of any one on campus who touched my life while I was a student more than Marcia. She was like a second mom and still is,” says one nominator. Jeff Cox and Susan Joseph, International Student Services. One nominator states: “Jeff and Sue are honest and ethical, but also able to work without the rules and regulations getting in the way of serving the students. This team listens, designs and builds a strong student-centered service unit are exceptional, because they don’t perceive themselves as providing ‘a service’ but rather assisting international students and scholars achieve a life-long dream of studying in the United States. Their commitment to personalize an often confusing and overwhelming federal immigration system and to make a personal investment in the success and achievement of each and every student is exceptional.”

Dancy Duffus, RIT trustee emeritus, presented the third annual Dancy Duffus Outstanding Citizenship Award, which recognizes staff members who consistently demonstrate a high degree of excellence, professionalism and integrity in the performance of their duties, and who have proven a willingness to extend themselves to help other members of the RIT community.

This year’s award was presented to Gary Gasper, dining services. Comments included: “Gary Gasper is an extraordinary person who believes in the abilities of each student. He has motivated and encouraged us to achieve the highest level of excellence and continually sets an example for others. It is because of this that Gary has made RIT a more enjoyable place to live, work and learn, and I believe that he deserves to be honored with your award. If I had to choose one person for the top 10 student-centered staff on campus, Gary would be that person.”

Performing Artists Series welcomes pianist

An image of a rapidly spinning string, shot by Andrew Davidsdy, RIT department chair of imaging and photographic technology, won an honorable mention in the photograph category of the sixth annual International Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge. “The vibrating string appeared to have volume in the final image even though it was just a single string whirling in space,” says Davidsdy. “This was because the string delivered uneven amounts of exposure to the camera sensor as it rotated depending on whether it was traveling toward, away or across the camera’s lens. This created variations in exposure giving rise to brightness differences in the image. In effect, the moving string had become its own shatter.”

All of the winning entries can be seen on the National Science Foundation (NSF) Science Web site, the Science Web site and in the Sept. 26 issue of Science magazine. Awards were given out in photography, illustrations, informational graphics, non-interactive media and interactive media. Jeff Nesbit, director of the National Science Foundation’s Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, praised the winners saying, “These visualizations are aids to understanding, keys to insight and tools for learning. They explain complex phenomena to the public, let researchers view their subjects from new perspectives and most importantly, spark the imaginations of students everywhere. We are indebted to these extraordinary individuals and very talented teams.”

String Vibrations, award-winning photograph taken by Andrew Davidsdy
Moka Lantum selected as next Minett Professor

Diverse education in business, health care is instructor's goal

by Susan Murad

H. Moka Lantum, director of business process improvement for the medical services division of Excellus BlueCross BlueShield in Rochester, has been named the newest Frederick H. Minett Professor for this academic year. Lantum will be teaching The Business Case for Diversity and Equity during RIT’s spring quarter in the E. Philip Saunders College of Business. The course is designed to expose students and staff to the benefits of making diversity a business “business as usual” practice, as opposed to a moral obligation,” says Lantum. “I’ll be using case studies and personal experiences to provide a practitioners perspective on opera- tionalizing diversity.”

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RIT Dubai has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Dubai Aluminum Company to create a unique partnership that will offer specialized post-graduate degrees and advanced graduate certificates to the firm’s employees, while also enhancing RIT Dubai’s research and outreach efforts.

Dubai Aluminum, also known as DUBAL, is the United Arab Emirates’ largest aluminum producer and one of largest industrial manufacturer.

“Over the past 180 years, RIT has successfully developed leaders in various educational and industry disciplines,” notes Mustafa Abushagur, president of RIT Dubai. “We feel honored to be able to continue these efforts through our partnership with DUBAL, which relies on the Institute to forge strategic alliances with top global performers.”

“Through our partnership with DUBAL, we consider our associates the nucleus of our operations and nurturing their talent is imperative to future growth,” adds Marwan Al Sowadah, general manager of human resources at DUBAL. “The partnership with RIT Dubai will enable our staff with advanced industry knowledge and innovative skills and enable us to take the next step in enhancing productivity and implementing new improvements.”

The specialized programs developed through the initiative will target employees working in finance, human resources, engineering and network administration. In addition, advanced graduate certificates of international standards will also be offered in computer information assurance and project management.

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Ken Huth | photographer

College of Applied Science and Technology alumnus Dave DiCaro works to navigate a programmable ladybug through a three-dimensional version of campus. The “IQ Bug” was built by freshmen in the Department of Electrical, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering Technology.

Jimmy Fallon, former Saturday Night Live star and future host of NBC’s Late Night, entertained the Gordon Field House and Activities Center crowd Oct. 11, capping off a weekend of big-name entertainment.

Construction of RIT’s new Campus Center kicked off Oct. 10 during a ceremony in the Fireside Lounge. Student Government President Ed Wolf and RIT President Bill Destler unveiled plans for the new center, which will be built in the old Woodward Pool area.

Courtney Schwarting, a first-year student in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, left, takes time out from the busy weekend to visit with her mother, Sue, and father, Nelson.

The Capitol Steps, a comedy troupe made up of current and former Congressional staffers, kicked off RIT’s Brick City Homecoming with two shows Oct. 8 in Ingle Auditorium.

Photographs submitted by A. Sue Weisler
Wellness instructor Joe Showers teaches second-year College of Science student Nadine Morrison how to juggle.

H RIT’s Red Barn, home to Interactive Adventures, celebrated its centennial anniversary. Free rock climbing and live music helped to mark the occasion.

Charles Neumann | photographer

I Bill Nye, star of the Emmy Award-winning PBS series Bill Nye the Science Guy, spoke before a sold-out crowd of 4,400 as part of the Horton Distinguished Speaker Series.

J JoAnn Marowski and daughter Taylor make party hats in the Student Alumni Union lobby. Loren, back left, is a first-year student in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences.

K Michael Marley ’69 (business administration), left, is RIT’s Volunteer of the Year and Kenneth Reed ’71 (chemistry) is RIT’s Outstanding Alumnus. The awards were presented Oct. 10 at the President’s Alumni Ball, part of Brick City Homecoming.

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L Triangle Fraternity members used Brick City Homecoming weekend as an opportunity to raise money for charity and had pie thrown at them in the process.
Scientists peer through frozen ‘cooling lake’ to gauge energy production

Once a week, starting in November and running through April, a small plane will fly over Midlands, Mich., taking images of a frozen lake attached to a power plant. RIT graduate student May Arsenovic will travel to Midlands throughout the winter to verify the ground data.

Arsenovic, a doctoral candidate in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, is working with Prof. Carl Salvaggio, a chairperson of RIT’s Department of Science, Technology and Society/Waste Management Association, to develop a comprehensive assessment. “The research aspect of this project will investigate how ice acts under different weather conditions and determine how much energy is kept inside the lake because there’s an ice layer over it,” Salvaggio explains.

His team will measure the temperature of the hot water with thermal infrared imagery. The scientists will also calculate the thickness and insulating capacity of the snow and ice with passive microwave remote sensing—which has a longer wavelength than infrared.

The research looks at environmental impact of marine gas emissions

Marine vessels are no longer resting in safe harbors. The forecast for clear skies and smooth sailing for ocean vessels has been impeded by worldwide concerns of their significant contributions to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions that impact the Earth’s climate.


According to Winebrake, president and chair of RIT’s Department of Science, Technology and Society/Public Policy, and Corbett, associate professor at the University of Delaware, reducing fuel sulfur content is an essential component of any strategy aimed at reducing sulfur oxide emissions from marine vessels—especially since global concerns have caused policy makers to alter the introduction of emission control technologies and cleaner fuels into the international marine sector. These tactics aim to improve air quality and human health and mitigate climate change.

“Cleaner fuels are expected to reduce sulfur and particulate emissions, however, greenhouse gas emissions, or GHG, may increase because of the additional refining energy required to produce these fuels—residual oil, marine gas oil and marine diesel oil,” Winebrake explains. “Our study provides a total fuel cycle emissions analysis to help quantify these emissions tradeoffs.”

In the study, Winebrake and Corbett applied a jointly developed model called the Total Energy and Emissions Analysis for Marine Systems model, which was developed to explore what are called “upstream” emissions associated with fuel production and transportation. Using the model, the authors demonstrated that although cleaner fuels generally reduce GHG emissions when released to the atmosphere, they reduce greenhouse gas emissions during vessel operation, creating almost a net zero GHG impact.

“RIT helps create the next step in the information revolution—quantum optics

The advancement of computer and electronics technology is inhibited in part by the methods used to transmit information in these systems. Currently, data transfer in a computer, for example, is accomplished through the transmission of electrons over a conductive wire such as copper. But what if a new method that used less power and memory capacity was implemented? Many experts believe that the use of quantum optics, where light particles are used to transmit information faster and with less energy requirements than electrons, may hold the key for creating our next generation of electronics and computers.

Now, a team of researchers from RIT and the University of Washington is attempting to build the first active quantum optic device for use on traditional electronic chips. The technology has the potential to greatly increase the functionality of quantum communication and information processing systems. “By combining the manipulation of light at the particle level and the use of those particles, known as photons, to dramatically improve information processing capabilities,” explains Stefan Preble, assistant professor of microsystems engineering at RIT, “Peble and associates that, historically, quantum optic devices have been implemented using large-scale, power hungry, bulk components. However, to become commercially viable, quantum technologies will need to be miniaturized in order to dramatically improve reliability and reduce power requirements.

A functionality that will be required on a quantum information chip to accomplish miniaturization is a single photon wavelength converter. Typically hundreds of millions of light particles, using a tremendous amount of energy, are needed to change the wavelength of just a single photon.” Preble’s team will utilize a newly discovered method that can change a single photon’s wavelength through the use of very low power electric signal Peble’s article detailing the first demonstration of this method was featured on the May 2007 cover of Nature Photonics.

Low power wavelength conversion allows us to build workable quantum optic chips that can be tested and assessed both by our research team and the larger scientific community,” adds Preble. “The potential for the process and its impact on the development of quantum optics applications is considerable.”

The project is being funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

RIT, Harris Corp. team up to enhance communication security

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“Bluetooth technology allows for the communication of various devices including mobile phones, computers, and other mobile devices,” notes Marin Lukowiak, RIT assistant professor of computer engineering and principle investigator on the project. “Our research with Harris will improve the use of Bluetooth communications between wireless peripherals without compromising security requirements necessary for encrypted communication.”

“We are excited by the prospects for this technology, and RIT’s Corporate R&D program provides an ideal collaborative relationship between the institute and Harris Corporation,” adds Mike Kudziel, senior engineering manager for the Harris RF Security Communications Development Group.

The project builds on the use of secure Bluetooth communication with multiple devices that can be modified in the field, enhancing the flexibility and efficiency of communication systems. Researchers will then be able to integrate these platforms with communications used by the military and national security organizations.

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This research was counter to claims by industry leaders which suggested that the use of cleaner fuels in the marine sector would exacerbate “green house” ghg problems.

“Given that the GHG impacts associated with cleaner fuels are almost nil, and given the tremendous advantages of these fuels with respect to other pollutants, policies that encourage cleaner fuels seem warranted,” explains Winebrake.

“The global shipping sector is one of the last regulated emissions sources, and our study will provide useful information to the ongoing international debate surrounding cleaner marine fuels.”

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News brief

Liberty Hill lecture

The annual “Coffee and Conversation” lecture will be held 7:15-9 a.m. Oct. 22 at Liberty Hill and features Prof. David Cay Johnston, author of “ taxes You Pay That Never Get to the Government and Other Fiscal Fallacies.”

Reserve a spot by contacting Health Care Flats, 775-7000 or e-mail healthcare@rit.edu.
Music has the ability to communi- cate without words and to re-create moments from past eras. RIT music professor and orchestra conductor Michael Ruhling discovers hidden musical nuggets of the past when musicians and audiences are immersed in the spirit of uniting contemporary audiences with centuries-old ideas conveyed by musicians and audiences in the 18th century.

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The Vignelli Center for Design Studies will serve as a resource for students and scholars from around the world and provide space for the teaching of design including classrooms, archival storage, offices, and critique and exhibition space. The center will be connected to the west side of the James E. Booth Building.

"The creativity that is at the heart of a designer's work is also invaluable to driving true innovation in other fields," says RIT President Bill Destler. "The ability to envision what does not yet exist and develop a strategy to bring it to life is the designer's forte. At RIT, we are seeking ways to help entrepreneurs as a positive impression on him. He a positive impression on him. He..."}

In high school, he was a star player and team captain on the varsity team. And he attended the Olympic Development Program, which prepares athletes to try out for the Olympics. But a broken foot sidelined him and dashed those hopes.

"That's why education comes first," he says.

Despite his injury, Lawson received scholarship offers to play for colleges in New Jersey, but turned them down because he wanted to go to school at RIT/NTID, which has the access services in the classroom he wanted. As a good student, he was offered academic scholarships to help pay the way.

For four years, Lawson played center midfield on the RIT soccer team—which took the Empire related to Modernist design with programs and exhibitions on our work as well as other related subjects. The first one of its kind and size, The Vignelli Center will position RIT on the international forefront of design studies. Lella and I are delighted to see our dream taking shape.

The Vignelli collection will complement RIT’s 80 existing graphic design collections of Modernist American graphic design pioneers such as Lester Beall, Will Burtin, Cipe Pineles, William Golden and Alvin Lustig among others.

"Because RIT has been a steward of preserving the heritage of graphic design for over 25 years, the institute is a perfect setting for this major design initiative that will be the first in the world," says R. Roger Remington. "This facility will be a global learning resource, bringing emphasis to design studies (history, theory and criticism) as it extends the educational curriculum at RIT. The Vignelli have always exemplified uncompromised excellence and greatness and now with the Vignelli Center we are partners in this history."

The center is scheduled to open in 2010.

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