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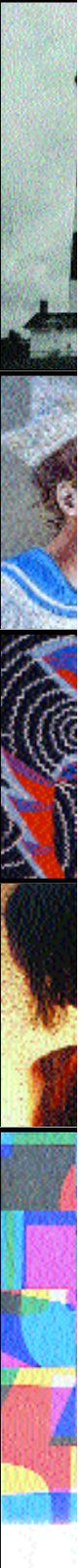
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A message from President Simone

I often tell people the “R” in RIT means something special. This university is a part of Rochester and must be an active member of the larger community.

It is critical, as we face the challenges of uncertain times, that we all understand the importance of giving back to the community. I want to tell you about a special member of the RIT family, a man who has found a special way to recognize the importance of service.

Alfred L. Davis has been associated with RIT

for 65 years – first as a faculty member, later as a vice president and today as an active retiree, mentor and adviser. He is known on campus simply as “Mr. RIT.”

Al recently walked into my office with an exciting idea to promote and recognize public service. This idea, Al says, was inspired by CIA Director George Tenet’s call for public service during his commencement address here last spring. Al has created what he calls the “Four Presidents’ Distinguished Public Service Award.”

The award pays tribute to four RIT presidents who have worked with Al and have been strongly committed to serving the Rochester community. I am honored to be part of this group, which also includes Mark Ellingson, Paul Miller and Richard Rose.

The purpose of the award is to recognize a member of the RIT faculty or staff who is a leader in public service. Al has started a \$50,000 endowment to fund the award. The recipient will have the privilege of designating the endowment income to a beneficiary of their choice, such as a not-for-profit organization in Rochester or a group on campus.

The dedication, commitment and philanthropy of Al Davis will continue to guide RIT for years to come. We are indeed fortunate to have such a wonderful friend.

I wanted to share this story with you because I know so many folks in the RIT family are doing their part to improve their own communities. Let us all reflect on George Tenet’s advice: “Serve someone other than yourself, something bigger than yourself.”



Alfred L. Davis (left) and Albert J. Simone

Albert J. Simone
President

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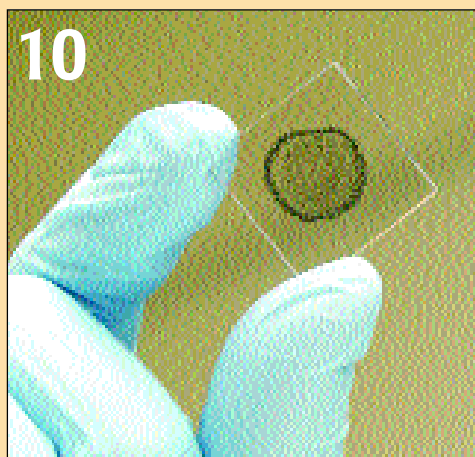
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Nanotechnology – a field involving microscopic materials – is an important new research area.

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Works by a small sampling of RIT's art, design and photography graduates are shown on the cover. Turn to page 28 for their names.

Right: The moon shines over the NTID construction site in 1974.



Heidelberg Web Press Lab opens

Representatives from the printing industry will join RIT officials for a dedication of the Heidelberg Web Press Laboratory April 25. Housed in an 11,000-square foot facility adjacent to the Louise M. Slaughter Building, the Heidelberg Sunday 2000 press system will be used for research and education within RIT's School of Print Media and extensive applied research for the web offset printing market.

In addition to Heidelberg, which provided the press, other industry suppliers will provide equipment and materials valued at more than \$1.36 million.

"A state-of-the-art web printing system requires the integration of press technology, operator expertise and auxiliary components and consumables," explains Bill Garno, director of the Printing Applications Laboratory at RIT. "With these suppliers supporting the Sunday press technology, and the combined expertise of RIT and Heidelberg, we clearly have all requirements met."

Companies donating supplies and equipment include: Baldwin Technology Company Inc., Creo Inc., Graphics Microsystems Inc. (GMI), Quad/Tech Inc. (QTI), AWS (a Thermal Care division), Böttcher America Corp., NELA Ternes Register Group, Lincoln Industrial Corp., RIMA-System, Day International Inc., Flint Ink Corp., Fuji Hunt/Anchor, Kodak Polychrome Graphics, Sun Chemical, Tribology, JC Fibers, Jeco Plastic Products and Just Normlicht Inc.



The new Heidelberg Sunday 2000 web press is the focal point of the new Printing Industry Center at RIT.

Grand Opening of the Golisano College to be celebrated May 2

A grand opening celebration for RIT's eighth college will take place at 3 p.m. May 2.

The B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, named in honor of the RIT trustee whose \$14 million donation made the college possible, was founded two years ago and moved into its new building early this year. The 177,000-square-foot facility incorporates 13 classrooms, 31 computer labs, 94 faculty offices, a 151-seat auditorium and a spacious, three-story atrium.

"This impressive building represents the future of the Golisano College," says Jorge Díaz-Herrera, GCCIS dean. "We strive to be the best in the world at helping superior students develop into balanced computing professionals who can effectively apply theory, principles and technology from the whole spectrum of computing in a wide range of domains."

The grand opening event will include a keynote address, reception and tours of the new building. For more information, call 585-475-4987.



The three-story, 177,000-square-foot home of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences features a dramatic atrium.

Fram honored with new scholarship

The longest-serving current member of the RIT faculty is being honored with the creation of a scholarship in his name.



Eugene Fram

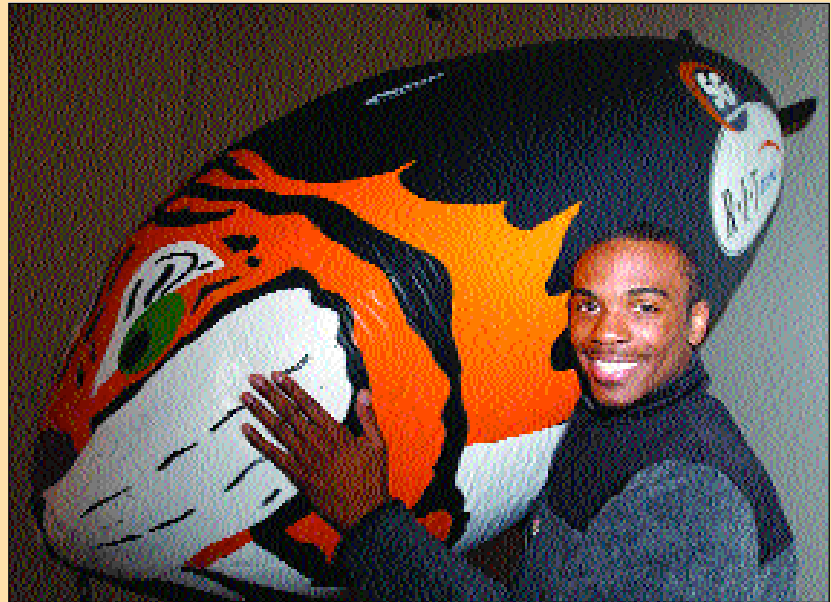
Eugene Fram, the J. Warren McClure Research Professor of Marketing, arrived at RIT in August 1957. He served as director of RIT's Center for Management Study from 1968 to 1982, and helped establish the College of Business marketing department and international business program. He has received numerous awards, including the Eisenhart Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Fram often is called upon as a consultant by start-up companies, Fortune 500 firms, and not-for-profit organizations. He's written or co-authored more than 100 articles and six books and is frequently quoted in the news media on a variety of business topics.

Fram also is involved in community service activities, most recently as co-chair of the board of the Alliance for Children and Families, a national organization.

"Gene stays in touch with hundreds of his former students, and has had such an influence on so many that we decided this scholarship was a fitting tribute," says Thomas Hopkins, dean of the College of Business. "We believe many alumni will want to participate."

The scholarship is expected to be awarded for the first time before the start of school this fall. People wishing to contribute should contact Mark Boylan, director of development for the College of Business, at 585-475-7477, or by e-mail at mcbdar@rit.edu.



HIGH HOPES: Equipped with a camera, this 12-foot, helium-filled blimp circled Ritter arena during hockey games this winter. Construction was spearheaded by third-year imaging science student Alvin Spivey, who had help from members of Imaging Science and Technology Student Chapter, Art House, Information Technology Student Organization, K2GXT HAM Amateur Radio club, Aero Design club and WITR and Jeremiah Parry-Hill from the Educational Technology Center. For more about the project, visit www.blimp.rit.edu.

Senior living community planned for RIT

RIT puts a new twist on life-long learning with plans for a senior living community at the Racquet Club apartment complex near campus.

RIT is working with a developer to convert the property into a retirement community. Services and programs linked to the university would cater to individuals over age 62. The developer, Christa Development Corp., will market newly constructed patio homes and apartments, with an emphasis on RIT alumni and retirees. Nearly 30,000 of RIT's 90,000 alumni reside in the Rochester area and there are more than 800 retirees.

"We felt this would be a way to encourage people to stay connected with the university," says Margaret Cass Ferber, associate vice president for finance and administration. "RIT will now have everything ranging from a day care center to senior living."

Demolition of the old student apartments off East River Road will begin in the fall. Patrick Tobin, vice president of Christa, says occupancy of 70 patio

homes and 80 apartments should begin in 2004 or early 2005.

Patio homes will be about 1,500 square feet with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The complex will have a common area for social, cultural and educational activities, as well as meals.

The units will be maintenance-free with services including housekeeping, groundskeeping, and transportation to RIT. The link to campus also will include:

- Use of RIT facilities, such as the future field house, swimming pool and fitness center.

- Discounted tuition and online learning opportunities.

- Discounted tickets to RIT events.

Discussions are also underway to partner with the Athenaeum, an RIT-sponsored organization that offers enrichment classes to people over 50. The Athenaeum is located adjacent to the proposed housing.

Anyone interested in learning more about the complex may contact Tobin at 585-924-3101 or by e-mail at ptobin@christa.com.

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RIT makes progress toward goal of achieving an ethnically diverse environment

RIT's commitment to achieving a thriving, diverse campus is producing measurable results. The university has nearly doubled the number of professors from under-represented ethnic groups.

In fall of 2002, 26 of 84 (31 percent) new full-time faculty were African American, Latin American or Native American (AALANA). RIT now has 54 full-time AALANA faculty, comprising 6 percent of full-time faculty; Asian

Americans also make up 6 percent of the faculty.

RIT is also making strides in terms of minority enrollment with 243 AALANA freshmen, or 10 percent of the class (an RIT record). Another record: 15 percent of transfer students were AALANA.

In addition, RIT opened the North Star Center for Academic Success and Cultural



Eulas Boyd

director of the North Star Center, explains that the center helps students access services including scholarships; organizes a summer program aimed at academic, cultural and personal development; plans periodic seminars on societal issues; and serves as a base for several ongoing outreach programs for the pre-college students in the Rochester area. A key effort is the North Star Society, which supports and recognizes students for excellence in academic work, ethical/character development, and community service.

Affairs. The center serves as a source of guidance for the recruitment, retention and graduation of RIT's AALANA student population.

Eulas Boyd, assistant provost for diversity and direc-

tor of the North Star Center, explains that the center helps students access services including scholarships; organizes a summer program aimed at academic, cultural and personal development; plans periodic seminars on societal issues; and serves as a base for several ongoing outreach programs for the pre-college students in the Rochester area. A key effort is the North Star Society, which supports and recognizes students for excellence in academic work, ethical/character development, and community service.

“Other universities have services,” says Boyd. “What sets us apart is the North Star Society. That is at the heart of what we do.”

“What we have done this past year is remarkable, unbelievably outstanding,” says President Albert J. Simone. “Our efforts are a great beginning. However, recruitment of minority faculty requires an ongoing commitment to achieving diversity. Recruitment must be seen as a continuous journey.”

Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president of academic affairs, agrees that now is not the time to rest on any laurels. “Despite the terrific success we had last year in hiring AALANA faculty, our percentages of AALANA faculty remain below national averages in nearly all of our departments. We need to continue the efforts with equal commitment this current year.”

For more information on the North Star Center, visit: www.rit.edu/~nscenter



Plans for the university's 175th anniversary celebration are underway

Historians could argue that RIT's first tuition was \$5.

That was the annual fee in 1829 for Rochester residents to hear lectures from some of America's best-known orators—Oliver Wendell Holmes, Horace Greeley and Ralph Waldo Emerson. The lectures were presented by the Rochester Athenaeum, founded by a Revolutionary War veteran and the city's namesake, Col. Nathaniel Rochester.

RIT dates to the Athenaeum and later Mechanics Institute. Next year, RIT begins celebrating its 175th anniversary with the May 2004 commencement. The commemoration continues through the 2004-2005 academic year.

A planning committee has begun to sketch out potential activities for the milestone, building off the slogan “RIT: Celebrating 175 years of Education, Exploration and Innovation.”

“Our committee's charge is to plan an anniversary year that celebrates RIT's past achievements, promotes its current success and highlights its vision for the

“We envision a variety of events that highlight RIT's significance as a university and as a community, national and international resource.”

Deborah Stendardi
Associate vice president for government and community relations

future,” says Deborah Stendardi, associate vice president for government and community relations and co-chair of the planning committee. “We want to engage the entire university community as well as the external communities of which we are part. We envision a variety of events that highlight RIT's significance as a university and as a community, national and international resource.”

Potential events include major speakers, time capsules, library and gallery exhibits

and alumni celebrations across the nation and around the world.

“This is an opportunity to enhance the sense of community and pride among the RIT family, celebrate RIT's accomplishments and build new traditions for the future,” says Fred Smith, secretary of the institute and assistant to the president, who also co-chairs the planning committee.

RIT's last such birthday party was the 150th anniversary in 1979. Here are some of the highlights of that special year:

- The inauguration of President M. Richard Rose.

- A Bob Hope show.

- A Kenny Loggins concert.

- The culmination of a \$42 million capital campaign (By comparison, RIT announced a \$300 million campaign in September 2002).

- A record-breaking cross-country run by RIT athletes who ran from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean in 14 days.

“The 175th will be an equally memorable celebration,” promise Stendardi and Smith.

RIT adds three degree programs

A master's in human-computer interactions, a bachelor's in applied networking and system administration, and a "fast-track" associate of science degree program are among the newest degree programs at RIT.

- The M.S. concentration in human-computer interaction is offered by the information technology department in the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences (GCCIS). Human-computer interaction, broadly defined as the study of the design, evaluation and implementation of interactive computing systems, emerged as a significant new discipline over the past decade.

- GCCIS also introduced a B.S. degree in applied networking and system administration, which focuses on the design, construction and operation of computer networks using available components, along with managing the servers that keep users interconnected.

About 50 students are enrolled in the program. That number is expected to grow as high as 600 in five years. During that period, the IT department will explore a master's degree program in this area.

For more information on these two programs, contact the department of information technology at 585-475-6179, or go to www.it.rit.edu/.

- National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) is offering a "fast-track" associate of science degree program designed to prepare students to enter a bachelor's degree program in the College of Business. Graduates of the A.S. degree program will be able to transfer 70 to 80 credits of core study directly to the COB program of their choice.

For more information about the associate's degree program, contact Bill Rudnicki, chair of NTID's business careers department, at 585-475-2952 or send e-mail to wjrnb@rit.edu.

Student effort saves millions for company



Burcak Guclu

An RIT engineering student is credited with helping a semiconductor firm save as much as \$10 million a year.

Burcak Guclu, fourth-year industrial and systems engineering major, helped develop an algorithm that improves computer-wafer fabrication yield at Infineon Technologies Richmond. Guclu and her group received Infineon's Technical Excellence Award for significant technical contributions and solutions.

"I had the opportunity to work with very talented and professional engineers," Guclu says of her on co-op job with the advanced process control group of the Virginia-based firm. "It was a very rewarding experience."

"This project had a major impact not only for Infineon Technologies Richmond but for the whole memory products business division," says Steven Ward '88, Infineon's

director of statistical process and technology ramp, a graduate of RIT's microelectronic engineering program. "The RIT co-op program has consistently provided highly motivated students who are able to work on main projects independently and as team players that has resulted in beneficial results for Infineon Technologies."

In memoriam

Janet Farnum, professor emeritus, died Sept. 12, 2002. She taught at RIT from 1979 until 1996, serving the College of Liberal Arts as chair of the psychology department and as associate dean. . . .

Fred Gordon, RIT trustee emeritus, died Jan. 3. He was a co-founder with his brother, trustee emeritus Lucius "Bob" Gordon, of Mixing Equipment Co. in Rochester. Mr. Gordon was an RIT trustee when the board voted to create the current campus. He also chaired the executive committee of the Lincoln Alliance Bank and Trust Co. and the Industrial Management Council. . . . **Robert**

Kushner, professor emeritus, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, died Nov. 6, 2002. He was 77. Mr. Kushner taught at RIT for 20 years. Since retiring in 1991, he worked as a trustee and photography professor at Kyoto Computer Gakuin, the first computer technical school in Japan. He is survived by his 10 children and his wife, Yoshiko. . . . **James**

Philbin, who taught literature and composition courses for 31 years in the College of Liberal Arts, died Nov. 28 at age 77. He retired in 1987. . . . **Herbert VandenBrul**, longtime member of RIT's Nathaniel Rochester Society, died Jan. 24. He established an endowment fund in 1984, creating an awards program that honors business leaders for efforts that improve the local economy. The Herbert W. VandenBrul Entrepreneurial Award is presented annually by the College of Business.

Correction

Wendy Beth Jackelow '85 created the drawings entitled "Proper Form for Holding the Violin" featured in the "Gallery" section of the Winter 2002 issue of *The University Magazine*. Her first name was inadvertently omitted.

Students take a stab at fencing

After a photo of RIT fencers from the 1950s appeared a year ago, *The University Magazine* received a number of letters

from people who remember the glory days for this sport (a few more appear elsewhere on this page).

John T. Horan of Califon, N.J., wrote of the efforts of his son, second-year computer engineering technology major Sean



Horan. Sean was on the fencing team at Voorhees High School in Hunterdon County, N.J., where 120 men and women participate in the sport. After arriving at RIT, Horan connected with another fencing enthusiast, Carl Lutzer, assistant professor of mathematics. The two are responsible for starting a fencing club that regularly draws 30 to 40 men and women for Saturday training sessions. Most are beginners, who have the opportunity to work with the three traditional weapons of the sport: saber, épée and foil.

"It's a wonderful sport," says Lutzer, who was on the varsity fencing team at Michigan State. "There's nothing in the world like being chased by somebody with a sword."

Among the many pluses, according to Lutzer: Agility, endurance, timing, control and finesse are more important than brute strength. Men and women can compete equally (although not in NCAA-sanctioned events). The psychological components of



Sean Horan, center, shares some pointers during a Saturday session of RIT's new fencing club.

the sport help develop self-confidence, assertiveness and strategic thinking.

At this point, fencing is strictly a club activity at RIT. "It takes time to get good," says Lutzer, "and students don't have a lot of time. In spite of that, they're doing quite well." It will take some time – possibly several years – to develop a team and acquire the equipment needed to compete in sanctioned matches.

That doesn't deter the enthusiasm of the students.

"I love it," says Horan. "Fencing is more of a rush than any other sport I've ever played."

To the Editors

I am (longtime RIT fencing coach) Harold Florescue's son and I was so pleased to see the comments in the Fall 2002 edition of the magazine. It brought back numerous happy memories for me as well.

I was born in 1946 and remember many of these people and fencing against them, including in particular Clea Cooper. One person who no one mentioned was named Rochell, I think. I recall having a huge crush on her and being extremely angry when she got married.

For my family, thanks for including the photos and thanks for the memories.

Leonard G. Florescue
New York City

To the Editors

I was a member of the women's fencing team during the 1951-'52 and the 1952-'53 seasons and I am pictured third from the left in the photo in the Spring 2002 issue of *The University Magazine*.

Second from the left is Ellie Rulof Chasey '53, who was my roommate in Kate Gleason Hall. She married Paul Chasey '52 (photo tech) and now lives in California. The person on the right is Lyn Thiemke. I am not certain who the person on the left is. This photo was taken at the end of the 1953 season, since Ellie and I were not on the 1954 team.

The Fall 2002 issue of the magazine shows letters stating that Barbara Brill may be in this photo. I do not recall her being on the fencing team when I was. The 1954 photo from *Technila* (the RIT yearbook) does show her; perhaps that was her first year.

Diana Klepinger Parkes '54

High hoops

To the Editors

I read the Fall 2002 edition of *The University Magazine* with great interest. Living in Michigan, I don't have the opportunity to receive news about RIT to any great extent, so this magazine helps in that respect.

The picture of basketball star Jim Robinson '68 brought back many fond memories of the RIT basketball team in the late '60s. I went to many, many games and the high scoring Tigers were very entertaining. The picture shows Jim

Robinson shooting one of his patented jump shots and it also shows his "running partner," Rick Cetnar '68, from Amsterdam, N.Y., who was a real leader on that team as well.

One thing I remember is that Jim was a terrific scorer and could really light it up. And I remember one year, possibly 1968, when he was in a tight duel with another player from North Carolina for the national

scoring title. I would look at the stats from time to time and see if Jim was No. 1 or this other guy was ahead. As it turned out, the "other guy" was Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, who turned out to be a star in the NBA with the New York Knicks and other teams.

Thanks to the players I remember from those teams: Jim Robinson, Rick Cetnar, John Serth '67, Ron Russell '68, Bob Finkler '66, Dick Schaeffer '71 and all the others of the late '60s. I really enjoyed their games and efforts.

Russel L. Larsen '70

Clarkston, Mich.

To the Editors

The picture of Jim Robinson '68 brought back two memories. First, those of events before Jim Robinson: My father, A. Leo Fox, coached RIT men's basketball for 16 years, from 1940 to 1956. His last season, '55-'56, was the only undefeated team in the history of men's basketball at



Remembering Lauren Sachs Rose '89



Lauren Sachs Rose '89

To the Editors:

In October 2002, we lost our college roommate Lauren D. Sachs Rose '89. Lauren died after bravely battling kidney cancer for almost a year. She was 36. We write in tribute to her, celebrating what she meant to us and to others who loved her.

A Syracuse native and Liverpool High School alumna, Lauren earned a bachelor's degree from RIT in printing systems and engineering in 1989. She later received an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. Lauren excelled at every level of schooling, earning honors diplomas from high school through graduate school.

Our Lauren was a kind and giving woman, a compassionate listener who connected with others with ease. She was an Orchid of Sigma Pi, a resident adviser in Kate Gleason Hall, and a community development staff member for Apartment Life. She learned sign language at RIT and volunteered with deaf children long after she graduated.

Lauren and her husband, Dan, lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, until they moved last fall to Edison, N.J., as she sought the best medical advice. She was a program manager and Six Sigma Blackbelt specialist at Federated Logistics, a division of Federated Department Stores. Lauren inspired trust and commitment from those with whom she worked. She was smart, knowledgeable, confident – and tenacious.

Lauren loved her family, especially her nephews and nieces. She was an avid cat lover who also enjoyed gardens and flowers, cooking ethnic food, and creating stained glass art. She was intensely loyal and knew how to have fun. She was personable. We miss her dearly.

According to her wishes, contributions in Lauren's name may be sent to the Kidney Cancer Association (1234 Sherman Avenue, Suite 203, Evanston, IL 60202) or to Haven Hospice c/o J. E. K. Hospital (65 James Street, Edison, N.J. 08818).

Terri Standish-Kuon '88

Ilene Katz Skara '90

"the Institute." I remember those practices downtown, where the team could not bounce the ball for fear of disturbing classes.

My father was one of the first inductees into the RIT Sports Hall of Fame, although posthumously. What a wonderful honor. Three members of the undefeated team joined him in later years: Al Landsman '56, Ed Baucum '59, and Arnie Cardillo '60.

The one member who isn't there, due to a technicality, is the starting center, Ken Hale '56. In three varsity seasons, he scored 1,044 points and was the first player to score 1,000 points or more in a career.

The second part of the Jim Robinson story involved the RIT Tech Tourney in 1968. In the finals, it was RIT and Jim Robinson against Clarkson and Russ Hall. Both stars were renowned and it was a

battle all the way. Clarkson won and Russ was named Most Valuable Player for the tourney. While I may be a bit prejudiced as I am an alumnus of Clarkson and Russ was a friend, Jim Robinson did not lose that night, but he simply shared the honor with another strong player. To see the two of them hug each other after the game said it all.

For my part, I am a member of the first MBA class at RIT. Thanks for allowing me to relive some wonderful memories.

Rick Fox '71

Andover, Mass.

Do you have ideas or comments regarding the magazine, or information to share? Write to *The University Magazine*, University News Services, Rochester Institute of Technology, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive – Bldg. 86, Rochester, NY 14623. E-mail can be sent to umagwww@rit.edu



Verna Hazen
Director of Financial Aid

Time is right to consolidate student loans

Now is a great time to think about consolidating your federal student loans. With a federal Direct Consolidation Loan you can combine your federal student loans into one new loan at an all-time low interest rate.

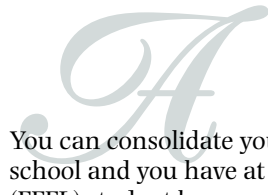
The interest rates on most federal student loans are variable and are adjusted annually with a cap of 8.25 percent. On July 1, 2002, the interest rates on student loans dropped to 4.06 percent. This

historic low provides an opportunity for significant savings.

The Office of Financial Aid at RIT has compiled the following list of common questions and answers about federal consolidation loans. Please feel free to contact the office for more information at 585-475-2186 (voice) or 585-475-6909 (TDD) or via the web at www.rit.edu/financialaid.



Am I eligible to consolidate my student loans?



You can consolidate your loan as a direct consolidation loan if you are out of school and you have at least one Direct Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) student loan.

Why should I consolidate?

In addition to historically low rates, you will have one lender and one monthly payment, as well as flexible repayment options.

How can I find out what my consolidation loan payment will be?

Use the Direct Loans online calculator to find out. It can be found at www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov/borrower/bconsol.shtml

How long will the interest rates stay this low?

Interest rates are set each year in late June. We can't predict what the interest rate will be after July 1, 2003.

I have received mail from all kinds of companies offering to consolidate my loans. Which ones are good companies?

We don't know everything about all the private companies in the loan consolidation business. However, there are some advantages to consolidating your federal student loans through the federal Direct Consolidation Loan program.

So what are they?

Direct Consolidation Loans offer lower interest rates for in-school and in-grace consolidation. Direct Consolidation Loans will never be sold to another lender (FFEL consolidation loans can be sold). No minimum loan balance is required.

Where do I find more information?

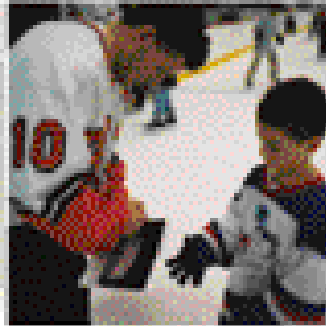
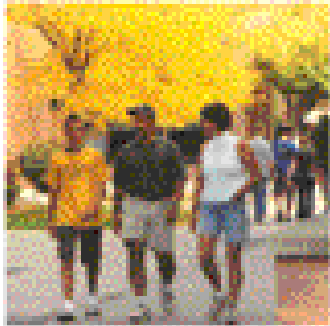
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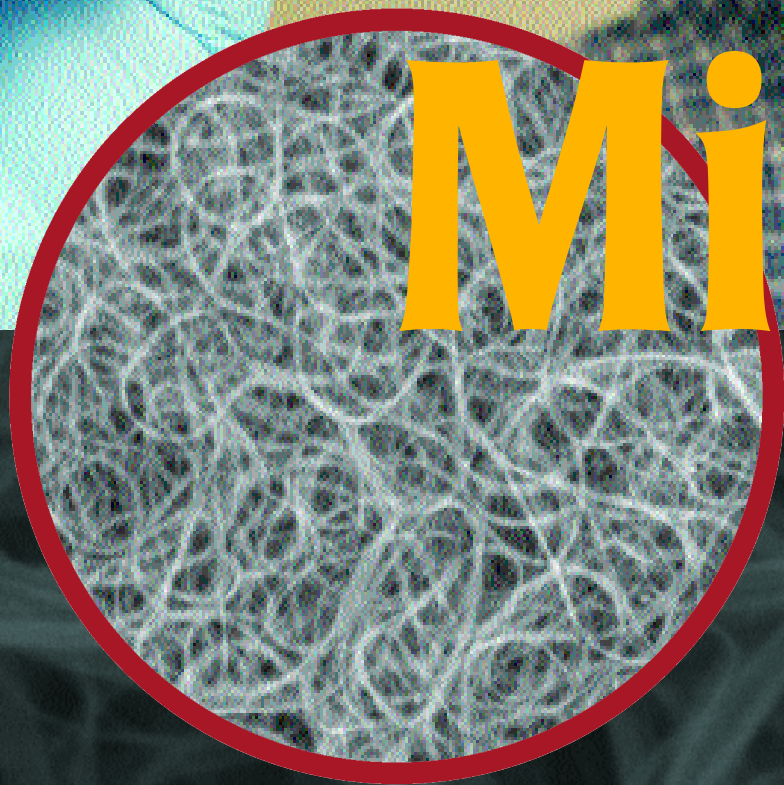
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Heading RIT's NanoPower Research Laboratories are (from left) Co-director Ryne Raffaele, Associate Director William Grande, and Co-director Thomas Gennett.

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huge future in tiny materials

In a lab on the third floor of RIT's Gosnell Building, a laser beam strikes a graphite target creating a material that, viewed through an electron microscope, resembles a tangled mass of black spaghetti.

These are carbon nanotubes, miniscule structures that play a central role in the emerging field dubbed "nanotechnology" – a brave new universe of devices measured in billionths of a meter. Identified as a national scientific priority in the 1990s, nanotechnology is expected to revolutionize the world's technologies to an even greater extent than silicon-based microelectronics molded the previous half-century.

RIT is making a major thrust into this small world through new academic programs and expanded research. The university, a leader in microelectronics engineering for more than two decades, has launched a multi-disciplinary effort that involves several of its colleges and centers. RIT's new Ph.D. program in microsystems engineering (see accompanying story, page 13) is the nation's first.

At the forefront of this effort are the NanoPower Research Laboratories (NPRL). Opened in December 2001, this facility is focused on one of the critical challenges of nanotechnology: providing power for applications that sometimes can seem more fiction than science.

"Energy in small systems is a big problem right now," notes Co-director Ryne Raffaele. "Microsystems need power supplies, and conventional materials and miniaturization aren't good enough. Nanomaterials offer the possibility of greater efficiencies as well as size advantages in a variety of power devices."

Raffaele and Co-director Thomas Gennett have outstanding credentials in this arena: Gennett was senior scientist at

the Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) in Colorado where he was part of the nanostructures materials group from 1998-2001. The NPRL maintains a strong collaborative research effort with the NREL group in both nanotube synthesis and application. As a visiting scientist at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland since 1997, Raffaele has been involved in research in the areas of solar power and lithium-ion batteries for use in spacecraft.

Besides their work with NPRL, both teach: Gennett is a chemistry professor; Raffaele is a member of the physics faculty.

"We identified the NanoPower Research Laboratories as a **First in Class** program because of the vision, experience and tremendous enthusiasm coming from Tom and Ryne when they began their collaboration in early 2001," says Donald Boyd, associate provost of outreach programs and director of **First in Class**, RIT's premier research initiative. "Now, less than two years later, the results coming from this effort are fast becoming major differentiators for our new Ph.D. program in microsystems research."

Work at the NPRL targets such exotic-sounding technologies as nanotube-doped polymer films for microelectronic fuel cells and microactuators, semiconductor quantum dots for high-efficiency thin film solar cells, nanoporous graphite for ultra or supercapacitors, polymeric photovoltaic devices, high efficiency thermionics, and lithium-ion batteries.

"The Nanopower Research Laboratories at RIT are uniquely positioned to address not only fundamental questions about nanostructures but also to address the evolution of these structures into useful functioning devices," says Sheila Bailey, senior physicist and leader of the Quantum Dot Solar Cell



Among the researchers at RIT's NanoPower Research Laboratories are (above) Brian Landi, a doctoral student in RIT's new microsystems engineering Ph.D. program, and (right) undergraduate students Cara Horbacewicz and Adam Feuer.



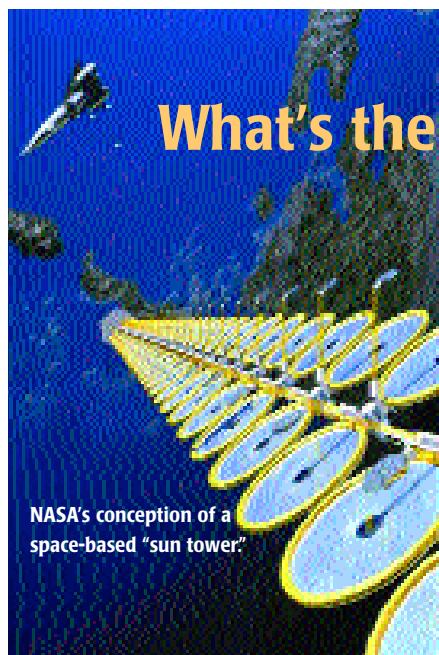
Technology Program at NASA's Glenn Research Center in Ohio. "Dr. Raffaele and Dr. Gennett capture both the theoretical understanding of such devices as well as excellent experimental capabilities that will one day realize the potential application of these nanostructures into working devices."

Much of the activity at the NPRL to date centers on the application of carbon nanotubes. In the first 300 days of NPRL's operation, Gennett, always with the aim of synthesizing improved material, conducted at least 200 separate syntheses. The synthesis and purification work involves a patented procedure that produces extremely high-quality results.

First observed in 1991 at NEC in Japan, carbon nanotubes hold fantastic potential for several key industries. Among their many intriguing properties, carbon nan-

otubes can behave either as a metal or a semiconductor, making them of great interest to the computer industry (IBM, for instance, has created nanotube transistors a hundred times smaller than components now found on computer chips). Their field-emitting characteristics have attracted attention of the display industry (Samsung has produced a prototype flat-panel color TV screen using carbon nanotubes). The Department of Energy has focused research on using carbon nanotubes as storage mechanisms for hydrogen, a clean energy source that someday could fuel automobiles.

The list of possible applications goes on: gas separation membranes, electri-



NASA's conception of a space-based "sun tower."

What's the meaning of all this?

Nanotechnology: An emerging arena involving extremely small materials, devices and components. A nanometer equals one-billionth of a meter.

Carbon nanotubes: Graphite structures 50,000 times thinner than a human hair. Among other promising characteristics, they are extremely strong and can behave like metals or semiconductors.



NTID experiment proved truly grand

College celebrates a unique 35-year journey



Hettie Shumway

Let's start at the beginning and give credit where it's due: Hettie Shumway.

This remarkable woman, wife of RIT benefactor F. Ritter Shumway, was the most vocal, charming and persistent supporter of having the National Technical Institute for the Deaf brought to RIT in the 1960s. When Shumway heard from a government official that plans were underway to select a host institution for NTID, she marched into RIT President Mark Ellingson's office and boldly declared, "I just heard about a wonderful thing I think we should have at RIT. We are a technical institute. We ought to be in this field."

cally conducting plastic and ceramic materials, nanoscale wires and interconnects, toxic gas absorbents, energy-absorbing armor (although 50,000 times thinner than a human hair, carbon nanotubes rank among the strongest materials known).

"As we learn more about them, they get even more interesting," says Gennett.

To date, RIT has invested nearly \$1 million in the NPRL and the lab has attracted an additional \$2 million in grants from government agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense and NASA.

NPRL also has forged relationships with industry partners including Eastman Kodak Co., Viatronix Inc., Phoenix Innovation Inc. and others.

OhmCraft Inc., based in nearby Honeoye Falls, N.Y., recently joined the effort. The company provided the labs with a precision instrument called the MicroPen, designed to dispense fluid materials in extremely uniform paths.

"We're very interested in this type of collaboration because it advances the technology and it has the potential of producing new applications," says Walter Mathias, vice president and chief operating officer of OhmCraft and an RIT alumnus (B.S. in electrical engineering 1976, MBA 2001). Besides building the MicroPen instrument, OhmCraft uses it to manufacture specialized electrical components for solar cells, fuel cells, heaters and medical devices.

"As a technology business," Mathias adds, "we're keenly interested in developing new applications that use our products."

Semiconductor: A material with electrical conductivity between that of metals and insulators. Semiconductors are the basic material of many electronic devices used in computer technology, telecommunications, control systems and other applications.

Photovoltaic devices: Devices such as solar cells that convert light into electricity.

High efficiency thermionics: A developing technology for the conversion of heat into electricity using semiconductor structures.

Quantum dots: Granules of a semiconductor material made up of only a few hundred atoms. These tiny "boxes" can selectively hold or release electrons.

Lithium-ion batteries: Rechargeable batteries that are smaller, lighter and have a higher voltage and hold a charge longer than other types of batteries.

Ultra or supercapacitors: High efficiency electrical energy storage devices.

Microsystems Ph.D. program begins



Abushagur

In December, RIT became home to the nation's first doctoral program in microsystems engineering.

"This is a unique program," says Mustafa Abushagur, director of microsystems engineering research and education initiatives. "We expect to be the leading institution in this field."

The multi-disciplinary program incorporates electrical, mechanical, optical, chemical, computer, industrial, microelectronic and software engineering, along with imaging science, materials science and product development.

Students will design and fabricate micro-, submicro- and nano-scale components and systems with potential applications in biomedical diagnostics and treatment, electronics, imaging, telecommunications and other fields.

The program is RIT's second Ph.D. program, joining the imaging science doctoral program begun in 1988.

Among the possibilities under investigation: development of nanomaterials for space solar power, micropower fuel cells, and devices for waste-heat recovery from jet engines.

"A considerable reason for our success is Ryne's ability to envision applications," notes Gennett.

"But Tom's ability to produce high-quality materials makes what we're doing possible," adds Raffaele.

The synergy spurs them on, both say, and is very much a part of successful research programs. Brainstorming, trading ideas, trying different approaches – "That's how you move ahead," says Gennett.

In addition to the two directors, staff at NPRL now includes undergraduate students majoring in physics, chemistry, microelectronics engineering and biology, several graduate students and postdoctoral research associates. Late last year,

William Grande, assistant professor in microelectronics engineering, joined the team as associate director.

Especially for the undergraduates, working at the NPRL is an amazing experience, says second-year biochemistry major Cara Horbacewicz of Meriden, Conn. "I've learned so much here," says Horbacewicz, who works on purification and classification of the nanotubes. "This goes way beyond a regular school lab. You're working on projects that have real-world relevance."

Her experience has led to additional opportunities for co-op jobs or internships this coming summer.

"It's really exciting," says Horbacewicz, who notes that she was considering transferring to another college before she started this work. Now, she feels committed to RIT – and to a career in science.

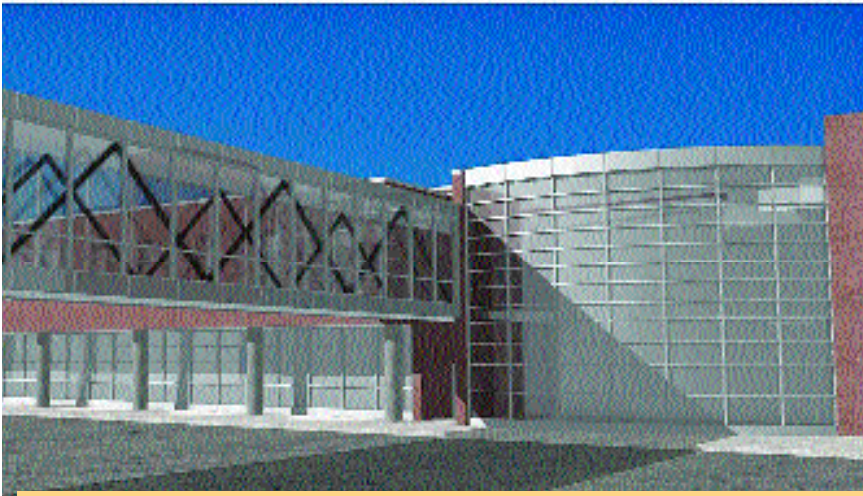
Indeed, the lab offers a glimpse of an exciting future for all of us. Imagine, for instance, solar panels in space, built on flexible blankets the size of football fields, beaming energy down to a power-hungry earth. The National Science Foundation has awarded a three-year, \$200,000 grant to Raffaele and Gennett to develop materials that could make such a dream possible.

"Today's technology isn't good enough," says Raffaele, "but with the theoretical possibilities offered by nanomaterials it could become a reality."

Gennett gives his friend a look that implies he may be spinning this a bit far.

"OK," says Raffaele, "We're not going to see this in the immediate future. But you've got to start somewhere."

Kathy Lindsley



Kate Gleason College of Engineering
Early rendering of proposed wrap-around addition.



College of Applied Science and Technology
Illustration of a proposed facility to house engineering technology programs.

A campus on the move

A tour of campus quickly reveals that RIT is a thriving, dynamic, diverse, burgeoning community. New buildings. Construction. Busy classrooms and labs. Clusters of students working hard or perhaps working a little recreation into their crammed lives.

RIT enrollment reached 15,312 for the current academic year, up 25 percent since fall of 1994. Full-time undergraduate and graduate enrollment reached an all-time high with 12,110 in fall 2002, with the quality of students rising at the same time. This year average SAT scores for incoming students hit 1210.

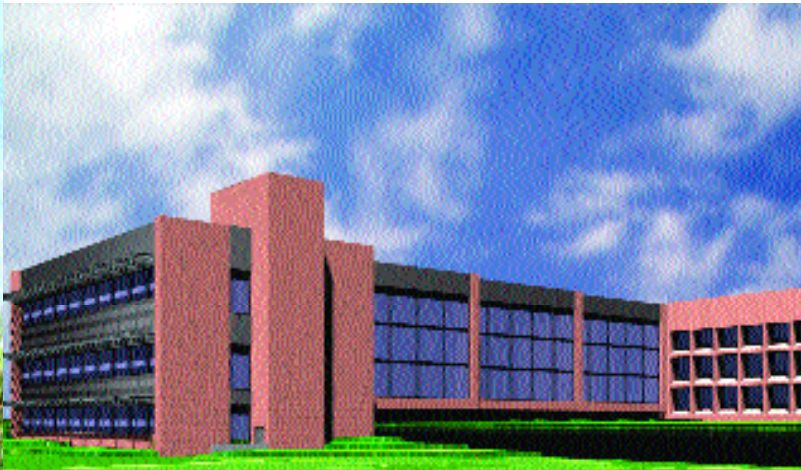
At the same time, the university is becoming more diverse. The total number of African American, Hispanic American and Native American students is about 1,131, up 33 percent since 1994.

Of total freshman this year, 50 percent were from out of New York state, 4.5 percent were from other countries, and 10 percent were African American, Hispanic or Native American.

"There continues to be a growing demand for what RIT offers," says James G. Miller, vice president, enrollment man-

agement and career services. Responding to the ever-changing needs of the technological workplace, RIT continues to add new programs that, in turn, attract more students. "RIT's breadth of programs is very attractive to many college-bound students," notes Miller.

Growth has certain advantages, but providing for more students also poses challenges. The RIT administration and board of trustees have given the subject a great deal of study and determined an optimal size of 17,000 students. "Enrollment



College of Business

A new wing added to the Lowenthal Building would accommodate executive education programs.



School for American Crafts

The School for American Crafts needs enhanced work-space for glass, metal and ceramics programs.

growth will be controlled so that the enrollment level will be achieved by 2009-2010, with most of it occurring by 2005-2006," says President Albert Simone.

Achieving an optimal, pre-determined enrollment allows for greatest efficiency in managing resources, says Miller. "It allows us to be proactive rather than reactive. You can do a lot more with a deliberate, planned growth strategy."

Academically, growth means more options for students, says Provost Stanley McKenzie. A greater variety of programs is possible, and particular classes can be offered more frequently. The faculty becomes larger, meaning that there can be more diversity in terms of expertise.

"As we grow, we become better known, and we attract more students – and better students," notes McKenzie. "On the down side, you have to make sure the human resources are in line. We're working very hard to be proactive."

RIT also works hard to provide the facilities needed for students and for a growing effort in applied research. In the past five years, several major buildings have opened, including a new wing for the Gosnell Building housing the College of Science, a complete renovation and expansion of the Gleason Building housing the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, the Laboratory for Applied Computing and the new building for the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing

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James Watters
 Vice president, finance and administration

and Information Sciences. The university plans to construct facilities for the new Center for Biotechnology Education and Training (part of the College of Science), engineering technology (College of Applied Science and Technology), executive education (College of Business), film and animation (College of Imaging Arts and Sciences) and other programs.

The needs are not solely driven by expanding enrollment. As a technical university, labs, equipment and related academic facilities need to be continually upgraded even if there is no growth, notes Miller.

RIT is a little unusual from other universities in that most of the buildings date to a single year, 1968, when the current campus opened. The infrastructure has reached the age where many components – heating, roofs, and plumbing, for example – are at the end of their life cycle.

"As we do needed renovation, we're building in a new standard of quality," says James Watters, vice president, finance and administration.

One of the most significant projects already completed was a five-year, \$65 million renovation of residence halls. RIT also constructed six handsome fraternity and sorority houses and completed

the University Commons apartment complex, adding important options for on-campus housing. All residences and academic buildings have been wired for Internet access.

"As we continue to grow we need to pay close attention to housing and the need for more social gathering locations," says Student Government President Erick Littleford, a fourth-year public policy major. "The new field house (now under construction) will allow our clubs and organizations to sponsor larger events for the campus population." This facility plus smaller study and social lounges that have been and will be created in academic buildings "can truly aid in the continual building of community among the students as the numbers increase."

Over the past decade, notes Watters, RIT has evolved from an institute primarily serving local and regional students to a major university with a growing national – and international – reputation.

"If we're going to be competitive at that level," Watters says, "the needs are far beyond what they once were. Our mission is to ensure that the physical aspects of our campus are up to the quality of our academic programs."

“I fondly recall the camaraderie, the excitement, the challenge and quest of adventure that characterized the pioneering spirit of the faculty.”

Robert Panara
NTID professor emeritus

Her idea was met with modest enthusiasm and a promise to investigate further, but that wasn't good enough for Shumway: She recruited and then educated civic leaders, educators, and Board of Trustees members about the many benefits this fledgling college could bring to RIT. If not for Hettie Shumway, NTID might not be here at all.

And RIT would be a very different place. Provost Stanley McKenzie, whose career at RIT began in 1967, observes, “Three things stand out in my mind as most significant about NTID's presence at RIT. First, the complete assimilation of deaf and hard-of-hearing people into the life of the institute at every level. For instance, no one here blinks an eye at having an interpreter standing next to us signing, while visitors always are amazed at this phenomenon. Second is the widespread desire of hearing faculty, staff, and students to learn American Sign Language, not only to communicate more easily with deaf members of our community, but also to participate in such an expressive mode of communication.

Above left: President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act at a White House ceremony on June 8, 1965.

“Finally, and most important, are the significant numbers of deaf students pursuing degrees, working side-by-side with their hearing counterparts on group projects and teams, finding success in their own endeavors and contributing so much to the educational experience here.”

The need for such a college can be traced to post-World War II America. The contributions of thousands of technically savvy deaf workers filling in for those called to service ignited a drive to establish some sort of formal technical educational opportunity for the nation's deaf people.

Gathering support in pockets around the country, the effort culminated with the 1965 signing of Public Law 89-36, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf Act, by President Lyndon Baines Johnson. Johnson then appointed an advisory group to prepare guidelines and review proposals from colleges around the country who wanted to “host” NTID. RIT was selected in 1966 over other contenders including the universities of Pittsburgh, Tennessee, and Illinois. Robert Frisina, then a professor of audiology at Gallaudet College (now University) in Washington, D.C., became founding director.

“RIT was beginning its



Ground was broken on June 4, 1971, for construction of the NTID complex. Four students participated, from left: Linda Kessler '73, Thomas Tyberg '71, Barbara Kowalczyk '73 and Charles Jones '73.

transition from a local technical institute to a multi-college technological university,” recalls Frisina. “The acquisition of this federal enterprise gave immediate national attention to RIT that assisted significantly in its drive toward university status.”

Frisina, who had just one year to hire faculty members, find classroom space, and design curricular offerings, surrounded himself with a core group of planners who shared his belief that educating deaf students at RIT was both a viable and enviable proposition. He recruited faculty members from colleges, business and industry, and secondary schools for the deaf from as close as Pittsburgh and as far away as California. Those willing to make this somewhat risky career move all believed that they were part of something bigger than themselves, and they brought

with them extraordinary talents, passion, and creativity.

“I fondly recall the camaraderie, the excitement, the challenge and quest of adventure that characterized the pioneering spirit of the faculty,” says NTID professor emeritus Robert Panara, who was enticed by Frisina to NTID from Gallaudet.

The charter class of 70 students who came in 1968 was blissfully unaware of the whirlwind of activities that had preceded their arrival: months of intensive sessions with residence hall advisors, administrators and student leaders; visits to Gallaudet, the nation's only college for deaf students at the time; meetings with community representatives from business, industry, and education – all in prepa-

NTID goes global with special brand of technical education

Long-time colleagues James J. DeCaro, former dean of NTID, and E. William Clymer '70 and '83 (photography and MBA) have a true "window to the world" in their positions as director and coordinator, respectively, of the Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International).

DeCaro and Clymer have logged more than 350,000 miles and stamped nearly a dozen countries on their passports as they travel the globe promoting PEN's mission of technologically linking universities around the world that serve deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Funded in part by more than \$3 million from The Nippon Foundation of Japan since 2001, PEN-International has forged relationships with Tsukuba College of Technology in Japan, Tianjin Technical College for the Deaf of Tianjin University of Technology in China, Bauman Moscow State Technical University in Russia, Charles University in the Czech Republic, and De La Salle University-College of St. Benilde in the Philippines. DeCaro and Clymer have opened high-tech



NTID student Justin Drawbaugh, visiting China as part of a PEN-International cultural exchange, rides in a jinriksha.

photographer and technological wizard, posting everything from conference updates and news releases to images from the pair's travels on the PEN-International Web site (www.pen.ntid.rit.edu).

Clymer will have the lead role this summer as coordinator of the International Symposium on Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf, scheduled for June 23-26 in Rochester. Hosted by NTID, PEN-International and The Nippon Foundation of Japan, the conference is expected to attract nearly 300 people interested in learning about the importance of technology in educating deaf students.

PEN-International plans to be well established in at least six developing countries over the next several years, moving closer to its goal of truly linking young deaf people worldwide through education, technology and culture.



William Clymer, left, is coordinator and James DeCaro is director of PEN-International.

ration for what became known as "The Grand Experiment."

"I was incredibly proud to be a member of NTID's first entering class," says William Ingraham, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration/accounting in 1971. "I had transferred from Alfred State College to RIT and found my studies so much easier because of the interpreters and notetakers available. I also had the good fortune of having a wonderful RIT professor (William Gasser, who taught tax accounting) who

took great interest in me and was largely responsible for helping me get a position with the Internal Revenue Service, where I've worked for the past 34 years."

To Frisina and his fellow planners' credit, those programs first offered by NTID in 1968 remained the cornerstone of NTID's curriculum for the next several decades, with modifications made only to reflect current job market demands. Beyond those program choices, however, newly appointed dean William Castle and Frisina channeled time

and energy into creating what they believed would be more natural opportunities for deaf and hearing students to interact in creative settings outside of classes – sports, performing arts, and social clubs.

Recalls 1998 social work graduate Liz Stone, "RIT gave me opportunities to grow in so many different dimensions. I was extremely active in a variety of groups, which taught me the art of time management as well as the importance of community rapport. Those programs I chose to participate in outside of class

were the most appealing and were what sparked my interest in making social change for deaf people."

Eight years after opening, its student population growing by leaps and bounds, NTID dedicated a \$27.5 million facility comprising the Lyndon Baines Johnson academic building, the Hettie Shumway dining commons and the Ellingson-Peterson-Bell residence hall complex. Those



NTID provides students with a top-notch educational environment and rich cultural experiences including an acclaimed performing arts program.

facilities would be put to the test in just six years, as the rubella epidemic of the 1960s caused a tremendous surge in the numbers of deaf youngsters ready for college in the early 1980s.

Preparing for and accommodating that wave of students occupied most of NTID's strategic plans for the next several years. The Hugh L. Carey academic building – named for the former congressman and New York governor who sponsored the original legislation that created NTID – was added in 1984, the same year a record number of students – 1,319 – enrolled at NTID.

At the end of this decade of growth, during which NTID built a new telecommunications lab, a staff resource center, and established a scholarship fund in Panara's name, an event occurred in Washington, D.C., that changed the face of deaf culture forever.

The furor erupting over the naming of a hearing candidate as president of Gallaudet College in 1988 attracted worldwide media attention and marked a turning point not only for Gallaudet, but for NTID and the world's deaf community as well. The event brought together NTID and Gallaudet students in a show of unity and

support and jumpstarted an empowerment movement that still is evolving today.

Kevin Ryan '89 was one of three student leaders on several busloads of NTID students who made the historic trip to Washington to support the Gallaudet students.

"What a great experience it was for me," Ryan recalls. "We planned the trip, took about 150 people, and helped the Gallaudet students with their list of demands. We had so many deaf people working together – and no problems. After it was all over (I. King Jordan, a deaf man, was named president), we were completely worn out."

Back at NTID, students showed new forthrightness in asking to participate more fully in decision-making on governing boards on campus. A deaf attorney, Bonnie Tucker, was appointed to the RIT Board of Trustees. (Other deaf trustees, most recently Al Pimentel and Jane Pulver, have followed.)

New communication guidelines at NTID mandated that faculty and staff members further develop their sign language skills as a requirement



for tenure. The college's Deaf Professionals Group emerged to represent the increasing numbers of deaf faculty members and administrators, many of them RIT graduates.

As NTID turned the corner into the final decade of the 20th century the empowerment movement gained strength with the 1996 appointment of Robert Davila as RIT's first deaf vice president for NTID. This articulate, charismatic spokesperson brought extensive educational and government experience as well as a keen desire to open NTID's doors beyond Rochester, beyond New York, and beyond the United States.

"When I became CEO," Davila says, "I reiterated my belief that NTID's service responsibilities should be global rather than domestic by encouraging a wide range of international activities and projects."

His timing was perfect. As nationally recognized experts on topics ranging from how to teach deaf students science and math to how to train professional interpreters (NTID already had established the country's first interpreter training program), NTID faculty and staff members

increasingly found themselves in demand at destinations worldwide.

The most potentially far reaching of these endeavors began in 2001, when former NTID dean James J. DeCaro undertook a new initiative designed to share NTID's cumulative knowledge with leaders of deaf education in other nations.

The Postsecondary Education Network-International (PEN-International), a \$6 million program funded primarily by The Nippon Foundation of Japan, was created to help universities around the world apply state-of-the-art instructional technologies and improve and update their technical curricula (see accompanying story).

"PEN-International," says RIT President Albert Simone, "will allow deaf and hard-of-hearing students in other countries to have the same opportunities that American students have here. While NTID is a unique national model, its acclaim and recognition are truly worldwide."

Indeed, NTID's decades-old



Robert Davila became RIT's first deaf vice president for NTID in 1996.

reputation for academic excellence is exactly why companies both here and abroad turn to NTID for qualified graduates who need little on-the-job training. The college's 94 percent employment rate over the last five years includes more than 50 percent of graduates working in professional and technical specialties.

The majority of those not in the employment sector

have chosen, like recent graduate Katherine Hoheusle, to continue their education. Hoheusle, who received a bachelor's degree in imaging science in 2000, took a job with IBM in Boulder, Col., after graduation and just began her master's degree program in aerospace engineering sciences at the University of Colorado.

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Robert Davila
RIT Vice President for NTID

in life, the only boundaries that exist are the ones you make on yourself. I picked a tough major, but made it through with help and encouragement from my fellow students in the program as well as some outstanding faculty members who helped me grow. I loved the balance of hearing and deaf students. NTID is where I found my identity as a deaf person."

The challenge of the next decade, according to Davila, will be "to gather more information about the work experiences of alumni like Katie. How are they faring five, 10, and 15 years after graduation? What issues must they deal with in order to gain upward mobility and job security? What are their continuing education needs? So many

questions, but the answers are paramount if we are to create an effective feedback 'loop' to allow us to design program changes to remain current."

This summer, NTID prepares to welcome back a large number of its more than 4,500 graduates when the college hosts its 35th alumni reunion in July. One wonders whether those pioneering faculty, staff, and students from NTID's first class could ever have envisioned the breadth and reach of what once seemed an impossible dream.

Concludes Davila, who will retire June 30 this year, "Beyond question, the past has been a glowing prologue, but the future will be even more promising."

Kathleen Sullivan Smith

NTID's 35th Anniversary Alumni Reunion, July 10-12

NTID's 35th Anniversary Alumni Reunion takes place July 10-12 at RIT.

Activities of interest to NTID/RIT graduates, students, faculty, staff, friends and family are planned, including art, history and vendor exhibits; personal growth and professional development workshops; NTID Alumni Association meetings; campus tours; carnival games; entertainment and social gatherings throughout the weekend; and the 5th Annual NTID Alumni Golf Tournament.

Combo registration is \$50 paid in full before June 1 and \$70 after. Combo registration includes reunion events and activities from Thursday, July 10, through Saturday, July 12. Individual daily registrations also are available.

Detailed information and registration forms are available on the Web at www.ntid.rit.edu/alumni/reunion. Or, call 585-475-6408 (voice/TTY), or send e-mail to naumni@rit.edu.

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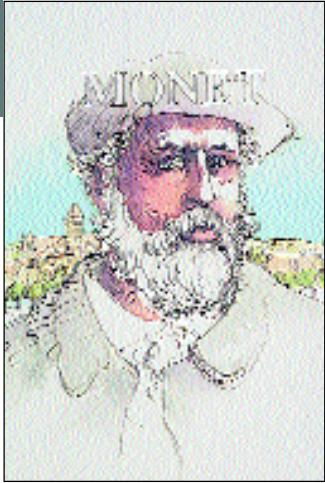
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RIT's art, design and photo schools
took root 100 years ago

Bevier Building, circa 1950



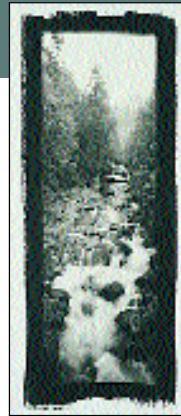
Bob Conge '62



James Langone '70



Michael Deuson '90



Michael Flecky '81



Aaron Corey '02



These were exciting times. Change appeared destined to remain the only constant. Rochester was all about change in the early 1900s. The horse and carriage were making way for the “horseless” carriage, and George Eastman’s Brownie camera began paving the way for the Eastman Kodak Co. to take its place among the great American corporate success stories.

The city found itself in the midst of rapid expansion. In a few decades, the population of 160,000 would double as Rochester developed into a leading industrial center.

A cultural renaissance was also gaining momentum, inspiring greater emphasis on artistic education.

“While there was an increasing appreciation of the fine arts, such as painting, sculpture and printmaking, the greatest advances came in those areas where the arts were applied to human needs,” explains Stanley Witmeyer, longtime director of art and design programs at RIT. “The arts of any culture have been most meaningful and enriching when applied to daily living.”

During the first years of the 20th century, Mechanics Institute – the forbear to RIT – took giant steps toward meeting those human needs by creating a department of fine arts. It also introduced its first photography class.

One hundred years later, these milestones are acknowledged as the seeds that germinated into the School of Art, the School of Design, and the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences – all

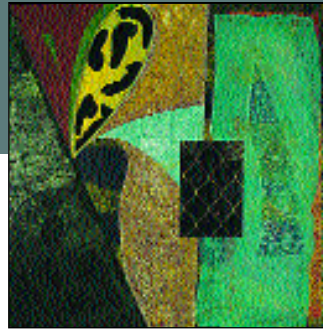
within RIT’s College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. The centennial celebration, incorporating numerous events throughout the 2002-03 academic year, pays tribute to the ongoing achievements of these programs.

Witmeyer has played an important role in documenting the history leading up to this celebration. The Institute benefited greatly from generous community support in those early days, he notes. One benefactor was Susan Bevier, widow of a prominent New Yorker. An art collector with an interest in art education, Mrs. Bevier bequeathed her estate to the Institute, designating that a building with a gallery, classrooms, workshops and an auditorium be constructed as a memorial to her daughter, Alice. The building opened at the former downtown campus in 1910. Today, her legacy is commemorated through the Bevier Gallery.

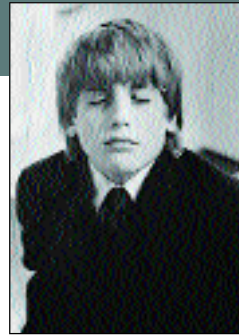
Growing out of that first photo class in 1902, RIT formally introduced its photography program in 1930. It was a natural fit in Kodak’s hometown, and the program quickly earned a lofty reputation.



Rebecca Simpson '02



Paul Garland '66



John Fergus-Jean '83



John Murphy '52



Kathy Calderwood '67



Ted Tamburo '90



Richard Zakia '56 by Leslie Strobel '42



Hector Sanchez '02

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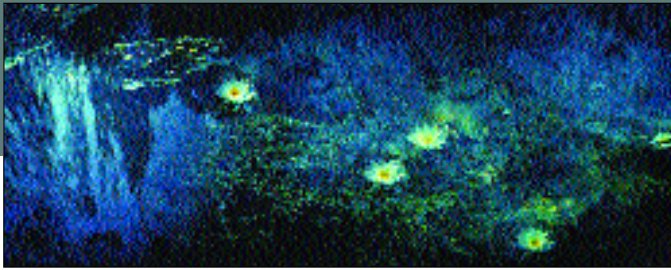
*“A*nyone who was seriously interested in photography came to RIT,” says Richard Zakia '56. *“There’s no other school in the world like it.”*

After leaving the Navy in 1952, Zakia enthusiastically joined the RIT student body. During that period, the photography department was introducing a bachelor’s degree program, with Zakia among its first graduates.

“It was a magical time to be a student here,” he recalls. “RIT had the best faculty, including Charlie Arnold, Ralph Hattersley, Al Rickmers, Bill Shoemaker, Les Strobel, Hollis Todd and Minor White. They were very inspiring and really cared about the students. I didn’t realize it at the time, but that was grooming me to go into teaching and to carry on that tradition.”

Zakia joined the RIT faculty in 1958 and taught for 34 years. He says the strength of the photo program was highlighted by the success of its early graduates. Alumni such as Bruce Davidson '54, Pete Tu rner '56, Jerry Uelsmann '57, Carl Chiarenza '55 and '57, Peter Bunnell '59 and Irv Pobboravsky '62 earned international reputations.

Since 1979, seven RIT photo graduates have won a combined 10 Pulitzer Prizes. Anthony Suau '79 was a young photojournalist at the *Denver Post* when he was honored in 1984. Now a photographer with *Time* magazine, he says RIT provided the technical expertise that allowed him to develop creatively as a professional. It also offered an environment that promoted excellence among students.



Alexander Syndikas '83



Clint Baclawski '03



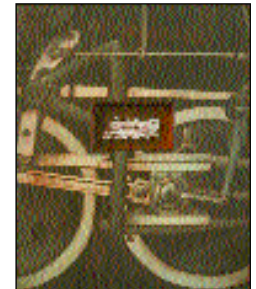
Scott Braman '87



Pete Turner '56



Andrew Wilcox '02



Kenneth Parris III '98



Centennial celebration, May 1-3

The centennial celebration for the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences takes place May 1-3. Among the highlights: a presentation by Kodak CEO Daniel Carp '73 on May 2.

Here's more:

Alumni exhibition and opening reception, campus tours, bus tour of downtown Rochester and the old RIT campus, exhibition and reception at the George Eastman House, workshops and portfolio review, centennial gala.

For more information, visit the Web at <http://photography.rit.edu>, contact Sue Wilshaw at 585-465-2733 or send e-mail to srw9735@rit.edu.

"They were all very ambitious, intelligent and creative," states Suau. "Looking back at my friends at RIT, I got about 50 to 60 percent of my education from them. It was an exciting atmosphere for learning photography."

The inspiration behind the success of photographic education at RIT belonged to C.B. Nebllette. Initially the director of a 2-year non-degree program, Nebllette guided his department through the development of an A.A.S. degree, B.S. and B.A. degrees in photography, and eventually the creation of M.S. and M.F.A. degrees.

"C.B. Nebllette was an early pioneer in photographic education," states Zakia. "Few people realize that he accomplished all this and more without having a college degree but with a generous amount of intuition, talent and leadership."

Similarly, RIT's art programs also produced more than their share of noteworthy representatives. Students such as Craig

1891



McArt '32, Anthony LaRocco '49, Ronald Senungetuk '60 and Henry Gernhardt '56 received Fulbright Awards, while faculty such as Franz Wildenhain, Fred Meyer, Wendell Castle, Albert Paley and Ralph Avery were recognized with numerous honors.



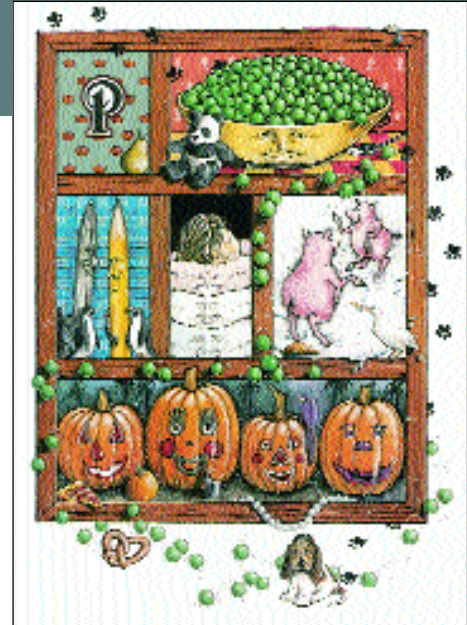
Frank Dimeo '92



John C. Menihan '32

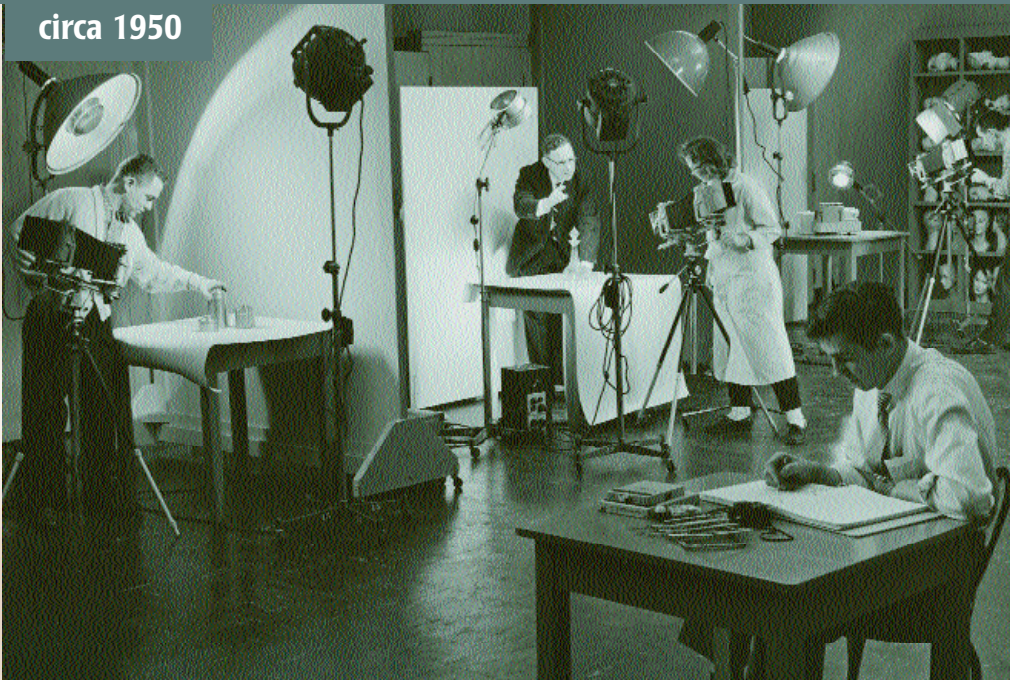


Jim Laragy '58



Laura Seeley '80

circa 1950



Above: An exhibit of works by current and former faculty of the School of Art took place in January at RIT's Gallery in downtown Rochester. From left are Tom Lightfoot, chair, SOFA; Zerbe Sodervick, coordinator, gallery; and John Cox, chair, art and computer design department, NTID.

aware of at the time.”

And today, technology offers learning opportunities that students from those first 100 years couldn't even dare to imagine. Curricula in art, design and photography now enjoy resources such as digital imaging and numerous computer software programs that are extending creative limits. But these enhancements will never replace the foundations of human artistry

“It all comes down to expression in one form or another,” explains Joan Stone, dean of the College of Imaging Arts and

Sciences. “For example, the painter thinks about color in one way while the graphic designer thinks of it in another and the photographer in yet another. But all of these individuals are engaged in visual expression. That becomes a unifying strength of our college.”

As Stanley Witmeyer reminds us, “CIAS enjoys a great inheritance from the past, and the promise of a great future.”

Paul Stella

Love of photography leads to creation of scholarship

As a young man, magazine publisher Bob Elder fell in love with photography.

But he waited nearly 30 years to embrace that love fully. Making a living got in the way. "I just fell into the business side of printing and publishing," he says.



Bob Elder

Coming of age in the '60s, Elder thought he'd have time for his art while he worked first at John Wiley & Sons, then *American Baby*, followed by Cahners Publishing, eventually co-founding the magazine *Kids Discover*.

Now, semi-retired, he's dusted off his 1970 Nikon FTN and also invested in a

Nikon F5 to specialize in shooting the New York City club scene. His growing confidence and skills led him to produce large images for a solo SoHo exhibit in March 2001. He may do more at his leisure; meanwhile, he wants to help photographers in-the-rough learn their art in RIT's program.

"I realized when I reached 60 that I needed to decide what to do with my estate," says Elder. "Friends who are RIT printing alums, said, 'That's easy. You love photography – make a scholarship for students.'"

Elder has arranged to leave a majority of his estate to endow a full-tuition scholarship for photo students who will be judged on their portfolio and academic record. The award will include fees, housing and photographic materials. The first such photo scholarship at RIT, it will reward the best students.

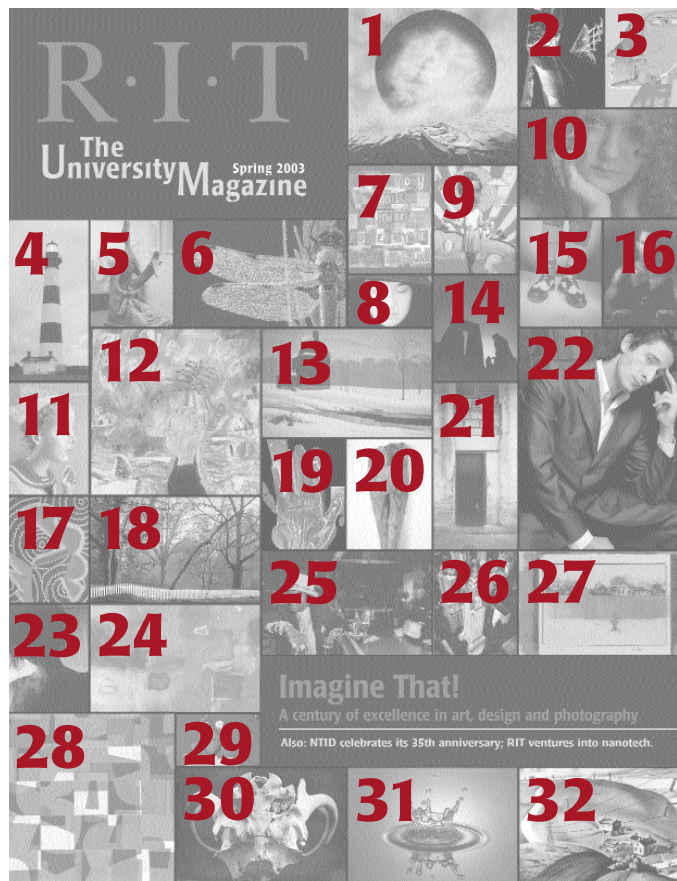
"Bob Elder's generosity is a wonderful endorsement of what the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences stands for," says Joan Stone, dean of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. "To receive this now, during our centennial year, is especially meaningful."

Scholarships help individual recipients, but this kind of support also enriches the profession, says Stone.

"My intent is to support talented, focused students while they get the foundation they need," says Elder. "They won't have to graduate with school debt – they can go out, free and clear, and make remarkable images.

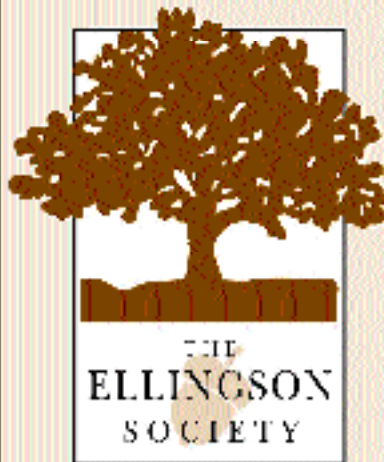
"Talent pushes you to look for the next great picture," he adds. "But, I know from classes I've taken at the International Center for Photography (in Manhattan) that you need to learn the technology and how to apply the skills."

Bob Elder wants to help gifted students with a passion to excel, to make their mark on the world. "I like to think I'm contributing to the success of a future Pulitzer or Nobel Prize winner; that, in some way, my gift will have made a difference in their success as professional photographers."



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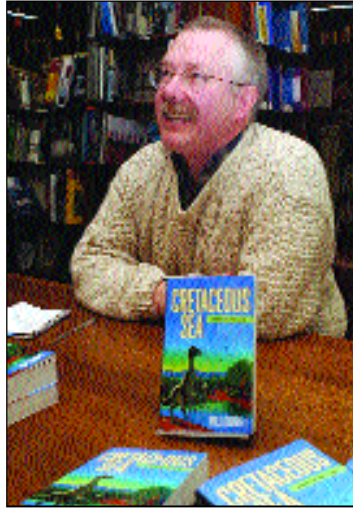
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One for the books

Will Hubbell '80 (M.F.A.) has turned his talents to science fiction. *Cretaceous Sea* (Ace Science Fiction) came out last November. It's not his first book: Hubbell wrote and illustrated two children's books (*Pumpkin Jack* and *Apples Here!*) before turning to sci-fi.

Hubbell worked in advertising locally before turning to writing full time. He and his wife, Carol, have two sons. Their younger, Justin, is a student at Rochester's School of the Arts. Son Nathaniel is a first-year art student at RIT.



Will Hubbell '80 signed copies of his novel at the RIT bookstore.

Into the fold

Trish Boyle Witkowski '95 and **'99** (B.F.A. and M.S. graphic arts publishing) and her husband, **Mark Witkowski '97** (M.S., graphic systems) have formed their own company, Finishing Experts Group Inc., focused on education and implementation of standards for the design and print-finishing industry.

Their current effort is a book called *FOLD: The Professional's Guide to Folding*. It's an 850-page, two-volume publication that sells for \$145 on their Web site, www.expertsinfinishing.com. The book was written by Trish Witkowski, who is creative director for a marketing and communications firm in Baltimore. Mark Witkowski is technology strategist for The Sheridan Group in Hunt Valley, Md.

The two also co-authored *The Adobe InDesign Guide* (Hayden Books, 2000).

Among the best



Bill Preston '69

Bill Preston '69 (biological sciences) of William D. Preston P.A. has been selected by his peers for inclusion in the 2003-2004 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He has received this honor for 10 years.

Preston has specialized in environmental law for more than 25 years. He also is a Florida Supreme Court-Certified Circuit Civil Mediator. He practices both of those professions throughout Florida and lives in Tallahassee.

Preston has written several law review articles and is a frequent contributor to environmental law and policy-related publications. His firm's Web site is www.wprestonpa.com.

Spark plug

Michael G. Lomb '92 (industrial design), president and senior art director for Spark Design Group Inc., announces that the company has moved to larger quarters in the Village of Fairport outside of Rochester. Founded in 1995 as Spark Graphics, the company has grown steadily and now has seven full-time employees.

"There are two sides to my company," notes Lomb, who is a descendant of Henry Lomb. "Primarily we're an advertising and design company. We also do technical documentation as well."

Among the company's staffers is **Susan Wellman Lomb '98** (criminal justice), Michael's wife.

For more about the company, check out www.sparkdesigngroup.com.



Michael Lomb '92

Love story

Mamie Maroon '48 met **Marvin "Si" Simonson '48** in a darkroom at RIT in October, 1946. This year, they're celebrating 54 years as partners in business and marriage. The couple operates a studio in Lewiston, N.Y., where a big part of their business these days is photographing children to match portraits of their parents taken a generation ago.

Their RIT class consisted of four women and 120 men many of whom, like Si, were World War II veterans.

They continue to be happy with a career devoted to giving people good memories. "Our clients leave with a smile – and many with a hug," says Mamie.



Mamie and Marvin Simonson still use this 100-year-old studio camera for black and white photography.

Political success

Fiona Ma '88 (accounting) was elected to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors following a runoff election in December.

Ma carried more than 56 percent of the vote to fill the remainder of one of two seats left vacant when former supervisors Leland Yee and Mark Leno were elected to California State Assembly seats.

Ma has been a resident of San Francisco's Sunset district since 1980 and has worked as a tax accountant and C.P.A. for 15 years. She has been active in the Democratic Party, and is founder and president of San Francisco's Westside Chinese Democratic Club.

Connections



Alumni Activities

Stay posted on the latest regional alumni events being offered by reviewing the Web site at www.rit.edu/alumni (click on activities). Events are listed by region and there is also the special regional events section, which you don't want to miss!

Albany

Albany alumni and students enjoyed networking and socializing at LuLu's Restaurant and Gallery over the break. In March, alumni and guests enjoyed the theater production of *Driving Miss Daisy*. Thank you to **John '94** and **Laura '92 Comstock** for their continued leadership with the Albany Alumni Chapter. More exciting events are being scheduled.

Atlanta

The chapter enjoyed a great networking lunch at the South City Kitchen. After lunch the group went to the High Museum to view the Paris in the Age of Impressionism exhibit. The exhibit was wonderful and thanks to all who attended. We look forward to another exciting event in the upcoming months.

Boston

Boston alumni participated in a fall networking event at the Vox. They then had the opportunity to purchase discount Celtics tickets for the Feb. 5 game against the Seattle SuperSonics.

On March 16, a group of alumni gathered to volunteer with WGBH, the local PBS television station. Thank you to the strong Boston Chapter leadership — **Pat Ward '97**, **Stephanie Murphy '96** and **Scotty Rill '97** — for coordinating great events in this region!

Cleveland

After a date change, alumni in the Cleveland region had the opportunity to get together on Feb. 5. Thank you to **Al Teufen '73** for coordinating a time for alumni to socialize, network and enjoy a stimulating presentation from Distinguished Researcher Don McKeown, coordinator of RIT's Laboratory for Imaging Algorithms and Systems.

Florida

Thanks to **Jamie Aymerich '93 and '98** and **Barbara Letvin '91** for their help in two successful Florida events. Alumni gathered in Tampa Bay and Ft. Lauderdale areas for exciting networking dinners.

Class Notes

Key to abbreviations

CAST	College of Applied Science and Technology
CCE	College of Continuing Education
CIAS	College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
COLA	College of Liberal Arts
COB	College of Business
KGCOE	Kate Gleason College of Engineering
COS	College of Science
FAA	Fine and Applied Arts
GAP	Graphic Arts and Photography
GCCIS	B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
NTID	National Technical Institute for the Deaf

1958 *45th Reunion*

George Crompton '58 (GAP) is president of sales for Photographics Supply, Inc., McKeesport, Pa.

Mark McCormick '58 (COB) is an office manager for ACBA Federal Credit Union, Pittsburgh, Pa.

1960 reunion 2005

Conrad Strub '60 (GAP) is an associate development coordinator for Kmart, Douglas, Ga.

1961 reunion 2006

Robert Cully '61 (GAP) is owner of Colorworks Inc., Elizabethton, Tenn.

1964 reunion 2004

Bill Barley '64 (GAP) is owner of Bill Barley & Associates, Columbia, S.C. He has been a commercial and advertising photographer since graduation in 1964.

Edward Moshey '64 (GAP) is a senior mechanical engineer for Princeton Gamm-Tech, Inc., Princeton, N.J.

Elizabeth Alessi Sasso '64 (COB) is vice president of The Sasso Development Co., Inc., Pittsford, N.Y.

1965 reunion 2005

Harvey Greenberg '65 (GAP) is president and senior consultant for Nehoiden Partners, Needham, Mass.

Brenda Cross Maeda '64 (FAA), '65 (FAA) is a copywriter for Chase-Pitkin, Rochester.

1966 reunion 2006

Harry Drake '66 (GAP) is a platinum financial services advisor for American Express Financial Advisors, Wayland, Mass.

1968 *35th Reunion*

W. Parker Browne '68 (COB) is a certified fire protection specialist and consultant/educator to municipal and industrial fire departments and fire service organizations in North America. He is also the vice president of Frontline Fire Protection, Inc., Akron, Ohio.

Bruce Cleveland '68 (CCE) is a retired machine design supervisor for Eastman Kodak Company Rochester.

William Munz '68 (GAP) is a sales representative for Rush Press, a division of Consolidated Graphics, San Diego, Calif. Forty years in the printing industry with no end in sight!

David Rosenthal '68 (GAP) is the chief executive officer for Shepard Communications Group, Inc., Robbinsville, N.J.

1969 reunion 2004

Peter Piotrowski '69 (KGC OE) is owner and proprietor of p2 Golf, Arlington, Texas.

1970 reunion 2005

David Haloon '69 (GAP), '70 (GAP) is president of marketing for Haloon & Associates, Burlington, Mass.

Harold Larson '70 (GAP) I made it and quit my last full time job at 46. Hope you did too!

Jere Rentzel '70 (GAP) is an associate professor in the graphic communications department for Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, Pa.

Donald Simonini '67 (GAP), '69 (GAP), '70 (GAP) has published a book on the history of Winthrop, Mass. The book is published by Arcadia under their Images of America Series. He is also the owner of Don Simonini Production Services, Winthrop, Mass.

1971 reunion 2006

Robert Culverwell '71 (GAP) is owner of Mailboxes Etc., Wolfeboro, N.H.

Alumni Activities

New York City

The Alumni Relations Office proved once again that it has the inside track regarding in-demand tickets. Alumni had the advantage of purchasing discount tickets through the Alumni Relations Office to the theater production *Hairspray*. Thank you to **Lara Macaione '93** for coordinating this event.

Philadelphia

Tickets to the highly anticipated "Degas and the Dance" exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art were secured and offered to alumni at a discount price. A lunch at the museum for alumni to socialize with fellow RIT graduates was also included in this event.

On April 6, alumni and guests enjoyed discount tickets to the '76ers basketball game. This is a new sporting event added to the chapter schedule. Thank you to **Aviva Dubrow '91** and **Paul Brown '82 and '84** for their help with this growing chapter.

Phoenix

Thank you to chapter leader **Stacy Johnson '96** for organizing two great events. Phoenix alumni met for a holiday coffee talk and recently brought in speakers for a workshop, "Fulfill your Resolutions."

Raleigh-Durham

Brody Messmer '02 organized an evening sporting event as the Carolina Hurricanes took on Tampa Bay. A fun time was had by all who attended. Thank you, Brody, for visiting the Alumni Relations Office when you were in Rochester.

Rochester

Thank you to all those alumni who participated in determining the 2003 event schedule for the chapter, which is now posted on the Web site (www.rit.edu/alumni). Also, thank you to **Bill Prentice '99**, the Rochester Alumni Chapter leader, for his hard work!

The first event of the new year was Tiger Sports Night on Feb. 28. Alumni cheered on our student athletes in basketball and hockey after enjoying a family-style dinner. Thank you to alumni host **Ken Reed '71**.

On March 22 alumni and guests attended the theater production *The Full Monty*. Another wonderful theater special will be available to alumni in Spring 2004. This will be a day trip to Toronto to see *The Producers*.

A Keuka Lake Wine Tour is scheduled for April 26. Interested alumni can register online (www.rit.edu/alumni) or by phone (585-475-ALUM). Thank you to **Gary Vandemortel '98, '00** for assisting with this event.

San Diego

An afternoon of whale watching was sponsored by the San Diego Alumni Chapter on Feb. 23. Discount tickets are available to the May 18 showing of *Madama Butterfly* at the San Diego Opera. A backstage tour along with a reception is included in this unique event. For more information or to register go to the Web site (www.rit.edu/alumni) or call the Office of Alumni Relations (toll free, 1-866-RIT-ALUM). Thank you to the San Diego Chapter leadership for their dedication – **Rick Prenoveau '78, Louis Semon '72, Micki Hafner '92, Pamela Wick '94** and **Phil Ohme '92**.



Barbara Lee '97

GOOD MORNING RIT! New York City area alumni were invited to the set of ABC's *Good Morning America* for a December gathering. Among those in attendance were **Thomas Roemischer '89** and his wife, **Julia**.

Alumni Activities

San Francisco

Thanks to **Michelle Conklin '94** and **Mark Leonardi '94** for organizing a great evening in Napa Valley. San Francisco alumni enjoyed a wine tasting event at Peju Province winery.



Michael Sciotti '88 and friends

Syracuse

The Syracuse chapter has been busy supporting the SU Orangemen. This group watched SU take on Miami in football and SU basketball rival Notre Dame. Alumni had the opportunity to network with each other prior to the game at a reception at the Sheraton. Thank you to **Michael Sciotti '88** for organizing these great events. This chapter is busy working on another exciting event for the summer. Keep your eye out for an invitation!

Special Alumni Event

For the first time, alumni and guests were offered the opportunity to travel from RIT to Lake Placid, N.Y., for a relaxing weekend at Mirror Lake Inn Resort & Spa (Feb. 28-March 2). A wonderful time was had by all at this four diamond resort. Participants enjoyed many activities including downhill and cross-country skiing, Main Street shopping, the Olympic Center, and European spa treatments.

Get Involved

Don't hesitate to get involved with regional alumni activities. It's a great way to re-connect with old friends, meet new ones, and network with fellow alumni. Questions? Call either **Julie Goodsell** or **Tracy Morgan '99** in the Office of Alumni Relations, toll free at 1-866-RIT-ALUM. We look forward to hearing from you!

Paul Duran '71 (GAP) is vice president of banking information systems for Wachovia Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.

Francis Fortner '71 (COB) is vice president of treasury services for BB & T, Charlotte, N.C.

Ann Gessen '71 (COB) is owner of The Quest Group, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Gerald Morris '71 (KGCOE) is a mechanical engineer for New York State Electric & Gas, New York.

Eddie Rising '71 (GAP) is a teacher for the academically gifted for Lafayette High School, Lafayette, La.

1972 reunion 2007

Gregory Enos '72 (GAP) is director of staff development and training for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Medfield, Mass.

Richard Gabelman '72 (GAP) is a sales representative for IPC Mail-Well, Gambrills, Md.

Bernard Herschbein '72 (GAP) is a printing technician for Health Communications, Inc., Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Dennis Lia '72 (KGCOE) is a software and mixed signal applications engineer for TeraDyne, Westford, Mass.

Robert McKane '72 (GAP) is a marketing manager for Verizon, New York.

Donn Meade '72 (FAA) is a senior technical engineer for Avery Dennison, Chicopee, Mass.

Gerald Pechanek '72 (KGCOE) is president of Lightning Hawk Consulting, Inc., Cary, N.C.

Gary Rishel '72 (COB) is a captain of a Boeing 767 for Delta Airlines, Atlanta, Ga.

Michael Schneier '72 (COB) is a project manager for Applied Mechanical Technologies, Victor, N.Y.

1973 30th Reunion

Michael Bredin '73 (KGCOE) is a lead senior engineer for Massachusetts Electric Co., Attleboro, Mass.

Howard Goldrich '73 (COS) is working for State Farm Insurance, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Daniel Pearce '73 (KGCOE) is a senior design engineer for Bose Corp., Framingham, Mass.

Thomas Rankin '73 (NTID) is a senior computer aided design technician for Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc., Rochester.

1974 reunion 2004

Mary Kimball Christopher SVP '71, '74 (NTID) has served 25 years with the U.S. Department of Army, Corps of Engineers in Concord, Mass. She received her 25-year pin and certificate to mark the occasion. She also received a special certificate for her involvement in the Team of the Month (October) for creating the Corps history displays at Big E along with a few field rangers. She prepared and presented a PowerPoint show for 25th anniversary weekend/conference at Grace Deaf Ministry in Lexington, Mass. in October.

Robert Mather SVP '70, '74 (COLA) received an award for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) from the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice on December 5, 2002.

Joseph Muni '70 (KGCOE), '74 (KGCOE) is a financial benefits consultant for Muni Financial, Inc., Boca Raton, Fla.

1975 reunion 2005

William Lapinski '75 (COS) is vice president of operations for Tiro, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn.

David Sollish '75 (CAST) is president of Boiler Inspection and Engineering, Inc., W. Suffield, Conn.

1976 reunion 2006

Kathryn Monty Branca '76 (COS) is director of product management for Soft Computer Consultants, Inc., Palm Harbor, Fla.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Dassau '76 (GAP) has joined Henry Wurst, Inc., at their Apex, N.C., web printing facility. She is in business development and sales. Henry Wurst, Inc., headquartered in North Kansas City, Mo., is an international printing and marketing company.

Donald Smith '76 (KGCOE) is a project engineer for Heidelberg Digital, Rochester.

David Wood '76 (GAP) is working for GMAC Mortgage in Horsham, Pa.

1977 reunion 2007

Larry Blout SVP '73, '77 (NTID) is a computer technician for EDS/Xerox Corp., Rochester.

Thomas Jay '77 (GAP) is vice president of sales for SICPA Securink Corp., Springfield, Va.

Ray McGranor '77 (CAST), '76 (CAST) is an electrical engineer for Control Techniques Drives, Grand Island, N.Y.

Daniel McSpadden '77 (COB) is director of marketing for Citrus World, Inc., Lake Wales, Fla.

Keith Williams '77 (GAP) is an economic and business administrator in instructor for Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Ill.

1978 25th Reunion

Janice Micco Frampton '78 (COB) is the general manager for Smart Modular Technologies, Inc., Wilmington, Mass.

Stephen Graff '78 (GAP) is a quality assurance specialist for Westem Lithotech/Lastra Group Co., Jacksonville, Tx.

Deborah Hall '78 (GAP), '77 (GAP) is an assistant professor of art (communication design) for Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

John Larosa '78 (CAST) is an engineer for Cashin Associates, PC, Hauppauge, N.Y.

Robert Rose '78 (CAST) is working for Merrill Lynch & Co., New York, N.Y.

Robert St. John '78 (FAA) is a general manager for New England Catherer Corp., Lisbon, N.H.

Barry White SVP '74, '78 (NTID) is a television and multimedia producer for Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C.

1979 reunion 2004

David Berry '79 (COS) is working for Procter & Gamble Pharmaceuticals, Norwich, N.Y.

Philip Carvelas '79 (COB), '79 (COB) is vice president of Jeffries Morris, Inc., New York.

Mark Crouse '79 (GAP) has been living in San Diego for 10 years. Still single, he says eliminating sickness has replaced photography as his passion. He is developing a seminar that he hopes will turn into an infomercial.

James Donlon '79 (CCE) is a senior project engineer for Nortel Networks in Florida.

Arline Ja reo '79 (COLA) is a licensed massage therapist in Belfast, Maine.

Joseph Merritt '76 (KGCOE), '79 (KGCOE) is associate vice president of product management for Lucent Technology, Landover, Md.

Eileen Burns Purcell '79 (CAST) is a professor and personal counselor for Bergen Community College, Paramus, N.J.

Nile Root '79 (CAST) exhibited his recent work, "Machu Picchu (Lost City of the Inca)" at the Gallery in the Unitarian Universalist Church, Tucson, Ariz.

Richard Suter '79 (COB) is a manager for Marsh Financial Service, Boston. He has also been named president of the board of directors of the Fuller Museum of Art.

John Voymas '79 (COB) is an internet business developer for Cyber Inc., Dearborn, Mich.

1980 reunion 2005

Liudvikas Bukys '80 (CAST) is an engineer for the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

Thomas Caine '80 (CAST) is president of Tom Caine and Associates, Boonton, N.J.

Nicholas Contos '80 (KGCOE) is a project engineer for Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, N.Y.

Michael Giuliano '78 (GAP), '80 (GAP) is a planning and website manager for Footlocker, New York.

Barry Keesan '80 (COB) is president and chief executive officer for WorkSmart Learning Systems, Inc., Rochester, N.Y.

John Mele '80 (COB) is a sales manager for GAF, Wretham, Mass.

Stephen Monk '78 (COB), '80 (COB) is working with Disney Royal Caribbean International and Unilever helping their organizations to develop their management and leadership capabilities.

Dolores Pasto-Ziobro '80 (COB) is a northeastern district 4 representative and director for Monroe Community College, Rochester.

Douglas Roesch '80 (GAP) is a senior software engineer for SmartOps, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alumni Highlights

Feingolds catch attention of famous forger

Leonardo DiCaprio plays a charming crook named Frank Abagnale in the hit movie *Catch Me if You Can*.

RIT alumni Reenie and Stan Feingold know the real Abagnale. He's been their customer for 20 years. They say he's every bit as charismatic as portrayed in the film, and so engaging it's hard to believe he once led a life of crime.

"He's such a nice man," says Reenie '71 (MEA). "You'd never guess what he did," says Stan '69 (MEA).

Abagnale used his considerable charm and chutzpah to scam businesses out of substantial sums of money. Posing as a pilot, doctor or lawyer, the high-school dropout was able to cash more than \$1 million in bogus checks. Eventually he was caught and went to prison. Then he turned his talents to a new career: For a quarter of a century, Abagnale has traveled the world as a lecturer and consultant on counterfeiting, forgery and fraud.

That's where the Feingolds enter the picture. Their Rochester-based business, Visual Horizons, created the slide presentations he uses in his lectures.

"He came to us as a mail-order customer," says Reenie. "He sends us ideas he's scribbled down, basic information. We make it look good."

At first, he sent a few isolated orders. Then, about 20 years ago, he asked them to redesign his entire presentation and they discovered what this unusual customer was all about.

Abagnale gives some 200 presentations, such as one called "The Art of the Steal," to invitation-only business audiences each year. Whenever he needs to update and edit his material he contacts the Feingolds. They had a chance to hear him speak in Buffalo, and once he made a surprise visit to their office.

That's where they display the *Catch Me If You Can* movie poster he gave them, inscribed: "To Stan & Reenie Feingold, the best in the business."

Visual Horizons has evolved since the Feingolds founded it more than two decades ago. They continue to provide materials, supplies, equipment and creative services for professional presentations in a variety of formats, from slides and flip charts to CD-ROMs and videos. They also produce a line of CD-ROMs for businesses and individuals. These contain templates for keepsake scrapbooks with a variety of themes (young dancers, new babies, weddings), and selections of printable designs for items such as award certificates, business cards, craft projects, and candy wrappers.

"We breed ideas," says Stan. "That's our business."

For more about the company, visit the Web site at www.visualhorizons.com.



Reenie and Stan Feingold received an autographed movie poster from their most famous customer.

Richard Stamp '80 (GAP), '79 (GAP) is a prepress manager for Stoffel Seals Corp., Tallapoosa, Ga.

Wendell Thompson '80 (COB) is director of NTID government and administrative affairs for RIT, Rochester.

Robert Winans '80 (CAST) is a civil engineering for EDR, PC, Rochester.

W. Patrick Yehl '80 (COS) is working for ITT Industries in Singapore.

1981 reunion 2006

Maureen Wallace Baran '81 (COB), '92 (CAST) is an information technology security analyst for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester.

Dombrowski finds perfect fit on eBay

When Carol Dombrowski heard that Internet phenomenon eBay was looking for a new “manager of global people development,” she knew that was the job for her.



Carol Dombrowski '93 and her tool kit.

“Effectively lead eBay’s worldwide training, communications, and reward and recognition teams . . . I told myself there was no one in the world better than I would be at this position,” says Dombrowski '93 (professional and technical communications).

She sent a resume and tried to follow up with a phone call. She couldn’t get through. She decided that to gain attention in a company known for innovation, a more creative approach would be appropriate.

“I went to Home Depot and bought a nifty little red tool box,” she says. She branded it to reflect the company’s image, dubbed it the “eBay Leadership Learning Labs Manager Toolkit,” and filled it with samples of her work demonstrating that she was well equipped for the job.

“I dropped it off at the front desk of eBay’s Salt Lake City office,” says Dombrowski. “By the time I got back to my office, the HR director was calling me to set up an interview.”

She learned later that there were some 700 applicants for the job, and the company expected to hire someone with 20 or more year’s experience. But in the end, eBay decided Dombrowski was, indeed, the best candidate – just as she’d known all along.

She started the new job last July, working in eBay’s rapidly growing Salt Lake City center (eBay headquarters is in San Jose, Calif.). Among her tasks: developing engaging programs to attract, train, and retain the best and the brightest.

“I just love it,” she says. “It is so fun to be an influential part of such a pop-culture phenomenon.”

Online auction house eBay, launched in 1995, logged \$12 billion in transactions in 2002. Some 52 million customers buy and sell through the portal, making eBay among the most successful Internet businesses ever.

“We move very fast,” she says. The average age of eBay’s 850 Salt Lake City employees is 29. Because the company continues to grow and change so rapidly, “People are very empowered,” Dombrowski says. “At every level of our organization, right down to customer support representatives, people are expected to make key decisions, implement process improvements, and increase member activity.”

Her own background in creative marketing is a good fit. “My career has centered on growing knowledge workers,” she says, “particularly Gen-Xers, understanding the way they think and giving them tools to become effective leaders.”

Dombrowski moved to Salt Lake City in 1999 after falling in love with the area while visiting friends. She was recruited as director of product innovation for FranklinCovey, an international provider of effectiveness training, productivity tools and assessment services for organizations and individuals.

“Now, at eBay, I have been able to come in and make a strong impact right away,” she says. “It’s pretty awesome, really . . . When someone will actually give you a paycheck to do not only what you were born to do but what you also love to do, you have every opportunity in the world to leave a powerful legacy.”

James Beaton SVP '78, '81 (NTID) is a grants administrator for the State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in Columbus, Ohio. He has been working there for 21 years.

Terrence Dahlgren SVP '77, '80 (NTID), '81 (NTID) and wife, Angel, welcomed twins, a son, Talon Alexander, and a daughter, Victoria Aiyana Bliss “Tori”, September 30, 2002.

Thomas Green '81 (CAST) is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

David Jehle '81 (COB) is vice president of Innovative Solutions, Rochester.

Adam Pudnos '80 (GAP), '81 (GAP) is an engineering manager for Du Pont Photomasks, Round Rock, Texas.

1982 reunion 2007

James Bankowski '82 (CAST) is a national account manager for Quest Communications, Amherst, N.Y.

Rainer Janetzki '80 (COB), '82 (COB) and wife, Diana, welcomed a son, Matthew Jakob, January 16, 2002.

Frank Joy '82 (KGC OE) is director of plant operations and maintenance for Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, N.M.

James Kloepfer '72 (GAP), '82 (GAP) is president and proprietor of Print Production Technologies, Inc., Richardson, Texas.

Daniel Losada '82 (COLA) of the Hastings Police Department was one of the 255 law enforcement officers who graduated on September 13, 2002 from the FBI Academy Program at Quantico, Va.

Catherine Milks Milks '82 (COB) and husband, Jay, welcomed a son, Mario Emerson, June 5, 2002. She is an office manager for Teachers World, Rochester.

Marie Schreffler Perazella '80 (GAP), '82 (GAP) is vice president of marketing for GE Financial Assurance in Illionis.

Melanie Printup-Hope '80 (FAA), '82 (FAA) is a graphic designer for Sage College of Albany (N.Y.).

Eric Sanford '82 (CAST) is a civil engineer for DDC Engineers Inc., Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Robert Savage '82 (GAP) is a senior photographer for BAE Systems, Greenlawn, N.Y.

Steven Tilbury '82 (GAP) is a network administrator for Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

1983 20th Reunion

Robert Allen '82 (COB), '83 (COB) is a bank officer for Fleet Boston Financial, Syracuse, N.Y.

Janice Arthur '83 (CCE) is a general book manager for Managers and Administrators, Rochester.

Domenico Fusca '80 (KGCOE), '83 (KGCOE) is an engineer for IBM Corp., Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Paul Pellingra '83 (CCE) is a manufacturing and engineering technician for Corning Rochester Photonics Corp., Rochester.

Daniel Taylor '81 (FAA), '83 (FAA) is president of Taylor Design, Stamford, Conn. The 2bMe website (www.2bMe.org) his company created received two awards from the CTEA Foundation. It was selected as a winner in the 2002 Communication Arts Interactive Annual 8 competition and received a silver medal in Boston's 2002 Hatch Award.

Nora Vaivads '81 (FAA), '83 (FAA) is creative director for Taylor Design, Stamford, Conn.

1984 reunion 2004

Augustine Anih '84 (COS) component production supervisor for American Red Cross, W. Henrietta, N.Y.

Steven Brooks '84 (GAP), '84 (GAP) is a computer artist for ColorInAble.com in sunny and warm California.

John Brown '84 (COB) is senior vice president of human resources for Peapod, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Scott Estabrooks '84 (CAST) is a software engineer for Symantec Corp., Waltham, Mass.

Gregory Germain '84 (KGCOE) is vice president of Paradyne Networks, Morrisville, N.C.

Susan Ginley '84 (FAA) is a graphic designer for Palio Communications, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Lyle Griffin '82 (CAST), '84 (CAST) is president and founder of Selerix, a Bay area software company serving the financial services industry

Debra Rothenberg '83 (GAP), '84 (GAP) is a photographer for the *New York Daily News*, New York, N.Y. She also married fellow photographer, Philip J. Carvalho on October 14, 2001.

1985 reunion 2005

Elizabeth Penalver Dumas '85 (FAA) was married in September 1990 to **Marc Dumas M.D. '84 (COS)**. They moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1991. They celebrated the birth of daughter Gabriella Rose in November 2000. Elizabeth is working half-time as a graphic designer for University Relations of the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Marco Pati '85 (FAA) is a navy pilot and commander of the U.S. Atlantic Fleet, U.S. Navy in Virginia.

Robert Wells '85 (COS) and Jennifer Goden were married Sept. 1, 2002.

James Youngman '85 (CAST) is a project engineer for Corning Inc., Corning, N.Y.

1986 reunion 2006

Adriane Brown '86 (GAP) is an account manager for Coral Graphic Services, Inc., Hicksville, N.Y.

Frank Diluzio '86 (GAP) is a multimedia producer for DIA3, Muchen, Germany. He is also a professional photographer, multimedia artist and programmer.

Keith Dobuler '86 (GAP) is a crime photographer for the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax, Va.

Joseph Graf '86 (KGCOE) is a senior advisor of integrated logistics support for the U.S. Navy, Washington, D.C.

Stacey Katz '86 (KGCOE) founded JAS Systems in 1991, a Gre company to 50 employees and \$10 million revenue. Retired 1998. Married and stay at home mom.

Bruce Peterson '84 (GAP), '86 (GAP) is working for Southern Graphic Systems in Armonk, N.Y.

Laurel Smith '84 (FAA), '86 (FAA) is an art director and multimedia designer for Promethean, LLC, Fishkill, N.Y.

Phillip Warren '86 (GAP) is vice president and general manager for Paxar, Huber Heights, Ohio.

1987 reunion 2007

Ann Rodriguez Barndt '87 (CAST) is a database administrator for Massachusetts Citizens for Marriage, Waltham, Mass.

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Henry Besanceney '86 (FAA), '87 (FAA) is a senior footwear designer for Reebok International, LTD. Canton, Mass.

Robin Bridson '84 (COB), '87 (COB) is director of information services for the N.Y. Chamber of Commerce, Utica, N.Y.

Douglas Dean '87 (CAST) is a lead engineer for General Electric Co., Schenectady, N.Y.

Peter Grillo '87 (GAP), '87 (CAST) is vice president and chief operating officer for Entium Technology Partners, Valley Forge, Pa.

Timothy Honadle '87 (KGCOE) is an electrical engineer for Kimberly-Colark Corp., Owensboro, Ky.

Philip Kroth '87 (KGCOE) is a physician and surgeon for Indiana University, Indianapolis, Ind.

John Lenihan '87 (KGCOE) is a network planning and maintenance engineer for Verizon Global Networks, Arlington, Va.

Gary Mueller '78 (CCE), '87 (KGCOE) is chief executive officer and president of Digital Now, Reston, Va.

Kenneth Podzielinski '87 (KGCOE) is a software engineer for Mediaspan, Melbourne, Fla.

Edouard Quansah '84 (CAST), '87 (CAST) is an accountant and auditor for The Ritz Carlton Hotel Co., Washington, D.C.

William Timmers SVP '83, '87 (NTID) is an intern architect for Klein McCarthy & Co. Architects, Ltd., Minneapolis, Minn.

Alessandro Zappala '87 (FAA) and wife, Jane, welcomed a son, Justin Michele, September 24, 2002.

1988 *15th Reunion*

Charles Amsden '88 (KGCOE) is a mechanical engineer manager for Novalux, Inc., Sunnyvale, Calif.

Michael Buskey SVP '84, '88 (NTID) is an accountant for Kemp's Bus Service, Inc., Avon, N.Y.

Thomas Costello '88 (COB) is a state trooper for the New York State Police Department, Syracuse, N.Y.

Anthony D'Innocenzio '88 (GAP) is a regional sales manager for Epson America Inc., Long Beach, Calif.

Dana Deller SVP '85, '88 (NTID) is married to James Kuhns, Jr. They live in New Alexandria, Pa right now.

Joseph Dietz '88 (CAST) is a lead network security engineer for Quest Communications Inc., Denver, Colo.

W. David Dougherty '88 (KGCOE) is a senior member of the technical staff for Legerity, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Daren Gray '88 (GAP) is a network administrator for Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, Tenn.

Kelly Kalkhof '88 (COB) and husband, Ray, welcomed a son, Nicholas, March 20, 2002. She is an applications sales manager for Oracle Corp., Jacksonville, Fla.

Michael Kane SVP '83, '88 (COB) is an assistant vice president of accounting for the Communication Service for the Deaf, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Richard Lennox '88 (COS) is a software designer and developer for L-3 Communications Analytics Corp., Vienna, Va.

Raymond Michaud '88 (GAP) is a commercial photographer for Four Lakes Colorgraphics, Inc., Wallingford, Conn.

Mark Peterson '87 (CAST), '88 (CAST) is a senior test engineer for Rockwell Automation, Allen-Bradley, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Tyrone Powe '88 (CAST) is a manufacturing engineering technician for Detroit Chassis, LLC, Detroit, Mich. He and his wife, Deirdre, welcomed a son, Evan Joseph, on November 22, 2002.

Dorothy Strassner '88 (COS) is a senior clinical product specialist for Philips Medical Systems, Bothell, Wash.

Laurine Summerville '88 (COS) is a software engineer and business analyst for IBM Corp. in North Carolina.

Jeffrey Waite '88 (KGCOE) is a senior staff engineer for 8x8, Inc., Santa Clara, Calif.

John Wigsten '88 (CAST) is a hotel manager for Outrigger-OHANA Hotels & Resorts, Tamuning, Guam. Daughter, Hallie Sullivan born March 29, 2002.

1989 *reunion 2004*

Robert Bailey '89 (GAP) is a film and video instructor for Northrop Grumman, Ft. Belvoir, Va.

James Berger '89 (GAP) has purchased a house in Haddon Heights, N.J.

Dennis Delaney '89 (CAST) is a packaging engineer for Sylvania Lighting, Danvers, Mass.

Edward Gleason SVP '81, '84 (NTID), '89 (CAST) and wife, **Pamela (Bartels) '88 (COLA)**, welcomed a daughter, Tara Isabella, November 4, 2001.

Kenneth Glinert '89 (GAP) is a sales manager for Shorewood Package Corp., New York.

Geoffrey Gretton '89 (GAP) is a process engineer for Corning Rochester Photonics, Rochester.

Carol Lohse Healy '89 (FAA) is the director of corporate print production for ADVCO, Inc., Windsor, Conn.

Robert Markowitz '89 (GAP) is a photographer for Dyncorp-NASA/Johnson Space Center, Texas.

Michael Miklos '89 (COB) is a product scheduler for AZON Corp., Johnson City, N.Y.

Timothy O'Neil '89 (CAST) is an education service assistant for Hartford, Conn.

Michelle Demino Pastorella '89 (COB) is an account manager for Ajettix, Rochester.

Brian Steblen '89 (CAST) is a film and video writer and director for Rose Films, Inc., Rochester.

Adomiano Tedone '89 (KGCOE) is an electrical engineer for Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich. He has four boys (ages 8, 6, 4 and 2) Aaron, Christian, Joel and Jonathan.

1990 *reunion 2005*

Deborah Schmidl Balajadia '90 (COS) is a senior application design specialist for Computer Sciences Corp., Somerset, N.J.

Robert Beaver '90 (CAST) is a manager of computer operations for Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Cary Gray '90 (FAA) is a senior graphic designer for SOZA, Annandale, Va.

Jeffrey James '90 (CAST) is a sales engineer for Mack Pump & Equipment, Plainfield, Ill.

Peter Ngai '90 (CAST) is president and consultant for N.Y. Software Consulting, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Robert W. O'Neil '90 (COB) is a senior buyer of Load King Manufacturing, Jacksonville, Fla.

Amanda Parkinson-McKeon '90 (COB) is a senior accountant for Marriott Vacation Club International, Lakeland, Fla.

Jeanne White Place SVP '85, '90 (CAST) is coordinator of billing for Quest Diagnostics, Inc., Wallingford, Conn.

Bonnie Polakoff '90 (COB) is director of special projects for Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center, Buffalo, N.Y.

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Cindy Rosenshein '90 (FAA) is a design manager for Peppridge Farm, Norwalk, Conn.

Jolie Sasso '90 (CAST) is a promotions and special events manager for Wright-Wisner Distributing Corp., Rochester.

Kelley Swagler '90 (COS) and husband, Timothy, welcomed a son, Timothy Jr., June 25, 2002.

Margaret Vogler '90 (COB) is a research administrator for Manning & Napier Advisors, Inc., Rochester.

F. Wallace '90 (FAA) is an interior designer in San Jose, Calif. His main responsibilities are space and planning and furniture design. From 1997 to 2000, he was in Russia teaching English at an orphanage.

Michael Winters '90 (KGC OE) is a project engineer for ITW Signode, Glenview, IL. And received a masters of project management degree in 2000 from the Keller Graduate School of Management.

1991 reunion 2006

Kimberly Coleman '91 (COS) is an assistant professor of natural sciences for Landmark College, Putney, Vt.

Kelly Carmody Connolly '91 (GAP) is a communications consultant for Fidelity Investments, Marlborough, Mass.

Agostino Dell'Oso '91 (CAST) and wife, Marybeth, welcomed a daughter, Ashley, September 1, 2002.

David Dittelman '91 (CAST) is manager of manufacturing services for Wyeth Consumer Healthcare, Madison, N.J.

Henry Feibusch '91 (CAST) is an associate engineer for LaSalle Investment Management, Baltimore, Md.

Kristin Garretson '90 (GAP), '91 (GAP), '97 (CAST), she was married to Preston on September 8, 2001. She is still working at Kodak and also (still) a graduate student at RIT getting an MS in information technology.

Zjé Koft '91 (COLA) married Dr. Howard D. Koft, February 20, 2002.

Larry Krech '91 (CAST) is a technician for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester.

Richard Lin SVP '85, '91 (NTID), '91 (FAA) and wife, Shirley, welcomed a daughter, Carissa, May 2, 2002.

Michele Lurie '89 (FAA), '91 (FAA) is an art director for Basedoor Graphics, LLC, Ridgefield, Conn.

Anne Whitlock Olson '91 (FAA) is a senior medical illustrator for Carolinas Healthcare Sys, Charlotte, N.C.

Sharon Pennington '91 (CCE) is a manager for Healthsouth, Melbourne, Fla.

Monster job has its rewards

Life with the Monster has been good for Brian Farrey '82 (Eisenhower College).

To explain: Farrey is president of TMP Technologies, a division of TMP Worldwide Inc., a leading international employment organization and S&P 500 and Nasdaq100 company that encompasses Internet career portal Monster.

He oversees all technology initiatives and services for TMP's global operations, including technical infrastructure and product development for Monster.

He says it's a fabulous job; certainly it's one to which many RIT students and graduates might aspire. He has received considerable recognition for his work at TMP, including being named one of Computerworld's "Premier 100 IT Leaders for 2000" and one of InfoWorld's "Top 25 Most Influential CTOs" for 2001.

Interestingly, Farrey had quite a different career in mind when he was an undergrad majoring in international relations.

A native of Worcester, Mass., Farrey was attracted by Eisenhower College's unique World Studies program. "I just thought it was a fantastic program," he says. "I thought I was going into the foreign service."

(In an effort to keep the small college in operation, RIT acquired Eisenhower College during the time Farrey was a student, and the university is proud to include Eisenhower alumni among RIT grads. Formerly located in Seneca Falls, Eisenhower closed the summer after Farrey graduated.)



Brian Farrey '82

On a backpacking trip through Europe during his junior year, Farrey had the opportunity to visit several U.S. embassies. He eventually decided the diplomatic life was not for him, and after Eisenhower went on for a master's degree in computer science from Worcester State College. Farrey also attended Stanford University, completing the Stanford Executive Program in 1998. Prior to joining Monster in 1999, he held various technical positions in a number of companies.

Monster, with headquarters in the Boston area, is one of the exceptional dot-com ventures that actually makes a profit. Farrey notes that when he joined the company, there were 30 technical employees. Now, there are more than 700 technical staff worldwide.

"It's been just an unbelievable experience," he says. "We're really changing the way people look for jobs and manage their careers."

Besides helping individuals improve their career opportunities, the company also takes on important large-scale assignments. For instance, last year in a four-month period Monster found 55,000 people for airport security jobs.

Farrey says his blend of liberal arts and technology education was excellent career preparation.

"I look back and I think about how fortunate I was," he says. "I see techies who can't write, can't even hold their own in a dinner conversation. Today, in the real world, the expectations for technical people are much higher.

"I urge young people going into technical careers to please, please get a foundation of the liberal arts, of a world view. Then, and only then, get technical."

Danielle Cosemento Skotnicki '91 (CAST) is a human resources administrator for Adroit Systems, Inc., Alexandria, Va.

David Yates '91 (KGC OE) and wife, Jennifer, welcomed a son, Nolan Francis, August 31, 2002.

James Yencer '91 (KGC OE) is a senior systems engineer for Brooks-PRI Automation, Rochester.

1992 reunion 2007

Christine Chajchuk '92 (COLA) and husband, James, welcomed a son, Anthony Thomas, October 28, 2002.

Robert Cowan '92 (COB) is a sales director for Pure Markets Inc., San Francisco, Calif.

Ellen Dadlani '92 (COB) is an information specialist for KPMG Consulting, Rochester.

David Dicarolo '92 (KGC OE) is a DSP applications engineer for Motorola, Inc., Austin, Texas.

Dana Dunleavy '92 (FAA) is a creative art director for New York Life Investment Management, Parsippany, N.J.



Flashy look for Brick City

The RIT campus, a.k.a. "Brick City," was the setting for the 19th Big Shot photo extravaganza. Approximately 500 people showed up on a chilly November night to illuminate the recently renovated Infinity Quad using flash units and flashlights. They're not visible because they either were placed out of sight or were moving throughout the 90-second exposure. Faculty members from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences captured the image from atop the James E. Gleason Building using ISO 400 color negative film. For more information, visit RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Web site at <http://photography.rit.edu>.

Thomas Frengillo '86 (GAP), '92 (GAP) is a continuous process manager for R.R.Donnelley & Sons Co., Denver.

Edwin Fretwell '92 (CAST) is an account manager for Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, L.L.C., Elyria, Ohio.

Charles Kellogg '92 (COS) is a senior laboratory engineer for the University of Rochester (N.Y.).

John Linehan '92 (COLA) is a practice director for Oracle Corp., New York, N.Y.

HillaryKa rapantso Meyer '92 (GAP) is a freelance film and television production accountant in New York, N.Y.

Jeanne Meyerhoff Peters SVP '86, '92 (COLA) and husband, Malcolm, welcomed a son, Roderick (Rory) Guthrie Peters, August 29, 2002.

David Robbins '92 (COB) is a senior enterprise architect for AmershamHealth, Princeton, N.J.

Blair Weiss '92 (CAST) is a controls engineer for Tera dyne Connection Systems, Nashua, N.H.

Craig Wild '92 (COB) is a senior account executive for Guilford Speciality Group, Hartford, Conn.

Aaron Witham '92 (FAA) is a high school photography and yearbook teacher for the International School of Bangkok, Nonthauri, Thailand.

1993 10th Reunion

Robert Cimmino '93 (GAP) is a senior media specialist for Merck & Co., Inc., Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Brian Davidson '93 (COB) and wife, Nancy, welcomed twins, a son, Colin Peter and a son, Ethan Henry, April 5, 2002.

Thomas Fedor '93 (GAP) is a staff photographer for *The Gazette*, Gaithersburg, Md.

Elizabeth Furr Overacker '93 (COB) and husband, David, welcomed a daughter, Catherine, June 26, 2002.

Christine Garrett '93 (COS) is a senior scientist for Novartis Pharmaceuticals, E. Hanover, N.J.

Kristi Greene '93 (COLA) is a catering sales manager for Grand Hyatt, New York, N.Y.

Thomas Grimsley '86 (KGCOE), '93 (KGCOE) is an operations manager in the Microelectronic Engineering Department of the College of Engineering at RIT, Rochester.

Stephen Harrington '93 (COB) is a senior sourcing manager for Bank One, Columbus, Ohio.

Brian Heath '93 (CIAS) is the vice president and general manager for Susquehanna Technologies, Winchester, Va.

Michael Larson '93 (COLA) is a federal prosecutor for U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (JAG), Lark Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

Andrew Levy '90 (CAST), '93 (CAST) and wife, Eva-Beth, welcomed a daughter, Gabrielle Elise, Sept. 4, 2002.

Elyssia Marshall '93 (FAA) is the senior medical illustrator for Anatomical Justice, LLC, Glenwood, N.J.

Ian Ratner '93 (CAST) and wife, Lauren, welcomed a daughter, Gail, June 7, 2002.

Emma Rich '93 (COB) is an information consultant for American Management Systems, Fairfax, Va.

Chadd Rolland '93 (KGCOE) received a doctor of chiropractic degree in July 2002. Resides in Cleveland, Ohio area with family. Is a Chiropractor with Great Lakes Chiropractic Center, Mentor, Ohio.

James Sculley '93 (KGCOE) is a mechanical engineer for Welding Services Inc., Norcross, Ga.

Daryl Smith '93 (CAST) is an associate dean for Rochester Business Institute, Rochester.

Marci Steverson '93 (CAST) is a lead customer service representative for Key Bank, Rochester.

1994 reunion 2004

Steven Bruno '94 (COLA) is a special agent in training for the U.S. Secret Service, Charleston, W.V.

Steven Castle '94 (KGCOE) is a software engineer for Telchemy, Atlanta, Ga.

Michael Furst '94 (KGCOE) has been selected to participate in the prestigious Frontiers of Engineering symposium sponsored by the National Academy of Engineering for the nation's top young engineers.

Michelle Blanchard Hobbs '94 (CIAS) and husband Paul welcomed a son, Ethan Clifton, July 16, 2002. She is a graphic designer for Paul Kaza Associates, Burlington, Vt.

Stephanie Howard '94 (CIAS) is a creative director (Bauer, Nike, Hockey) for Nike, Boston, Mass.

Gina Jacobeno '94 (CIAS) is a graphic designer for CABLExpress Technologies, Syracuse, N.Y.

Christopher Leber '94 (COS) is a project analyst and chemist for Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N.J.

Michelle Miller '92 (FAA), '94 (CIAS), is a freelance graphic designer in North Carolina.

Thomas Peeples '94 (KGCOE) is a development engineer for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., Akron, Ohio.

Cynthia Pickering SVP '88, '91 (NTID), '94 (COLA) is a student life counselor for the Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis, Ind

Allison Pyc '94 (COLA) married U.S. Navy LTJG Adam P. Small in Dedham, Maine on October 20, 2002. She recently moved to Portsmouth, Va. and is employed with Vandeventer Black, LLP in the Immigration Department.

Gregory Romania '94 (CAST) is a systems analyst for ICSA Labs, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Michael Sheehan '94 (CAST) is a facilities engineer IV for the Regional Transportation District, Denver.

Susan Coraggio Snape '94 (CIAS) and husband, Jason, welcomed a son, Owen James, August 15, 2002.

Meghan Williams '94 (CIAS) is a developer mentor for A. G. Edwards, St. Louis, Mo.

A look back

Reunion 2002 and Brick City Festival

RIT celebrated its spirit Oct. 11-13 during Reunion 2002 and the fifth anniversary of Brick City Festival – RIT's community celebration for alumni, family and students.

The three-day event hosted more than 2,600 visitors to campus and featured top-notch entertainment, reunion activities for class years and athletics, faculty presentations, campus tours and the Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta.



An Afternoon with Magic...

Former NBA superstar Magic Johnson was the Horton Distinguished Speaker. He hosted a student roundtable followed by a discussion in Clark Gymnasium about his career, his entrepreneurial ventures and living with HIV.



A Family Affair...

Keith Shugerts '95, member of the RIT Alumni Network Board of Directors, and son Branden had fun at the alumni volunteer recognition luncheon. Branden is sure to be an RIT legacy as his mom, Michele (Boyer) '96, is also a graduate.



Reconnecting with the Past...

Golden graduates mingle after the Golden Circle luncheon. A special pinning ceremony takes place during the luncheon, which is the highlight of Golden Circle – a program to recognize and pay tribute to alumni celebrating 50 years plus as RIT graduates.



Reunion Class Gift...

From left to right are Victor Del Rosso '51, Chair of Reunion 2002 Giving Program; Albert J. Simone, RIT President; Kenneth Reed '71, Chair of RIT Alumni Network and Chair of Reunion 2002 Planning Committee.

Reunion 2002 Giving Results

For the second year in a row, RIT alumni made the Reunion Giving program a success! The classes of 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1962, 1971, 1972, 1973 and 1997 reached an unprecedented **22 percent** in giving participation and a benchmark dollar amount of **\$250,000**.

The work of 90 alumni volunteers was instrumental in achieving these results. The giving program for the 14 classes of Reunion 2003 is underway. For more information, please contact the Reunion Giving Office at 585-475-7624 or 1-800-477-0376.

A look ahead

Save the Date Oct. 9-12



Reunion 2003 and Brick City Festival

All alumni are invited! Bring the entire family! Explore RIT!

Reunion 2003 will offer something for everyone so come back to campus and reconnect with classmates, friends and faculty. Fun and festivities will include nationally known entertainment; major speaker; children's activities; reunion events for class years, colleges, athletics and greeks; Golden Circle luncheon; alumni awards dinner; faculty presentations; and the Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta.

Who's coming? Who would you like to see? Want to get involved? We need alumni volunteers to write, call or email other alumni to encourage them to attend. Contacting fellow graduates is the best way to ensure that those you want to reconnect with will be there.

Contact us at reunion@mail.rit.edu or toll-free at 1-866-RIT-ALUM (748-2586).

More information at www.rit.edu/reunion



Friends for life

At RIT they were brothers of Theta Xi and the friendship continues after nearly four decades. This gathering at the summer home of Peter Browne '64 in Sodus Point, N.Y., marked the 38th reunion. Seated, from left, are: Richard Pilon '61, Bill Turri '62, James Williams '64 and Richard Justino '62. Standing, from left, are: Richard Irland '62, John Absalom '62, Philip Skidmore '65, Browne, Bill Sloan '63 and Fred Wimmer '74.

1995 reunion 2005

Ilter Taskiran Acito '95 (CIAS) is owner and general manager of Aspire Design, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Germany.

Ann Adams '95 (CAST) is building a Web business marketing to baby-boomer grandparents, Rochester.

Joseph Ceci '95 (CAST) is a project manager for Fox & Associates, Inc., Frederick, Md.

Sanjay Cherubala '95 (CAST) is a project manager for Indianapolis Life (AmerUs Group), Indianapolis, Ind.

Matthew Connolly '95 (CIAS) is a photographer and sales representative for Mark Pfister Photography, St. Louis, Mo.

Joseph Cook '95 (COB) has retired from the military reserves. He has been affiliated with the military since 1975.

Anthony Corsi '95 (CIAS) is a print production coordinator for Premium Color Graphics, Clifton, N.J.

Olga Economos Grant '95 (CIAS) is a graphic designer for Vision Press, Gouverneur, N.Y.

Karl Henson '95 (CAST) is an engineer for Comfort Systems USA, Pasadena, Texas.

Eric Pylko '93 (GAP), '95 (CAST) is a systems engineer for Front Runner Network Systems, Rochester.

Anita Reaves '95 (COB) is an account manager for Radio One, Detroit, Mich.

Catherine Vanson '95 (COB) is actively looking for a job as a telecommunications manager in Rockville, Md.

1996 reunion 2006

Aditya Agarwal '96 (CAST) is a software engineer for Hughes Network Systems, Germantown, Md.

Kathleen Allen '96 (KGCOE) is an electrical engineer for Met-Ed, a First Energy Co., Reading, Pa.

Jason Banks '96 (KGCOE) is a senior web developer for World Wide Packets, Verdale, Wash.

Steven Boyd '96 (KGCOE) and Erin Malene married October 12, 2002. Steve is a senior application engineer and Erin is a senior product engineer for The Timken Corp. The couple lives in Louisville, Ohio.

John Chrissos '96 (CIAS) is a graphic artist for ITW Pro/Mark, Manchester, Conn.

Susan Costanza '96 (CAST) is a billing processor for Sykes Enterprises, Tampa, Fla.

Dale Fine SVP '80, '89 (CAST), '96 (NTID) is an engineering analyst for New Venture Gear, E. Syracuse, N.Y.

Jennifer Fiorello '96 (CIAS) is an assistant director of marketing for Softrek, Amherst, N.Y.

Nicole Harding '96 (CIAS) adopted a one year old Beagle in January 2002 and married Mr. Donald Chapell, Jr. of Pinehurst, N.C. on November 16, 2002.

James Laidley '96 (CIAS) is a clinical networking project manager for Siemens Medical Solutions, Greer, S.C.

Yi-Hung Lin '96 (CAST) is a design project engineer for Air Conditioning Co., Inc., San Carlos, Calif.

Christopher Meaker '96 (CAST) and Heather Foster, were married April 27, 2002. He is a contractor for Metro/Kane, Richmond, Va.

Andrew Miller '96 (CCE) is a solutions architect for Ciber Inc., Fairport, N.Y.

Joseph Nash '96 (COB) is an information technology manager for Packaging Inc., Minnetonka, Minn.

David Shappee '96 (COB) is a store manager for Dick's Sporting Goods, Olathe, Kansas.

Vivienne Scholl '94 (CIAS), '96 (CIAS) is owner of Vivienne Design, specializing in applying graphic design to print communications, brand strategy and identity, exhibit design, environmental graphics, and interactive media in San Francisco, Calif.

Megan Roth Stanley '96 (COLA) and **Robert W. Stanley '97 (KGCOE)** were married on March 24, 2001. She is a staff development specialist for Head Start, Oneonta, N.Y.

Christopher Weigand '96 (CIAS) is a senior industrial designer for AGI Schutz Merchandising, Cleveland, Ohio.

Peter Zeender '96 (KGCOE), '96 (KGCOE) is an engineer for CPIA-John Hopkins University, Columbia, Md.

1997 reunion 2007

James Bondi '97 (CAST) is an assistant director in the Office of Co-op and Career Services at RIT, Rochester.

Gautam Boroah '97 (COB) and Chandreyee Chakravarty, were married May 8, 2002. He is vice president and director of e-commerce for Citibank Student Loans, Stamford, Conn. He was also appointed a member of the management team for Citibank Student Loans in March 2002.

Rebecca Christie '97 (KGCOE) and her husband recently transferred to Troy, Mich. with Delphi. Rebecca is working in the Supply Chain Management Group within the Product and Service Solutions Division. They were just married on April 20, 2002!

David Freson '97 (KGCOE) is a senior engineer for Seagate Technology, Longmont, Co.

Todd Gates '97 (COB) is a captain with the U.S. Marine Corps, Cherry Point, N.C.

Amber Grastorf '97 (CIAS) is a graphics media communications teacher for Olean BOCES, Olean, N.Y.

Mark Mulik '97 (CIAS) is a newsroom technology director for Richmond Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va.

Danielle Savino '97 (CAST) is a software developer and designer for Software Writers Inc., Phoenix, Ariz.

David Schreiner '97 (COB) is manager of assurance and advisory business services for Ernst & Young, LLP, Syracuse, N.Y.

Jeanne Stafford '97 (CIAS) is a scanner operator and graphic compositor for Technical Typesetting Inc., Maryland.

Marcie Morelli Stiner '97 (CAST) and her husband, James, welcomed a daughter, Grace Adelaide on May 13, 2002. She joins big brother Jonah, age 3.

Erin Tracy '97 (COS) is a research associate for Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Buffalo, NY. She married Kristopher Paul Tracy, May 18, 2002.

David Tropia '97 (CAST) is a promotions packaging engineer for Beiersdorf Inc., Wilton, Conn.

1998 5th Reunion

Andrew Barnett '98 (CAST) is a developer for Health Market Science, Plymouth Meeting, Mass.

Julie Ciferni '98 (CIAS) completed her third year as corporate interior designer for Home Properties of New York. She married in September 2001 and enjoyed a 2002 anniversary trip to Northem and Central Italy.

Jagadish Dawadi SVP '94, '98 (COLA) is a ROMH Outreach coordinator for The Arc of Anchorage.

Shayne Grant '98 (CAST) is a software engineer for IBM Corp., Durham, N.C.

Elisabeth Ingoldsby '98 (CIAS) is an elementary teacher for the New York City Board of Education, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Gregg Johnson '98 (CAST) is a product engineer for Charter Medical, Ltd., Winston-Salem, N.C.

Michelle McCarrick '98 (CIAS) is president and chief executive officer of The M & G Group, a design and marketing firm, in Utica, N.Y.

Alice Merchant '98 (CIAS) is working for AGTSeven, New York, N.Y.

Michael Montalto '98 (CAST) is a project manager and civil engineer for Parrone Engineering, Penfield, N.Y.

Michael Murphy '98 (CAST) is a senior analyst for Wachovia, N.C.

James Pasternak SVP '92, '98 (NTID), and Julie (Disbro) SVP '90, '93 (NTID), were married on September 21, 2002.

Daylin Pillay '98 (NTID) is a systems support specialist for Ability Society, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Yvette Ribando '96 (CAST), '98 (CAST) is a technical project manager for Weightwatchers.com, New York.

Lorraine Scanlon '98 (CIAS) is a photo editor for Bauer Publishing/First Mag, Englewood Cliffs, N.J. She also married Kevin Barbely on November 7, 2002.

Amber Schonger '98 (COS) is a development coordinator for the Sansum-Santa Barbara Medical Foundation Clinic, Santa Barbara, Calif.

Kelly Stone '98 (COB) is a marketing consultant for Earls International, Sydney Australia.

1999 reunion 2004

Kenneth Elsmann '99 (CIAS) is a senior color scientist for Global Graphics Software Inc., Waltham, Mass.

Thomas Glanville '93 (KGCOE), '99 (KGCOE) is a design engineer for Eastman Kodak Company Rochester.

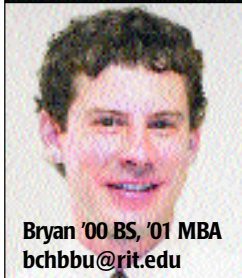
Vikram Khanna '99 (KGCOE) is a computer specialist for Infortec, Chicago, Ill.

Kevin Kolmetz '99 (KGCOE) is an applications engineer for South Bend Controls, Inc., South Bend, Ind.

Michael Krupnicki '99 (COB) has been named one of *Rochester Business Journals* "Top 40 Under 40" for 2002.



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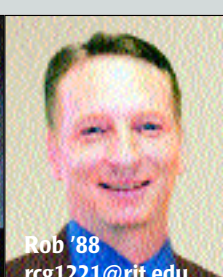
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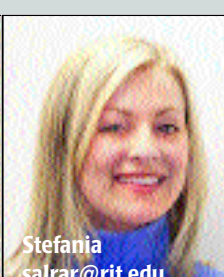
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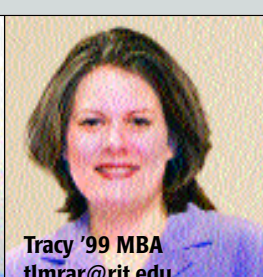
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Make the Connection

A message from Kelly Redder and the Alumni Relations Staff

It's a great time to be RIT alumni! As highlighted throughout this magazine, exciting changes are happening on campus such as new academic programs in the hottest fields and new facilities for students and the community. You can be proud to be affiliated with such a dynamic university.

While life on campus is growing by leaps and bounds, the Office of Alumni Relations continues to provide quality benefits and services to RIT graduates. Upon graduation, all alumni automatically become members of the RIT Alumni Network. Here is an overview of what the Network has to offer:

BENEFITS AND SERVICES

- **Alumni & Reunion Weekend** – includes activities for class years, colleges, programs, athletics, Greeks, and clubs during Brick City Festival, which features national entertainment, major speaker, student concert, children's activities, Stonehurst Capital Regatta and more
- **Alumni ID Cards and Transcripts** – available through the Registrar's Office at no charge
- **Awards Program** – annual awards are presented to RIT's Outstanding Alumnus/a and eight Distinguished Alumni
- **Campus Communications** – *The University Magazine* and monthly e-newsletter, *The Tiger's Tale*
- **Career Support** – assistance with job search, resume writing, interview skills and salary research
- **Chapter Events** – regularly scheduled activities in 21 U.S. cities
- **Continuing Education** – increase your knowledge through online learning, undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs and the Athenaeum (Rochester's academy for learning after age 50)
- **Discounts** – internet service, home and auto insurance, moving companies, RIT merchandise, fitness center on campus, RIT Inn & Conference Center (formerly the Marriott Thruway)
- **Online Community** – comprehensive package of services to reconnect with RIT and fellow alumni
- **Travel Program** – domestic and international trips
- **Wallace Library** – access to books, videos, CD's, computer workstations
- **Volunteer Opportunities** – admissions receptions, alumni network board of directors, chapter leadership, community service, fundraising, mentoring program, reunion planning

To find out more, contact us and make the connection!



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Steven Mc Clure '99 (CAST) is a banquet manager for the Holiday Inn, Gaithersburg, Md.

Sean Mc Conky '99 (KGCOE) is a staff engineer for RTI, Rochester.

Viviana Radenbaugh '99 (CAST) is a training manager for The Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill.

Laura Lamb Stroup '99 (COS) is an ultrasound technologist for Larchmont Imaging Associates, Mount Laurel, N.J.

Jeremiah Tanner '99 (CAST) is a software developer for Misys Healthcare Systems, Tucson, Ariz.

Brandon Waller '99 (CAST) is a design engineer for O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y.

Chad Weiner '99 (COS) is an applications developer for Cerner Corp., Kansas City, Mo.

2000 reunion 2005

Christopher Berrios '99 (CAST), '00 (CAST) is a programmer for the Berkely Group, Garden City, N.Y. Personal Highlights: Thesis title: "The Computerized Integrated Smart Home."

Brian Burnett '00 (CAST) is a telecommunications analyst for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester.

Erin Carney '98 (CIAS), '00 (CIAS) is a graphic designer for Selbert Perkins Design Collaborative, Playa Del Rey, Calif.

Kimberlee De Puy '00 (CIAS) is a marketing associate for Hot Wheels Racing, Huntersville, N.C.

Marie Desrosiers SVP '96, '00 (COLA) is an assistant supervisor for DePaul Community Services, Rochester.

Aimee Gray Flannery '00 (CIAS) and Kevin Flannery, were married on August 27, 2001.

Jessica Gugino '00 (COB) is an account executive for the southeast regions at ESPN, Bristol, Conn.

Marion Higby '00 (COS) is a supervisor of nuclear medicine for Nuclear Technologist, Syracuse, N.Y.

Daniel Jimenez '00 (CAST) is a structural engineer for Dewberry & Goodkind, Inc., Rutherford, N.J.

Svetlana Kouznetsova SVP '96, '00 (CIAS) is a graphic designer for Hoashi Communications, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Elizabeth Kowaluk '00 (CIAS) is a consolidated graphics account manager for Automated Graphic Systems, White Plains, Md.

Athena Lakis '00 (CIAS) is a customer service account manager for Quebecor World-Directory Division, Hazleton, Pa.

Chin-Tang Mai '00 (CIAS) is a product manager for Eastman Kodak Company, Reston, Va.



Greetings from Greece

On last fall's trip to Athens and the Greek Isles, a group of RIT travelers connected with several alums who call that ancient European city home. Pictured are, from left, front: Dimitra Chrona '96, Lambros Protopapas, and Gina Veale. Back: Constantinos Thanopoulos '92, Dimitri Kokkoris '98, and Chris Panagiotopoulos '93.

Upcoming trips include: the Dalmatian Coast (May 6-14), Scotland (May 21-29), and Sorrento (Sept. 11-19). For more information about these or other travel opportunities, contact Barbara Carney, assistant director alumni relations, by phone (585-475-2959) or e-mail (bac3922@rit.edu).

Janet Nystrom '00 (CAST), '99 (CAST), is an academic advisor for the center for multidisciplinary Studies at RIT, Rochester.

John Smertneck '97 (KGCOE), '00 (KGCOE) is employed by Reminton, Vernick, & Vena Engineers, Toms River, N.J., providing consulting services to municipalities.

Barry Sullivan '00 (KGCOE) is a quality engineer for Solectron Corp., Creedmoor, N.C.

Kari Wiltse '00 (CIAS) is an interior designer for MacGregor Associates Architects, Atlanta, Ga.

2001 reunion 2006

Matthew Carver '01 (CAST), '01 (CAST), '01 (CAST) is a security analyst for Symantec Inc., Falls Church, Va.

Matthew Chesterton '99 (KGCOE), '01 (COB) is an instructor in the computer programming department at Monroe Community College, Rochester.

Robert Colark '01 (CIAS) is a freelance photographer in North Carolina.

Erin Dickman '01 (KGCOE) is a product development engineer for Intel Corp., Hudson, Mass.

Robert Getschmann '93 (CAST), '01 (GCCIS) is a senior software engineer for Message Secure Corp., Tyngsboro, Mass.

Mark Kirschenbaum '01 (KGCOE) is a hardware engineer for Microchip Technology Inc., Chandler, Ariz.

Matthew Kozlowski '01 (CAST) is an environmental designer for Beardley Design Associates, Syracuse, N.Y.

Heather Rowley Langton '01 (NTID) is a teacher for the deaf and hard of hearing at Pikes Peak Vocational Center, Colorado Springs, Co.

Jason Lemery '99 (CAST), '01 (CAST) is a facilities engineer for American Axle & Manufacturing, Buffalo, N.Y.

Randall McGarvey '89 (CAST), '91 (CAST), '01 (COB) is a lead software engineer for West Group, Rochester.

Heather Musfeldt '01 (CAST) is a safety technician for Cambrex Bio Science Baltimore, Inc., Baltimore, Md.

Javier Orellana '01 (CIAS) is a press coordinator for the New York Post, New York City.

Frank Paladino '01 (COB) is a global account director for Cingular Wireless, New York City.

Brian Perry '01 (COS) is an engineer for The Boeing Co., Seal Beach, Calif.

Vincent Reich '01 (CIAS) is an imaging technologist for NASA Glenn Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio.

Anjanette Revers '01 (CAST) is a web developer level 2 for Webmaster, Victor, N.Y.

Nicholas Spittal '00 (COS), '01 (COB) is a project coordinator for Inveresk Research, Inc., Cary, N.C.

Shannon Sutton '01 (COB) is an information technologist for IBM Corp., Austin, Texas.

Laura Willey-Saunders SVP '96, '01 (NTID) and Jesse B. Saunders, were married on June 16, 2002.

Erik Wolfe '01 (CAST) is a mechanical engineer for Edwards & Kelcey, Morristown, N.J.

Corinne Zeitler '01 (COS) is a graduate student at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

2002 reunion 2007

Matthew Albanese '02 (COB) is a sales representative for Staples Corp., Framingham, Mass.

Jeffrey Blanding '02 (GCCIS) is a database administrator and web programmer for Penn State University.

David Colark '02 (CIAS) is a staff photographer for Visual Sports Network, Vista, Calif.

Frank Cosamano '02 (CAST) is a project manager for Cooper Environmental, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

Brenda Gates '02 (CIAS) is a graphic designer for Hans Flink Design, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Sarah Gross '01 (COB), '02 (GCCIS) and Michael Glasser, were married on August 10, 2002.

Kathleen Markunas '02 (CIAS) is an administrator and personal trainer for Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, Mass.

Sean Mc Vey '02 (GCCIS) is a sales executive for NextGen Networks, Inc., New York.

Cheri McKee '88 (NTID), '02 (COLA) is an assistant to the vice president of RIT, Rochester.

Derck Meixell '02 (GCCIS) is a network and security engineer for Aztek Computer Solutions, Rochester.

Benjamin Scrivens '02 (CIAS) is a marketing coordinator for Road Wired, Henrietta, N.Y. He is responsible for the development and creation of both print and online marketing for the company, which manufactures carrying cases and travel accessories for mobile technology applications. Prior to joining Road Wired, he was employed by Lazer Inc. He is a native of Greece, N.Y.

Six inducted into RIT Sports Hall of Fame

With the induction of six individuals last Nov. 9, RIT's Sports Hall of Fame has grown to 129 members.

Initial Sports Hall of Fame planning began in 1968 to honor individuals for their contributions to intercollegiate athletics. Members include former athletes, coaches, administrators and supporters. Mark Ellingson, Harold 'Steve' Brodie, Sherman Hagberg and A. Leo Fox formed the cornerstone of the project. Ellingson was wrestling coach at the time and later became president of RIT. Brodie served as basketball faculty manager for 50 years, Hagberg was the first director of athletics and Fox was a long-time basketball coach who guided the 1955-'56 team to an undefeated season (17-0).

Vern Titus, Lou Alexander Jr., A. Stephen Walls and Keith Mosley were ultimately responsible for starting the Hall of Fame. Alexander was then director of physical education and athletics. Titus and Walls served terms as chairmen of the former athletic committee, and Mosley was a sports information director.

The Sports Hall of Fame is a function of the Office of Alumni Relations in cooperation with the Center for Human Performance. Each year the Hall of Fame executive committee accepts nominations from the RIT community and other friends. A letter of recommendation and supporting documentation should be sent to the Office of Alumni Relations. Members of the Hall of Fame and coaches vote on a slate of candidates with final approval by the executive committee.

The 2002 inductees are: **Karen L. (Provinski) Conlan '96**, **Jamie A. Glydon '97**, the late **Donald A. Richards**, **Timothy P. Turner '89**, **Kathy A. Vangeli** and **Arnold B. White '70**.



The latest Sports Hall of Fame inductees are (from left) Karen Provinski Conlan '96, Tim Turner '87, Jamie Glydon '97, Kathy Vangeli, the late Don Richards (represented by his parents, Donna Rae and J. Allen Richards), and Arnold "Skip" White '70. The Sport's Hall of Fame now has 129 members.

Karen Conlan, a native of Unionville, Pa., was Senior Athlete of the Year in 1996 and received the Ellingson Award for Academic Excellence, maintaining a 3.81 grade point average in computational math. On the basketball court, she scored 932 points and pulled down 835 rebounds. She also was named a GTE Academic All-American. She represented her senior class at convocation and commencement ceremonies in 1996. Today she is a systems analyst with DuPont in Wilmington, Del.

Jamie Glydon, a native of West Barnstable, Mass., and now of Randolph, N.J., was a five-time All-American, garnering honors in cross country and track. The packaging science major was Senior Athlete of the Year in 1996. In cross country his best finish in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III championships was fifth in 1994, while in track he took eighth place in the 1994 and 1995 10,000 meters. He was also the Eastern College Athletic Conference champion in 1995, topping a field of

150 runners. He is a senior packaging engineer with Kraft Foods in New Jersey.

Don Richards, a native of Lockport, N.Y., was a two-year swimmer and a 1982 All-American in the 200-yard butterfly before his death in an automobile accident in 1983. Richards had accumulated 343 points in two seasons and ranked among RIT's top 10 all-time swimmers in freestyle, individual medley, breast-stroke and butterfly events. Richards majored in packaging science.

Tim Turner, a native of Homer, N.Y., and now of Durango, Colo., was a two-time lacrosse All-American, gaining second team honors in 1986 and 1987. The finance major also played in the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Senior All-Star Game. Named Empire Athletic Association Player of the Year in 1987, he finished his career at midfield with 120 points, ranking him 12th in career scoring. Turner is owner of Bread, LLC, a bakery in Durango, Colo.

Kathy Vangeli, a native of Cortland, N.Y., and now of

Henrietta, N.Y., coached women's swimming from 1980 to 1996 and guided her teams to 11 NCAA appearances, resulting in 44 All-Americans. In 1983 her squad was 11-1 while the 1984 team posted a 12-1 mark. She also served as adviser to women's club lacrosse and women's club field hockey teams. Vangeli is a SUNY Cortland graduate and received her master's degree from Utah State.

Arnold "Skip" White, a native of Dewitt, N.Y., compiled a 90-13-1 wrestling record in four seasons. He competed in three NCAA College Division championships against opponents from Division II and III schools. He was a three-time state champion and was inducted into the New York State Wrestlers Hall of Fame. A business administration major, he was a two-time RIT Invitational champion, served as captain three years and was assistant coach for one year. He is self-employed as a home-builder in Murrell's Inlet, S.C.

J. Roger Dykes

Alumni Highlights

Getting into pictures

Amotz Zakai '00 (film and video) has been promoted to director of development at Echo



Amotz Zakai

Lake Productions in Venice, Ca. "I work with agents to bring projects into the company that we can either finance and/or develop," says Zakai. "I am also working on a project called World Visions where we are looking to finance the first English language film of foreign directors."

The company recently funded *Levity* starring Billy Bob Thornton, Holly Hunter and Morgan Freeman, directed by Ed Solomon. The film was chosen as the opening-night presentation at the 2003 Sundance Film Festival. For more, see www.echolakeproductions.com.

Art goes to college

Laurie dill-Kocher '79 (M.F.A.) was chosen from among 94 artists to produce a large wall hanging for the Pattee Library at Penn State University. The work, titled "The Dawn of Magic," consists of 24 panels measuring a total of 350 square feet.

A full-time studio artist in Rochester, dill-Kocher has taught at RIT's School for American Crafts, the University of Akron, Nazareth College and Roberts Wesleyan College.

To find out more about dill-Kocher's work, go to <http://home.eznet.net/~ldkocher/>

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Military life rewarding for James Jefferson '90

Air Force Major James Jefferson '90 (criminal justice) spent much of last year fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan and Oman. A few days before Thanksgiving, he took off for another deployment to Kyrgyzstan, a central Asian nation that achieved independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

As an intelligence officer for 11 years, Jefferson's assignments also have taken him to Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Bahrain, Qatar, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Panama and Venezuela.



James Jefferson '90 poses with youngsters in Bagram, Afghanistan, where he was stationed.

As a captain, he did intelligence work for the counterdrug war in South America, working out of the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Columbia. In Operation Enduring Freedom, he served as force protection intelligence division chief, a job that involves analyzing information from all sources and giving recommendations pertaining to personnel and facilities security. He's good at what he does: In 1999, Jefferson was honored as Intelligence Officer of the Year and last year he was named 9th Air Force Intelligence Manager of the year. But the work often takes him to some of the least pleasant places on earth.

"Afghanistan is not a safe place," he says. "The whole country is full of land mines and everybody carries weapons. Every member of my unit (824TH SFG - Security Forces Squadron) carries a weapon."

The life Jefferson has chosen is not always easy or comfortable, but "When bad guys are attacking your country, it's an especially rewarding time to be in the military and be able to do something about it."

It's also the life he's always known. "I'm a military brat. My dad was in the Air Force for 26 years." Even before he came to RIT, Jefferson was thinking about a military career. At one point, he says, he almost left the university. He stayed for three reasons: baseball, Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, and ROTC. ROTC provided a two-year scholarship, and Jefferson completed his bachelor's degree and stayed for one year of graduate school before going into the Air Force. It was 1992 and Operation Desert Storm was over, but he did a three-month stint in the Middle East supporting the no-fly zone created after the defeat of Iraq.

"This deployment made it clear to me that military life was one worth pursuing," he says. "I truly enjoyed every aspect of the job and the world travel that came with it."

A look at Jefferson's accomplishments since then gives special meaning to the term "active duty." As an Army Airborne School graduate he's required to jump out of aircraft at least four times a year. This is something he really enjoys and he's completed 16 jumps. He's an Army Air Assault School grad, a Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School grad, and an Air Force Squadron Officer School grad. He was the first Air Force officer to attend the U.S. Army Military Intelligence Officer course at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. He's halfway to completing a master's degree in Unconventional Warfare from American Military University.

"In 11 years of service, I have spent four-and-a-half years on TDY (temporary duty) away from home base," he says. That could explain why he hasn't found time for marriage.

Besides the lengthy periods overseas, his home base changes every couple of years. Right now, it's Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga., but he's been stationed in Texas (twice), Washington, D.C., California and Florida. "Home" is New York state, where his mother, two brothers and sister live, and where he likes to spend time "with my two favorite nieces, Emily and Lydia."

Jefferson's job gives him access to a great amount of information about the places he works, but in the Middle East, he has had little direct contact with the people.

"U.S. military in the Middle East try to maintain a low profile, for political and cultural reasons," he says. He knows not everyone in that region is happy about the U.S. military presence, yet he says individuals have been helpful and supportive, curious about Americans and America.

"Most are nice, regular folks, just trying to get by like everybody else," he says. "Especially the kids. The children all love American soldiers."

Calendar

Saturday, May 3

17th Annual Robotic Technology and Engineering Challenge, RIT campus. Sponsor: Robotics International/Society of Manufacturing Engineers. <http://www.sme.org/robotcontest>, e-mail: cartkat@sme.org.

Thursday, May 8

E3 Engineering and Technology Fair, Frank Ritter Ice Arena, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. Sponsor: Rochester Engineering Society, www.e3fair.org.

Friday, May 23 – Saturday, May 24

Convocation and Commencement, RIT campus. www2.rit.edu/commencement/

Monday, June 23 – Friday, June 27

International symposium, Instructional Technology and Education of the Deaf, NTID. www.rit.edu/~techsym; 585-475-6894 (voice or TTY).

Thursday, Oct. 9 – Sunday, Oct. 12

Brick City Festival and Reunion Weekend, RIT Campus. www.rit.edu/reunion.

In Memoriam

1950

Shirley Steege (COB)
July 10, 2002.

1951

Leslie Prinse (GAP)
Jan. 19, 2002.

1955

Francis Condlin (COB)
July 22, 2002.

1956

Joseph Spillman (CCE)
July 15, 2002.

1957

Thomas Houts (GAP)
Aug. 18, 2002.

Thomas Kasprzyk (GAP)
Aug. 21, 2002.

Russell Schneider (CCE)
Oct. 25, 2002.

1961

William Frost (COB)
June 30, 2002.

1962

Paul Tuohy (GAP)
Aug. 11, 2001.

1964

Dwight Agner (GAP)
Aug. 2002.

1969

Gloria Bouton Franklin (COB)
Jan. 19, 2002.

1972

James Mye rs (CCE)
June 26, 2002.

1980

Philip McClure (CCE)
July 12, 2002.

1983

Deborah Conroy (CAST)
Sept. 28, 2002.

1986

Richard M. Coleman (COB)
Nov. 14, 2002.

1989

Lauren Sachs (GAP)
Oct. 10, 2002.

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Great times for good sports

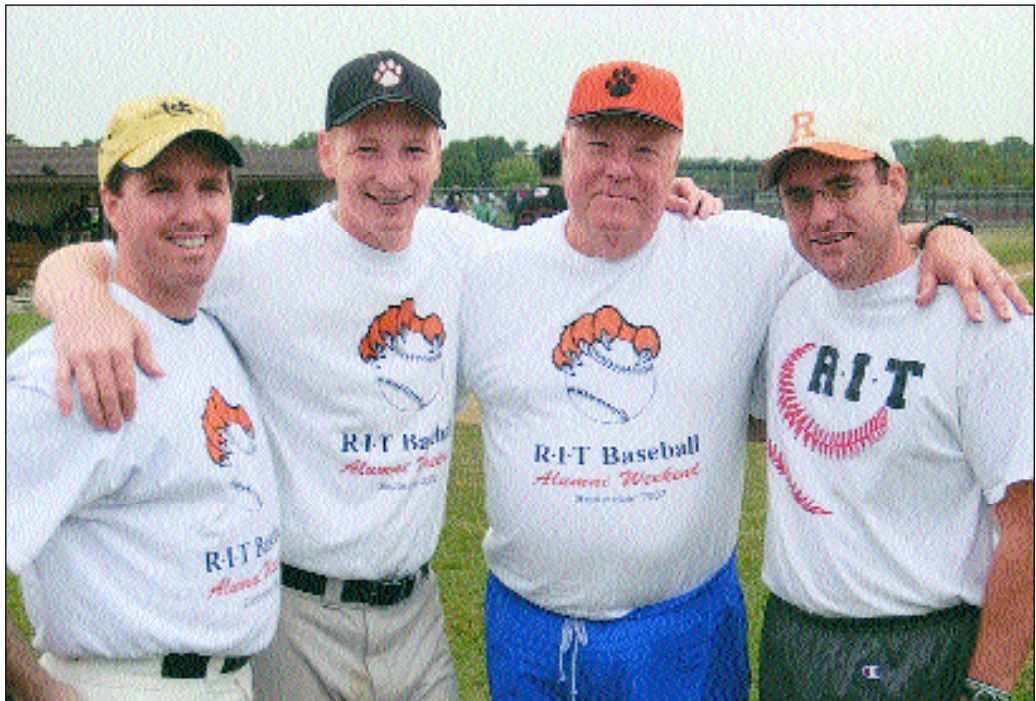
Rob Grow '88 (marketing), RIT's baseball coach since 1990, has joined the Office of Alumni Relations as director of reunions and affinity groups. He's working on a project that is especially dear to his heart: helping organize gatherings for RIT's former athletes, as well as Greeks and other groups.

"The Alumni Relations Office started designating class year reunions in 2001," says Grow. "That provides extra incentive for members of particular classes to come back for Brick City/Reunion Weekend in October. Now we're adding even more reasons to get alumni together."

Baseball, men's lacrosse and men's soccer have organized reunions on their own in the past. Baseball has been doing this for 12 years, says Grow.

"We have guys who have made all 12 and others that are coming for the first time," he says. "It's great for alumni who played together to see each other again, but it's also wonderful to see those who have never met become instant friends because they have that common bond."

Bill Garno '88 (printing management), director of



The annual baseball reunion is among RIT's most well-established sports reunions. Among those who gathered last fall are, from left, Rick Vattimo '89, Rob Grow '88, Ralph Van Peursesem '58, and Lou Dickinson '89.

RIT's Printing Applications Laboratory, has been the men's soccer coach for seven seasons. Like Grow, he knows that reunions help continue a special bond with friends and with RIT. Last year, about 50 former players returned. As a coach and former player ('83 to '86), Garno appreciates

what that connection can mean.

"The soccer program is able to do a lot of things because of support from alums," says Garno.

Athletic reunions provide alumni the opportunity to meet current student athletes and discover what's different – and what remains the same. And everyone gets to throw on an RIT jersey and take the field for one more game.

"These reunions are just so much fun," says Grow. "But they also provide the chance to come back to campus on a regular basis during one of the most dynamic periods of RIT's history. Our alumni have come back to see a new student life center, new academic buildings, Java Wally's, Crossroads, the new RITZ-ESPN Zone, and all the other changes on campus. In 2004 the new Gordon Field House is going up and will

allow for even more possibilities for activities and entertainment during Reunion Weekend.

"RIT is not just for four or five years of your life," he adds. "This is a lifelong relationship."

The following athletic reunions are being planned. If you would like to help organize one or have questions, please contact Rob Grow at 585-475-2601, rcg1221@rit.edu, or visit the Web site at www.rit.edu/reunion.

- Sept. 13-14: baseball.
- Oct. 3-4: men's soccer.
- Oct. 9-12: Reunion/ Brick City Festival Weekend, men's and women's crew, men's and women's lacrosse, softball, men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, women's volleyball and men's hockey.
- Date to be announced: women's hockey.



You never know who will come to reunion. At last October's women's lacrosse reunion, Magic Johnson was a surprise guest. With the basketball legend are, from left, senior Amber Mescher, senior Sara Maneri, Coach Carly Peters and junior Kelly Martin.

from the Archives

1960s

Operation Hi-Ball

Professor emeritus Richard Zakia (photography) provided these photos of an event that occurred around 1960, in the early days of space flight. "A group of enterprising photo students planned their own launch into near space using a large helium-filled balloon with a suspended, remote-controlled camera."

Zakia recalls that the event drew a great deal of attention. Winnie Vaughn was named "Miss Hi-Ball," pictured here with George Pittman '64, co-captain of Operation Hi-Ball.

"The balloon got off the ground and up in the air successfully as the crowds cheered," says Zakia, "but soon it made an unscheduled landing atop of the church at the corner of Spring Street and Plymouth Avenue."

This problem was compounded because the balloon carried an explosive detonator intended to collapse the balloon in case of emergency. Eventually, with police diverting rush-hour traffic, firemen were able to extricate the balloon.

If you have additional information about this event, we'd love to share it with readers. Write to Kathy Lindsley, University News Services, Rochester Institute of Technology, 132 Lomb Memorial Drive – Bldg. 86, Rochester, NY 14623. E-mail can be sent to umagwww@rit.edu.

