Exhibit hopes to connect children with parents

RIT’s Gallery r and Children Awaiting Parents are participating in the national Heart Gallery movement—an exhibition showcasing artistic images of children currently in foster care and available for adoption in Monroe County and surrounding areas. The Rochester premiere of the “RIT Children Awaiting Parents Photographic Exhibitions” opens with a public reception from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 9, at Gallery r, 773 Park Ave. The show runs through Jan. 7.- Zerbe Sodervick, Gallery r coordinator and director of extended studies at RIT, says, “Art galleries around the country are holding openings to exhibit photographs of children in need of adoption. We’re especially delighted that RIT photomurialism students and alumni are participating in this important exhibition, which makes its Rochester debut at Gallery r.” RIT alumni and photomurialism students, under the direction of Lorel Steinberg, associate professor, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, have volunteered their time and skill to capture the spirit and personality of 45 children.

“These artistic portraits reflect the personality and the ‘heart’ of a child,” Steinberg explains. “Part of a photojournalist experience is to spend time with a child to show how important this project is. This project is much more than just photography.”

Ellen Scalzo, executive director of CAP, believes people will be moved by what they see. “The purpose of the exhibition is to increase awareness about adoption and to educate the public about the thousands of children who wait for families to call their own. We are very optimistic about the results.”

For more information, call Gallery r at 423-9470 or visit www.galleryr.org.

Donation to aid in tool lab research

Davenport Machine has donated equipment worth more than $200,000 for use in research and development in the Earl W. Brinkman Machine Tool Lab at RIT. The gift and a new collaboration between Davenport and RIT’s Kate Gleason College of Engineering were announced Nov. 17 at the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies.

Davenport Machine, a division of the Brinkman International Group, is an international leader in small parts manufacturing, offering serv-

ices and products worldwide. The Brinkman Lab, in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, focuses on state-of-the-art education and training in machine tools and works to develop new tech-

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Student spotlight

Christopher Adams knows where and for whom he’d like to work—at the State Department in Washington for Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. “It’s a dream of mine to work for the federal government and eventu-

ally I’d love to be a politician,” Adams says. “Since I’m majoring in market-

ing with international relations as a minor, I would like to market my

country by helping to craft foreign policy.”

Lefty dreams often become reality when you work hard enough to make it hap-

pen. And Adams, a third-year student in the College of Business, has been doing just that. He is an honors stu-
dent, a new member of Triangle Fraternity, and president of the Lowenthal Group, a service and lead-

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capstone course about middle- and upper-management level marketing problems and processes.”

“Chris and I will remain in touch for the rest of our lives,” says Burris, who served as Lowenthal advisor for four years. “But recently I took a new job at RIT as director of family giving in the Development Office, but wanted to ensure that Chris and the Lowenthal Group had a smooth transition,” Burris relates. “I invited Chris over to my house to chat but found he was allergic to cats, so we met at a restau-

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table for 10 because Chris had organized a dinner with current and former Lowenthal officers. It was one of the very few surprises in my life. And I found out that Chris is not allergic to cats but figured that would get me out of the house. Pretty smooth!”

Adams has kept a journal since he was in 10th grade to help him pre-

serve memories and gain perspective on his life. “Right now, I’m on volume two, and if I become famous, I can

look back on the steps it took to get me there,” he says with a grin. “One of the things I’ll remember about RIT is when Troy McLain, the farm boy from The Apprentice, came to talk on campus,” Adams recalls. “I rode with him from the airport and Troy gave me a quick rundown about having high emotional intelligence to be a winner. But Trump fired him and that’s when I thought to myself, ‘I can do better.’”

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College of Business student hopes to hit the ‘big time’
The Center for Campus Life is reviving an old RIT tradition of holiday entertainment and food with a Holiday Music from Around the World concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, in Ingle Auditorium in the Student Alumni Union. The RIT Concert Band, RIT Jazz Ensemble, RIT Singers, RIT Orchestra Brass, RIT World Music Ensemble, Eight Beat Measure, Surround Sound, Encore and Brick City Singers will perform. A reception follows in the Alfred L. Davis Room (SAC: cafeteria). Admission is $2 and will be donated to the Alfred L. Davis Endowed Music Fund.

The annual Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols will take place from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, in the Alumni Center at the Interfaith Center. The RIT Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Professor Edward Schell, presents a service in conjunction with the Center for Religious Life. Based on the Christmas Eve service of King’s College, Cambridge, it features the Allen Chapel of the Interfaith College, Cambridge, it features Christmas music for choruses, soloists and organ.

Interspersed among the musical selections are Christmas readings telling the Nativity story. For more information, call 475-2135.

The RIT Community Service Center is coordinating the annual Hillside Children’s Center Special Santas project. Donations of new, unwrapped gifts are being accepted at the Community Service Center office on the second floor of the RIT 3East until Dec. 21. The most-needed gifts are board games, arts and crafts kits, backpacks with school supplies, sports equipment, radios and Walkmans, food certificates, gift certificates to any major store, warm blankets, young adult fiction and journals to write in, and sweatshirts. Gifts will be delivered to Hillside Children’s Center’s 935 youths between the ages of 11 and 18.

For more information, call 475-4166.

Hit me!

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By Ariel Silverstone, director of information technology and incident response management, and A. Sue Weisler, photographer

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News briefs

Dean’s lecture continue

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Nominations wanted

Nominations are due Dec. 22 for the 2006-2007 Distinguished Public Service Award. Nominations form can be found at www.rit.edu/its or call Michelle Cometo at 475-7155.

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The third annual Security Week technology seminars, sponsored by RIT’s Information and Technology Services, are set for Dec. 12-16. The series features talks about network and personal security for the online community and includes topics such as identity crime, online file-sharing issues, security over wireless technology and incident response management.

The keynote address will be given by Ariel Silverstone, director of strategic consulting with Symantec, a leader in the field of online security. He was the former chief information security officer for Temple University. His talk will be from 3 to 3:50 p.m., Monday, Dec. 12, in the Golisano College auditorium.

Silverstone will discuss challenges in securing personal and organizational data, the trends in security breaches and the solutions that organizations, especially higher education, have integrated to secure networks.

For a detailed schedule of seminars, log onto www.rit.edu/its or call Michelle Cometo at 475-7155.

Deaf Romanian student Romulus Opris with ELC director Rhona Genzel

“‘One of my professors at NTID saw that I was struggling and suggested I look into studying at the English Language Center,” Opris says. “I focused on English for a year and with the help of the professors and staff members at the ELC, I have learned a tremendous amount and feel much more comfortable and knowledgeable in the language.”

As a result of his studies at the ELC, Opris returned to NTID, passed his writing classes and completed his associate degree. He began classes in the College of Business in winter quarter to work toward his bachelor’s degree.

“In my work, not only did I provide help when I really needed it, but I also opened me up to so many different people and cultures,” Opris adds. “I truly value the experience I had and am grateful to everyone at the center for all they provided, both socially, culturally and personally.”

The center also assists English-speaking deaf students in improving their reading, grammar and writing skills. “Having deaf students in our program has been rewarding for every one. The deaf students improve their language skills and make friends with students from all over the world,” Genzel says. “In addition, the hearing international students are able to interact with deaf students, some for the first time. We see Turkish, Spanish, Korean, Saudi Arabian and Japanese students learning sign language from our deaf classmates. It’s a great experience for everyone, and isn’t that a first step to being competent in a global society?”

The RIT Brick City Singers provided holiday entertainment at a tree decorating party on Dec. 1 in Fireside Lounge, Student Alumni Union. Students, faculty and staff get creative making dozens of ornaments and nibble on cookies, hot chocolate and cider at the event sponsored by the Center for Campus Life.

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Troell says RIT is the first university in the country to have a networking and security department. "It's generated a lot of excitement among our students and faculty because here they realize they are part of something that's a first," adds Troell. "Our students are also excited because they now have a department they can call their own. The additional exposure of being a department will also help foster the faculty's relationships with industry to generate new co-op and employment opportunities for our students.”

Graduate students are also part of the process, with a master's degree in networking and systems administration currently in the works.

The degree would be offered online with students also having an option to take some classes on campus. Initially, up to 90 graduate students would be accepted into the master’s program. Troell expects the program for the new MS degree will go for the state for approval in the spring.

The Golisano College continues to lead the way in offering students the most innovative computing programs available anywhere in the country," says Jorge Díaz-Herrera, dean of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Science. "And this new department gives us increased visibility in what we are trying to accomplish."* Kelly Counts | kcounts@rit.edu

Journalism in the Digital Age explored at RIT conference

The impact of our rapidly changing society on the prac-
tice and profession of journalism can be a lot to get your arms around. Experts like The Brinkman Laboratory and CEO of The Associated Press, and Ford Huffman, managing editor of USA Today, came to campus to help make sense of it all. The pair was among 19 panelists who took part in Journalism in the Digital Age, a one-day symposium held Dec. 5 in the Student Alumni Union and sponsored by RIT's Department of Communication.

"We are living in a much more critical age where news and rumor tend to blur, so the search for the truth becomes very difficult," stated Andrew Mooer, College of Liberal Arts dean, during his welcoming remarks. "It's a new age indeed and a very confusing one."

The conference sought to explore the impact of technology in four important areas of communication: mass media, photojournalism, niche journalism and blogging. Panelists pointed out that digital media has reenvisioned traditional journalism—and therefore, traditional reporting methods have changed dramatically.

The morning session, "Mainstream Media in the Digital Age," gave media practitioners and consumers a chance to discuss the state of today's news. Joining Carley and Huffman as panelists were Michael Koveleski, president and publisher of Rochester's Democrat and Chronicle, and Chuck Samuelson, news director at WHAM-TV Channel 13. According to Huffman, Web logs (or "blogs") provide opportunities for anyone to share information and even play the role of journalist, but he acknowledged the importance of every writer having an editor.

"Nobody is editing these blogs, and that worries me," he said. "One of the reasons is that the discipline is missing.

Each of the panelists expressed concern that the credibility of traditional journalists could be tarnished during the digital age as the public struggles to differentiate between the mainstream media—which maintains more rigorous standards of reporting—and blogs.

More than 100 registered guests took part in the day's activities. Paul Jones | pjones@rit.edu

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Throughout their presentations, RIT’s successful Ph.D. kept coming back to the "rules" of the successful grant writing. I share these for any-

one considering outside funding:

• Mesh your vision with the mission of the sponsor.
• Grab reviewers' attention early in your proposal.
• Write proposals in plain English.
• Involve students and increase participation of underrepresented groups.
• Write specific and measurable goals that will be implemented in activities described in the proposal.
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