



Message from the Chair-Julia Lisuzzo

Happy Spring Everyone! Can you believe that commencement is only a month away? Where does the time go? Well, when we look outside our windows these days, it appears hopeful that spring has truly arrived at RIT—complete with the students playing Frisbee in the quads and skateboarding down the quarter mile! I hope that this academic year has been a successful one for all of the staff on campus and that you are all encouraged by seeing our many successful students who are heading toward commencement and graduation. I just want to take a moment to personally invite all of you to our annual **Staff Appreciation Day and Community Picnic** to be held on Wednesday, May 27—lunch to be served from 11:30 until 2:30. Come on over and enjoy lunch, the second annual **Variety Show**, and the annual **Bob Howie Memorial Car Show**...it should make for a wonderful afternoon filled with RIT community!



What's My Job?

by DJ Robinson

The Department of Public Safety is comprised of 29 full-time uniformed officers. All officers are trained in emergency rescue first aid, CPR, automated external defibrillators, American Sign Language, crisis intervention, tactical communications, and various regulatory training programs. New personnel receive 13 weeks of classroom and field training beyond the annual programs listed above.

The mission of RIT's Public Safety Department is to work cooperatively with the diverse members of our University community to enhance the quality of life on our campus. Our ultimate goal is to deliver professional services and initiatives that provide a safe and pleasant community sensitive to uniqueness of individuals and groups engaged in the learning process.



Public Safety's mission incorporates values stemming from our belief that through interactions with students, faculty, staff and visitors, we literally serve the world—and we do it with **PRIDE**.

Public Safety officers complete a variety of services on a daily basis. Every day is different. They conduct

regular foot, mobile, bike, and Segway patrols on campus 24 hours a day 365 days a year. A day in the life of an officer usually includes responding to campus emergencies such as medical, fire, environmental, domestic, and criminal complaints. Our staff helps thousands of community members each year with vehicle jumpstarts, apartment and office lockouts, vehicle lockouts, and an occasional flying critter inside a facility. We're a small town with a regular appetite for around-the-clock service demands.

Public Safety officers provide a wide variety of security services and prevention programs to the campus community. We encourage everyone to take responsibility for their safety by keeping informed of these services and reporting suspicious activity. Although each individual is ultimately responsible for his or her own personal safety, learning and practicing basic safety precautions can enhance one's well being.

RIT community members are encouraged to report all crimes and safety-related incidents to the Public Safety Department in a timely manner by dialing 475-3333 (V/TTY) from an off-campus telephone, or 5-3333 (V/TTY) from an on-campus telephone or IM: **RIT PublicSafety**.



Saturday
May 2, 2009
10:00 AM—5:00 PM

Imagine RIT would not be a success if not for the efforts of many staff. Over 100 RIT staff members are directly involved in exhibits and many more contribute hours of work to make this event happen. Here just few brief descriptions of staff-led exhibits to whet your appetite!

World Wide Walkway Visit the SAU lobby to taste teas from around the world, test your knowledge of world flags and capitals in a larger-than-life interactive map game, and learn sign language alphabets from several countries. Kids can even create their own flags.

Real-time Astronomy from Down Under See what the sky looks like in Australia via Internet/Skype as images are telecast from an observatory in Perth. See this and many other exhibits in the Gordon Field House.

Innovative and Sustainable Practices in Facilities Management See the CAST building (#82) and how the construction, maintenance and powering of this LEED-certified building reduces consumption and waste, and lowers operating costs while enhancing the internal environment of the building.

Edible Book Festival and Competition Create your own edible book the day of the Festival with cookies and icing. Vote for your favorite entry. Enjoy and be a part of the creativity—all in Wallace Library.

Better Me Fitness Expo See a display on the unique wellness opportunities available to faculty and staff at RIT. The exhibits will include class demos, personal trainers, nutritional information, an ergonomic workstation, and an interactive biking challenge. Check it out in the SLC Dance Studio!

Family-Friendly Activities and Demonstrations Playground games and basketball along with an archery demo from 9-11 and a juggling demo from 10:30-12:30. All take place in the basketball courts.

Don't miss hearing some of our talented staff performing in the band Lake Effect, including Ken Snyder-KGCOE and Paul Harris-CAST.

Get here early and give yourself plenty of time to see all the exciting and creative things happening at RIT!

**Scenes from
 Imagine RIT
 2008**



A Better Me. A Better RIT. Are You Ready? by Midge Berfield

The **Better Me** Wellness Committee has been in place since the spring of 2007 and after a year of recruitment and reorganization efforts, all four of our committees (Communication/Education, Fitness/Physical Activity, General Health and Nutrition) are up and running at top speed. We have over 30 new committee members that have led to an infectious (pun intended) energy surge. We have some exciting new efforts underway that we are looking to share with you, as well as some new and improved initiatives returning in 2009.

Our Fitness Committee interactive board project group has developed a Facebook page. This page is designed to be a central location where people can learn about fitness and physical activity opportunities happening at RIT and in the Rochester area. It is meant to be a great way for people with similar physical activity interests to connect with each other. Everyone is encouraged to post activities and events that you would like to see promoted. You can also use this page as a way to research activities that you would like to participate in. To access the interactive board please visit www.facebook.com and type "RIT Better Me" in the search field.

Faculty/staff intramurals have started with volleyball leagues meeting on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 PM in the Student Life Center Gym-Court 4. For more information, please email betterme@rit.edu. Other leagues coming soon!

Better Me will have a new and improved exhibit at the Imagine RIT Festival on May 2nd. The very popular fitness class demos will be returning and some of our new innovative classes will be featured. A treadmill work station will be set up to show people an innovative way to incorporate activity into the workday and why this is important. Our **Better Me** registered dietitian will be on hand to field any nutritional questions and offer easy suggestions on eating healthier. **Better Me** personal trainers will also be available for any fitness questions and to conduct body composition analysis. We will also be featuring a bike exhibit with mileage tracking and much more! Come out and support our **Better Me** program and help us to show the Rochester community how RIT helps our faculty and staff be as healthy as they can be!

The Nutrition Committee is working on bringing the very successful and popular RIT Farmers Market



From left to right: Joseph Delgado, Co-manager of the **Better Me** Employee Fitness Program; Mary Anne McQuay, Chair of the **Better Me** Nutrition Committee; Jacques Luis Nodar, Co-manager of the **Better Me** Employee Fitness Program

back again this year. We will have a new campus location and our great vendors from last year will be returning with some new vendors being introduced. Stay tuned—more to follow!

Participating in RIT's Eat Well Live Well 2009? The committee worked very closely

with Brick City Café to introduce weekly Eat Well Live Well entrees with point-of-purchase nutritional information on these items. Efforts are also underway to develop a **Better Me** food labeling system meeting specific nutritional criteria. More on this exciting initiative in the coming months.

Our Nutrition Committee members worked with President Destler to proclaim March as RIT's Nutrition Month in honor of National Nutrition Month sponsored by the American Dietetic Association. This was done to highlight the role that nutrition plays in the level of personal and professional success achieved. This effort was done in conjunction with the launching of Dining Services' Net Nutrition link <http://finweb.rit.edu/diningservices/nutrition.html> where campus members can see the nutritional values of many of the menu items available at our dining locations. Being aware of how and what we eat is a great first step in living healthier. An exploratory effort is in progress to investigate developing an RIT cooperative/community garden.

And these are only a few of the exciting efforts underway with the **Better Me** Wellness Committees and program.

Are you interested in getting involved in one of the **Better Me** committees or learning more about the wellness program? Visit our website at www.rit.edu/betterme. We are currently recruiting for the Nutrition and General Health committees. Additional questions can be directed to Midge Berfield at mxbpsn@rit.edu or extension 5-4375.

Elections and Representation

Staff Council is pleased to announce the winners of the recent elections for blocks 1, 3, and 5 and the special election for block 6. The electronic nomination and voting process included the recent realignment of ITS from block 1 to block 3 and FAST from block 2 to block 3. The individuals below will serve from June, 2009, through May, 2011. All Staff Council representatives serve a term of two years and may be re-elected for up to three consecutive terms.

The block 6 special election representative will complete the term of the representative she is replacing. Be sure to congratulate the winners when you see them!

Block 1 (Four Exempt, Two Non-Exempt Reps)

Mike Dwyer—Director, Research Relations Office
Mark Fragale—Senior Broadcast Producer/
 Director; Manager of RIT SportsZone, ETC
Ron Goldberg—Director of Alumni Relations for
 College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
Julia Lisuzzo—Manager of Administrative
 Operations, RIT Libraries
Erin Hughson—Operations Coordinator, Online
 Learning Support Services
Jackie Ott—Coordinator of Student Employees,
 RIT Libraries

Block 3 (Two Exempt, Four Non-Exempt Reps)

Meghan McDonald—Manager, Hub Print/Postal
 Services
Omar Phillips—Team Lead, ITS HelpDesk
Jon Hromi—Senior Custodian, FMS
Becky Kiely—Senior Staff Assistant, Purchasing
Jim Watrous—Electrician, FMS Maintenance Svcs
Jennifer McKee—Sr. Staff Specialist, FMS

Block 5 (Two Exempt, Five Non-Exempt Reps)

Matt Dana—Web Developer, Marketing/
 Communications
Amanda L. Picioli—Audiologist, NTID,
 Communication Studies and Services
Stephanie Carlino—Real-Time Captionist, Access
 Services
Kathy DeLorme—Staff Assistant, Arts and
 Imaging Studies
Barbara Fagenbaum—Real-time Captionist,
 Access Services
Cheryl Reminder—Academic Coordinator,
 Science and Engineering Interpreting Team
Jeanette Tydings—Staff Assistant, Master of
 Science in Secondary Education of Students who
 are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (MSSE)

Block 6 (Exempt)

Jayne M. Downes—Professional Advisor, School
 of Hospitality & Service Mgmt., CAST

Many thanks to our “retiring” staff council members.

Nicole Crouse-Dickerson
 Regina K-Kiselgof
 Cheri McKee
 Charlene Reagan
 Dina Stier
 Sharon Vandezande
 Fran Versace
 Sandra Whitmore
 Cheryl Williams
 Mark Williams

Elections will be held next spring for blocks 2, 4, and 6. For more information and to see a list of the current voting blocks, visit our website:

<http://staffcouncil.rit.edu/votingblocks.html>



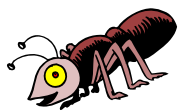
Campus Wireless Project Update

ITS is in the process of implementing a new wireless network in all academic buildings on campus. This project will use state-of-the-art wireless technology to provide a tremendous increase in network speed, as well as full wireless coverage in all academic buildings on campus. This will eliminate dead zones or areas of unintentional or unsupported coverage in academic buildings.

At the start of this project, RIT had 250 access points on campus. (An access point is a device that allows wireless communication devices to connect to a wireless network using Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or related standards.) By the end of the first phase of this project, there will be **2000** access points installed in just the academic buildings alone.

Six buildings are already using the new wireless solution (buildings 1, 5, 6, 10, 13, 70, 86, and 88), and the remaining academic buildings are expected to be up and running by the end of the summer quarter. The second phase of the campus wireless project will include the residence halls. This phase is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

If you have any questions about the campus wireless project, please contact the ITS HelpDesk at **585-475-4357** (voice), **585-475-2810** (tty), or by email at helpdesk@rit.edu.



Mark your calendars!



**The Annual Staff Recognition Picnic
Staff Variety Show
Bob Howie Memorial Car Display**



**Wednesday, May 27, Gordon Field House
Lunch served 11:30-2:30**



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