The Tigers’ championship run continues as the Tigers defeated the Massachusetts Minutemen and the Northeastern Huskies to capture the Atlantic Hockey Tournament title. The team received publicity in thousands of newspapers, television broadcasts, and print in dozens of online media outlets across the country. Locally, the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle published a special section and 13WHAM News produced a 30-minute special that aired live from the site of the Frozen Four, which ended with a loss to the University of Wisconsin.

The RIT community celebrated with dozens of on-campus spirit events and more than 50 viewing parties around the world.

The intense interest in the program has magnified RIT’s need for a new hockey arena. The Frank Ritter Ice Arena, even before last season’s success, almost always attracted standing-room-only crowds and frequently sold out. University officials recognize the need and have begun an effort to identify potential donors to support the construction of a new facility.

A cramped arena shouldn’t be an issue during Brick City Weekend, however. The Blue Cross Arena has 12,428 seats – and Wilson is hoping each is occupied by someone wearing orange.

The next big game

The Tigers take on University of Massachusetts/Lowell in the home opener during Brick City Homecoming and Family Weekend.

Date: Saturday, Oct. 16
Time: 7:05 p.m.
Where: Rochester Blue Cross Arena
Tickets: Available at www.rit.edu/brickcity, from the Gordon Field House box office (585-475-4121) or through ticketmaster.com.

Above: Ford Field in Detroit, site of the NCAA Frozen Four Tournament. Left to right: Fans welcome the team; Tigers get coaching from Wayne Wilson, Jared DeMichael acknowledges fans; alumni rally in Albany. All photos by student photographers Dylan Heuer and Michael Bradley.

John Follaco with Joe Venniro