Hi all - my initial opening message for our winter SAS newsletter was originally about positive perspectives relating to civility and respect, however, I want to take this opportunity to address Sunday night’s situation at The Corner Store and share what information we currently have.

For those of you who don’t know, a student is recovering from second-degree burns to her hands, neck, and back after she was caught in a boiling spray of water and steam when a hot water pipe burst near her. The student is in stable condition and we’ll share any new updates on her condition when we become aware of them. The pipe is currently being repaired. Dining and Housing staff are working with FMS, Public Safety, and Residence Life to communicate with residence hall students regarding this situation. The Corner Store will remain closed until repairs are completed; therefore, hours and services have been extended at Sol’s Underground to accommodate students. Until the Corner Store reopens, Sol’s will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. and their made-to-order station serving pizzas, wraps, etc. will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

I encourage you to connect with the Corner Store and Dining Services on Facebook for up-to-date information on hours and services. As you can see from some of the posts, many from student employees at the Corner Store and Sol’s, our students’ concern for one another and support of both the Corner Store and Sol’s locations shows how we take care of each other and warms my heart. I ask that you all keep our injured student in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers and I would also like to thank you all for supporting the Corner Store staff who have been amazingly strong during this difficult time.

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SAS Dedicated to Sustainability and Fiscal Responsibility

Staff throughout Student Auxiliary Services have been doing their part to reduce, reuse, and recycle. The notable examples below reflect SAS’ support of and dedication to RIT’s sustainability goals and F&A’s value of fiscal responsibility.

- Housing Facilities Operations staff poured a dumpster pad and reused leftover construction materials from a campus building project to build a dumpster surround.
  Cost of initiative: $1,200
  Savings: $22,000

- Metal recycling efforts by Housing Facilities Operations staff funded the replacement of the garage door to their grounds shop. The old door was also recycled with the funds going towards the purchase of the new door.
  Cost of initiative: $0
  Savings: $1,700

- NYSERDA rebate applications for lighting upgrades should result in a several thousand dollar rebate check to Housing Operations.

- Almost all account transactions in Student Auxiliary Services can be done online. This has allowed SAS departments to virtually eliminate the use of paper forms.

- Amanda Frey, systems administration staff assistant for Dining Services, has begun sending a weekly eco tips email to all dining staff. SAS is looking to expand the distribution of the email to all Student Auxiliary Services staff.

- A discarded large shipping container was stood up on end, outfitted with old door hinges and locks, and repurposed as tool cabinet by Housing Facilities Operations staff. The old metal tool cabinet was recycled for scrap with the money going to additional sustainability efforts.

- Housing Facilities Operations staff repurposed discarded bread trays into organizational shelves for hoses. This simple, innovative idea saves staff time that was spent on untangling numerous hoses, space as the shelves can be stacked, and cost as the trays are plastic and won’t rust.

For more information on campus-wide sustainable initiatives including housing, dining, recycling, buildings, energy, and more—visit the RIT Green website at rit.edu/fa/ritgreen.
New Specialty Room and Gender Neutral Housing in the Res Halls

On December 5 and 6, 2011, Housing Operations assignment staff spoke to several hundred students as they were heading into Gracie’s and The Commons asking for their creative ideas for a new specialty room in the residence halls. The room, scheduled to open in 2012, will provide a fun and entertaining community space that all students living in the residence halls will be able to access. The three most popular ideas are a movie theater, music room, and media room. A second round of voting will be set up electronically allowing all residence halls students an opportunity to vote for their favorite room idea.

In addition to providing new social living amenities for students, Housing Operations will also be offering gender neutral housing in the residence halls for incoming freshmen beginning fall 2012. A small section of space has been reserved in Mark Ellingson Hall (MEH) and rooms will accommodate mixed-gender roommate pairs.

The new specialty room and gender neutral housing is part of Housing’s dedicated efforts to provide innovative community and living spaces that are desired by students.

Happy Retirement Pat Jamison

After 32 years of dedicated service to Housing Operations, Pat Jamison, asst. assignments coordinator, retired on December 23. Pat processed thousands of roommate adds a year and kept all the assignment staff organized and on point. Pat’s dedication to quality student service and her contributions as a member of the assignment team will be missed, but not nearly as much as her friendship. Everyone who had the opportunity to work with Pat knew they could always count on her to bring up some lively conversation and make your day a little brighter. Pat J - we miss you already!

New Online Roommate and Room Selection Features Available to Incoming Freshmen

For the first time ever, incoming freshmen have the ability to search and select their own roommate(s) via the myHousing portal. Students have three convenient options to search for a roommate giving them control of an important part of college life. A list of potential roommates is generated based upon student profiles and students are able to view a calculated percentage of how well they match another student’s profile. Students will also be able to select their own room in the residence halls by looking at electronic floor plans and written descriptions. These are just two of the most recent online student services Housing has implemented to streamline processes for both students and staff.

Join RIT Housing on Facebook for updates on events, procedures, and news.

Housing Selection 2012 has begun!

Housing Selection is the online process that current students participate in to obtain RIT housing for the following academic year.

SIGN-UP DATES:
Phase I Renewals
January 30 - February 5

Phase II Non-Renewals
February 13 - 19

Learn more about Housing Selection at finweb.rit.edu/housing/housingselection.html.
DINING TIDBITS:

- View menus to your favorite dining locations online – visit Dining’s Locations page!

- Book your next event, meeting, or party with RIT Dining Services!

  Brick City Catering—online at rit.catertrax.com

  RITZ Sports Zone—online at rsz.catertrax.com

  Café & Market at Crossroads—call 475-5912

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GV Market’s Scavenger Hunt Increases Fans, Sales

The Market at Global Village—your on-campus spot for international, sustainable, all-natural, and fair trade foods, gifts, and household supplies—is completing their second annual scavenger hunt. Weekly hunt questions and winners are posted on the GV Market’s Facebook page and campus members can join the hunt anytime throughout the remainder of winter quarter.

The annual hunt exposes current and new customers to the Market’s array of unique products and adds a little fun to the winter months. Since the beginning of the hunt on December 1, the Market has increased their Facebook fans by 63 bringing their fan following to 1,034. The hunt has also increased sales by 30% compared to January of last year.

Join the RITZ Sports Zone on Facebook at facebook.com/ritz.sportszone for the latest tailgate news!

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Show Your Tiger Pride at RITZ Tailgates

Only four more in-season men’s hockey home games are left and what better way to show your Tiger pride than during RITZ tailgate parties! RITZ tailgate parties begin at 5 p.m. in the RITZ Sports Zone and continue during the game. Fans can watch the action live on big-screen HDTVs and enjoy a full bar menu, play games, and win prizes. Join the RITZ Sports Zone for following tailgate parties!

- February 11—RIT vs. Canisius
- February 17—RIT vs. Robert Morris
- February 25—RIT vs. Niagara

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Dining Gift Cards Now Available for Purchase at 4 Locations

Giving the gift of food has just gotten easier! Dining Services gift cards are now available for purchase at four locations including:

- Artesano Bakery & Café
  (Monroe Hall)
- The Corner Store
  (Nathaniel Rochester Hall, A-level)
- Beanz
  (Grace Watson Hall)
- The Market at Global Village
  (Global Village)

Treat your friend, student, professor, or co-worker to their favorite Dining Services location - perfect for birthdays, holidays, and to say “thank you” or “congratulations”! Visit fin-web.rit.edu/diningservices/giftcards/ for more info!

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**Smart Nutrition**

**Introduced to Campus**

In January, RIT Dining Services introduced Smart Nutrition, a comprehensive nutrition program to help students, faculty, and staff eat well on campus. The program provides information and resources on nutrition, dietary restrictions and preferences, and healthy food options.

To promote the new program, Mary Anne McQuay, registered dietitian, and Nicole Gilbert, marketing manager, manned a table in the SAU to answer questions, provide information on the new custom nutritional labels, Smart Seals, and healthy eating on campus, as well as hand out fun giveaways.

Learn more about Smart Nutrition at [smartnutrition.rit.edu](http://smartnutrition.rit.edu) and access nutritional information and ingredients for foods and meals served in many dining locations right from your desktop and smartphone using [NetNutrition](http://netnutrition).

**Do you know your Smart Seals?**

- Foods per serving that are: ≤ 600 calories ≤ 20g total fat ≤ 8g satur. fat ≤ 800mg sodium
- Foods that do not contain milk or milk-based products.
- Foods that do not contain any of the wheat protein gluten.
- Foods that have 140mg or less sodium per serving.
- Foods that do not contain any meat/meat-based & animal-derived products.
- Foods that do not contain any animal products or by-products.

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**Dining Holds First Town Hall Meeting**

On January 5, 2012, RIT Dining Services held their first town hall meeting. The gathering, conducted by Patty Spinelli, executive director, brought Dining’s 136 staff together to collaborate and tap into the wealth of knowledge and expertise of the department’s diverse staff.

Staff broke out into teams to discuss what the department should STOP doing (red), CONTINUE doing (yellow), and START doing (green) in relation to cost containment, sustainability, personal development, revenue growth, technology, and productivity. The use of the traffic light metaphor was helpful as staff created and shared innovative new ideas and practices.

The town hall meetings foster an environment for collaboration and brainstorming and staff have been challenged to take personal responsibility for initiating change for continuous improvement.

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**Safety First**

**Did you know…..**

OSHA and RIT require all dining staff to have initial and annual refresher training for all of the following areas:

- Lock Out Tag Out
- Hazardous Communication
- Spill Prevention
- Fire Suppression
- Blood Borne Pathogens
- Knife and General Safety

Training sessions for all are offered every June and January. Look out for emails with upcoming session dates!
February Clearance at the Digital Den

February is clearance month at Digital Den! Shop for bargains on almost everything. Floor models, open box, and discontinued items are priced to sell. Stop by and take advantage of our great deals!

The Digital Den is located in Monroe Hall (MON) and is open:

Mon.—Thurs., 9:00 a.m.—6:30 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Shop the Digital Den Online

The Digital Den’s e-commerce website allows RIT students, faculty, and staff to purchase the latest computer and photography equipment and accessories with ease and convenience. Educational pricing is available on all products. Shop the Digital Den online today!
New Online Ticketing Website Up and Running

The Gordon Field House’s new ticketing website is now available for general public sales only. The remainder of the system implementation will be completed in the upcoming months and at that time RIT students, faculty, staff, and alumni will be able to purchase discounted tickets online! Check out the site today at RITtickets.com!

Join the Gordon Field House on Facebook for up-to-date info on concerts, events, and activities.

Upcoming Events at the Gordon Field House

On Sale Now at the Box Office:
Abominable SnowLAN
February 18
10:00 a.m.

Banff Mountain Film Fest
Feb. 18 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 19 7:00 p.m.
Feb. 20 7:00 p.m.

RIT Men’s and Women’s Hockey Tickets On-Sale!

Upcoming Events:
Section 5 Wrestling Championships
February 10 and 11

YMCA Regional Swimming Championships
February 12

Visit rit.edu/fa/fieldhouse for a full calendar of upcoming events & details!

Visit rit.edu/fa/hockeytickets for more information!
Welcome to SAS: Staff Appreciating Staff, a reoccurring section where you can give your co-worker a Thank You, Well Done, Celebrate, Great Idea, or Congrats!

Adam Balcerzak, Autumn Geer, Jason Knight, and Richard Cisco on receiving the bronze award at Skidmore College’s culinary conference themed “Healthy Foods, Sustainable Choices.” The two-day conference held in January in Saratoga Springs included a cooking competition where teams from 10 colleges were judged on taste, serving size, use of product, sanitation, etc. by the American Culinary Federation. Congrats to our award-winning chefs!

Happy Birthday Amanda Frey, Dining Services, on January 21!

Barret Furton, Student Auxiliary Services, for taking time out of your busy schedule to help resolve an Exchange issue with my computer. I had sync issues with the Exchange server which ITS was unable to resolve. In 10 minutes Barret fixed the issue and got me back to working full speed. I sincerely appreciate his team approach, diligence, and dedication to SAS staff!

Dave Panish and Amanda Frey, Dining Services, for providing weekly tips for staff enrichment!

Happy Birthday to Donna Welch, Shared Services, on February 1, and Bob LaFleur, Shared Services, on February 19!

Donna Welch and Sharyl Rock, Shared Services, for working closely with the “Procure-to-Pay” team to automate the payment of daily invoices for four key vendors. This directly increases productivity and demonstrates excellent teamwork!
Housing Facilities Operations staff on successfully transitioning and using the StarRez Mobile Maintenance application. This has allowed instant access to work orders and reduced our response times to student requests. Excellent job everyone!

Happy Birthday to our big boss man, Howard Ward, on February 6! From all of the staff in SAS, we wish you a wonderful birthday filled with family, friends, fun, and laughter!

Joanne Lindsey and Brenda Harding, Housing Operations, for partnering with the Center for Residence Life to greatly enhance the room change process for students and staff!

To the over 35 SAS staff that received Length of Service Awards! The awards recognize the dedicated and continued service of staff and celebrate milestone anniversaries every five year of service.

Thomas Savidge and all of The Commons crew for volunteering to spend Thanksgiving Day serving dinner to RIT community members who were unable to travel home over the break. Your selfless gesture provided a special "family" meal and for that we are thankful for staff like you!
CATCH! An abbreviated list of staff-related workshops, courses, and events.

Visit https://events.rit.edu/ or http://finweb.rit.edu/cpd/scheduleofcourses.html for a full list of events and CPD courses offered fall quarter.

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