Class of 2004 helps kick off 175th celebration

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In her remarks, Hurwitz paid tribute to Mulcahy’s career and announced the new McGowan Fund, which will be used to create the William G. McGowan Communications Corp. Founders Center.

From May 2000 through July 2001, Mulcahy served as vice president and chief operating officer of Xerox. Prior to that, she was vice president for human resources, responsible for compensation, benefits, human resource strategy, labor relations, management development and employee training.

Students are what the university is all about,” he adds. “Our celebration honors our graduates and offers a culminating experience for them, their families and friends, a capstone of their time at RIT and a fitting finale to years of hard work and sacrifice.”

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Commencement ceremony schedule

May 21

College of Applied Science and Technology, 2 p.m., Gordon Field House and Activities Center

College of Business, 2:30 p.m., Ritter Ice Arena

Academic Convocation

Outdoor student exhibition, 6:15 p.m., outside the Gordon Field House

Conversation, 7:30 p.m., Gordon Field House—featuring keynote address by Anne Mulcahy, chairman and CEO of Xerox Corp.

Saturday, May 22

College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, 8:30 a.m., Gordon Field House

College of Liberal Arts, 8:30 a.m., Ritter Ice Arena

College of Science, 11 a.m., Ritter Ice Arena

Kate Gleason College of Engineering, 11:30 a.m., Gordon Field House

National Technical Institute for the Deaf, 2 p.m., Ritter Ice Arena

B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, 2:30 p.m., Gordon Field House

No tickets are needed for any of these events. The largest ceremonies are sign-language interpreted and real-time captioned. Tickets are not required and seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

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"I am honored and privileged to be a part of this great Rochester tradition and to join the University community in its 119th annual commencement," states Mulcahy. "It is a time for the faculty and staff to take pride in our students’ accomplishments and congratulation them on a job well done."
College of Applied Science and Technology
Liza Marie Pietrzasko, from Elmwood Park, N.J., is receiving her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology. She worked on co-ops with Marlot Controls as an assistant engineer, Moog Inc. as a stress analyst and NASA Langley Research Center in the Undergraduate Student Research Program. She contributed to two published research papers, including one that was recently presented at the American Ceramic Society Conference. Upon graduation, Liza plans to attend graduate school and is pursuing employment opportunities with aerospace companies.

From Chatham, N.J., Collen Bassde is a graduate student in the packaging science program. She holds a bachelor's degree in nutrition management from RIT. Over the past year, Collen has worked as a lab assistant, research assistant and graduate assistant in her department and served an internship with Wyeth Consumer Healthcare. She is a member of the Packaging Club and the Career Fair Committee. As an undergraduate, Collen was a member of the women's ice hockey team. She now serves as assistant coach. After graduation, Collen plans to pursue employment in the packaging engineering field.

College of Business
Joseph Burwick, an accounting major from Williamsville, N.Y., served as president of Next Generation of Accountants and vice president of the Financial Management Association. An RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar, Nathaniel Rochester Scholar and recipient of Joseph and Helen Blatecky and Alfred L. and Ruby C. Davis leadership awards, Joseph is also a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, Golden Key International and National Scholars honor societies. Joseph will begin work at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP in September and plans to take the CPA exam in November.

Ernest Thompson III is completing his MBA with concentrations in e-commerce and entrepreneurship. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from St. John Fisher College in Rochester. In addition to his studies, Ernest, who is married with three children, is vice president/general manager of the equipment division at CPAC Inc. He holds two patents, a certified photo-finishing engineer and is a member of the Society of Photo-Finishing Engineers and the International Imaging Industry Association.

American College of Management and Technology
Danijela Crljen is a hotel and resort management major at ACMT, RIT’s college in Dubrovnik, Croatia. An RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar, Danijela worked as a public relations representative at AFArt, Art Management and as a front desk hostess for Atlas Travel Agency in Split, Croatia, and as a guest relations agent at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Her other activities include serving as editor of the student paper, a member of Student Council Congress Committee and student speaker at Career Fair 2003. Danijela is an active member of the Dubrovnik Chamber Choir and co-founder of the jazz-dance group, Labirius. She plans to pursue graduate studies.

College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
Agnes Barton-Sabo, from Anchorage, Alaska, is receiving a bachelor’s degree in professional photographic illustration. She spent a year abroad in Portugal with the American Field Service. Agnes’ work has appeared in several exhibitions and is included in the Media Café Collection. She received an award for best performance in Siguettos Fall Poetry Slam 2003 and honorable mention in the RIT 2003 Student Writing Contest. Agnes plans to move to New York City and seek employment in media arts or journalism.

Kirsten Bausam is an MBA student in the ceramics program. She holds a bachelor’s degree in studio art from Skidmore College and has studied at the College of William and Mary, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Kirsten is a ceramics instructor and a graduate community advocate in RIT’s Center for Residence Life. Kirsten’s goals include teaching and establishing a ceramics studio to continue her own work.

College of Liberal Arts
Monique Mazza, from Rochester, is a criminal justice major with a minor in philosophy. She is a student clerk at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of New York and participated in a research project for the Rochester Police Department. An RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar, Monique is a recipient of Lois Mazy, Albert W. Skinner Law and Order, the Women’s Council of RIT Endowed and Nathaniel Rochester Society scholarships and the Richard R. Lewis Award for Scholarly Achievement. She serves as secretary for the Golden Key International Honor Society, is a member of the Pre-Law Association and is a peer mentor to first-year and transfer students in her department. Monique plans to attend law school.

College of Science
David Fetzer is an imaging science major from San Antonio, Texas. He is a recipient of several honors and awards including the Imaging Science and Technology Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship award and Doddittle-Merrill Premedical Studies and Nathaniel Rochester Society scholarships. A member of the College of Science Student Advisory Board and Golden Key International Honor Society, David is a singer in the RIT Choir and RIT Brick City Singers. He worked as a student ambassador leader for RIT Office of Admissions and as an ultrasound imaging researcher at the Fletcher CD Carlson Center for Imaging Science. In the fall, David plans to attend medical school at the University of Texas at Houston.

B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
From West Seneca, N.Y., Joseph Dolan is an information technology major concentrating in network administration and systems administration. He is a member of the bowling club and was ranked number one by average in the U.S. for college students in November. He is vice president of membership communication for Golden Key International Honor Society and is a member of the Information Technology Student Organization. He plans to pursue a master’s degree in information technology and an MBA.

Shuttle Service and Parking Information

Kirsten Bausam

2004 College Delegates

Student delegates were selected for personal achievements that demonstrate the ideals of RIT, including academic excellence. They will speak at their respective college commencement ceremonies.

Amber Mescher

Kate Gleason College of Engineering
Amber Mescher, an electrical engineering major from Berea, Pa., is a Nathaniel Rochester Society Scholar and RIT Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar. She worked on co-ops with Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp., Microwave Data Systems and Hewlett-Packard Corp. Amber was a student manager at RIT’s Educational Technology Center and a supervisor at the Center for Human Performance. A four-year starter on the women’s lacrosse team, Amber helped coach the team this year. She is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Society of Women Engineers, IEEE and Golden Key International Honor Society. She is a student athlete mentor. Amber plans to return to Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp. in Colorado after graduation.

College of Engineering

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2004 College Delegates
RIT kicks off 175th anniversary celebration

If only Col. Nathaniel Rochester could see it now.
Rochester, that Rochester—founded in the Revolutionary War and with its city’s namesake, created the Athenaeum in 1826. It was here that local residents came to listen to lectures from some of America’s best-known orators — Charles Dickens, Frederick Douglass, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Horace Greeley and Ralph Waldo Emerson.
The Athenaeum later merged with Mechanics Institute and together these organizations eventually became RIT.
After more than a year of planning, RIT will commemorate its 175th anniversary with a year-long celebration that begins with 2004 commencement May 21-22. The theme for the anniversary is “RIT Celebrating 175 years of Education, Exploration and Innovation.”

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RIT believes that a career must be set in a broader humanistic context.

The Gordon Field House and Activities Center. 30 feet into bedrock, supports the structure’s concrete and steel. 670 tons of concrete.
50-foot-high, 65,000-pound decorative tower air conditioning.

RIT is producing a documentary on corporate awards, with keynote address by Richard Florida, Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 6 p.m., Sept. 18.

The Mechanics Institute was established in 1885 to train young men, women and men on equal terms, to find jobs (a primary objective of the institute ever since). But the institute was concerned not only with what educators at the time insisted that students be educated in ways most helpful to them, independent of external requirements. That is why it decided—no degrees.

How many students have complained about letter grades? In 1928 it decided—no degrees. In 1923, RIT was the first school in the country to offer a degree in biotechnology.

RIT’s 175th anniversary, dating from 1829, The Erie Canal had opened just four years before. People poured into the Rochester community on canal boats every day. Among them was a group of men who wanted to keep up with what was going on in the world.

They established a library, organized lectures and discussions, and called it the Athenaeum. New York state granted a charter in 1830. That was the first step toward what is now Rochester Institute of Technology. By 1885 the city had become an important industrial center with an urgent need for skilled workers. But skilled workers were in short supply.

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The Gordon Field House and Activities Center

160,000 square feet of space in the form of two pools, a two-story fitness center and 60,000-square-foot multi-use arena and indoor field.
The Gordon Field House will open for everyday use in July. It’s a building with many uses from commencement ceremonies and concerts to intramural sports, weight training and swimming.

Rochester Riverside Convention Center

13,000-seat plaque on one of the seats in the Gordon Field House and Activities Center.

Founders Day events conclude with a fireworks show immediately following the show.

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Eisenhower Award Honorees

Since 1965, RIT’s Eisenhower Awards for Outstanding Teaching have honored and celebrated faculty excellence. Up to four awards are given each year to recipients in various RIT programs. Winners are chosen through rigorous peer review of student nominations. This year, four professors will receive the awards during the academic convocation on Friday, May 21.

The Eisenhower faculty, for whom the award is named, has a long history with RIT. At least M. Herbert Eisenhauer, president and board chairman of Union Carbide, was an RIT trustee for more than 50 years. Richard Eisenhauer continues the RIT connection, serving on the board since 1972, as chairman for six years and now as trustee emeritus.

Patricia Durand, National Technical Institute for the Deaf

One can easily tell what’s important to Patricia Durand by looking around her small office. Black and white and color photos of her children and other people very special to her line one wall in no particular order. Another wall showcases all types of artwork by her students, children and professional artists, each carrying equal importance in its placement. Next to them hangs a framed newspaper article about the famous 1988 controversy in Washington, D.C., that caused the world to listen to deaf people’s needs.

Friedrich Nietzsche, explains Victor Perotti’s modus operandi at RIT, to create an environment where students become self-educators. “I like a string in a maze, so that you will not lose your way. The second comes from an excerpt in Cormac McCarthy’s Blood Meridian. “The kind of people who are going to be the elephant’s tusk and together the answer that I may not have an answer—or may have an answer that is a surprise,” Langner says. “Their perspective may not be the right one, but by combining their efforts in space or time, they see something there that cannot be found by one’s effort alone.”

“Some of the classroom strategies I have found to be very effective have to do with the way that I use diverse and dynamic guest presents, mock trials about controversial issues, class debates, and individual and group presentations,” Langner says.

Ricky Postl, also a former student, says that he continues to be impressed by the breadth of expertise and charisma Durand has to offer to the Rochester community and NTID/RIT. “I have come to the very good conclusion that Patricia is a breathing gold mine,” he says.

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One of the things I excel at is what I call ‘I will be present’, Langner says. “I’m a proponent of problem-based learning, which means creating a space in the classroom where students become active and actually direct the way they learn, ” he explains.

Durr: Empowers students through knowledge.

Langner: Strives for depth.

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Erica Sacheli doesn’t really fit the traditional image of a welder. In fact, Erica Sacheli doesn’t really fit the traditional image of a welder. Spurred by a passion for art and a love of metal, she was drawn to the welding experience and began exploring the field. She quickly found that the art of welding is much broader than she expected. Sacheli is among a dozen students from RIT’s School of Art taking a class in welded sculpture. During one quarter of training, students get to combine their unique visions and techniques with the latest in welding technology. The company’s facility—which features a modern training center equipped with the latest in welding technology—is available to members of the class at no personal expense. It is an opportunity to experience the entirety of the school in a way that has never been thought possible. Sacheli's academic pursuits include work on a critique of Racial Theory choices. Sutton combines dialectic and lecture with interesting works created by students will be on display. This is an annual tradition for the School for American Crafts. Everyone is welcome to tour the school’s metal, wood, ceramics and glass studios. Works created by students will be on display, and there will be lively demonstrations highlighting each program. “It’s an opportunity to experience the entire school in a way that is more than 30 percent of trash on campus could be recycled but wasn’t. Last quarter, 30 percent of the university’s waste stream was recycled. In honor of Earth Day, RIT’s Facilities Management recycling department partnered with Earth Day and Earth Day’s honors class to conduct the second annual RIT Waste Audit. From left, students Taryn Kay, Alicja Bajorska and Kim Roberts weigh and measure trash. Auditors went through 335 pounds of RIT’s waste stream which would be recycled but wasn’t. Last quarter, 30 percent of RIT’s waste stream was recycled.
The Fuehrers reach the century mark for family tradition

Four generations of family members attend RIT—one graduate May 21

The Fuehrers have built a legacy on their wealth of knowledge. As RIT honors its scholarship donors over the past 100 years, four generations of family members have attended RIT.

In 1904, David Fuehrer started classes at the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute and graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering. On May 21, his great-grandson, Craig Fuehrer, will graduate from RIT with a business degree in chemistry but only attended classes for three weeks.

“I wanted to carry on the family tradition,” says Craig, “but I had just returned from Vietnam where I was awarded the Purple Heart after severe injuries in a major attack where everyone else was killed. I couldn’t deal with all the memories and ended up back in the hospital. So my two sons are my legacy, so to speak—to carry on what I couldn’t finish myself.”

Time Out Craig Fuehrer

Craig enrolled at RIT in 1968 to earn a masters degree in chemistry but only attended classes for three weeks.

Fuehrer says he was a young boy and delivering milk from our dairy farm when a neighbor called out to me, “Lindberg made it,” he says. “Soon it will be May 21, and the date carries even more meaning because someone in my family has made it.”

“And David’s graduation day is also my 88th birthday,” says Charles, who plans on attending the ceremony.

While RIT’s selling point has always been reality based for family members—close to home with a strong focus to progress from academics to industries and the workforce—the cost of education has changed.

“When I went to RIT, tuition was $150 a year and it was raised to $320 during my third year,” says Charles with a laugh, “I paid my way by making 40 cents an hour at Kodak. I’ve been told it’s quite different now.”

Now he is known as the family historian and record-keeper of many RIT milestones throughout 10 decades. “When it’s significant or not, William’s diploma has number 21 on it,” Craig notes. “When you consider RIT’s 175-year history and all the students who passed through its doors, you can understand why numbering diplomas was eliminated.”

Moving On: David and Eric Fuehrer

David and Eric believe there is a lesson learned by continuing the RIT tradition. They recently spent a few hours sitting through their grandfather’s college memoirs—permanent reminders of family history to weigh, consider, but never take for granted.

“Many students don’t want to attend college where their parents or grandparents went, but that idea never crossed my mind,” says Eric. “In fact, when I see how ambitious and successful my relatives have been in their careers and lives, I figured those were good steps to follow.”

Likewise, David realizes what it means to be a fourth-generation Fuehrers—graduate from RIT.

“We’ve all taken different paths but we all back and came back to be a part of this campus for 100 years and it’s a tradition. RIT has been a big part of my life and my family’s life and the breadth of experience and education that RIT offers is testimony to the diverse paths we’ve taken and will continue to take.”

“The name Fuehrer to RIT have both been an honor and a very wise investment.”

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The group posed for photos to personal resources to create the Facilities Management Endowed Scholarship. It’s among 18 new scholarships created during that past year.

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For the second consecutive year, worldwide fuel cell experts will convene at RIT for two global conferences next month.

The second International Conference on Fuel Cell Science, Engineering and Technology, June 14 to 16, will highlight advances in fuel-cell systems and components for stationary, mobile and portable power-generation applications. minced in the form of assistants for energy efficiency and renewable energy with the U.S. Department of Energy, will be a banquet speaker.

“Fuel cells are an emerging technology for electric power generation,” says Ramesh Shah, RIT research professor of mechanical engineering, director of the Advanced Fuel Cell Research Laboratory in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering and conference co-chair.

“This technology has great promise with the use of alternative fuel sources beyond fossil fuels, and it will have a far-reaching impact on our society and the U.S. and global economies.”

Shah cites advantages of fuel cells including high efficiency, lower greenhouse gas emissions, lower toxicity and reliance on foreign oil. Challenges associated with fuel cells, many of which will be addressed at the conference, include high-power-generation costs, large packaging requirements and issues surrounding performance and reliability of fuel-cell stacks and fuel-cell systems.

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Serving the less fortunate
Balancing learning and life can be hard enough, but some students go above and beyond to serve in their college careers. One example is RIT’s Habitat for Humanity club, which donated $1,200 to the Livingston County group since its inception in 2000, with more than $200 raised and volunteers from the RIT community. Habitat for Humanity on April 17 at the dedication ceremony of a new home. The club raised the money from the Heart Walk challenge with gusto this year, raising more than $9,600. The club’s total exceeded that of the previous highest year—2000, with $5,300 raised and 50 walkers. More than 200 people participated this year. The RIT student Social Work team raised the most money—more than $800.

Heart Walk updates
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**2004 Award Recipients**

** Winning writers  
The Institute Writing Committee named six winners of this year’s Student Writing Contest. Seated, from left to right, Marigold Bethany, second-year biology/pre-med major and one of two grand-prize winners in the essay category; Christopher Vongpanit, fourth-year multidisciplinary student, winner of an honorable mention award in the creative writing and a writing award winner for four consecutive quarters in which they were initiated, to recognize academic excellence during a time that is often challenging for students as they become part of a new sorority. Alpha Xi Delta’s winter 2003-04 new member class won this year’s award with an average GPA of 3.31. The class included Laura Foster, Katie Wienen, Julie Markins, Stacy Shaw and Kaitie Drennan.

** Sweet rewards of success  
The College of Liberal Arts’ annual Kearse Student Honor Awards recognize students from across the university for their excellence in liberal arts coursework. Dean Andrew Moore joined the winning scholars. They are LaToye Adams, Whitney Anderson, Whitney Anderson—Kathleen Keys Memorial Scholarship; Delta Phi Epsilon—President’s Cup for Outstanding Greek Chapter; and Itzel Morales—Eric Scott Senna Spirit Award.

** Distance learning scholarships  
Recognized for the Exemplary Distance Learning Faculty Award was Thomas Moran, assistant professor in the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies, College of Applied Science and Technology. Samuel McQuade, assistant professor of Criminal Justice in the College of Liberal Arts, was honored with the Exemplary Online Teaching Award.

** Bennett Scholars  
The TRIO Support Services program of RIT’s Learning Development Center honored recipients of the Bennett Scholarship in a ceremony at the end of April. The 2004 Bennett Scholars are Jennifer Buckley, second-year pre-veterinary medicine student, John Hughes, fifth-year information technology, Craig Rocco, second-year software engineering, and Cynthia Ross, fourth-year business management. Each applicant, in their own way, was a winner and it was hard to choose. However, these students certainly made a great case for themselves. All the packages were inspiring in unique ways,” says Marie Giardino, program director.

** International student scholars  
At the Student Government Awards Banquet in late April, Award winners included Eric Allen—RHA Member of the Year, Nicole Lighthouse—OCASA Director of the Year; Karthik Raguraman—NSC Dr. Robert Friisian’s Past President Award; RIT Comedy Troupe—SG Outstanding Club Programming; Social Work Club—SG Outstanding Community Service; International House—Global Union Club of the Year; Unity House—BACC Appreciation Awards; David Falletta, Tau Kappa Epsilon—Greek Council Outstanding Greek Man; Erin Hannan, Alpha Xi Delta—Greek Council Outstanding Greek Woman; Dawn Soulieris, Delta Phi Epsilon—Outstanding Greek Advisor; Lonnie Parker and La Toye Adams—Isaac L. Jordan Sr. Memorial Scholarship for Diversity; La Toye Adams—the Cheryl Bulls, Loretta Moore and Susan Willoughby Memorial Scholarship; Lonnie Parker—Frederick Douglas Scholarship; Justin Ricci—Student Government Senator of the Year; Whitney Anderson—Kathleen Keys Memorial Scholarship; Delta Phi Epsilon—President’s Cup for Outstanding Greek Chapter, and Itzel Morales—Eric Scott Senna Spirit Award.

** Davis scholars  
The annual Davis Scholarship Awards luncheon this month gave special recognition to student leaders who significantly contribute to campus life. Alfred Davis, RIT vice president emeritus, joined the winning scholars honored by RIT’s International Student Scholarship program—this year celebrating 86 students from countries around the world. The scholars are Roman Blazergovic, Aaskah Dinsh C. Chunhua, Myong Hwa Choi, Nikhil Deshpande, Ashish A. Dogra, Hemantkumar N. Gai, Trisha Garg, Gautam Umesh Gupta, Vivek Jagannath, Fanzu Khan, Kiran Lital, Hyun Jong Lee, Daejo Mehrotra, Akshita Mistry, Kalyash Mithal, Itzel Morales, Mithun Mukherjee, Mohammad R. Rahman, Hans Christian Rothe, Amarendra Sekhri, Vimal Shukul, Ajay Thomas and Minh Xuong. Missing from the photo group are: Pritik Ravioli, Chi-Si Suan Lu, Katherine Leigh McNulty, Gaurav Poddar, Vikas Gupta, Patil Satyam, Jiran Boonvit, Pree Deo, Qian Guo, Chihuang Gyuq Dabunae, Main Shong Lim, Bye-Jin Nac, Ashish C. Vora, Yinfan Ran Peau and Karthik Raguraman.

** Outstanding female seniors  
Sahibah Lawson, for left, fifth-year biology student, and Kimberly Litts, fourth-year business administration/marketing student, won this year’s Outstanding Female Senior Award presented by RIT’s Women’s Council.

** Student Government awards  
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** Prossoot Stanley McKenzie and Online Learning hosted the 2004 Exemplary Online Teaching Awards and 2003/2004 Distance Learning Scholarship Award on April 28 in Wallace Library. At the ceremony, the Distance Learning Student Scholarship was presented to Leo Gwin, B.S. student in Applied Arts and Sciences.

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Outstanding undergraduate scholars

Alpha Sigma Lambda inductees

Baldwin scholars honored

Students inducted into communications honor society

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Marking a transition

Fantastic photography

2004 Award Recipients

The College of Liberal Arts Department of Communication recently inducted four new members to Lambda Pi Eta, the official honor society of the National Communication Association. The initiates, Sean King, at left, Robert Cix and Elizabeth Barward are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society. Missing from the picture is Robert Cox and Elizabeth Barnard are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society. Missing from the picture is Robert Cox and Elizabeth Barnard are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society. Missing from the picture is Robert Cox and Elizabeth Barnard are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society. Missing from the picture is Robert Cox and Elizabeth Barnard are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society. Missing from the picture is Robert Cox and Elizabeth Barnard are shown with Susan Barnes, at right, associate professor of communication and faculty advisor to the honor society.
**Accolades continue for film Miner to show animation at Cannes**

Kimberly Miner is making a major impact in the world of student films. Miner will present her short film Perpetual Motion at the Cannes Film Festival in France, May 22.

Miner, a second-year animation major in the School of Film and Animation, says her initial reaction to the news was disbelief. “This wasn’t something I intended at all,” she says. “I didn’t have a clue as to what the significance of this film would be.”

The 87-second-long film raises a question: If a cat always lands on its feet, what would happen to a cat with jelly-feat straped to its back? The answer is explored in laugh-haunt fashion with hand drawn watercolors and computer-assisted animation. Miner has never traveled outside the country. Miner thanks the festival will be an exciting but frenzied environment. She intends to enjoy the opportunity to show her work at such a prestigious event, and simply savor the moment. “I’ll just enjoy whatever comes.”

View Perpetual Motion at www.rit.edu/news.

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**Media ecology conference**

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The “environment” media creates the ‘environment’ media creates is the focus of an emerging discipline called media ecology, a blend of communication studies with information technology and the arts. The media ecology and the liberal arts will be the focus of an upcoming conference at RIT when the university hosts the Media Ecology Association’s fifth annual conference from June 10 to 13. The conference will explore Media Environments and the Liberal Arts from a variety of perspectives.

“When I first came to RIT, I realized I was starting to see a lot of intersections between liberal arts, information technologies and creative expressions,” says Barnes, one of the founding members of the NFA. “I thought this conference would be an opportunity to bring together different people from campus to explore media and, in particular, digital environments that are changing everything.”

She adds, “The digital medium is the first medium that combines words, pictures and motion. That’s why RIT’s Web sites can resemble books and newspapers, and TV shows can go online. It’s such a flexible medium.”

Barnes notes that digital media blurs boundaries of what used to be traditional disciplines. For instance, Web design could fall under information technology, graphic arts and communication.

“The whole premise of the conference is that once a new communication medium is introduced into a liberal arts discipline, it changes everything,” Barnes says. “It will influence how we teach, do research and express ourselves creatively.”

One of the conference highlights will include keynote speeches by author and media critic Douglas Rushkoff, who will talk about computer games at 7 p.m. on June 11 in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union. Rushkoff is the author of several best-selling books on new media and popular culture, including Cyberia and Media Virus, and correspondent for the PBS Fronter Docs series, Media Youth.

Other points of interest will include panel sessions on blogging, visual, written and oral poetry. RIT professors Elizabeth Lasley, Stephen Jacobs and John Bocci will lead discussion panels, along with such visiting authors and scholars as Robert Logan, author of Alphabet Effect, Denise Schmandt-Besserat, art historian and archaeologist from Stanford University, authors Gary Gumpert and Susan Drucker, Marjorie Laszshobrak, president of the Los Angeles-based Electric Literature Organization, and Isad Jefery from the McLuhan Center at the University of Toronto, among others.

“Many of these conference sessions are pilot ideas for possible courses in liberal arts and information technology, and possibly other disciplines,” Barnes says, “and to make a point that in the liberal arts we are affected by digital media and communication environments.”

Media Environments and the Liberal Arts begins at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, and wraps up at 1 p.m. on June 13. It is sponsored by RIT’s College of Liberal Arts, the School of Communications and the College of Liberal Arts. The event is free to the RIT community, $60 for the general public and $25 for non-RIT students.

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**Grant supports RIT Web site**

The College of Science Student Advisory Board has recognized an outstanding faculty member each term with a new COS Faculty of the Quarter Award. Winners are nominated by students and selected by members of the COSSAB based on their dedication and enthusiasm shown to the student body.

Award winners are, from left to right, Carl Salavaggio, professor of imaging science and winner of the fall quarter, Robert Forrest, professor of biological sciences and winner of the spring quarter, and Matthew Coppenbarger, professor of mathematics and statistics and winner of the winter quarter.

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**Departments partner to help ‘clean house’**

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**News briefs**

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**Blinding them with science**

Geneticist, author and filmmaker Spencer Wells visited RIT to talk about his new book and the genetic that mass human history back to a single ancestor. The book is a subject of a PBS National Geographic documentary. Journey of Humanity, based on his book of the same name—follows Adam’s Great Ordeal, which tracks the journey of humanity from Africa to the far reaches of the world. A reception held by Wells’ College of Science gave students a chance to meet Wells. Here, Wells, left to right, talks to students from left, Rebecca Righini, Chakinda Bole, Judy Pope and Dominc Polacco.

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A sneak preview of Henry's Story

by Isobel Werner, a junior psychology major, will be shown at the Jewish Film Festival in May. The film, produced by the Foundation on Christian Origins in Durham, N.C., is a $4,000 grant from the Xerox Foundation, and Johnston’s trip was funded by Princeton University with partial support from the Xenos Foundation.

“Joe Hennekey was indispensable in serving as a bridge between RIT and the Secret Service,” Castellano notes. The conference is designed to communicate to a wide audience. Experts from law enforcement and financial and private institutions will address different ways thieves steal identities and what consumers, law enforcement and financial institutions can do to combat it. Highlights will include:

• An identity crime video and CD-rom resource guide by the U.S. Secret Service
• Consumer education and the UD Theft Federation by the Federal Trade Commission
• Local prosecutorial efforts by the Department of Justice
• U.S. Postal Inspection Service Resources and Consumer Awareness

A race to the finish

There is a race to make the Secret Service more efficient in identifying and tracking identity thieves. The service has organized the Secret Service Identity Theft Research (SPARSA) program to present their related research in poster sessions.

Film makes Rochester debut

Holocaust film to be shown at Jewish Film Fest

An RIT student production, highlighting the heroic struggle of one Holocaust survivor, is receiving some impressive recognition. Henry’s Story: A Teenager Survives has been accepted into the Boston Jewish Film Festival. Produced by Isobel Werner, a fourth-year biomedical photography student, along with Thomas Zajon, assistant professor in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, the film features an interview with Henry Silberstein. Born to a middle-class Jewish family in Czechoslovakia, Silberstein relates the experience of surviving a Nazi concentration camp and how that impacted his life growing up.

“It feels important to remember what happened, just not so we can shake our heads and say, ‘Yes, it wasn’t enough,’” explains Werner. “We hope that real people will actually move us into action, and that things are accomplished. Students here are concerned about their future; they’re concerned about exceeding expectations and they want that for the rest of their lives,” says Sarratore.

Improving the quality of an RIT REU by creating double majors and instituting a business minor rank high on the to-do list of the new officers. Academic advising and social conditions are also issues they want to address starting next fall.

Blonski, a second-year industrial engineering student, says, “I want to congratulate the graduating class.

“As fellow students, we know that you’ve worked hard and we promise to work just as hard to build up the outstanding reputation that have made us so proud,” says Sarratore.

Corporate Time system to be retired soon

Switch to Exchange calendar this month

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of a campus-wide team of RIT technical staff, and with significant input from faculty and staff through the information forums held over the past months, a transition strategy and timeframe have been established for the retirement of Corporate Time.

Users should begin manually scheduling tool for the university. Additional communications will be sent to faculty and staff through the infor-
Rochester Corporate Challenge hits RIT May 27

Rochester’s largest road race moves from its original home in Highland Park to RIT this year. The venue change for the annual IPMong Chase Corporate Challenge allows Rochester’s biggest corporate social event to grow at a record pace.

From its beginning in 1990 with 816 participants, the race steadily grew to a record turnout in 2013 of 8,750 runners from 346 companies. RIT offers 400 percent more space for company tents and hospitality areas and first times the parking spaces. It also offers a wide-paved roadway easily capable of holding more than 10,000 participants and improved sight lines for spectators.

This year’s 3.5-mile race is at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. Registration deadline is May 14. Cost is $16 and includes RIT and IP Mong Chase T-shirts. It is open to RIT employees who worked a minimum of 25 hours a week for at least three consecutive months. RIT forms are available in the Student Life Center or online at www.ipmong- chase.com/soccor. Proceeds go to the AI Sigl Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Rochester Community Trust Fund.

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power plants. About 350 researchers, analysts, consultants, designers, managers and practitioners are expected for the conference, which will detail advances in design, analysis, optimization and manufacturing of macro, micro and nano fuel-cell systems and components. Other areas of focus include fuel-cell stacks, fuel reformers, air management, power delivery and cogeneration.

For information and program lists, visit www.asme.org/events/fuelcell.

Immediately following the fuel-cell conference, the second International Conference on Microchannels and Minichannels will be held June 17 to 19. "Microchannels are used in many diverse applications including fuel cells, electronics cooling, bioengineering and MEMS—microelectromechanical—devices," says Sahit Kandlikar, RIT professor of mechanized engineering and conference chair. "This emerging area will enable microminiaturization of many devices, from computers to space-bound systems.

"This will be a truly international conference," adds Kandlikar, who, along with Bill Grande, RIT assistant professor of microelectronic engineering, are among more than 120 presenters from 23 countries. For information visit www.asme.org/events/microsens.

Both conferences, sponsored by RIT and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will be at the RIT Inn & Conference Center.

A pre-conference course, Fundamentals of Fuel Cell Components and System Design, will be instructed by Shah, June 11 and 12 at RIT. Contact Shah at 475-7439 or shahwi@rit.edu.

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Obituaries

Rob Roy Kelly

Rob Roy Kelly, graphic design educator, historian and collector, died Jan. 22 in Tempe, Ariz.

Kelly served a one-year appointment as the William A. Kern Professor of Communication at RIT in 1974. In 2001, a Web site, www.robert-kelly.com, was developed by students in conjunction with the donation of his papers to RIT.

Beverly "Bev" Kerr, family friend, passed away April 21 after an extended illness. Prior to her retirement in 1998, she worked for 18 years as staff assistant in the RIT Student Affairs Office for the director of student conduct.

Doug May

Doug May, assistant RIT men’s soccer coach, passed away April 22 due to complications from a sudden illness. May became an assistant RIT soccer powerhouse from 1980 to 1995 under May, earning 11 trips to the NCAA Tournament, four to the Final Four and one appearance in the national championship game.

He is a member of the RIT Sports Hall of Fame. His career record, over 24 seasons including at Nazareth College, was 253-120-38.

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Newsmakers

Carol Richardson, professor and chair of electrical and telecommunications engineering technology, is chair of the planning committee for the Society of Women Engineers Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Women Making History, to be held in Rochester in 2005. The conference will honor Susan B. Anthony and Kate Gleason.

Robert Rothman, professor of biological sciences, gave the keynote address, “How do you know it’s science?” at the Rochester Academy of Science’s fall session hosted by the College of Science in November.

Jasper Shealy, professor emeritus of industrial and systems engineering, was an invited guest lecturer at a conference in Italy, where he presented findings of a 12-year study on skiing and snowboarding fatalities, effects of helmet use on reducing fatalities and problems associated with helmet use. He also presented the study, “How fast do people go on alpine slopes?” as chairman of the American Society for Testing and Materials committee, which oversees standards for snow skiing and snowboarding equipment, he attended a meeting of the International Standards Organization in Munich, Germany. The meeting covered testing of ski binding equipment in the U.S. and Europe, testing of retail and rental ski equipment in Europe and specifications for ski helmets in Europe.

James Winebra, associate professor and chair of public policy, presented his talk, Air Quality Impacts of Transportation Ferry Services, at a conference in January sponsored by the Transportation Research Board on Emissions from Marine Transportation. In September, Winebra talked to Japanese auto industry executives about the future of fuel-cell vehicle technology in the U.S. as a part of a program sponsored by MIT.


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Manufacturing and Assembly and the National Technology Training Center, where high school teachers train in engineering and manufacturing techniques to assist with Project Lead the Way and the Cisco Networking Academy. It will be a center for cross-disciplinary projects in CAST, the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences and the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

“The board of directors of the McGowan Charitable Fund is pleased to be able to join with RIT in the creation of this unique and needed telecommunications center named after our founder, Bill McGowan,” says Monsignor Andrew McGowan, chairman of the board of directors and the late William McGowan. “It will help fulfill the vision Bill had for the entire telecommunications field and will, for years to come, advance research and learning in this important industry.”

William McGowan, a pioneer in the telecommunications field, founded MCI Communications Corp. in 1968 and led the company until his death in 1992. His vision helped shape RIT’s telecommunications engineering technology program when he urged students to prepare for the changing industry by stressing technological, public policy and marketing.

“The telecom field is dynamic and evolving. This adds value to our students,” said Yambach, president of the American Society for Telecommunications engineering, the profession of its kind in the nation when it was launched in 1989.

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