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RIT welcomed the  
first students to  
its new campus



A great day  
Imagine RIT  
fest was wildly  
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RIT shines in  
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astrophysics



"Dreams are  
limited only by  
imagination."

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## It was a very good year

A year ago, I asked the RIT family to imagine how much fun we could have working together to make RIT the university that captures the new high ground in higher education. After one year on the job, I am happy to report we are on our way.

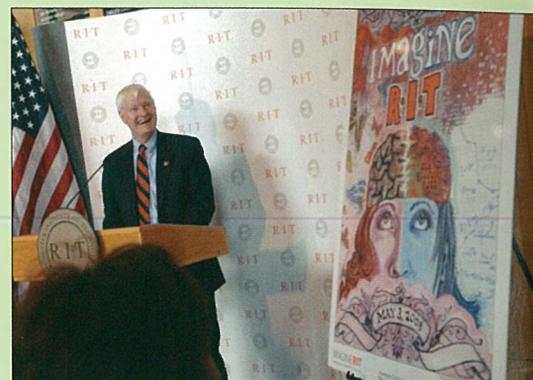
Consider RIT's amazing accomplishments in the past year:

- We announced the creation of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability, which was made possible through a \$10 million commitment from Rochester entrepreneur B. Thomas Golisano (story, page 18). The institute offers a platform for universities, corporations and governments around the globe to collaborate in the creation of innovative education and technology related to sustainable design, life-cycle engineering, remanufacturing and pollution prevention. In less than one year, we've raised nearly \$30 million for the institute, including \$12 million from the state of New York and a leadership gift from Xerox Corp.

- We created a corporate research and development program, aimed at giving U.S. companies a competitive advantage. PAETEC, the Rochester-based telecommunications company, was the first of several companies to sign up. The PAETEC partnership includes \$1 million worth of research and development projects and will involve faculty and graduate students from numerous RIT colleges.

- The 'right brain' and 'left brain' collided at RIT in May. Nearly 20,000 people turned out for our inaugural Imagine RIT: Innovation + Creativity Festival (story, page 15). The festival was a success beyond my wildest expectations. I was so proud of the quality of creative and innovative work displayed by our faculty, staff and students. It was a historic day for RIT. And it's all happening again next year, on May 2, 2009.

- We signed an agreement with Dubai officials and the royal family to open a new campus in the booming Middle East city. RIT Dubai will be a part of Dubai Silicon Oasis, a 7.2-square-kilometer complex that will include a high-tech park, housing, retail, banks, conference centers



Bill Destler unveils the Imagine RIT festival poster created by Carly Schonberg '08 (illustration).

and more. We continue to increase the number of global opportunities for our students. Dubai is a cosmopolitan city and it is exciting that RIT will strengthen relationships with multi-national companies located in the United Arab Emirates.

- In July, our Board of Trustees met in the heart of Silicon Valley with nearly two-dozen high-tech firms. Our discussions centered on innovation and creativity, corporate research and development, and sustainability.

- Park Point, a major hub for retail businesses, student housing and entertainment, is now open. Retail giant Barnes & Noble, the new RIT bookstore, is the anchor tenant (story, page 25).

These are just some of the highlights. I also had the pleasure of meeting more than a thousand alumni in my visits to 29 cities, as well as all of our local, state and federal government officials. In the coming year, I look forward to more travels and more connections. We have plans to visit alumni in 22 cities as well as at events in Rochester. If I don't see you on my travels, consider this your invitation to visit campus during Brick City Homecoming, Oct. 10-12, 2008.

Cordially,

Bill Destler

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RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability is becoming an increasingly important resource for companies and government agencies. At the same time, green activities on campus are expanding. Stories, page 18. (Illustration by Tanya M. Olsen '94, Drawn to Earth, 2008)

Right: It's 1968, the year Brick City opened, and first-year students are getting oriented to their new home.



## Joining the ranks of RIT alumni

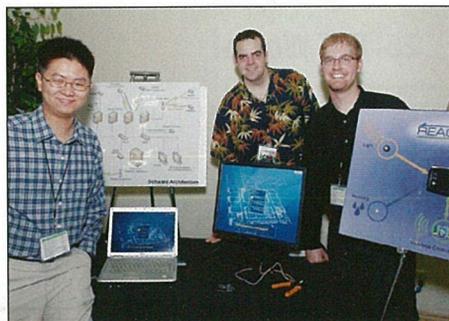


More than 3,500 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees during ceremonies May 23-24. In recognition of 41 years of service to RIT, Provost Stanley McKenzie delivered this year's keynote address at convocation. After 14 years as provost, McKenzie will return to teaching in the College of Liberal Arts.

## Student team takes top prize in Microsoft competition

An RIT student team won the Software Design Invitational at Microsoft's U.S. Imagine Cup finals April 22 in Los Angeles.

The team competed against 154 teams from throughout the United States, winning the chance to represent the nation in the world finals in July in Paris. (When the magazine went to press, that competition had not yet taken place.) Team members Ziyang "Joe" Zhou, a third-year computer science student from Guangzhou, China, Adam Risi, a second-year computer engineering major from Essex Junction, Vt., and Zachery Shivers, a second-year electrical engineering student from Kenosha, Wis., shared a \$12,000 cash prize.



RIT students, from left, Joe Zhou, Adam Risi and Zachery Shivers, won the Software Design Invitational at the Microsoft Imagine Cup Finals, April 22.

The students programmed and configured a network of sensors to take readings of environmental variables and set the system up to be accessible via cell phone.

Zhou was a finalist last year, as part a four-person team that included students from Western Washington University, Texas A&M University and McGill University.

The Microsoft Imagine Cup, founded in 2003, is one of the premier student design competitions in the world, featuring teams from a host of international colleges and universities that compete in nine categories related to science, engineering and computing.

Will Dube

## New deans take helms of CAST and COLA

As of Aug. 1, two of RIT's colleges have new leadership. Robert Ulin, former chair of the Department of Anthropology at Western Michigan University and an expert in the theory and the anthropology of work, is the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

H. Fred Walker, a veteran teacher, scholar and administrator from the University of Southern Maine, is dean of the College of Applied Science and Technology.

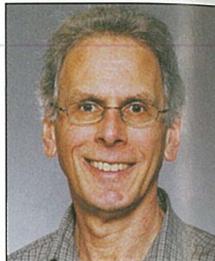
(In addition, Jeremy Haefner, RIT's new senior vice president for academic affairs and provost, took office on July 1. See story, page 7.)

Ulin joined Western Michigan in 1999 and focused on enhancing the national reputation of the department and increasing ties with other academic units. Prior to joining Western Michigan, Ulin served as chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Allegheny College.

He is the author of three books including *Understanding Cultures: Perspectives in Anthropology and Social Theory*. He has a particular interest in the development of the wine industry in various cultures and has lectured and written widely on the topic.

CAST's Dean Walker has served as chair of the technology department at the University of Southern Maine since 2002 and led department faculty in the development and implementation of a strategic plan in addition to the development of student recruitment and retention plans.

Walker began his academic career as an assistant professor at the University of Southern Maine in 1995. He served nine years in the U.S. Navy in a number of technological capacities, concluding his Naval career in 1992 as a program manager in information systems administration.

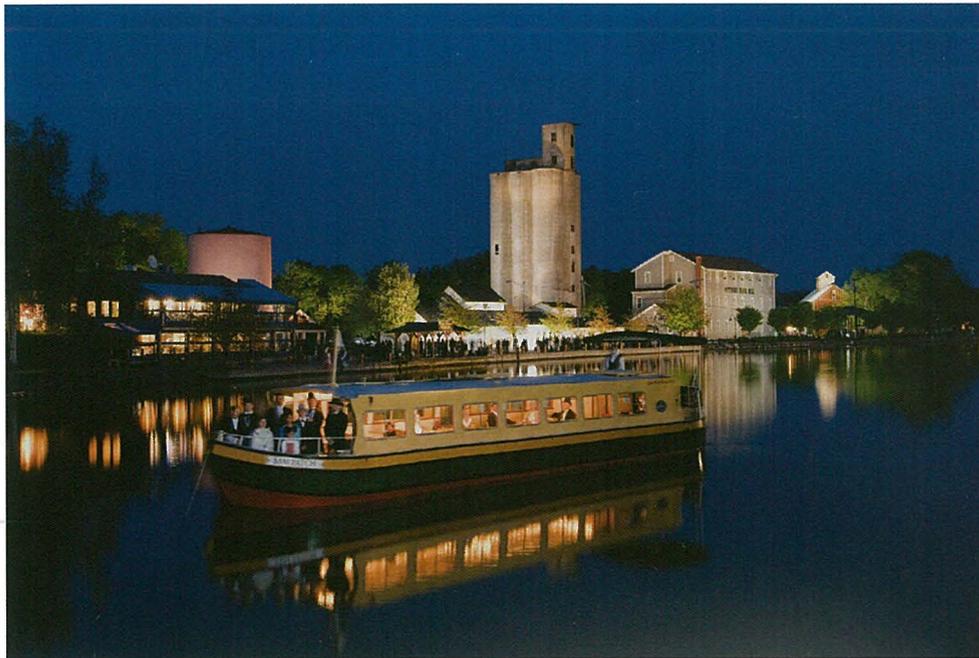


COLA Dean Ulin



CAST Dean Walker

John Follaco and Susan Gawlowicz '95



## Flashback to the historic Erie Canal

Schoen Place in the Rochester suburb of Pittsford went up in lights for RIT's 24th Big Shot photo project on May 8. More than 600 volunteers came out with flashlights and camera flash units to help faculty from RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences and National Technical Institute for the Deaf make a nighttime image, often described as a "painting with light" photograph. The Sam Patch, a replica of a 19th century packet boat, is positioned in the foreground with models dressed in period costume posed on the deck and inside the boat. The final image is a 30-second exposure at F16. For more information, see [www.rit.edu/bigshot](http://www.rit.edu/bigshot).

## After half-century at RIT, Eugene Fram retires

Saunders College of Business professor Eugene H. Fram, RIT's longest-serving faculty member, retired in May after 51 years with the university.

For his significant contributions, the J. Warren McClure Research Professor of Marketing received the Presidential Medallion during commencement ceremonies.



Eugene Fram

In addition to his teaching, Fram was frequently quoted regarding retail business by local and national news media

including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *Associated Press*, *Boston Globe*, *Washington Post* and *Sacramento Bee* and CNN.com.

On April 8, Fram was awarded professor emeritus distinction during his farewell luncheon. He has moved to Palo Alto, Calif., to be with his family.

Fram was the 63rd recipient of the Presidential Medallion, first issued in 1979.

"This is a highlight to a 51-year-run that I will sadly miss," he says. "But when I look back over my career, its challenges and its rewards, I can honestly say I've enjoyed going to work every day. Not many people can say that."

Marcia Morphy

## Student leaders make plans for coming year

Ed Wolf, a fourth-year computer engineering major, will serve a second term as Student Government president. The new vice president is second-year information technology major Matt Danna.

"There is still work to be done," says Wolf. "We have a lot of great initiatives in progress that we want to see through."

Wolf cites three major achievements from the past year:

### Earlier release of final exam schedules:

Student Government worked with RIT administration to have final exam schedules posted upon registration, instead of later in the quarter. Wolf says this enables students to make travel plans earlier, which often makes travel more affordable.

**Input into Student Alumni Union renovation plans:** Student Government pushed for more club space and conference rooms for student activities.

**Expanding Student Government:** Student Government added senator positions for the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the graduate student body.

Wolf and Danna want to push for more sustainable practices on campus and pledge



Ed Wolf, left, and Matt Danna will lead Student Government for 2008-09.

to set an example for doing so. Student Government will coordinate with the Student Environmental Action League to develop a set of sustainable best practices. They also hope to change the student debit policy in order to allow debit dollars to roll over between quarters in the same academic year.

Other initiatives include pushing for an earlier residence hall move-in date following breaks and creating more events that offer safe and responsible consumption of alcohol for those students who are of legal drinking age.

John Follaco

# WITR goes digital, thanks to two enterprising students

After Craig Ceremuga '08 (photographic technology) and Jarret Whetstone '08 (information technology) received their diplomas in May, they left knowing they had made a lasting contribution to the RIT campus.

Ceremuga and Whetstone were two of the leaders of WITR, RIT's student-run radio station. Both have been involved with the station throughout most of their tenure at RIT, logging countless hours in the station's studio on the lower level of the Student Alumni Union.

"I don't know what I'd be doing if I wasn't doing this," said Whetstone, WITR's engineering director, shortly before graduation. "Working at the station has been great and I found it very satisfying."

During the past year, Whetstone and Ceremuga spearheaded an effort to convert all of WITR's technology from analog to digital. It was the first time the station was renovated since 1993.

"We wanted to do something about it so that future students wouldn't have to deal with it," says Ceremuga, WITR's general

manager.

Ceremuga and Whetstone started thinking about pushing for the transformation to digital last year. They wrote a proposal and began soliciting quotes. The proposal went before a number of people and organizations, including Vice President for Student Affairs Mary-Beth Cooper and Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration Jim Watters.

Once their new equipment arrived, Ceremuga and Whetstone worked with incoming WITR engineering director Justin Morse, a second-year bioinformatics major, to install it. In addition to classes, each student logged close to 30 hours a week for two weeks to complete the installation.

"The renovation makes it a whole lot easier to run the station," Whetstone says. "We went from thousands of wires to about 20. Everyone after us can now get more enjoyment out of it."



Senior year brought a special challenge for Jarret Whetstone '08, left, and Craig Ceremuga '08.

Ceremuga agrees.

"The station is much nicer now, it's great. Now we have one of the most sophisticated stations in Rochester when it comes to technology. We feel that this is kind of something special that we're able to leave behind for RIT."

John Follaco

# Smoking research focuses on particle build up



RIT students constructed a smoking simulation device that models how cigarette smoke impacts individual organs in the body.

RIT researchers are seeking to enhance knowledge surrounding the impact of smoking on human health. Risa Robinson, associate professor of mechanical engineering, is utilizing computational modeling, medical imaging and mechanical simulation to illustrate how particles inhaled with cigarette smoke affect the body and how they travel from the lungs to other organs.

The effort includes the construction of a smoking machine, built and designed by RIT students, that is being used to simulate how particles build up over time. Researchers are particularly interested in the impact smoking has on teenagers. The research is funded through a grant from the American Cancer Society and is being conducted in cooperation with RIT's Departments of Medical and Biological Sciences and Medical Illustration.

"Previous research on the impact of particle deposits has focused on inundating laboratory samples with toxins and studying the response, the so-called 'avalanche' approach," notes Robinson. "The work at RIT uses a 'snowflake' method whereby particles are allowed to build up over time, as they would in the body."

Robinson believes her research can

provide better evidence of the real-time effects of smoking and more properly link how particle buildup impacts numerous systems in the body. She also hopes to shed light on how these particles can impact non-smokers through second-hand smoke, and use her data in additional types of particle analysis, including studying the impacts of allergens.

"Through the use of new computational and imaging technologies, we can learn more than ever before about how particle inhalation and buildup affect human health," Robinson says. "This information will increase our knowledge of the negative effects of smoking and air pollution, while also providing needed information to enhance treatment, including better application of inhaled medications."

Robinson's collaborators include Kathleen Lamkin Kennard, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, Richard Doolittle, professor and head of the Department of Allied Health Sciences, Todd Pagano, assistant professor of science and mathematics and Director of the Laboratory Science Technology program at NTID, and undergraduate and graduate student researchers.

Will Dube

## NTID leader Hurwitz awarded new title

T. Alan Hurwitz holds the new title of president of RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf. It is the first time a president has been named for NTID in the college's 40-year history.

Hurwitz, who has headed NTID since 2003 as vice president of RIT for NTID and CEO and dean of NTID, will retain the title of vice president and dean of RIT for NTID. He was appointed dean in 1998.

"This new title reflects Dr. Hurwitz's strong leadership of our nation's most significant education-



T. Alan Hurwitz

al resource for deaf and hard-of-hearing students interested in pursuing technical careers," says RIT President Bill Destler. "I am confident he will continue to be a strong leader for RIT and NTID."

As president,

Hurwitz will continue his comprehensive role with NTID's external relations, such as working with the U.S. Department of Education, members of Congress and their staffs, development and alumni relations, and maintaining an active connection with national and international organizations serving deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

In addition, Hurwitz will continue his internal NTID responsibilities including academic affairs, student affairs, access services, enrollment management, outreach, and facilities management.

"I am honored and humbled to receive such a prestigious title," said Hurwitz. "I am as proud of the wonderful work being done at RIT/NTID today as I was in 1970. I will continue to be an enthusiastic ambassador for RIT and NTID and its students."

Hurwitz has been associated with NTID since 1970 in numerous roles. He holds two degrees in electrical engineering from Washington University at St. Louis and St. Louis University and received a doctorate in curriculum and teaching from the University of Rochester.

Hurwitz is former president of the National Association of the Deaf and former president of the World Organization of Jewish Deaf. He is also a frequent lecturer at educational institutions and conferences in the U.S. and worldwide.

Greg Livadas

## Remembering 'Mr. RIT'

Alfred L. Davis, whose relationship with RIT spanned eight decades, died May 28, 2008. He was 92.



Al Davis

"Al Davis, affectionately known as 'Mr. RIT' to many, will be sorely missed," said RIT President Bill Destler. "Mr. Davis had an unequalled impact on this university for 70 years. His contributions to RIT have been exceptional and will be felt for generations to come."

Born in Boulder, Colo., in 1916, Mr. Davis received an undergraduate degree from Salem College, then earned a master's degree from Syracuse University. He joined RIT in 1938 as an instructor in the general education department, where he taught until 1941. Mr. Davis then became chief inspector for the instrument division for Bausch & Lomb.

During his time in industry, he spent five years as president

of the Rochester Society for Quality Control and was a founding member of the American Society of Quality Control.

Mr. Davis returned to RIT in 1945 as associate director of the evening division, a position he held until 1951. He was then named director of public relations for the institute, a position he held until his promotion to vice president for development and public relations in 1960. He continued in that position until 1970, when he became administrative secretary to RIT's Board of Trustees. He was again named vice president in 1980.

Mr. Davis played a key role in helping raise the \$65 million needed to relocate RIT's campus from downtown to its current site. His support also made it possible for RIT to build a new childcare facility, Margaret's House, which was named after his late wife, Margaret Welcher Davis. In 2004, in honor of his many contributions, RIT's Student Alumni Union dining facility was renamed the Alfred L. Davis room.

Mr. Davis was also active in the affairs of the Rochester community, having served on the board of directors of Rochester General Hospital and as director of the Hillside Children's Center, the Rochester Chamber of Commerce and the Advertising Council of Rochester. He also enjoyed extensive involvement with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra and was a major supporter of the organization.

## Lucius 'Bob' Gordon, longtime RIT benefactor, dies

Lucius "Bob" Gordon, whose relationship with RIT spanned seven decades, died April 28, 2008, at age 95. Mr. Gordon and his late wife, Marie "Tony" Gordon, were the major benefactors of the Gordon Field House and Activities Center, completed in 2004.

Mr. Gordon became a member of the RIT Board of Trustees in 1975. Born in Brockport, N.Y., Mr. Gordon earned his bachelor's degree in industrial engineering at Yale University. In 1937, Mr. Gordon joined his brother, Fred, to lead the Mixing Equipment Co. (MIXCO). The businessmen turned to Mechanics Institute, RIT's forerunner, to provide machinists, lab technicians, chemists and co-op students. Fred Gordon, who pre-deceased his brother, was a longtime trustee of both Mechanics Institute and RIT.

Lucius Gordon, who retired as MIXCO chairman of the board, continued his affiliation with RIT into the

21st century. His numerous gifts include funding for the Student Life Center's Marie and Lucius R. Gordon administrative wing and the crew team's "Bob Gordon" shell. In 1999, RIT conferred an honorary doctorate of humane letters on Mr. Gordon in recognition of his professional success and contributions.

### In memoriam

**Janet Ortolani**, customer service and training specialist for Payroll/Accounts Payable/Customer Support, died March 5, 2008, after a 10-year battle with cancer. . .

**Carl Reynolds**, a lecturer in the computer science department in the Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, died March 20, 2008. . . **Irwin Metzger**, 75, who taught in RIT's programs in Croatia and Kosovo for the past nine years, died May 20, 2008, in Dubrovnik, Croatia. A native of Rochester, he was an accountant and founding partner of Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP.

## PAETEC is first partner in new Corporate R&D program

RIT and PAETEC, the Rochester-based telecommunications company, have entered into a research agreement that will enhance the transfer of technological innovations to industry and promote regional economic development. The partnership includes \$1 million worth of research and development projects over three years and will involve faculty and graduate students from numerous RIT colleges.

The collaboration is the first created under RIT's new Corporate R&D program, which seeks to enhance cooperation and technology transfer between academia and industry by allowing businesses to retain rights to intellectual property generated during the research projects. The program has been created from concepts presented in a series of speeches, white papers and op-eds by President Bill Destler explaining the need for new paradigms in university-industry collaboration.

For more information on Corporate R&D at RIT visit [www.rit.edu/research/corporate](http://www.rit.edu/research/corporate).

## NTID receives \$2.2 million for math study

A four-year, \$2.2 million grant to study the way deaf and hard-of-hearing students learn math has been awarded to the Center for Education Research Partnerships at NTID by the National Institute for Child Health and Development at the National Institutes of Health.

More than 1,000 students from age 5 to college age will be tested in the United States and Scotland to evaluate math skills, cognitive abilities and motivation. The project is a collaboration with the University of Aberdeen.

The study comes after research showed deaf students generally lag behind their hearing peers in math courses.

More information can be obtained at [www.rit.edu/ntid/cerp](http://www.rit.edu/ntid/cerp).

## IBM lab focuses on software development and design

IBM has launched its first software Innovation and Collaboration Lab on the RIT campus, allowing students to work on IBM technologies including products that harness Web 2.0 and social-networking features.

The lab draws on students from the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, Kate Gleason College of Engineering and the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

"The lab provides an excellent opportunity for faculty and students who have expertise in open source to work together on real-world software engineering issues," says Jorge Díaz-Herrera, dean of the Golisano College. "As opposed to students who are doing co-ops away from the university, this brings industry and real work scenarios to the campus."

## Master's program in clinical research management begins this fall

RIT's new graduate program focused on clinical research management, offered through the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies in the College of Applied Science and Technology, is aimed at preparing professionals involved in all aspects of the process of pharmaceutical development.

Students can enroll in part- or full-time study. The new graduate degree will be added to existing bachelor of science programs in biomedical sciences and biotechnology, following the popular "4 + 1" format that allows students to earn both their bachelor's and master's degrees in five years.

## Big bash was a big deal

In April of 1988, I was a freshman who thought it was my duty as a newbie to get out there and help out with the Second Annual Big Bash – even if it was still dark and cold outside (*From the Archives*, Spring 2008). My roommate probably thought I was nuts (although I don't think we were speaking at that point!) and I was unable to recruit anyone else from our tight-knit Gleason 7 family to join me. I made my way across the Quarter Mile and diligently tied knot after knot into each of the big, colorful balloons that were passed my way. My fingers were in spasms the rest of the day! Assembly was still going strong as I made my way to my 8 a.m. class (freshmen bio, if memory serves).

What a nice surprise to see the finished product when I got out of my morning classes! I remember thinking what a big deal it was to have participated in the event. I have no recollection of the other events of the day, but perhaps the latex/helium-induced coma had set in by then! I always wondered why we didn't have a Third Big Bash . . . Thanks for the memories!

**Elisa Skop '91 (biotechnology)**  
Hawthorne, N.Y.

## The real man in the plaid shirt

The Spring 2008 RIT magazine is trying to identify who the two students are with Professor Hollis Todd (Letters, page 9). Richard Byer '69 claims the plaid shirt student is he, but it is not! The two students are me and my roommate (center) Mike Foster '68 (photography). The photo was taken in either December '64 or January '65. Professor Todd had called both of us into a meeting to find out if we were actually keeping up with his workbook because we were not doing particularly well on his tests . . . go figure! We did pass his course!

**Tom Holberton '68 (photography)**  
Hot Springs Village, Arkansas

I imagine you've heard from former classmates that the two students with Dr. Hollis Todd are Tom Holberton (plaid shirt) and me (middle).

**Mike Foster '68 (photography)**  
Hernando, Fla.

# Innovation + Creativity Festival = Global Competitiveness

Here's a bit of good news to all the Rochesterians who are concerned about New York's ability to compete in the global economy.

Take a deep breath and relax.

The 17,000-plus people who had the good fortune to take in the Imagine RIT: Innovation + Creativity Festival on May 3 will

understand why I say this.

It was a day about science – but it was a day about much more. It was a day to see the ingenuity and

creativity of thousands of students and faculty. What a remarkable festival! From demonstrations of how we can optimize freight transportation, to ways we can bring the joy of seeing online the collections of the



world's greatest libraries to visualization technologies that will enhance discovery, it was a remarkable assembly of people and projects.

In addition to the 300-plus demonstrations of technology proposing to better today's world, there was something else to be seen. And that is the confidence and upbeat

attitude of a whole new generation of students determined to leave their mark. And rather than being defeated by the challenges associated with the transition of our

economy, they are welcoming the opportunity to make life better – one idea at a time.

When you spoke with students and faculty about their projects, you saw the same twinkle in their eyes that you see

in RIT President Bill Destler's. There is a reason why he is always smiling: He knows what is taking place on his campus. And now thousands more of us know a lot more about what is going on at RIT and at countless other campuses across this state and nation.

Not many college presidents would dare to put in all on the line, but Bill Destler welcomed the opportunity. When President Destler spoke last fall about his plans to have the largest on-campus innovation day in America, many of us said "Good luck!" Well, we now say "Thank you." To President Destler and to all the students, faculty, staff and volunteers at RIT we say "Great Job!" We can't wait until next year's Imagine RIT Festival on May 2, 2009.

**Edward Reinfurt**

**Executive Director**

**New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR)**

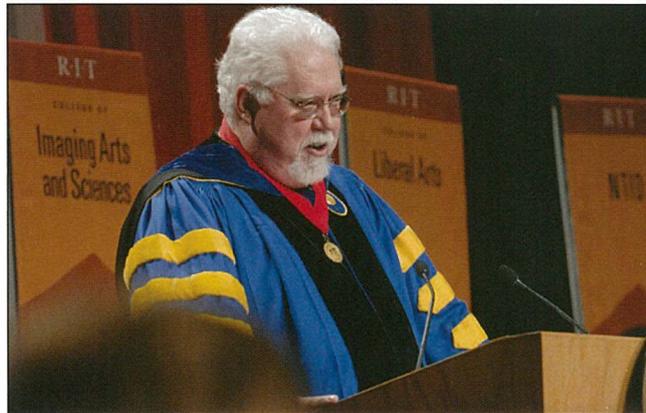
## Stan's the man: Former student recalls a memorable teacher

RIT late '60s, the new Henrietta campus still looked more like a hayfield with bricks than a campus. In the winter it had its own wind chill factors. If you made it across the field or up from the bottom of the parking lot, you still had wind tunnels to walk through to get to class by 8 a.m.

There stood Stanley in a small, dimly lit lecture hall in the round. It was warm. You could smoke. It was cozy. But I never saw anyone doze off. In upstate New York you could drink. You could smoke.

You could vote. You could protest. You could bring your dog to class. You could play the lottery – the draft lottery. You could not wear a flag.

I was a Mark Twain fan. I was born in Hartford, Conn. My family had seen to it that we visited Mark Twain's home. I had read a lot of Mark Twain in high school and on my own. So I knew Mark Twain. WRONG. Thank you, Stan McKenzie, for digging under the surface of the page, for exposing a complex man and family,



**Provost Stan McKenzie gave the keynote address to a crowd of more than 6,000 at convocation in May.**

a complex era. You asked us to examine. There is more than one way to look at a (any) relationship. Twain the risk-taker, the money taker, the money loser, the world traveler (Did he have an interpreter in foreign countries or speak to English audiences?). You left the dust of myth, but you asked us to examine the man, the language, the original meaning, the personal meaning. I recall after every class there were

always students following you up the stairs, out into the snow, asking you more questions.

I read Fred Kaplan's *The Singular Mark Twain* and thought of you often. I thought of writing you but put it off until I was reading the Spring 2008 issue of the RIT magazine and there you were. I know your return to the classroom will only inspire!

Thank you for inspiring me.

**John Andrews '72 (art and design)**

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# Jeremy Haefner is RIT's new provost

Veteran administrator from Colorado Springs takes reins as chief academic officer

Jeremy Haefner, a veteran administrator and educator from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, has been appointed senior vice president for academic affairs and provost at RIT.

"I am absolutely thrilled," says Haefner. "RIT's rich history, President Destler's laser vision for the future, the renowned faculty, its superb students, along with a strong community connection is a powerful combination for future success. Finding creative and innovative solutions to affect positive impact is my passion. My experience, values and goals are closely aligned with those of RIT."

Haefner, who was chosen from a field of five finalists, began his new duties July 1. He replaces retiring Provost Stanley McKenzie, who has served in that position for 14 years. (McKenzie will return to RIT's College of Liberal Arts faculty in the fall quarter, then begin a sabbatical. He will teach again in the fall 2009 quarter, complete his sabbatical and transition into retirement in 2010.)

Haefner currently serves multiple appointments at UCCS as associate vice chancellor for research and innovation, dean of the Graduate School and dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science.

"Dr. Jeremy Haefner has all of the experience necessary to fulfill the multiple responsibilities of RIT's senior vice president for academic affairs and provost," says President Destler. "He is an experienced administrator, educator and researcher who, in his various roles, has materially advanced educational and research programs at UCCS. He has initiated a unique 'Bachelor of Innovation' program, and he has encouraged increased technology transfer and entrepreneurial activity among faculty and students. We are delighted to welcome Dr. Haefner into the RIT family."

"I offer my personal congratulations to Dr. Haefner as well as to the leadership of Rochester Institute of Technology that recognized his talents and abilities," says UCCS Chancellor Pam Shockley-Zalabak. "I am confident that Dr. Haefner's record of success will continue at RIT."

During Haefner's six years as engineering dean at UCCS, the college's increasing prominence put it among the top 10 public institutions primarily offering master's degrees, according to U.S. News and World



During a visit to campus in the spring, Jeremy Haefner, left, chats with President Bill Destler.

Report. It was also ranked seventh in the nation among public institutions for graduating percentage of women engineers by the American Society for Engineering Education. Since July 2007, as associate vice chancellor, Haefner's responsibilities have included supervising the Office of Sponsored Programs; overseeing the policies and procedures to ensure research integrity; directing the academic affairs of the National Institute for Science, Space and Security Centers; and directing the Colorado Institute for Technology Transfer and Implementation, a campuswide unit dedicated to supporting economic development through technology innovation.

Additionally, as Graduate School dean during the past year, he has led graduate programs across the UCCS campus, supervising staff for the recruitment and retention of graduate students.

Haefner began his academic career as an

assistant professor of mathematics at UCCS in 1989. Following a series of promotions, he eventually served a three-year term as chair of that school's Department of Mathematics.

"Mathematics has always given me an appreciation for the creative endeavor, and leading a college of engineering has guided me towards the vitality of innovation," remarks Haefner. "RIT has both characteristics strongly represented in nationally recognized programs, and the institution is well poised to drive the future of 21st century learning."

Haefner earned both doctorate and master's degrees in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, and he received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Iowa.

Paul Stella '03

# Supporting students is new provost's passion

Prior to taking on his new responsibilities, RIT's new provost, Jeremy Haefner, shared some thoughts about the new job.

## What are your priorities as RIT's new provost and senior vice president for academic affairs?

One of my first tasks will be to immerse myself into the RIT community, culture, and traditions through active listening and participation. I am eager to get started and build practices of regularly meeting and communicating with all our constituents.

Working with the president and the RIT faculty, students, staff, and administration, a second objective will be to assess and rank the priorities for the provost. This will provide me with a solid foundation for moving forward.

A third objective is to ensure that RIT's strategic plan and the goals and vision of President Destler are part of our core operations. RIT's success in the future – moving to the next level of greatness and excellence – will be the result of careful and enthusiastic execution of the strategic plan and goals.

Finally, I am passionate about supporting the campus's student-centeredness and encouraging the campus to become a national

leader in this area. I look forward to building collaborations between and among our students and our faculty.

## How would you say the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs differs or is similar to RIT?

Like RIT, UCCS has a focus on innovation, but I am particularly impressed with President Destler's vision around the fusion of creativity and innovation for RIT. This vision appeals to my "creative" mathematics side and to the "innovation" engineering side.

Another similarity is that both campuses are deeply engaged with the surrounding communities. Cooperative learning experiences, industry research projects, K-12 outreach, and service learning activities are just some of the many examples of community engagement that are so important for higher education institutions. RIT has a great history and foundation for community engagement.

Finally, many of the programs and components that make RIT a "Category of One" institution are also those that differentiate it from other universities. The excellence RIT has achieved in cooperative learning, the National Technical Institute for the

Deaf, and, of course, the unique academic programs are just some of many examples that make RIT a very special place.

## What do you see happening at RIT in terms of academic programs as it moves to become known as an "innovation" university?

It would be great to see "innovation" embedded in the culture of RIT: from the academic programs to the student development activities; from the policies and practices of the provost's operation to pedagogical techniques used by the faculty; from how RIT engages with the community to how we recruit the "new" student.

I really like the notion of celebrating innovation – Imagine RIT: the Innovation + Creativity Festival is a great example. Highlighting the creative and innovative projects and products created by students and faculty is one of the best ways to build the nation's premier innovation university.

Without question, RIT is a very special institution. President Destler often speaks to our unfair advantage and I couldn't agree more. Our job will be to creatively and innovatively seize opportunities to make a positive impact.



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# Watch out for Good Ol' Scammer Claus

Practice safe shopping on the Internet this holiday season

By Ben Woelk

Consumers spent more than \$29 billion shopping online last holiday season and will spend even more this year. To cyber criminals, more spending and the busyness of the season means more opportunity for identity theft and fraud.

As you begin your shopping, follow these guidelines to help ensure that you don't become a victim.

**1. Make sure you've protected your computer.** According to a survey by the National Cyber Safety Alliance, most home computers aren't as well protected as their users believe. We recommend that you make sure your home computer meets the requirements of the *RIT Desktop & Portable Computer Standard* – <http://security.rit.edu/desktop.html> – especially updated anti-virus and anti-spyware software – before going online.

**2. Know from where you're buying.** Plug the Web site name into a search engine. What kinds of consumer reviews are returned?

Understand the seller's return/exchange policy before buying.

Check the seller's privacy policy to understand how they will protect your information.

If you're shopping on an auction site, check the seller's feedback to see what kind of experience others have had.

**3. Know what you're buying.** Don't fall for a deal that looks too good to be true. Extremely low prices could be an indication that the item is a counterfeit. The Web site may also harbor malware that could attack your computer.

If you're making several purchases, try to combine them in the same order if possible. It saves the amount of transactions you have to make and may also save you money on shipping costs.

**4. Only send your private information using secure Web forms.** Make sure the address bar begins with either `shhttp` or `https`.

Look for a padlock or an unbroken key on your Web browser to confirm that the site is secure. The padlock will be located at the left end of the address bar or in the bottom right part of the browser window.

Don't respond to requests for private information. No legitimate retailer will ask you to submit private information by e-mail. Never give out bank account numbers or Social Security numbers online or in response to an e-mail.

**5. Use a secure payment method.** Find out if your financial institution offers one-time use "virtual credit cards" or "temporary account numbers." These use different numbers than your regular account and expire after a set time period.

Credit cards offer the most protection. Federal law limits your fraud liability to \$50 for unauthorized transactions. MasterCard and Visa offer zero liability for most debit transactions as well.

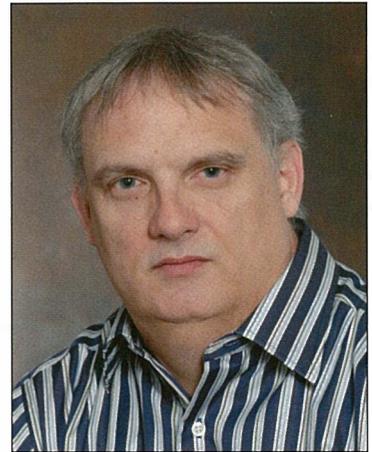
If you're not using a credit or debit card, don't use cash or wire transfers. Use a money order or cashier's check instead, since these methods are much easier to trace if something goes wrong.

**6. Keep a paper trail.** Print copies of all of your orders and receipts as well as e-mail correspondence and product descriptions. Monitor your bank account and credit card statement after your transactions for any suspicious activity.

**7. If you suspect something is wrong:** Contact the seller and inform them of the problem.

Contact your financial institution or credit card issuer immediately to freeze your account(s).

If necessary, file a complaint or identity



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theft report with the proper authorities:

- FTC Identity Theft Form: [https://rn.ftc.gov/pls/dod/widtpubl\\$.startup?Z\\_ORG\\_CODE=PU03](https://rn.ftc.gov/pls/dod/widtpubl$.startup?Z_ORG_CODE=PU03)
  - NYS Attorney General's Office: [www.cscic.state.ny.us/cscorner/news/2007-12.cfm](http://www.cscic.state.ny.us/cscorner/news/2007-12.cfm)
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Members of the RIT community share expertise on a variety of subjects in *FYI*.

## RIT players shine with spring season highlights

RIT athletics enjoyed a highly successful spring season, as several student-athletes garnered conference, regional and national accolades while a host of individual and team records were broken. Senior Stephen Burns became RIT's first national champion in any sport since 1999, winning the javelin throw at the NCAA Outdoor Division III Track and Field Championships.

The RIT baseball team won 16 of 17 games late in the season to earn the top-seed in the ECAC Upstate Tournament. Sophomore Geoff Dornes earned Empire 8 Player of the Year honors for the second straight year. Senior catcher Ryan Tryt earned CO-SIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American honors. Head coach Rob Grow '88 (business administration) shared Empire 8 Coach of the Year honors.

Senior LaKeisha Perez of the women's track and field squad completed a stellar career and was Senior Female Athlete of the Year.

The men's lacrosse team played in the ECAC Upstate championship for the fourth time in the last five years. Seniors Andy Ruocco and Jacob Tuller earned All-Empire 8 first-team honors.

In women's lacrosse, Sophomore Kelsey Evans was honored as the Empire 8 conference Goalkeeper of the Year for the second straight season and sophomore Eileen Hennigan scored 43 goals.

Emily McPherson was named the Empire 8 Softball Rookie of the Year, as the Tigers won 16 games.

Four RIT men's tennis players earned All-Empire 8 honors, as the team finished the season with an 8-5 record and competed in the Empire 8 tournament.

Joe Venni

**W** Web extra: For highlights of all RIT teams and athletes including schedules visit [www.ritathletics.com](http://www.ritathletics.com).

## Tiger Profiles



Emily Traversi

**Emily Traversi**, women's soccer

**Class year:** 2009

**Major:** Civil engineering technology

**Hometown:** Acton, Mass.

**What's the hardest part about the athletics season?** Remembering to focus on class and homework instead of just focusing on whatever big game is coming up.

**Hardest part of being out of season:** Motivating yourself even when there is no instant gratification. You are preparing for something that could be as much as nine months away. It is also easy to fall into the trap of saying "at least I'm doing more than that person" when really you know you could do better, go harder, etc.

**Favorite athletic moment at RIT:** My favorite athletic moment for our team was our first ever RIT win against the University of Rochester because we all played really hard throughout the whole game and it paid off.

**If the RIT men played the RIT women, who would win and what would the score be?** RIT women's soccer would dominate men's soccer by a score of 6-1.



Alan Smith

**Alan Smith**, men's soccer

**Class year:** 2009

**Major:** Electrical engineering

**Hometown:** Lancaster, Pa.

**What's the hardest part about the athletics season?** Without a doubt the toughest part about being in season is balancing your schedule. Classes alone are very demanding, so dedicating a portion of every day to soccer makes it even more difficult. Soccer and class definitely require time management.

**Hardest part of being out of season:** Not being able to practice as a team with your coach. Because of NCAA restrictions on Division 3 athletes, we aren't allowed to practice with our coaching staff.

**Favorite athletic moment at RIT:** During my first season here, we were playing Alfred in the semifinals of the Empire 8 and the game went to penalty kicks. I made two consecutive saves to clinch a win and to make it to the championship.

**If the RIT men played the RIT women, who would win and what would the score be?** I think it's a little unfair because of the differences between men and women physically, but if I had to put a number on it I'd say 10-0 (Men). I think we'd need a way to judge us technically without us playing head to head.



The RIT Athletic Association helps support the more than 500 student athletes participating in 24 intercollegiate sports. To learn more, visit [www.rit.edu/athletic\\_association](http://www.rit.edu/athletic_association) or call 585-475-2131.

# Star attraction

With a new Ph.D. program and unique research projects, RIT scientists are building their own place in the universe of astronomy



The surface of Mars can hold dangers for exploration vehicles such as the Phoenix Mars Lander, which landed on the red planet May 25, 2008, as shown in this artist's conception. Among many research projects related to astronomy, RIT scientists are developing a new type of detector that will provide 3-D location information, significantly aiding possible future planetary explorations. (NASA/JPL)



RIT researchers are building an international reputation in the field of astrophysics. Their success will help launch RIT's doctoral program in astrophysical sciences and technology (AST) this fall.

"Astrophysics has universal appeal and what we have going here at RIT right now – and building strongly for the future – is really important to the growing image of RIT as the innovation university," says Stefi Baum, director of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science and acting co-director of the AST program with physics head David Axon. "Recently we found that in terms of successful investigators on the Hubble Space Telescope, in the latest round, RIT ranked with the likes of MIT and Johns Hopkins, and outdistanced much larger and well-established departments such as those at Yale, Harvard, and Maryland."

Faculty from the Center for Imaging Science, the Department of Physics and the School for Mathematical Sciences in the College of Science work in two areas related to astronomy. Overlap between scientists who make astronomical observations and those who work with the technology side gives RIT's program a depth and richness uncommon in many astrophysics programs.

"We're very focused in a couple of research areas, and in those areas we're top-notch," Baum says. "Astronomy is a field that excites the public, including non-scientists. It's an area where RIT has made a mark very quickly."

### Bright young stars

In July 2004, Joel Kastner and Michael Richmond were the first RIT professors to publish in the prestigious scientific journal *Nature*. Their international team used observations obtained from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory to follow the dramatic eruptions of a young star illuminating the newly discovered McNeil's Nebula. They made a connection between the gas falling onto the star from an orbiting disk, causing the visual-light eruption, and a powerful burst of X-rays resulting from the same, sudden episode.

"Young star outbursts are regularly seen (once every couple years) in visible light and in the infrared, but had never been followed in X-rays before our work on McNeil's Star," says Kastner. "Visible-light images had been made of this region several months before Jay McNeil made his discovery, so it could be determined approximately when and by how much the star flared up to produce McNeil's Nebula."

In addition to collaborating on projects

involving space-based observatories, Richmond, an associate professor of physics and the director of the RIT Observatory (located on John Street just south of campus), uses the RIT's 12-inch telescope to study a group of stars called cataclysmic variables. These are binary systems in which an ordinary star orbits a tiny but massive companion known as a white dwarf. The white dwarf steals some of the gas from the ordinary star, which glows brightly as it spirals to its doom on the white dwarf's surface. Kyoto University in Japan and Columbia University's Center for Backyard Astrophysicists collect data recorded by professional and amateur astronomers around the world.

Richmond also contributes to the Sloan Digital Sky Survey, a ground-based project to digitally map the sky. He analyzes astronomical images looking for supernovae – stars that explode. He is also a member of the calibration team working on the Supernova Acceleration Probe (SNAP), a future

### What's does it mean?

Here's a glossary of some astronomical terminology:

**Accretion disks:** rapidly spinning disks of hot gas surrounding and falling into supermassive black holes.

**Dark energy:** mysterious energy linked to the accelerating expansion of the universe.

**Dark matter:** unseen material thought to make up about 22 percent of the universe; detected from its gravitational effects on objects.

**Magnetar:** highly magnetized neutron star formed by the collapse of a massive star.

**Nebula:** a cloud of interstellar gas and dust.

**Quasars:** "Quasi-stellar objects" – a type of active galactic nuclei (energetic cores) surrounding super massive black holes in young galaxies; luminous, distant objects too small to be directly imaged.

**Spectroscopy:** splitting light into its component colors (energies) to reveal physical properties of light emitted or reflected by an object.

**Supernovae:** massive stars that explode at the end of their lives.

**White dwarf:** tiny compact core of a star once about the size of the Sun that runs out of fuel and collapses to about the size of the Earth.

space mission to understand the dark energy linked to the universe's acceleration.

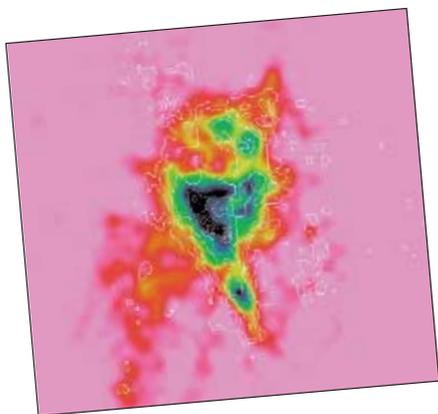
### Massive discoveries

Donald Figer, a professor in the Center for Imaging Science, is also a member of SNAP, and a related project, the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope, which will seek dark matter in the universe. Figer's research involves massive stars, star formation at the centers of galaxies and sensor development. He co-authored a paper published in the May 29, 2008, issue of *Nature* – his third in the journal – announcing the detection of an infrared ring around a rare and exotic star known as a magnetar.

"Out of the 400 billion stars in our galaxy, there are about a dozen magnetars that we know of," says Figer. "Discovering the ring is groundbreaking because it discovers some other phenomena associated with and physically near a magnetar."

Figer pioneered the subfield of massive young star clusters. His research group is responsible for identifying five of the 10 known massive young clusters in the Milky Way Galaxy. Many of these discoveries were made through observations with an infrared spectrograph – the optics for which Figer designed – mounted on the world's largest telescope, the W. M. Keck Observatory in Hawaii.

In 1997, news that Figer had identified one of the most massive stars in the universe, the Pistol Star, landed Figer on the front page of *The New York Times* and interviews with international media.



In this overlay of two images from the Hubble Space Telescope, the colors show the Lyman alpha emission line, which is a tracer of warm gas where stars are forming. The white contours show the far ultraviolet emission from hot, recently formed stars. In these Hubble ultraviolet images, "We see only the stars on the near side of the cloud," explains physics professor Chris O'Dea, "because the ones inside the cloud are hidden (their light is absorbed by small grains in the clouds)."



Donald Figer

Stefi Baum

Chris O'Dea

The same 16 orbits on the Hubble that gave Figer the Pistol Star also provided evidence of the upper mass limit of stars and startling data and images of young stars in the Arches and Quintuplet clusters, revealing for the first time that young massive stellar clusters exist in the Milky Way.

Figer joined RIT through a faculty development grant awarded by the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation to direct the Rochester Imaging Detector Laboratory in the Center for Imaging Science. The two-year-old laboratory has several active projects to develop detectors that promise fantastic discoveries. Figer and his team, working in collaboration with Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Lincoln Laboratory, are developing a new type of detector that uses LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging), a technique similar to radar that uses light instead of radio waves to measure distances. The project will significantly extend NASA capabilities for planetary exploration by providing 3-D location information for planetary surfaces and a wider range of coverage than previously possible. Figer's team includes Baum and Zoran Ninkov, a professor in the Center for Imaging Science.

### From Hubble to RIT

Figer, Baum and Axon all have roots in the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Figer developed and tested detectors there for the James Webb Space Telescope, which will replace the Hubble Space Telescope. Baum and Axon worked on technology that made the Hubble Space Telescope possible.

Baum is currently collaborating with Chris O'Dea, RIT physics professor, on the study of giant galaxies using the Spitzer Space Telescope. Baum and O'Dea belong to an international team preparing to use the new Herschel Space Observatory's far infrared telescope to extract more information about the process of forming stars. The European Space Agency will launch the

satellite in the fall. O'Dea won NASA funding to manage the research conducted by the U.S.-based team of scientists.

"Astronomy is about interpreting the light we see," O'Dea says. "Herschel opens up a new window in the electromagnetic spectrum. It gives us access to a range of wavelengths we haven't really seen before because we need to go into space to observe these wavelengths to look at objects that are very faint."

The Spitzer study looking at the cooling intracluster gas and star formation also involves David Axon and Andrew Robinson in the physics department. Their complementary projects use different methods to explore the dynamics of active galaxies, especially those known as quasars.

Robinson and Axon are among the few astrophysicists proficient in a technique called spectropolarimetry, which can penetrate the galactic dust shrouding active galactic nuclei.

In November 2007, *Nature* published a paper by Axon, Robinson and Stuart Young, a post-doctoral fellow and the lead author, confirming that supermassive black holes can produce powerful winds that shape a galaxy and dictate their own growth.

"We really have to understand the most powerful energy sources in the universe, which is accretion on to supermassive black holes," says Axon. "How do black holes grow, how do they release energy, and how is their growth related to the growth of galaxies?"

Robinson says there appears to be a strong link between the mass of a supermassive black hole and the mass of a galaxy. "Understanding the physical mechanisms that govern those processes in nearby objects will help to understand how black holes in galaxies form and evolve over time."

Susan Gawlowicz '95

**W** Web extra: To learn more about astrophysics at RIT, see the Spring 2008 issue of *The University Magazine* online at [www.rit.edu/magazine](http://www.rit.edu/magazine).

# Mind-boggling

First Imagine RIT fest exceeded expectations

The “right brain” and “left brain” collided at RIT on May 3, and an estimated 17,000-20,000 people turned out to see it happen.

President Bill Destler has deemed the inaugural Imagine RIT: Innovation + Creativity Festival a rousing achievement.

“The festival was a success beyond my wildest expectations,” Destler says. “I was so proud of both the great turnout for the event and of the quality of creative and innovative work displayed by our faculty, staff and students. May 3, 2008, was, indeed, a great day for RIT.”

Student Government President Ed Wolf, who was an exhibitor at the festival, agrees. “There was definitely an electricity in the air. You could tell that a lot of people just didn’t know about all of these cool things that exist at RIT. The festival was a huge success.”



Visitors witnessed a robot that served hot dogs, a concrete canoe that floats and dozens of musical and theatrical performances. Children sampled ice cream produced by a liquid-nitrogen process, test drove Roomba Robots, stepped into a non-Newtonian fluid experiment made with cornstarch and water, or took a spin on a Ferris wheel.

It’s all happening again next year. The second Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival will take place May 2, 2009.

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**W**Web extra: To view a slide show of the event, visit [www.rit.edu/imagine](http://www.rit.edu/imagine). Visitors may add their own photos from the festival to the collection.



RIT’s Gordon Field House and Activities Center was transformed into the Xerox Wow! Center, where visitors explored exhibits from all of RIT’s colleges.



Clockwise from bottom left, this page: Youngsters learn about Swarm robots; more than 50 students prepared, printed and distributed multiple editions of a festival newspaper during the day; the “Fun with Fluids” exhibit proved irresistible to young visitors; Phi Sigma Pi fraternity presented Rube Goldberg devices; visitors walk through the “fringe” art gallery; hot glass demonstrations continued through the day.



This page, clockwise from above: Engineering students demonstrate a robotic hand; Formula SAE team unveils the 2008 racer; the automated hot dog dispenser was a crowd pleaser; visitors add personal touches to a painting-in-progress; the mobius trihedral kaleidoscope brought geometry into focus; a student shows the unique effects created by the fiery raku pottery technique.



# Green and

Tanya M. Olsen '94, Drawn to Earth, 2008

## RIT prepares for leadership in the environmental revolution

"Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without." The old saying has new meaning these days as the world's people struggle to cope with shortages of resources as well as global warming attributed to greenhouse gasses.

With the opening of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability, RIT gained increased status for its pioneering efforts in the areas of green engineering and manufacturing. In addition to preparing students to become leaders in these areas, the institute is helping business and industry adapt.

At the same time, the campus community is making strides to operate more sustainably.

The following stories explain what it means to go green at RIT. For more, see the online version of the Fall 2008 magazine at [www.rit.edu/magazine](http://www.rit.edu/magazine).

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## Buildingsustainability, rightfromthestart

RIT established the Golisano Institute for Sustainability to be a global resource for education, research, technology transfer and outreach in sustainable manufacturing processes that will influence all aspects of product design and manufacturing. This groundbreaking initiative seeks to provide the next generation of engineers, policy makers and CEOs with comprehensive education and training in sustainability, while also promoting the development and implementation of new technologies that will increase both the environmental quality and economic efficiency of American industry.

"It is imperative that we accelerate strategies to promote a sustainable society and ensure future generations the opportunity to address their own needs," says B. Thomas Golisano, founder and chairman of Paychex Inc., whose \$10 million

donation launched the Golisano Institute in fall 2007. "For that reason, it is my desire for this new initiative to produce the first generation of professionals with the vision and know-how to deliver on the promise of sustainability, and I am very proud to be associated with this exciting endeavor."

### The next step forward

The Golisano Institute grew out of more than a decade of work in RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies (CIMS) focused on remanufacturing, lifecycle engineering and alternative energy development. Research projects conducted through the new institute are building on this expertise to incorporate sustainable design, pollution prevention and new energy technologies into all aspects of production, from design through product reuse, remanufac-



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ture or recycling.

In addition, the Golisano Institute will house one of the world's first doctoral programs in sustainability, featuring educational and research opportunities integrating environmentally conscious product design and manufacturing, industrial ecology, technology and public policy, environmental science and management, and sustainable business practices. RIT anticipates admitting the first students in this fall.

"Here at the Golisano Institute, we are focusing on designing production systems that are completely closed loop with no waste product and a high level of material

reuse," notes Nabil Nasr, RIT's assistant provost for academic affairs and director of the Golisano Institute. "In addition, our education programs will seek to provide our next generation with comprehensive knowledge and training in sustainable industrial development."

## Enhancing the development of sustainable industries

Currently, the Golisano Institute is partnering with numerous companies and government agencies in a wide variety of sectors with the goal of reducing environmental impact while also enhancing economic competitiveness.

For example, the institute is partnering with Delphi Corp. and the U.S. Department of Defense to accelerate the application of solid oxide fuel cells into the military's stationary and mobile systems. Delphi and the Golisano Institute will collaborate on the lifecycle design and development of sustainable production technologies, which could greatly enhance efficiency and reduce fossil fuel use in military vehicles. The partnership, made possible through a \$2.75 million grant secured by Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and Senators Hillary Clinton and Charles Schumer, will also assist in accelerating commercialization of the technology, while increasing investment and technical capacity in the Rochester region.

"Rochester represents the nexus between research and manufacturing that is needed to make emerging technologies mainstream," says Congresswoman Slaughter. "The potential for long-term economic development and job growth, which is enhanced by the work of RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability, is both exciting and necessary for Rochester's future success."

The Golisano Institute was also selected to host the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute as the result of a highly competitive grant process. The institute, a comprehensive, statewide research and technology center, assists small and large businesses in implementing processes that will reduce the environmental footprint and enhance economic development. It is funded through a multi-year grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, with first-year funding of \$3 million.

Work conducted will address industry needs and focus on applied research in



Anne Mulcahy, left, Xerox chairman and CEO, watches David Fister, senior staff engineer, demonstrate equipment in the Golisano Institute for Sustainability. RIT President Bill Destler, second from left, and Golisano Institute Director Nabil Nasr, joined Mulcahy on a tour of the facilities.

clean technology development, design for remanufacture, and green product assessment. RIT will serve as the Pollution Prevention Institute's lead university in collaboration with academic partners at the University of Buffalo, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Clarkson University as well as the state's Regional Technology Development Centers.

"The Pollution Prevention Institute will provide a tangible return on investment to New York state through the successful implementation of pollution prevention strategies that will have an immediate impact on the environment and result in significant economic benefits for business and industry throughout the state," notes Edwin Piñero, director of the Pollution Prevention Institute and a former federal environmental executive.

## Future development

The educational and research efforts within the Golisano Institute will continue to grow, thanks to additional investment from several Fortune 500 companies and leading charitable foundations. The development of the doctoral program was supported by a \$465,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation and a \$400,000 gift from the Chester and Dorris Carlson Charitable Fund. In addition, the state of New York,

thanks to the efforts of the Rochester area Senate and Assembly delegations, has provided \$12 million in support of the construction of a facility that will house the institute's research and educational programs. It is anticipated that planning and design on the building will begin this year, with initial construction slated for 2009.

In addition, Xerox Corp., which has a long-established relationship with RIT, is serving as founding partner of the Golisano Institute, committing \$2 million to the development of its research and academic programs. The grant will also further the implementation of sustainable production and design at Xerox, which has been a leader in sustainable development for decades.

"The extraordinary response that we have received regarding the work being undertaken at the Golisano Institute is extremely gratifying," says Nasr. "It illustrates the tremendous progress we have made in creating academic and research programs that have real value for society, while also showing the importance of sustainable development to academia, government and industry."

Will Dube

For more information about activities of RIT's Golisano Institute for Sustainability, visit [www.sustainability.rit.edu](http://www.sustainability.rit.edu)

# CAST's new home is RIT's greenest building

The new College of Applied Science and Technology Building, which opened in April, was designed to meet the standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council, the most widely accepted rating system for evaluating sustainable, high-performance buildings.

The building features controls that monitor building occupancy and reduce power demands accordingly. The improved systems provide an approximate 21.4 percent savings in electrical energy (estimated annual savings of more than \$24,000), which is comparable to the power necessary to service approximately 47 New York state homes.

It also includes two 1,500-gallon cisterns that collect rainwater from the roof to flush toilets in the restrooms. Rainwater is also used to irrigate some unusual plantings in the main lobby, where a "green wall" of plants improves air quality.

The CAST Building houses the William G. McGowan Center for Telecommunications, Innovation and Collaborative Research, the William G. McGowan Student Commons, the REDCOM Telecommunications Systems Laboratory and Lecture Facility,



RIT's new College of Applied Science and Technology facility opened in April.

ity, the American Packaging Corporation Center for Packaging Innovation and an Occupational Safety and Health Administration Training Center.

The building is also home to the college's Department of Civil Engineering Technology, Environmental Management and Safety and Department of Electrical, Computer and Telecommunications Engineering Technology.

In addition to RIT funds, funding for the \$10.5 million, 33,600-square-foot facility

came from the following individuals and organizations: William G. McGowan Charitable Fund, New York State Higher Education Capital Facilities Program, REDCOM Laboratories Inc., American Packaging Corp., Rock-Tenn Co., Eastman Kodak Co., Joseph Clayton, One Communications, Melles Griot, Mitel Inc., Fibertech Networks LLC, O'Connell Electric and Green Living Technologies LLC.

John Follaco

# RIT programs help students prepare to make the world greener

RIT's Kate Gleason College of Engineering has launched master's degree programs in sustainable engineering that enhance the incorporation of sustainable approaches in traditional engineering education and advance development of sustainability research. The programs include multidisciplinary coursework in lifecycle engineering, design for the environment, alternative energy and public policy.

In addition, the college offers a B.S./M.S. program in mechanical engineering and public policy in partnership with the College of Liberal Arts' Department of Science Technology and Society/Public Policy, as well as a minor in sustainable product development offered to technically focused majors across campus.

"These programs combine sustain-

able design and management practices with research and education in industrial and systems and mechanical engineering along with business and public policy," says Harvey Palmer, dean of the Kate Gleason College. "Our goals include the further development of the emerging discipline of sustainability and the graduation of a new generation of engineers who are adept at applying sustainable principles to engineering practices."

During the past two years, more than 200 students have enrolled in the sustainable engineering courses.

The College of Engineering also strives to provide students with opportunities to incorporate sustainability into the RIT campus and in the broader community. The college houses a student chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World,

an international organization designed to enhance the incorporation of numerous facets of sustainability in engineering, science and society. The RIT chapter is currently working with Rochester's St. Joseph's Homeless Shelter.

"Most of us got involved with Engineers for a Sustainable World because we wanted to make our community a better place," notes Jim Cezo, past president of the RIT chapter. "We all get a lot out of our work with St. Joseph's because we see the positive impact it has on people's lives and society as a whole."

RIT offers other degree programs focused on environmental studies, including:

- Environmental Science (M.S.), College of Science.
- Environmental, Health and Safety Management, (M.S.), College of Applied Science and Technology.
- MBA concentration in environmentally sustainable management, Saunders College of Business.

Will Dube



# Campus community moves toward a greener future

RIT tries to practice what it teaches.

"RIT has made a major commitment to lead the global development of intellectual capital and research related to sustainability," says President Bill Destler. "Our creation of the Golisano Institute for Sustainability is a highly visible public recognition of our commitment to and belief in the need for ever-increasing stewardship of our global resources. We, as a university community, must also demonstrate a commitment to these principles and practices in the operation of the university."

What's being done to make RIT greener? Here are a few examples:

- n The first building incorporating standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Rating System of the U.S. Green Building Council opened this year (see page 21), and future building will follow these guidelines.

- n Diesel fuel or electric vehicles have replaced gasoline-powered vehicles where possible. In addition, RIT Facilities Management Services (FMS), in conjunction with the Golisano Institute, is testing bio-diesel powered vehicles.

- n Sophisticated controls regulate heating and ventilation of buildings.

- n Green cleaning products are used campus-wide.

- n Solar cells power all crosswalk warning lights.

- n An experimental wind-powered light designed and built by engineering students through an FMS-sponsored project illuminates a section of a campus walkway.

- n Increased insulation has been installed on all building roofs (as part of the re-roofing process) to the R-20 level.

- n Single-pane windows in older buildings have been replaced with energy-efficient windows.

- n Air lock entry vestibules have been installed on almost all buildings.

- n Lighting fixtures are continuously replaced with more efficient models as the technology evolves.

- n Water-saving plumbing fixtures have been installed.

- n Energy Star equipment is the standard for RIT purchases.

Many of these practices date to the 1970s; energy consumption has long been an important financial consideration. More recently, increased concern about

global warming and other environmental issues have made such efforts ever more compelling. In 2006, James Watters, senior vice president, Finance and Administration, established an advisory committee to review institutional practices for sustainability in construction of facilities, alternative energy technologies, green technologies and strategic policies for consideration by the university. Members of the Committee for Sustainable Practices include administrators, faculty and students.

"Initially, our goal was to evaluate alternative energy technologies," says Watters. "Over time, we've evolved into a much broader mandate."

Watters and the group are willing to take a look at any promising idea, but not all prove practical. For example, the committee looked into putting solar panels on the roof of the Hale Andrews Student Life Center. The cost of the project was estimated at \$197,000 and a \$75,000 state grant was available, bringing RIT's cost to \$122,000.

Using solar power was expected to save \$1,600 per year in energy costs.

"The committee thought there were better uses for university dollars," says Watters. "Some technologies just aren't yet economically viable."

Currently, serious consideration is being given to the use of geothermal technology for use in heating the planned Global Village student housing project (see page 25). Wind power could be feasible for some uses, says Watters.

Meanwhile, more can be done to encourage behavioral changes within the RIT community. Simple practices such as making double-sided copies or cutting down on making print-outs of e-mail are a start. Promoting car-pooling and walking and sponsoring student contests to reduce energy consumption in residences are other ideas.

Watters also believes RIT should strive to recycle more materials. In fiscal year 2006-2007, RIT recycled approximately 27 percent of total waste. Watters would like to reach the 40 percent level.

"To be viewed as a progressive university, you must be more sustainable," says

the senior vice president. "There are a lot of opportunities, and we have to make sure we are doing all we can."

To learn more about RIT's efforts to become greener, visit [www.rit.edu/ritgreen](http://www.rit.edu/ritgreen).

Kathy Lindsley



## Turning the pages green

This issue of RIT: The University Magazine is the greenest to date.

The cover contains 10 percent recycled paper from post-consumer waste (PCW) processed without the use of chlorine. The inside pages are 30 percent PCW. Varnishes and metallic inks are no longer being used in the magazine.

Lane Press, the Vermont company that prints the magazine, is Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified. FSC has established standards regarding economic, social and environmental concerns for the wood fiber industry. Less than 2 percent of the power used by the company comes from carbon fuel sources. Lane uses ink with the maximum percentage of vegetable oil suitable for its web presses. The ink comes from sources that prohibit use of substances such as formaldehyde known to be harmful to the environment. Ink is managed to reduce waste and used ink is recovered and sent to a supplier for use as fuel.

The changes in The University Magazine reflect efforts being made in other RIT publications including college brochures and bulletins. RIT's bi-weekly newsletter, News & Events, is printed on 100 percent PCW paper.

Learn more at the University Publications Web site: [www.rit.edu/upub](http://www.rit.edu/upub).



# Forty years on the new campus

Remembering how it all began



An aerial view of the campus as construction neared completion in 1968.

Travel back in time to 1968. It is an awesome, yet awful year:

- Rowan and Martin's *Laugh-in* TV series debuts.
- Martin Luther King Jr. is slain in April followed by Robert F. Kennedy's assassination in June.
- Hair opens on Broadway.
- North Vietnam's brutal Tet Offensive marks a watershed in the war in Vietnam.
- The Beatles release *The White Album*.
- Richard Nixon is elected president, defeating Hubert Humphrey.
- Movie audiences watch *The Graduate*, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?*, *Barbarella* and *Planet of the Apes*.
- Apollo 8 astronauts circle the moon.
- RIT's new \$60 million campus opens on a 1,300-acre site in the Rochester suburb of Henrietta.

"It is a time when much of great significance has been achieved," President Mark Ellingson wrote in *Reporter's* summer 1968

edition. "It is also the time when everything that we have anticipated confronts us. At no time in the history of the institute has the opportunity for personal and professional development been greater."

The feeling of anticipation was somewhat stifled by what confronted students on their arrival that September.

"It was muddy and barren," recalls Grant Hamilton '69 (printing), who was editor and general manager of *Reporter*, the student newspaper. "The 1960s campus architecture was a shock to the system. It was quite a contrast to the atmosphere of the downtown campus."

That seems to be the general consensus. "It was like little nothing out there," says Allison Adams-Weinberg '70 (hospitality and service management).

"It was a big swamp," says Thomas Barker '65, '70 (imaging science, statistics). "The wind used to whistle through there like Russian Siberia," says Jerry Infantino

'69 (art and design). "But RIT had to grow, and there was no room downtown."

In fact, a large portion of the downtown campus – 11 buildings – had been slated for demolition to make way for Rochester's Inner Loop expressway. Announcement of that project by the state Department of Transportation in 1959 motivated RIT's leaders to consider relocating the campus. A surprise \$3.27 million bequest from Grace Watson in 1961 helped put such a plan within reach, and in November 1961, after lengthy discussions, the Board of Trustees voted to build a new campus. All 35 members were present; only two voted nay, and one abstained.

Plans for the campus were unveiled with appropriate fanfare under a tent on the Henrietta site – formerly farmland – in September 1963 and construction began in 1964. Five architectural firms, each highly regarded for modernist design, worked on different parts of the project but collabo-



How things have changed: The 1968 photo at left shows a view of the campus looking toward the Infinity Quad with Wallace Library at left and the College of Liberal Arts at right. The photo at right shows how that area looks today, with the Tiger statue and the Kodak Staircase in the foreground.

rated to create a homogeneous whole. Over the next few years, members of the RIT community trekked to the site periodically to watch the progress.

“I remember arriving at school one day and finding out it was ‘new campus day,’” says Barker. “We all went out to the swamp. I think we were excited about what was to come. Some of the old buildings were getting pretty rickety.”

By early 1967, it appeared that the new campus would be ready for operation that fall. Construction delays made that impossible, so opening day was put off for a year.

Even so, all was far from perfection when classes began Sept. 19, 1968.

“The campus was not complete, paths were not all built, and there was a lot of mud,” writes Dane R. Gordon, professor emeritus, in *Rochester Institute of Technology: Industrial Development and Educational Innovation in an American City 1829-2006* (RIT Press, 2007). “Not all of the equipment was installed; some of it was there in parts but not assembled. This made instruction and labs difficult. One day about 200 students gathered around the sundial to protest conditions and demand a tuition refund.”

Reporter actually printed some editions with blank pages to protest the lack of adequate space. Hamilton says they expected to have use of new facilities in the Department of Printing. Instead, Reporter was relegated to a 10-by-13-foot office. Eventually, the dispute was resolved and Reporter moved into space in the basement level of the Student Alumni Union – which remains the publication’s headquarters. (Today, the weekly magazine-format Reporter is printed in RIT’s Printing Applications Laboratory.)

Eventually, all the pieces were in place and the campus community began to appreciate the new facilities. Adams-Wein-

berg, a member of Alpha Xi Delta, says sorority members were pleased with their new quarters. Hamilton says the sports facilities were better, and the arrival of NTID students added a dimension to campus life.

The newly planted trees grew, softening the lines of the architecture, which – despite early criticism – won the Collaborative Achievement in Architecture Medal from the American Institute of Architects in 1972. Structures added since 1968 have, in the main, continued the brick theme, while additional landscaping has provided

substantial eye appeal – and shelter from the wind.

Barker, who worked for Xerox and later became a faculty member in the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, believes that the opening of the new campus was an important component of RIT’s evolution into a prestigious, nationally known university.

Jerry Infantino agrees. “It was exciting to be a part of the new experience,” he says. “RIT was coming into its own.”

Kathy Lindsley

## Born in 1968

In addition to moving to a new campus, other programs began 40 years ago:

- National Technical Institute for the Deaf welcomed its first class of 70 students.
- The Nathaniel Rochester Society, an organization formed to recognize RIT’s most generous supporters and to encourage a closer relationship between the Institute and members of the community, was founded.
- RIT’s men’s lacrosse team was formed.
- The College of Business launched its first MBA degree program.



RIT’s first men’s lacrosse team, formed in 1968.

# Still growing strong: Park Point and more

Forty years after the move from downtown Rochester, RIT continues to evolve and expand.

RIT's long-anticipated "college town" development opens this summer. The \$72 million project now known as Park Point at RIT is located on a 60-acre site at the corner of John Street and Jefferson Road. The privately owned and managed project includes a blend of retail businesses and housing.

Key among the businesses is Barnes & Noble@RIT, a 40,000 square foot, two-story bookstore similar to other Barnes & Noble locations. It will also carry textbooks and other merchandise formerly available at RIT's Campus Connections bookstore, (the Macintosh computer and photo departments will remain open in the former location for the time being). Barnes & Noble has been operating RIT's Campus Connections for more than a year.

Rounding out the retail portion of the Park Point project are Abbott's Frozen Custard, Paradiso Pizza, Tiger's Sports Bar, Lovin' Cup Cafe and Music Bistro, Gallery Salon Too and Seven Days' Convenience Store.

The development's apartment buildings, with housing for 924 people, are almost fully rented. Many of the residents will be RIT students, but the project is open to the public. RIT Housing Operations is not involved in the project.

Wilmore Management Group is the developer for Park Point. RIT sold the 60-acre site to Wiljeff LLC before ground was broken in 2007. Wilmore and Wiljeff are connected: Wilmore President Paul Wilmore is also president of Wiljeff LLC. The



The new Barnes & Noble store is the centerpiece of the retail section of the Park Point development.

County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency (COMIDA) approved nearly \$7 million in property and sales tax exemptions over 10 years for the project.

Elsewhere at RIT, nearly \$125 million in campus renovations, updates and new construction are in various stages of development, says James Watters, senior vice president for Finance and Administration. Projects include:

**Student/Administrative Services Center and Innovation Center.** This \$15.6 million project, under construction on Cross Institute Drive between the Goli-sano College of Computing and Information Sciences and the Crossroads Building, will feature a 10,000-square-foot ground-

level area for student and faculty projects. The building will also be home to the new centralized administrative and student-service facilities.

**Global Village.** The Riverknoll apartments are gradually being torn down and will be replaced by this project, featuring student housing, a wellness center, bank and a late-night venue. It will ultimately house 1,200 to 1,400 students.

**Student Alumni Union Campus Center.** This \$10 million project will create a new student-oriented center in what was formerly the Woodward swimming pool. The center will be home to Student Government programs and student-activity space. RIT trustee John "Dutch" Summers has donated \$2 million toward this project, expected to be completed in 2009.

**School for American Crafts.** Work on new facilities for SAC will begin this fall. The project includes replacement of the existing glass and metals shops on the west side of the Booth Building.

**Rivers Run.** This development, located on the former site of the RIT Racquet Club townhomes, is envisioned as an RIT-affiliated retirement community. Approximately 25 patio homes have been constructed, with an additional 82 apartment units in the works. Rivers Run will also be the permanent home for RIT's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, an educational organization for people over age 50.

Vienna Carvalho

## Then and now

### Bricks:

1968: 10 million  
2008: 15 million

### Budget:

1967-68: \$13.7 million  
1968-69: \$19.6 million  
2007-08: \$521.8 million

### Enrollment:

1968-69: 6,075  
2007-08: 15,989

### Endowment:

1968-69: \$22.2 million  
2007-08: \$650 million

### International students:

1968-69: Fewer than 100  
2007-08: 1,500 from 95 countries

### RIT programs in other countries:

1968-69: None  
2007-08: More than 60 partnerships enrolling 900 students

### Alumni:

1968: 17,300  
2008: 104,000

## RIT and Dresser-Rand forging stronger ties

In one lab on the RIT campus, a group of students are testing a device designed to recover wasted energy exhaust that may someday help manufacturing facilities increase energy efficiency. In another lab, students are developing a condition monitoring system that will improve the maintenance and operation of large compressors.

These projects are just two of several research initiatives that are part of a unique collaboration between RIT and Dresser-Rand, a manufacturer of equipment to the worldwide oil, gas, petrochemical and process industries. The Dresser-Rand / RIT Campus Partnership Program was established last year to enhance educational opportunities for RIT students and to help Dresser-Rand recruit highly skilled alumni, new graduates and co-op students.

The partnership has enhanced relations between RIT and Dresser-Rand that go back decades. Numerous RIT alumni work at Dresser-Rand, which operates manufacturing facilities in the United States, France, Germany, Norway, China and India, and maintains a network of 28 service centers worldwide.



**Elizabeth Powers**

"By establishing relationships with key educational institutions such as RIT that have strong engineering programs, we can leverage significant research, training, and alumni and new graduate recruiting opportunities,"

says Elizabeth Powers, Dresser-Rand vice president and chief administrative officer. "It is through these types of partnerships that we improve our ability to recruit top engineering talent and increase access to cutting-edge research in the field."

The Dresser-Rand / RIT Campus Partnership Program kicked off in late 2006. In September 2007, D-R hosted a tour and presentation for nearly 120 mechanical engineering students who spent the day interacting with engineers, designers, and managers at Dresser-Rand operations in Olean, N.Y. Dresser-Rand also funded four



**Samuel Haas '08 (mechanical engineering) and Jacob LaManna (sixth year B.S./M.S. mechanical engineering student), worked on a senior design project sponsored by Dresser-Rand. They developed a system to recapture energy from machinery in manufacturing.**

projects in 2007-08 through the Kate Gleason College of Engineering's Multi-disciplinary Senior Design Program. The company is currently funding additional design projects that build upon these efforts and hopes ultimately to incorporate aspects of all these research projects into its manufacturing operations.

"Our research project allowed all members of the student team to apply the skills we learned in the classroom to a real world project while allowing us to interact with people at Dresser Rand who are working in the field," says Garry Studley '08 (me-



**Garry Studley '08**

chanical engineering). Studley, team leader on an equipment monitoring project, was hired by D-R as an engineer following graduation. He's based at the company's Olean facility. "Dresser-Rand is a great company to work for, and I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to make connections with the company while attending RIT," he says.

Janet Ofano '97, '04 (professional and technical communications; communications and media technologies), communications coordinator at Dresser-Rand, is responsible for the company's marketing communications activities. She received the 2007

**Janet Ofano '97, '04**

RIT College of Liberal Art's Distinguished Alumni Award. "My nine years at Dresser-Rand have been incredibly rewarding," she says, "and I'm grateful to all of the people at RIT who helped me reach my professional goals."

Both RIT and Dresser-Rand are working on growing the partnership program to further enhance ties between the two organizations and help RIT promote its education programs, while providing Dresser-Rand with skilled employees and technological enhancements necessary to remain competitive in the global marketplace.

**Will Dube**

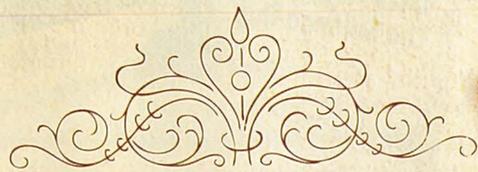
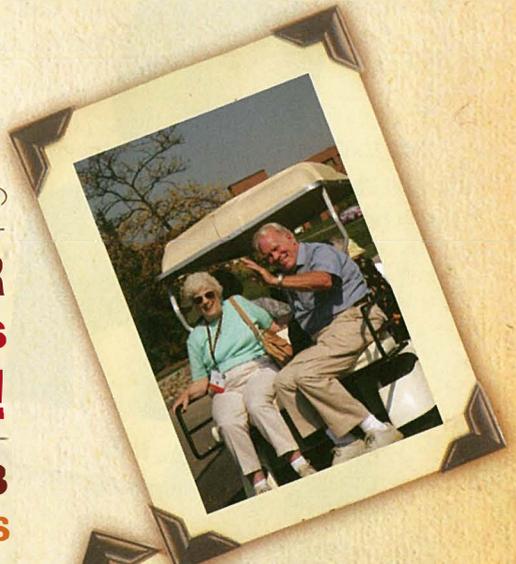
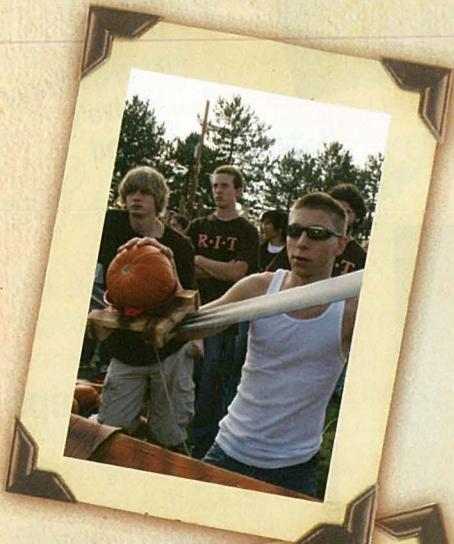
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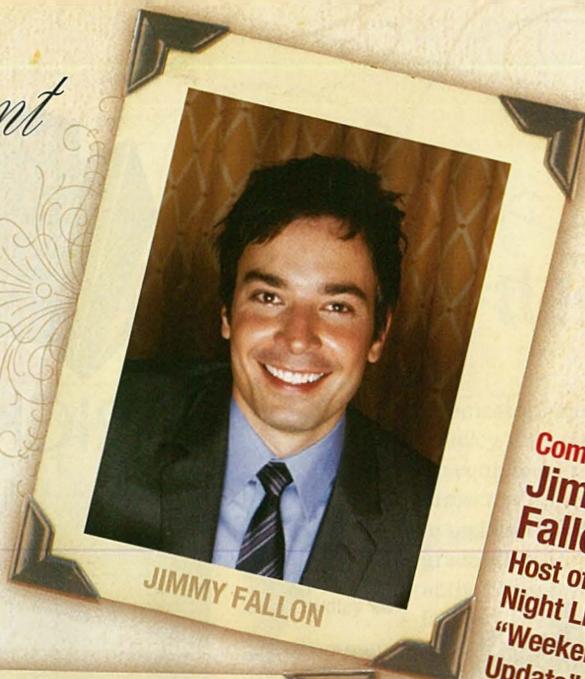
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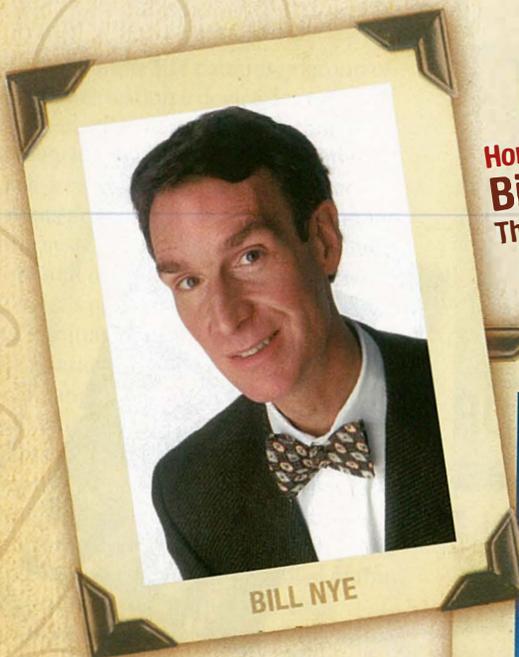
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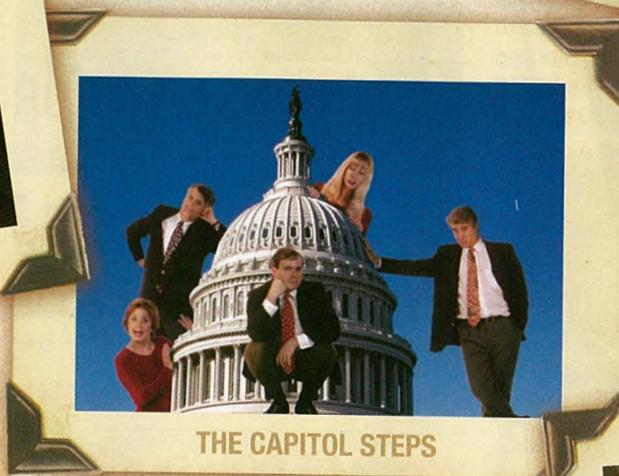
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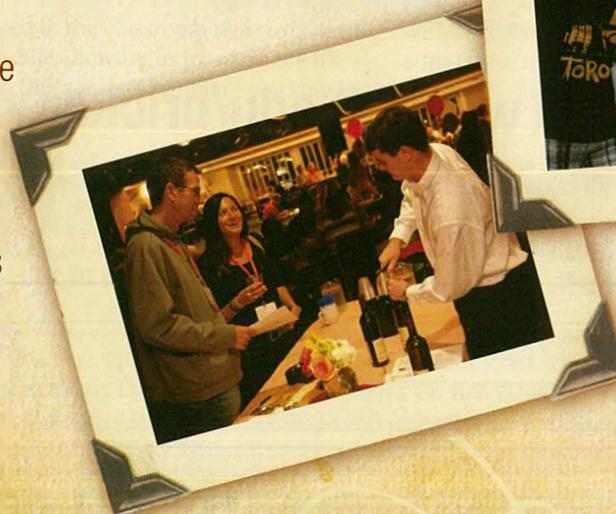
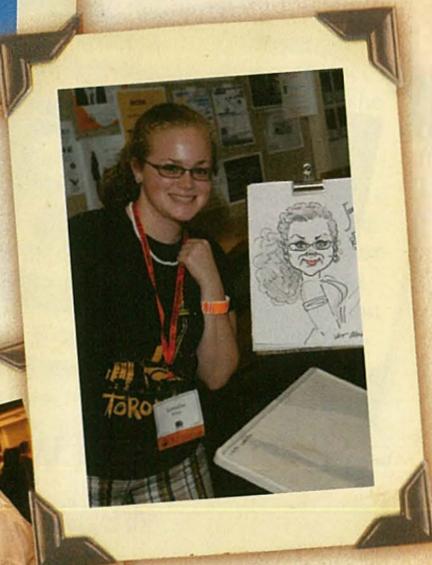
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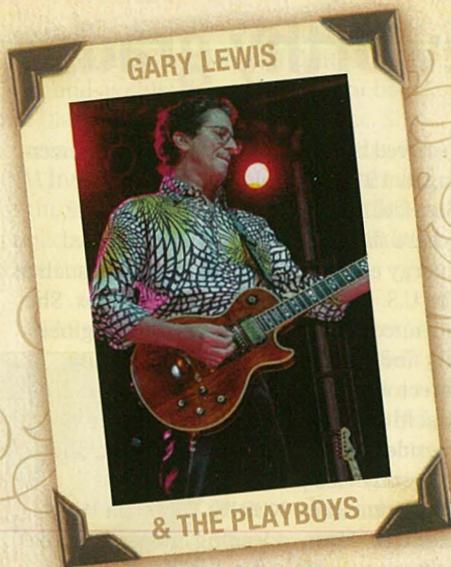
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## Events and Activities for the Whole Family

- Wine & Cheese Welcome Event for Parents
- Rochester City Tours
- Brick City BBQ, featuring Dinosaur Barbeque
- College Interactive Exhibits & Explorations
- Computer Workshops
- Foreign Language Fair
- Tours of Buildings, Labs and Art on Campus
- Computer Workshops
- Beatles Tribute Band, *The Return*
- Brick City 5K Fun Run
- Karaoke Jam Session
- RIT Gospel Ensemble Performance





## Events and Activities for Alumni

### Faculty Staff Alumni Luncheon

A themed lunch for a special group of alumni—RIT faculty and staff!

### Golden Circle Luncheon

For alumni from 1958 & prior years.

### President's Alumni Ball

This special event with President Destler celebrates RIT history, RIT spirit and our RIT alumni! The '60s themed ball will be a fun-filled black-tie-optional affair featuring live music by Gary Lewis and the Playboys!

### Alumni Fest

Come to our outdoor tent to hear live music, eat great food and dance your heart out with your friends, family and classmates! Rochester Coverband 50/50 and national recording artists Herb Gross & The Invictas are scheduled to play.

### Class Reunion Reception

This year we celebrate the following class reunion years: 1958, 1968, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1998, and 2006.

### Bon Voyage Brunch

Visit with fellow alumni one last time before departing campus.

## Reunion Events

### Athletic Events:

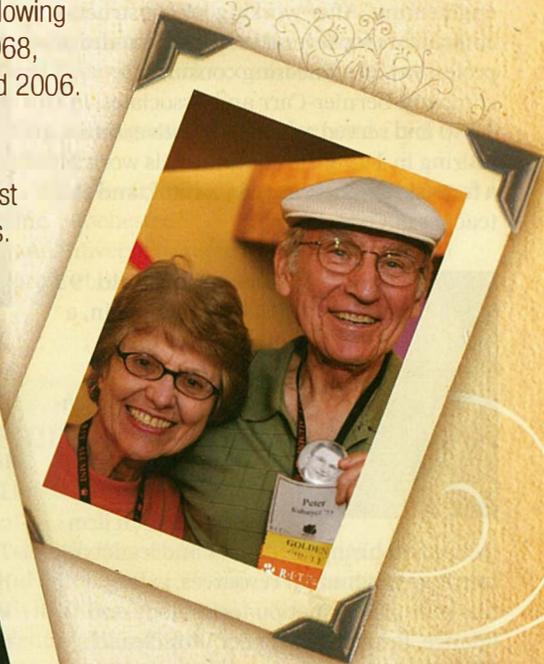
A great chance to renew acquaintances with former teammates, while meeting the current team and coaching staff for the following teams:

- Women's Basketball
- Wrestling
- Swimming & Diving
- Women's Lacrosse
- Men's Lacrosse
- Crew 15th Year Anniversary

### Student Group Reunions:

Meet the current members and learn how the groups have evolved over the years for the following student organizations/programs:

- Delta Phi Epsilon
- Interior Design Majors
- Army ROTC
- Reporter Magazine
- Delta Lambda Epsilon
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Tau Kappa Epsilon
- OA, S.O.S and Residence Life
- Student Government



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# RIT presents awards to nine noteworthy grads

RIT's Distinguished Alumni for 2008 were honored at a dinner April 18 at Oak Hill Country Club.

The awards are presented to a graduate of each of RIT's eight colleges who has brought distinction to the college and to the university through professional and/or community achievement. Recipients are selected by a committee of faculty and administrators from each college.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are:



**Paul G. Carr '75 (CAST).** Carr, a graduate of RIT's first class in civil engineering technology, went on to receive a master's (Cornell) and a Ph.D. (Virginia Polytechnic Institute) in civil

engineering. After working for construction contractors for several years, he founded a professional engineering consulting company, Bernier-Carr and Associates, in 1980 and served as chief executive until retiring in 1998. He continues his work as a forensic engineering consultant, and also teaches at Cornell.



**Karen Benjamin '93 (COLA).** Benjamin, a graduate of the professional and technical communications program, is the co-founder and co-owner of World-

leaders, a search firm focused on hiring executives and leadership talent across human resources, sales, marketing, information technology and finance. Prior to launching Worldleaders, she was a vice president at Ciber, an international information technology consulting firm. She was recognized as an up-and-coming executive in 2003 by the Rochester Women's Network and was named IT Woman of the Year by the Association for Women in Computing in 2004. She received an M.S. in management from Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester.



**Kathryn "Kathy" Hill '78 (COS).** Hill, who majored in mathematics at RIT, is senior vice president of the Access Networking and Services Group at Cisco Systems. She oversees the access routing,

ethernet switching, security, and wireless technology groups that deliver more than \$10 billion of Cisco's annual revenues. She is also a member of the company's Development Council, which provides collaborative leadership to drive the delivery of integrated products and solutions to customers, and co-leads Cisco's Commercial Business Council, among other duties. Prior to joining Cisco, Hill was vice president at Ascend. She also held senior management positions at Newbridge Networks and Hughes Network Systems. Hill lives in Palo Alto, Calif.



**David Wagner '86 (GCCIS).** Wagner, who earned a bachelor of technology degree in operating systems software, has served as president and chief executive officer of Vanteon Corp. since

2002 and co-owner since 2003. He started with Vanteon in 2000 as director of the Rochester Development Center. From 1989 to 2000, Wagner worked for Analysts International Corporation (AiC). From 1982 to 1989, he served in various capacities of Software Engineering for Tropel Inc.'s research lab in Fairport, N.Y. He is a member of RIT's Computer Science Industrial Advisory Board and the Executive Advisory Board at Roberts Wesleyan College. In addition, he is an active member of the Rochester Business Alliance (RBA), Small Business Council, and Digital Rochester.



**Britta MacIntosh '89 (KGCOE).** Following graduation from RIT, MacIntosh moved to Boston to work for Syska and Hennessy as a design engineer. She also attended North-eastern University and

received her M. S. in mechanical engineering in 1992. She joined Select Energy Services in 1991 as a project engineer, where she developed and implemented energy efficiency projects for clients such as the U.S. Navy and the Boston Red Sox. She advanced to become manager of engineering and construction before becoming director of business development. In 2004, MacIntosh joined Sempra Energy as vice president of government programs. She is currently vice president of business development for NORESKO LLC, in Westborough, Mass., a leading energy services company that has developed, engineered, financed, installed and maintained more than \$2 billion in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects worldwide.



**Barbara M. "Bobbie" Fallon '89 (NTID).**

The Distinguished Alumnus Award for NTID was awarded posthumously to Ms. Fallon, who died unexpectedly in February shortly after learning of her selection. Fallon enrolled in the accounting program at RIT/NTID at the age of 32, after working as a bookkeeper and accounting clerk for 14 years. Despite being the oldest in her classes, Fallon quickly became one of NTID's most recognized and admired students. A cooperative work experience at KPMG turned into a permanent job, beginning as an auditor and eventually becoming a supervising senior tax specialist in the Montvale, N.J. office. She was active in community outreach and received the KPMG Montvale Area Chairman's Award for Volunteerism in 2001. Fallon lived in Yonkers, N.Y.



**Susan J. Riley '80, '81 (SCB).** Since 2006, Riley has served as executive vice president of The Children's Place, headquartered in Secaucus, N.J. Previously, she was chief

financial officer of Klinger Advanced Aesthetics. Prior to that, she served as senior vice president, chief financial officer, of Abercrombie & Fitch. Earlier in her

career, Riley served as chief financial officer of The Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York and as chief financial officer at both the Dial Corp. and at Tambrands Inc. She currently sits on the board of directors for PJM Interconnection LLC and is a member of the RIT Board of Trustees. A certified public accountant, she holds an MBA from Pace University.

CIAS elected to honor two graduates,



**Jacquelyn J. "Jackie" Bucksbaum '84** and **William Snyder, '81**. Bucksbaum, who received a B.F.A. in photographic arts and sciences, worked as a location manager and unit production manager in the motion

picture industry for 12 years prior to starting her family life in Chicago, where she currently resides. She serves on the board of trustees for the Ounce of Prevention Fund and also is on the Board of the Latin School of Chicago and is involved with the arts, philanthropy, and early childhood education.



Snyder, a four-time Pulitzer Prize winner, began working for *The Miami News* after graduating from RIT, covering varied assignments including riots, Miami Dolphins in the Super Bowl,

Haitian boat people, and space shuttle launches. In 1983 he joined *The Dallas Morning News*, and over the next 15 years covered the first democratic elections in Haiti and Romania, the explosion of the Shuttle Challenger, the '91 coup attempt in the Soviet Union, the re-unification of Germany, healthcare in the U.S. prison system, AIDS in Uganda and Thailand, seal hunting in Newfoundland, five Olympics, two NCAA Final Fours, two Super Bowls, two Republican Conventions and numerous other stories. He became photo director for the newspaper in 2005. *The News* won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize in Breaking News Photography for coverage of Hurricane Katrina. Snyder, who has won numerous other awards for his work, was a visiting professor in RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences for the spring 2008 quarter and will join the faculty this fall.

## Larry Grundhauser '78 inducted into CICU Hall of Distinction

Larry Grundhauser '78 (photo management) is one of 19 individuals honored by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities this year.

The organization's Alumni Hall of Distinction was created in 2000 to recognize New York's independent sector graduates who make contributions to society through their careers and community involvement. This year, the commission recognized alumni who are actively serving in the United States military or are veterans.



Larry Grundhauser '78

Grundhauser, promoted to brigadier general in 2007, serves at the Pentagon as vice director for intelligence on the Joint Staff. His responsibilities include providing intelligence to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of Defense.

He joined the Air Force in 1982 and his distinguished career has included numerous awards and honors. A profile of Grundhauser appeared in the winter 2007-08 issue of *RIT: The University Magazine* ([www.rit.edu/magazine](http://www.rit.edu/magazine)).

RIT graduates honored by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities in previous years are:

**2000: Daniel A. Carp '73 (MBA)**, retired president and chief executive officer, Eastman Kodak Co., and chairman of the board of Delta Airlines;

**2004: John L. D'Agati '83 (food service administration)**, assistant vice president for innovation and strategic outreach, College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering, University at Albany, State University of New York;

**2005: Venkat Purushotham '81 (printing management)**, president and Chief Executive Officer, NexPress Solutions Inc., Rochester;

**2007: Emmanuel "Manny" Marciano Jr. '82 (electrical engineering technology)**, president and CEO, EMA Design Automation Inc., Rochester.

The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities represents the chief executives of New York's 100-plus private, not-for-profit colleges and universities on issues of public policy.

### 'New' Alumni Association has venerable past

The university's alumni organization has a new name: RIT Alumni Association.

Previously known as the Alumni Network, the newly dubbed Alumni Association remains the same in form and function. The change helps to more clearly identify the organization, which includes all RIT graduates, says Kelly Redder, assistant vice president of Alumni Relations. "Students and alumni assumed that the Alumni Network was something different from an alumni association – a global description for any college or university alumni body.

"In addition," Redder says, "the scope of RIT alumni programming has expanded well beyond the immediately apparent definition of 'network,' offering benefits, services, and volunteer opportunities in addition to occasions for networking within chapter, online community, reunion and affinity activities."

The organization's Board of Directors and the RIT Board of Trustees unanimously approved the change in April.

To find out more about activities and benefits of being part of the RIT Alumni Association, visit [www.rit.edu/alumni](http://www.rit.edu/alumni) or call 585-475-ALUM.



Alumni sign up for the RIT alumni prize pack in the RIT tent at the Chase Corporate Challenge, which drew 11,000 participants to RIT May 29.



President Destler, right, met RIT alumni for a Syracuse University basketball game in February. His travels to chapter events continue this fall.



President Destler, center, poses with alumni in Chicago, where he met with more than 100 alumni on April 29.

## Regional Alumni Activities

Kim Kelsey '97, '05 and Jennifer Ashbaugh are your contacts in the office for regional alumni activities. Don't hesitate to contact them toll free at 1-866-RIT-ALUM.

To learn more about the events listed below go to [www.rit.edu/alumniactivities](http://www.rit.edu/alumniactivities). You can register for events through our secure Web site.

### Albany

The Albany alumni chapter enjoyed an evening of networking and food prep at Dinner Me Quickly on April 10. Thanks to host Terri Standish-Kuon '88.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Alabama at the Saratoga Race Track Aug. 16.

Keep checking the Web site for more details and upcoming events.

### Atlanta

The Atlanta chapter gathered for an Atlanta Braves game on July 20.

Keep checking the Web site for coming events.

### Austin/San Antonio

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the ROCS Day community service event on Sept. 13.

### Boston

The Boston alumni chapter gathered for a Red Sox game on June 11.

**Coming event:** Sept. 8. Meet RIT President Bill Destler at a chapter event. Check the Web site for more information.

### Buffalo

**Coming events:** The Buffalo alumni chapter is planning a Buffalo Sabres game this winter. Please check the Web site for more details.

Meet RIT President Bill Destler at a chapter event Nov. 21. More details coming soon.

### Central Florida

Plans are underway for an alumni event this summer/fall. Please check the Web site for details.

### Charlotte

A small group of alumni enjoyed dinner at Harper's Restaurant in Pineville on March 13.

The chapter is planning a Carolina Panthers game this fall. Please check the Web site for details.

### Chicago

The Chicago alumni chapter enjoyed an evening with RIT President Bill Destler at Gibson's Steakhouse on April 29.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Chicago Cubs game on Aug. 20.

### Cincinnati

The Cincinnati alumni chapter enjoyed a reception at Bar Louie prior to Cincinnati's Party in the Park on May 14. Thanks to host John Johnson '05.

Plans are underway for an alumni event this fall. Please check the Web site for details.

### Cleveland-Akron

The Cleveland alumni chapter enjoyed a reception at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Thanks to host Al Teufen '73.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Cleveland Indians game on Sept. 20.

### Colorado

**Coming event:** The RIT Men's hockey team will be in Colorado to play the Air Force Academy on Dec. 6. A reception with RIT Provost Jeremy Haefner will precede the game.

### Dallas/Fort Worth

The Dallas/Fort Worth alumni chapter hosted a potluck picnic on April 19 at River Legacy Park in Arlington. Thanks to hosts Scott Saldinger '89, '91 and Jennifer Neary '99.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Texas Rangers game on Sept. 20.

### Detroit

The Detroit alumni chapter enjoyed an evening with RIT President Bill Destler at Meadowbrook Hall on March 27 as well as a brunch and tour at the Detroit Institute of Art on June 15. Special thanks to host Yolanda Lewczuk '00.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Detroit Tigers game on Aug. 27.

### Houston

Keep checking the Web site for coming events.

If you are interested in becoming a chapter volunteer, contact Kim Kelsey at [kjkrar@rit.edu](mailto:kjkrar@rit.edu) or 585-475-7638.

### Ithaca

The Ithaca chapter enjoyed a networking reception at Olivia's Restaurant on June 11. Thanks to host Louise M. Felker-Holl '04.

If you are interested in becoming a chapter volunteer, contact Kim Kelsey at [kjkrar@rit.edu](mailto:kjkrar@rit.edu) or 585-475-7638.

### Los Angeles

The L.A. chapter enjoyed a Dodgers game July 27. Thank you to host Eric Senna '91.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the bowling event at Jillian's on Sept. 27

### New York City

The NYC chapter enjoyed a networking reception at SouthWest NY on May 29. Thanks to host Ondrej Vesely '05.

The NYC alumni chapter enjoyed a Yankees game July 8. Thanks to hosts Michael Larson '93 and Luke Mellon '04.

**Coming events:** Registration is now open for the N.Y. Mets game on Aug. 21 and the U.S. Open men's finals on Sept. 7.



Alumni and friends in Cincinnati enjoyed an evening out prior to a Bearcats basketball game.



Rochester alumni enjoyed a guided tour of Underground Railroad sites in the city on June 7.



Pittsburgh alumni and families enjoyed a tour of the Carnegie Museum on May 10.

## Philadelphia

The Philadelphia chapter enjoyed the "Star Wars: Where Science Meets Imagination" exhibit at the Franklin Institute on April 12.

Alumni gathered for a Phillies game July 13. Thanks to host Aviva Dubrow '90, '91.

Plans are underway for a chapter event this fall. Please check the Web site for details.

## Phoenix

The Phoenix chapter enjoyed lunch and a tour at the Heard Museum on Aug. 2. Thanks to host Kathy Goll '02.

**Coming event:** The chapter will host a tour and lunch at the Dessert Botanical Garden Oct. 25.

## Pittsburgh

The Pittsburgh alumni chapter enjoyed lunch and a tour of the dinosaur exhibit at the Carnegie Museum on May 10. Thanks to hosts Al Mature '74 and Tom Phillips '77.

Plans are underway for an alumni event this fall. Please check the Web site for more details.

## Raleigh Durham

The Raleigh-Durham chapter enjoyed an evening with the North Carolina Symphony at the Koka Booth Amphitheatre on June 21. Thanks to hosts Mike '98 and Sue '98 Pail.

Plans are underway for an event this summer/fall. Keep checking the Web site for details.

## Rochester

Alumni and guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and desserts at Biaggi's in Victor on April 24.

Alumni, family and friends joined together for the Big Shot photo project on May 8 (see page 3). Thanks to all who participated.

Thanks also to all who stopped by the RIT Alumni table during the Chase Corporate Challenge on May 29. We'll see you next year!

More than 300 RIT alumni and guests enjoyed a performance of the musical *Wicked* at the

Auditorium Theatre on May 31.

A sold-out group of alumni and guests enjoyed a very memorable afternoon on a tour of Underground Railroad sites in Rochester on June 7. Thanks to host Maggie Reilly '04 and the AKWAABA Heritage Associates for this unforgettable event.

Alumni and guests enjoyed a day at Finger Lakes Race Track on June 28. Special thanks to hosts John '60 and Mary Bartholomew.

Alumni and guests enjoyed a day of sailing and relaxing on Lake Ontario on July 19. Special thanks to hosts Frank Lucas '75 and Shirley Murphy '81.

**Coming events:** Registration is now open for the Rochester Red Wings Baseball game on Aug. 23.

ROCS Day community service event takes place Sept. 13 and the RIT alumni volunteer meeting is Sept. 25. Check the Web site for more details and other upcoming events.

## San Diego

The San Diego alumni chapter cheered on the Padres on July 12. Thanks to hosts Micki Hafner '92, Phil Ohme '99 and Pam Wick '94.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for group surf lessons with Kahuna Bob's Surfing School in Encinitas on Sept. 28.

## San Francisco

Alumni and guests enjoyed a reception at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View on July 11.

Alumni gathered for a Giants game July 26.

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the cheese and wine paring event at The Cheese School of San Francisco on Sept. 24.

## San Jose

Alumni and guests enjoyed a reception at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View on July 11.

**Coming event:** A chapter event is planned for Sept. 25. Check the Web site for information.

## Seattle

Be sure to check the Web site for coming events.

## Southern Florida

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the ROCS Day community service event on Sept. 13.

## Syracuse

**Coming event:** Registration is now open for the Syracuse Sky Chiefs game Aug. 24.

## Washington, D.C.

Alumni and friends enjoyed lunch and a tour of the Mount Vernon Inn on May 17. Thanks to host Kevin Sheldon '02.

Alumni cheered on the Nationals Aug. 3. Thanks to our alumni hosts Kevin Sheldon '02 and Ryan Troll '05.

Keep checking the Web site for coming events.

## Corporate

The IBM/RIT alumni chapter held its second corporate alumni event on May 7 in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Special thanks to Scott Hopkins '82, Bob Hanson '85, and RIT Trustee Susan Puglia for hosting this fantastic event.

Plans are underway for alumni events with Cisco and Microsoft. Keep checking the Web site for details.

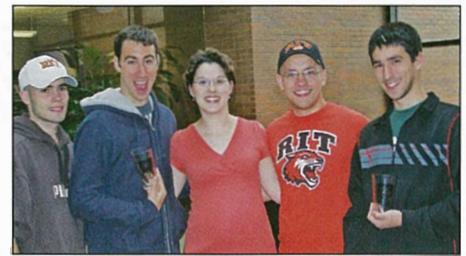
The RIT Wall Street Alumni Chapter held its first event on June 18 at Bar Stuzzichini in Manhattan. Thanks to Don Truesdale '87 for hosting the event.



From left are Jim Sewell '79, Scott Bedford '01, '02, Nicole Welsh '02, Howard Kaneff '51 and Jared Unterborn '03 at a CIAS alumni event that took place at John's Pizzeria in New York City in January. (Photo by Debra Rothenberg '83, '84)



KGCOE's Distinguished Alumna, Britta MacIntosh '89, chats with Dean Harvy Palmer at the awards dinner.



In May, more than 150 members of the GCCIS Class of 2008 gathered for the college's first ice cream social.

## College Alumni Relations

With programs, events, and communications tailored to your interests, your college's alumni relations program is designed for you. Take a look below at what your college has hosted in the recent past, plan on participating in upcoming events and be sure to explore your college's online community pages where you can read and submit class notes, engage in discussions about your profes-

sional field or other areas of interest, search for friends from your past and make professional connections for your future.

**For a complete and up-to-date calendar of alumni events for your college or department, visit your college's online community pages often. Have ideas for an activity in your area? Eager to get involved? Contact your college alumni relations officer!**

### College of Applied Science and Technology

#### Online Community:

[www.rit.edu/alumni/ca](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/ca)

**Catherine Bement '89; 585-475-4975, [catherine.bement@rit.edu](mailto:catherine.bement@rit.edu)**

**Recent activities:** Congratulations new graduates and welcome to the Alumni Association! Another Commencement has passed and CAST added nearly 800 graduates to its alumni population of 31,000, which is the largest of any college at RIT. Also in May, ECTET held its annual senior class toast and CETEMS held its annual golf tournament. In April, the college honored Paul Carr '75 as recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumnus Award, and the Center for Multidisciplinary Studies honored Bob Steele '00 with the Heritage Alumni Award, Gowtham Vasudevamurthy '07 with the Trailblazer Alumni Award, and Christine Maggio with the Student Achievement Award.

**Coming up:** Pack Expo Reception, Chicago, at Dave & Buster's, Nov. 10. Visit the Online Community to register.

### College of Imaging Arts and Sciences

#### Online Community:

[www.rit.edu/alumni/cias](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/cias)

**Ron Goldberg '99, '00; 585-475-3112, [ron.goldberg@rit.edu](mailto:ron.goldberg@rit.edu)**

**Recent activities:** Springtime for College of Imaging Arts and Science alumni was busy! In April, alumni from across the country attending the National Association of Broadcasters Show enjoyed an exclusive reception at Bally's Las Vegas.

In May, the annual Big Shot drew a crowd of over 600 people to Schoen Place in Pittsford, N.Y. (see page 3). Following the Big Shot, alumni spent time with family, friends, faculty and staff at Aladdin's Restaurant overlooking the Erie Canal.

**Coming up:** PhotoPlus Alumni Reception, New York City, Oct. 24, 2008; Graph Expo Alumni Reception at McCormick Place, Chicago, Oct. 27, 2008.

### College of Liberal Arts

#### Online Community:

[www.rit.edu/alumni/cola](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/cola)

**Kerri Lehmbeck; 585-475-4283, [kerri.lehmbeck@rit.edu](mailto:kerri.lehmbeck@rit.edu)**

**Recent activities:** The college hosted several events, including a day trip to Toronto to watch the Blue Jays take on the Boston Red Sox on April 6, a dinner at Chesterfield's Restaurant in Utica, N.Y., on April 17 and a winery tour in the Finger Lakes region on April 26. On April 11, the college honored Karen Benjamin '93 with the College of Liberal Arts 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award. In May, the college held its traditional class toast and more than 75 graduating students, faculty and staff were on hand to celebrate. Congratulations to all of the 2008 graduates and welcome to the Alumni Association! On June 7, alumni and their families walked in the footsteps of weary travelers seeking freedom on the Underground Railroad Tour in downtown Rochester, and on June 19 Susan Barnes (Communication Department) and Neil Hair (E. Philips Saunders College of Business) discussed the world of social networking in the realm of Web 2.0 as it relates to one's career with a group of alumni at Bamba Bistro Restaurant in Rochester.

### College of Science

#### Online Community:

[www.rit.edu/alumni/cos](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/cos)

**Kerri Lehmbeck; 585-475-4283, [kerri.lehmbeck@rit.edu](mailto:kerri.lehmbeck@rit.edu)**

**Recent activities:** College of Science alumni enjoyed numerous activities throughout spring and into summer, including a day trip to Toronto to watch the Blue Jays take on the Boston Red Sox and a dinner at Chesterfield's Restaurant in Utica, N.Y. in April. On April 11, the college honored Kathryn Hill '78 with the College of Science 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester. In May, the college held an ice cream social to congratulate graduating seniors. More than 200 students, faculty and staff from the college enjoyed a sweet treat served by faculty members. Congratulations to all graduates and welcome to the Alumni Association! On June 1, 30 Center for Imaging Science alumni in D.C. gathered for the second annual CIS alumni networking event at the Tysons Corner Marriot.

### B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences

#### Online Community:

[www.rit.edu/alumni/gccis](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/gccis)

**Tandra Miller; 585-475-6908, [tandra.miller@rit.edu](mailto:tandra.miller@rit.edu)**

**Recent activities:** On April 11, David L. Wagner '86 was honored with the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award at a dinner held at the Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester. On April 28, sixteen of the more than 270 guests at the third annual Women's Career Achievement



The GCCIS student chapter of the Society of Software Engineers hosted the first picnic for alumni and students in May.

Dinner were Golisano College representatives, including our special representative, Debra Hogan '79. The Society of Software Engineers student organization hosted their first alumni and student picnic on May 17 in Rochester's Genesee Valley Park, bringing together 35 alumni and students; later in the month more than 150 graduating students celebrated at the first-ever GCCIS Ice Cream Social. In June, New York City-area alumni networked over pizza and beer at John's Pizzeria.

**Coming up:** The 2008-2009 Dean's Lecture Series kicks off Sep. 26; North Carolina Alumni Gathering (date to be determined); Digital Rochester Professional Networking Event, Oct. 7.

## Kate Gleason College of Engineering

**Online Community:**  
[www.rit.edu/alumni/kgcoe](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/kgcoe)

**Jasmine Seavey, 585-475-5045,**  
[jasmine.seavey@rit.edu](mailto:jasmine.seavey@rit.edu)

**Recent activities:** Spring was a busy time for KGCOE. Britta I. MacIntosh '89 was named the 2008 KGCOE Distinguished Alumna and Emily Cole '03 was honored at the 2008 Women's Career Achievement Dinner. The Imagine RIT Innovation + Creativity Festival took place on campus May 3 and the KGCOE buildings were filled with student works and exhibits. We welcomed the newest class of graduates into the Alumni Association over Memorial Day weekend and wish all the best of luck in their endeavors.

**Coming up:** The popular Dean's Alumni Speaker's Series continues this fall. At Brick City Homecoming, stop by the KGCOE hospitality room and visit with retired faculty and fellow alumni. Remember to register for the President's Alumni

Ball. Contact Jasmine Seavey to add your name to the list for KGCOE to host a corporate lunch at your work place.

## National Technical Institute for the Deaf

**Online community:**  
[www.rit.edu/alumni/ntid](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/ntid)  
**Matthew Driscoll SVP '90, '94,**  
**585-475-6408,**  
[matthew.driscoll@ntid.rit.edu](mailto:matthew.driscoll@ntid.rit.edu)

**Recent activities:** Variety was the spice of life for NTID alumni throughout spring and summer! We crossed the country, hosting alumni chapters events in California, Texas, Florida and Ohio; attended an Ultimate Fight Championship event featuring UFC star **Matt Hamill '99**; and hosted a wine and cheese reception in Washington, D.C. Closer to home, we played host to an RIT Hockey Night at Ritter Arena; a summer picnic at Buckland Park in Rochester; NTID-related events during the Imagine RIT Festival; and special first-ever gatherings for alumni of the American Sign Language-English Interpretation (ASLIE) and Master of Science in Secondary Education for Students who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing programs (MSSE).

For three days in June, hundreds of alumni and their families gathered on campus to attend NTID's 40th Anniversary Reunion. The event began with a golf tournament and ended with the recognition of NTID's Distinguished Alumni Award winners from the past five years. In between, everyone had the opportunity to "Remember, Rediscover and Reconnect" with fellow alumni, families and friends.

**Coming up:** Future events include Brick City

Homecoming activities and social events hosted by alumni chapters throughout the country.

## E. Philip Saunders College of Business

**Online Community:**  
[www.rit.edu/alumni/scb](http://www.rit.edu/alumni/scb)  
**Megan Cheever, 585-475-2354,**  
[mcheever@saunders.rit.edu](mailto:mcheever@saunders.rit.edu)

**Recent activities:** April brought the Saunders College Dean's Receptions with Dean Ashok Rao to Buffalo and Syracuse, N.Y. The College also celebrated Susan J. Riley '81 as the Saunders College 2008 Distinguished Alumna and honored Lynn Sullivan '88 at our Women's Career Achievement Dinner. As spring came to campus in May so did our inaugural Imagine RIT: Innovation and Creativity Festival. Many exciting and interactive exhibits were featured in Saunders, drawing thousands of alumni and community members.

At the end of the month the college welcomed more than 400 new alumni into the Saunders College Alumni Association at Commencement on May 23. In June, alumni gathered at Cobblestone Creek Country Club in Victor, N.Y. for the 10th annual Saunders College Alumni Golf Tournament for a hot day of networking and fun.

# Class Notes

## Key to abbreviations

<b>CAST</b>	College of Applied Science and Technology
<b>CCE</b>	College of Continuing Education (now CAST)
<b>CIAS</b>	College of Imaging Arts and Sciences
<b>COLA</b>	College of Liberal Arts
<b>SCB</b>	E. Philip Saunders College of Business
<b>KGCOE</b>	Kate Gleason College of Engineering
<b>COS</b>	College of Science
<b>FAA</b>	Fine and Applied Arts (now CIAS)
<b>GAP</b>	Graphic Arts and Photography (now CIAS)
<b>GCCIS</b>	B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences
<b>NTID</b>	National Technical Institute for the Deaf
<b>SVP</b>	NTID "Summer Vestibule Program"

## Do you have news to share?

To submit information through the Alumni Online Community, visit [www.alumniconnections.com/rit](http://www.alumniconnections.com/rit) and click on "Class Notes."

Class Notes can also be mailed to:

Office of Alumni Relations  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Crossroads Building  
41 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, NY 14623-5603

Notes may be edited for accuracy, length and appropriateness. Photos must be print quality.

## 1949

Ewart "Bud" Moyer '49 (GAP) continues his lifelong work in photography. He has photographed many film and TV stars and former president Gerald Ford. He has exhibited his works at RIT, in Santa Barbara, Calif., Detroit, and Washington, D.C., and in Japan. He is a life-long member of the Professional Photographers of America, was named Michigan Photographer of the Year in 1958 and went on in 1972 to serve as president of the Professional Photographers of Michigan. Bud also serves as a judge for area camera clubs and presents "Programs of Stars" to local groups. Bud and his wife, Jeanne, reside in Smyrna Beach, Fla.

## 1956

Ellen Clark Younkens '56 (FAA) writes, "After retiring from 30 years working as a graphic artist for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller's office and as director of graphic arts for the New York State Senate, I have been designing and producing wearable art (handbags and apparel), which I show at local gallery and museum shops."

## 1960

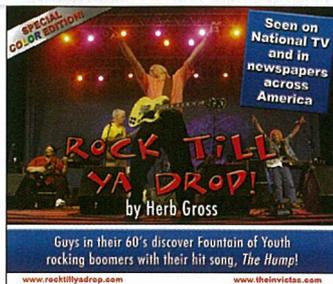
Rollin Shoemaker '60 (SCB) has been operating Career Management Systems, a successful Western New York career counseling, resume writing and job development center, since 1974. Rollin is also a partner in Business Development Specialists (a strategic planning company that assists entrepreneurs with small business start-up or development). Recently,

Rollin's firm announced plans to initiate a career and educational counseling program for high school juniors and seniors. He has four grandchildren, is formerly married and resides in Hamburg, N.Y. Rollin is active in the community and church, and is also involved in a basketball program for an over-55 age group.

## 1964

Timothy Lloyd '64 (FAA), emeritus professor of art and the liberal arts at Carleton College, exhibited his work at the Smithsonian Craft Show in Washington. One of Tim's silver teakettles, "Kitano Fantasy," was selected for the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's Renrick Gallery. The teapot was recently included in *500 Metal Vessels, Contemporary Explorations of Containment*, published by Lark Books.

## 1965



Herb Gross '65, '67 (SCB, GAP) rocks on with The Invictas, a band formed when he and Jim Kohler '63 (printing) and brothers Dave Hickey '72 (printing) and Bruce Hickey '70 (printing) were RIT students. The band, reconstituted a few years ago, will perform at Brick City Homecoming in October. And Gross recently published *Rock Till Ya Drop*, which tells the story of The Invictas and urges other baby boomers to follow their passion and dreams. A companion Web site, [www.rocktillyadrop.com](http://www.rocktillyadrop.com), has more ideas.

## 1967

Ronald Meyers '67 (FAA) has been awarded the NCECA Excellence in Teaching Award at the 42nd Annual Conference of the National Council in Education for the Ceramic Arts.



A group of friends from the Class of 1967 held their own 40th reunion last summer at "Tuller's Little Red Caboose" on Seneca Lake. From left are Joan (Davis) Mills (SCB), Sandy (Saulpaugh) Tuller (SCB), Sue (Parker) Sirbaugh (FAA), Kathy (Mullady) Calderwood (FAA) and Pat (Vasisko) Dunn (FAA).

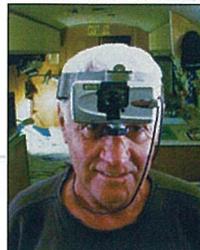
## 1968

Bill Munz '68 (GAP) writes, "Hello, printing alumni and alumnae! I'm starting my 47th year in the industry and going strong. I look forward to seeing you in October at the reunion!"

## 1969

George Lagary '69 (GAP) is director of production at ZcardNa in New York City.

## 1970



Robert Kiger '70 (GAP) writes, "Videography Lab presents it's wide angle FaceCam based on proprietary aftermarket upgrades to the waterproof and shock resistant Pentax Optio W30. This camera has the specifications to be the videography device for the masses."

## 1971

Robert Kiss '71 (GAP) writes that his photograph of pop artist Andy Warhol and New York City gallery owner Ron Feldman appeared in the catalogs of two major museum shows in early 2008. In 1981, Kiss was commissioned by *Forbes* magazine to photograph a series of major artists and their gallery owners including Warhol and Feldman, Julian Schnabel and Mary Boone, and Christo for an article called "Portrait of the Artist as a Money Man."

Roger Kuntz '71 (COS) was a polymer chemist at Eastman Kodak Company until 1975 and was responsible for the development of many of the organic products that were employed in the manufacture of cameras, projectors, photocopiers and photofinishing machines during the '70s and '80s. Roger received his doctorate of veterinary medicine degree from Cornell University in 1979 and since that time has been engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery.

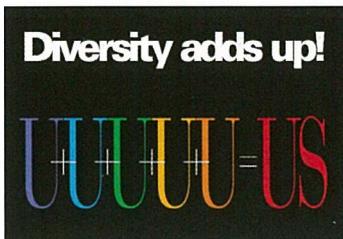
## 1972

Sam Jack Difiglio '72 (NTID) has worked at the Post Office Chicago Bulk Mail Center in Forest Park, Ill., for 31 years.

Dennis Lia '72 (KGCOE) joined LTX Corp. in Norwood, Mass., in 2007 as principle diagnostics software engineer. Dennis was previously employed at Northrop-Grumman Corp. as senior test software engineer. "NGC closed the design center in Canton and moved the operations to California. The position at LTX involves developing calibration and diagnostics algorithms for precision analog and mixed signal test instrumentation."

Joyce Taylor Hill '72 (FAA) was interviewed by *The Artery Magazine* and has images at [www.theartery-magazine.com](http://www.theartery-magazine.com).

## 1973



**Toby Thompson '73 (FAA)** retired from RIT in 1996 and moved to Sarasota, Fla. Recently, he has received recognition for his work, including: concept and art/design work (one of 12 selected from over 1,600 entries), *Embracing Our Differences* competition, 2008; mixed media painting award, All Florida Fine Art Show, 2008; first place, All Florida Fine Art Show, 2007; best of show award, four-color catalog design, 20th annual Florida Printing Awards, 2007; art/design poster and promotional commission, Charlotte Arts & Humanities Council, 2008; poster design commission, Sarasota Season of Sculpture, 2008; music festival poster, call for entries, 2006.

## 1975

**Teresa Battisti SVP '69, '74, '75 (FAA)** works in digital scanning and film conversion services for Challenge Industries, Ithaca, N.Y.

**Michael Stinebaugh '72, '75 (NTID)** is a nautical cartographer in the Office of Global Navigation at National Geospatial Agency, Bethesda, Md.

## 1976

**Michael Bienenstock '71 '76 (COS)** teaches ASL and Deaf Culture classes at the University of Houston. He is developing the first bachelor's degree program in Texas for ASL interpreting.

**Christopher Blatto '73, '76 (NTID)** is an ASL instructor at Arapaho Community College and received the 2005 Teacher Appreciation award.

**Charles Cordaro '76 (CAST)** is a database administrator for Computer Sojourns in Rochester. Chuck has combined his expertise in accounting with computer programming, resulting in a specialized database spreadsheet development program.

**Leonard Ladner '76 (GAP)** is running for the United States Senate from Tennessee. For more information visit [www.ladner4ussenate.com](http://www.ladner4ussenate.com).

**Jay Levine '76 (SCB)** was selected as the Ernst & Young 2008 Rosemarie Meschi Award winner for the Americas Tax Practice. This award honors outstanding men and women who have played an active role in supporting the advancement of women within Ernst & Young.

**Judy Silvestro Schuld '73, '76 (NTID)** received the Distinguished Federal Services Recognition award on May 10, 2007, in Cleveland, Ohio.

## 1978

**Kathy McWaters SVP '73, '78 (FAA)** is a substitute teacher and floater within the academic/residential deaf program at Austine School for the Deaf as well as a mixed-media artist and Web developer. Kathy earned her master's of education degree in deaf education from Boston University in 1996. Kathy is a member of a cooperative art gallery in Brattleboro, Vt.

**Frank Sklarsky '78 (SCB)** is the executive vice president and chief financial officer at Eastman Kodak Co. in Rochester. He was previously employed

at ConAgra Foods as executive vice president and chief financial officer. "Now that I am on the Alumni Online Community, I can reach out to all the folks who I might have known in Rochester when I last lived here in 1981. Our family arrived here almost by coincidence due to the opportunity to take the CFO job at Kodak. I have connected with a few fraternity brothers from Delta Sigma Pi since coming back, as well as other RIT grads. Kind of strange to come back after all these years. Rochester is still a great place to live and my family (two young girls) like the schools and the cultural activities (we're a family of musicians). Saw the 'new' campus. Looks fantastic!"

## 1979

**Karen Maier Warren '79 (COS)** is employed as technical leader of systems verification and validation within R&D at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company. Career highlights include the development of more than 15 thin film assays utilizing ion selective electrode, colorimetric, enzyme rate, and competitive binding immunorate techniques. She is specializing in verification and validation for FDA clearance of high-speed random access blood analyzers. She has numerous patents and publications.

**Harold "Skip" Warren '79 (COS)** is employed as director of women's health and cardiology within R&D at Ortho Clinical Diagnostics, a Johnson & Johnson company. Career highlights include the synthesis of numerous novel compounds used in detection systems in various thin film chemistries, the establishment of protein chemistry and nucleic acid labs within OCS, and the establishment of a reagent process engineering group. Skip's most recent accomplishment is the development of the first commercial assay for Chagas disease to be used for the screening of blood donations in the U.S. He has more than 30 U.S. patents.

**George Whitfield, Jr. '75, '79 (NTID)** has worked for 14 years in Mt. Clemens, Mich. He likes boating and looks forward to retirement.

## 1980



**Jeanne Depolo '80 (SCB), '99 (CIAS)**, owner of dePolo Photography in Menlo Park, Calif., recently received the Certified Professional Photographers (CPP) degree, placing her among 3 percent of all the professional photographers in the U.S. who have passed the exam. Jeanne is president of the Professional Photographers of the Greater Bay Area and has been a board member and trustee of Golden Gate School for Professional Photographers for the past four years.

**Juliana Lemaster Gould '80 (COS)** established JLG Interpreter LLC in West Orange, N.J. Juliana was previously employed at Mountain Lakes Board of Education as an interpreter. "I recently established my own business, providing Sign/English interpreting and consulting services to the northern New Jersey area."

**Wendy Maruyama '80 (FAA)** and William Schairer were married Jan. 8, 2008, in Maui, Hawaii. They currently reside in San Diego, Calif. Wendy is a professor of furniture design at San Diego State University. Bill is a CPA at the accounting firm of Lavine, Lofgren, Morris and Engelberg LLP in La Jolla, Calif. Wendy will receive the Award of Distinction this year from the Furniture Society. For more information, see [www.furnitureociety.org](http://www.furnitureociety.org).



**Richard M. "Rick" Simpson '76, '80 (NTID), '84 (CAST)** received the 2007 Lyon Founder's award. He is a video production/animation teacher at the Rochester School for the Deaf.

**Brian Wells '80 (CAST)** is chief technology officer at the University of

Pennsylvania Health System in Philadelphia. Brian was previously employed at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia as a project director.

## 1981

**Raymond Conrad '76, '81 (SCB)** is a senior accountant at Viable Communications Inc., in Rockville, Md.

**John Woodman '80, '81 (SCB)** celebrated his 25th anniversary as a Shaklee independent distributor on Jan. 18, 2008.

## 1982



**Stephen Fletcher '80, '82 (GAP)** was promoted from associate librarian to librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At UNC, he has been the North Carolina Collection Photographic Archivist since Feb. 1, 2003. He was curator of visual materials at the Indiana Historical Society from 1988

to 2002. At the California Historical Society, he was curator of photographs from 1986 to 1988 and assistant curator of photographs starting in May 1983. His first museum position was assistant cataloger at the International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House, Rochester, cataloging lantern slides during the summer of 1981. It was during his junior and senior years at RIT that he discovered his love for working with historical photographs. After graduating from RIT, Fletcher attended the Center for Museum Studies at John F. Kennedy University in San Francisco, Calif., and completed his master of arts degree in 1992.

**Jerold Lissan '82 (GAP)** is the corporate secretary and vice president for research at Ever Young Natural Foods Inc. The company specializes in producing healthy organic foods. For more information, visit [www.everyday-gourmet.net](http://www.everyday-gourmet.net).

**Deborah Rose '79, '82 (NTID)** and **Timothy Maloney SVP '79, '82 (NTID)** were married on Aug. 19, 2006, at Whiteface Mountain near Lake Placid, N.Y. Tim has worked for 20 years at Gillette Machine & Tool Co.

## 1983

**Michael Busch '81, '83 (FAA)** is a veteran creative director in Los Angeles. Career highlights include various awards and professional achievements in the motion graphics and media design industries, including being a member of an Academy Award-winning visual effects team. His experience bridges media from traditional broadcast design and 3D visual effects to interactive media and emerging platforms. He has extensive experience in network packaging and branding for TV, and he directed and designed multiple on-air graphics and promo packages for NBC, ABC, CBS, and FOX as principle of TVart Inc. and currently Michael Busch Digital Media.

## Her mission is to help others

True or false: Most substance abusers are homeless people wandering the streets of large cities.

False.

“That’s the big misconception,” says Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo ’84 (social work), commissioner of the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services. “We know that one of out seven people has a substance abuse problem – 1.8 million New Yorkers. People from every walk of life. Everyone knows someone who struggles with an addiction.”

Carpenter-Palumbo is responsible for making sure that those people don’t have to struggle alone. She oversees the largest substance abuse treatment system in the United States, serving 110,000 people daily in more than 1,500 programs statewide, with a \$1.7 billion annual budget. The agency addresses prevention, treatment and recovery, with treatment remaining by far the largest part of the three-pronged approach to a huge societal issue.

Appointed to her current position in February 2007 by then-Governor Eliot Spitzer, Carpenter-Palumbo has more than 25 years experience in the areas of health, mental health, substance abuse and disability-related issues. Immediately prior to becoming commissioner, she served as regional vice president for the American Cancer Society. From 1997-2004, she was executive vice president of Government Programs for Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan Inc. From 1990-1994, she was assistant secretary to Gov. Mario Cuomo, where she served as his senior policy adviser on issues of state agencies in the areas of mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse and general disability issues.

During the time she worked in the Cuomo administration, the Division of Alcoholism and the Division of Substance Abuse merged. Today, the agency also provides services for people with gambling problems.

A native of Horseheads, N.Y., Carpenter-Palumbo was a student at Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls, N.Y., when it

became a part of RIT in 1979. When the college closed in 1983, “I was devastated,” she says. But finishing her degree at RIT meant an internship with Rochester Police Department and the opportunity to add a practical focus to her liberal

arts background. That helped determine her career path.

“It worked out very well for me,” says Carpenter-Palumbo, who went on to earn a master’s degree in social work from Adelphi University.

She calls her current position “an honor and a privilege,” although it’s a 24/7 commitment involving travel, public

speaking and heavy administrative responsibilities. As commissioner, her job is to lead and motivate a team of more than 1,000. She enjoys the challenge – and especially the opportunity to make a difference in people’s lives.

Last year, she announced a plan to make all addiction treatment centers in the state smoke free and to provide clients with a program to cure nicotine dependence. Her motivation was the alarming fact that 92 percent of people in substance abuse programs are smokers, compared to 18 percent of the general public. She believes it makes no sense to help people overcome drug and alcohol addiction while overlooking another serious health threat. The new policy went into effect in July 2008.

“It’s not easy,” she says, “but people are embracing it. It’s the right thing to do.

“We want to make sure people who have struggled with an illness can be supported for a lifetime of wellness and sobriety,” she says. “We must make sure we’re doing everything possible for their health and well being.”

**For more information about the Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services visit [www.oasas.state.ny.us](http://www.oasas.state.ny.us). If you or someone you know needs help, call the OASAS 24-hour help line at 1-800-522-5353.**



Carpenter-Palumbo '84

**Nicholas Capanna '83 (SCB)** was promoted to branch manager at First Niagara Bank in Lockport, N.Y.

**Matthew Huck '81, '83 (GAP)** was promoted to director of field support for North America at ASML in Tempe, Ariz. Matt has nearly 15 years' experience in customer support at ASML. As director of field support, Matt will have responsibility for the organizations supporting the customer support offices in North America.

**Gerard Kiernan '83 (CAST)** is director of operations at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass., where he has worked for 19 years. The Exposition is in the top 10 fairgrounds/exposition centers in America.

**Ronald Klimley '86 (SCB)** has been promoted to senior manager learning performance at Teletch in Tampa, Fla. Responsibilities include the overall management of the training function for a large out-source client with one site in North America and two additional sites in the Philippines.

**Carl Moore '83 (KGOE)** was promoted to executive director at Maxim Integrated Products in North Chelmsford, Mass. He enjoys his work in the Test Systems Development group.

**Gary Talkofsky SVP '80, '83 (NTID)** is in his sixth year working for the Joint Industry Board in the Information Technology Department in Flushing, N.Y.



**Jens Williamson III '80, '83 (NTID)** was a voucher examiner/accounting technician at Fort Sam Houston for 13 years. He became a file clerk at Brooke Army Medical Center in December 2006. He was inducted into the Deaf Softball Hall of Fame by the Southwest Softball Association for the Deaf Inc. in San Marcos and

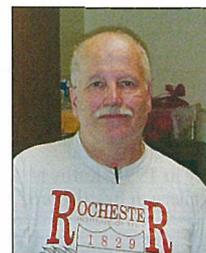
Austin, Texas, on July 14, 2007.

## 1984

**Eric Kuckhoff '84 (COS)** has held positions at the Dow Chemical Co. in technical service and development, and with Cytec Industries in marketing management, mergers and acquisitions, and eventually became the VP of global marketing, sales and technology. In January 2002, he created his own company, Polystar.

**Stephen Stracqualursi '84 (FAA)** writes, “I graduated in 1984 and started working for Patagonia ([www.patagonia.com](http://www.patagonia.com)) in 1990. I’ve held positions in the direct sales division as well as in wholesale. I am currently the director of the fly fishing products category and am responsible for global markets. I publish my personal blog ([www.wayupstream.com](http://www.wayupstream.com)) on fly fishing and all that relates.”

## 1985



**Andrew Asproulis '85 (CCE)** is a volunteer writer and assistant to the founder and president of the International Peace Garden Foundation. For more information, visit [www.ipgf.org](http://www.ipgf.org).

**Charles Burke '85 (CAST)** recently became operations analyst at Ajilon Consulting in Syracuse, N.Y. "It took 25 years, but I am finally back at the (former) Niagara Mohawk Power Co., where I did my first co-op in 1982-83. I am currently a contractor, working in the Gas Operations Department."

**Thomas Hartrick '82, '85 (CAST)** continues to work for IBM Corp. in Research Triangle Park, N.C., where he manages the IBM Developer Works Web site and Community Engineering Team.

**Lisa Kay '82, '85 (NTID)** received the *Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges* award in 2007 and is attending AB Tech College.

**David Leonard '85 (FAA)** exhibited his paintings in a three-person show May 10-June 2, 2008, at Julie Baker Fine Art in Nevada City, Calif. He exhibited in the summer group show, "City Lights," July 6-Aug. 16 at the George Billis Gallery in New York City. A solo exhibition will finish the year Nov. 8-Dec. 31 at the Norwood Flynn Gallery in Dallas. Early in 2009, he will exhibit in a two-person show at the Davis Gallery in Austin, Texas, where he lives. For more information, visit [www.davidleonardpaintings.com](http://www.davidleonardpaintings.com).

**Audrey Overs Kanik '85 (CAST)** has submitted her doctoral dissertation. She lives in New Hampshire with her daughters, Kelsey (16) and Hannah (14).

**Bruce Morrow '85 (COS)** was a 2007 Revson Fellow at Columbia University. The fellowship supports New York City civic leaders for one year of academic study. Morrow is on the advisory board of two nonprofit organizations, The Rashawn Brazell Fund and Girls Write Now.

**Stephen Turcsany '79, '82 (CAST), '85 (NTID)** and Heng Bee were married on Oct. 14, 2006. Heng Bee, who is deaf, is from Malaysia. Their daughter, Mia, was born on Feb. 24, 2007.

## 1986



**Steven Hockstein '85, '86 (GAP)** writes, "Paying no attention to the looming economic recession, my lovely wife, Karen, and I celebrate the 15th anniversary of Harvard Studio Photography in Montclair, N.J. While Karen continues to be gainfully employed in

the health care industry, I manure the lawn and dream of buying a new computer."

**Albert Zahniser '86 (CAST)** is the director of technology at American Institute for History Education LLC in southern New Jersey. "This was a tremendous opportunity to join a fast-growing company that is applying leading-edge technology to teaching American history to our K-12 students across the nation."

## 1987

**R. Todd Barber '87 (KGCOE)** is the vice president of sales at SpeechCycle in New York City. Todd was previously employed at Converse as VP & GM, Americas. "SpeechCycle is an exciting company using speech technology to automate calls into call centers."

**Andrew Blackburn '83, '87 (NTID)** married Paula Hill on Aug. 25, 2007. He was promoted to full-time staff photographer for *Lancaster New Era* on Oct. 3, 2006.

**Kevin Jerome '87 (CAST)** has been general manager for Bahama Breeze Restaurants since 2003 and is currently in Atlanta. Bahama Breeze won 2007 Diamond Club for Darden Restaurants in Schaumburg, Ill.

## 1988

**Michael Buskey '84 '88 (NTID)** is a staff accountant for Aldon Corp., Avon, N.Y. He's been married for 14 years and has two daughters.



**Douglas Nice '83, '87, '88 (NTID)** has worked as a pre-press operator for 20 years. He has two daughters: his oldest is on the high school cheerleading team.

**Marc Raco '86, '88 (GAP)**, an actor in New York City, recently wrapped production shooting in an episode of a new primetime TV series for Fox Sports Network, "Amazing Sports Stories." Visit [www.marcraco.com](http://www.marcraco.com) for details of this and other projects.

## 1989

**Cassandra Harris SVP '89, '94 (NTID)** and husband, Jeremiah Harris, announce the birth of a son, John David, on Aug. 27, 2007. They have two older children, Jaime, 5, and Crystal, 3.

**Coleen Mahan Marcus '85, '89 (NTID)** and husband, **Robert Marcus '77 (CAST)**, have three children, Rebekah, Tabitha and Luke. Tabitha and Luke attend the Rochester School for the Deaf.

**Michael Miklos '89 (SCB)** is a material coordinator working on the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle Program at Lockheed Martin in Owego N.Y. Michael was previously employed at CDI Business Solutions as documentation analyst.

**Judith Pinkham '89 (CAST)** and husband, William, announce the birth of their first child, Daniel William Charland, born on June 23, 2007, in Portsmouth, N.H.

**Darren Therriault SVP '81, '85 (NTID), '89 (KGCOE)** appeared in a ground-breaking ASL commercial for Pepsi aired during the 2008 Super Bowl.

## 1990

**Daniel Agne '90** and wife, **Kathleen Long SVP '87, '90, '91 (NTID)**, welcomed their first son, Timothy Michael, born on April 5, 2008.

**Michelle Demeyer '88, '86, '90 (FAA)** received the 2007 American Package Design Award from Graphic Design USA for package branding completed for the Graphic Communications Group, Eastman Kodak Co., where she has been employed as an artwork director since 1991.

**Christine Ecker Feinbaum '85, '91, '90 (NTID)** has worked at the Walt Disney World Company for 15 years. She has two children, ages 12 and 13.

**Christopher Root '87, '90 (COS)** is senior automation analyst at Merck & Co. Inc. in West Point, Pa. Christopher was employed at ICON Clinical Research as validation engineer III.

**Lisa Trager '90 (FAA)** and Adrian Walters announce the birth of a daughter, Fiona Rose Walters, on May 14, 2007, in Boston.

## 1991

**Rebecca Cook Mickelson '87, '91 (NTID)** received a B.S. degree in management from Park University in July 2007. She was promoted to the DLA Corporate Intern Program at the Defense Supply Center Columbus as a contract specialist.

**Richard Mislan '91 (COLA)** writes, "During May 8-10, 2008, I hosted the first Mobile Forensics World Conference in Chicago ([www.MobileForensicsWorld.com](http://www.MobileForensicsWorld.com)). Mobile Forensics World is the only conference dedicated to federal, state, and local law enforcement forensic specialists, corporate and private forensic examiners, industry leaders and academic researchers performing mobile device forensics. As an assistant professor in the Department of Computer and Information Technology's Cyber Forensics Lab at Purdue University's College of Technology, I provide research, education, training and investigative support in small scale digital device forensics to various local, state and federal agencies. I was recently nominated the College of Technology Outstanding Faculty in Engagement and also serve as the editor of the *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal* ([www.ssddfj.org](http://www.ssddfj.org)). Finally, I provide investigative training and support through my consultancy, SmartPhone Forensics ([www.SmartPhoneForensics.com](http://www.SmartPhoneForensics.com))."

## 1992

**Kendell Burroughs '92 (SCB)** was promoted to chief financial officer from controller at Guttmacher Institute in New York City.

**Donna Chen '92 (COS)** received her Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Harvard University in 1997 and spent two years as a postdoctoral associate at the Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif. In 1999, Donna joined the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C., and is now an associate professor. Her research program has focused on molecular-level understanding of chemical reactions that occur on metal, semiconductor and oxide surfaces. She spoke at the Undergraduate Research Symposium 2007 about her research on surface chemistry on supported metal nanoparticles.

**Michael Hawthorne '92 (CAST)** and wife, Kirstin, announce the birth of a son, Derek Charles, on July 19, 2007, in Fair Oaks, Va.

**Todd Palczewski '92 (SCB)** was promoted to sales and marketing analyst from retail sales representative at Rosina Food Products Inc. in Buffalo.

## 1993

**Tammy Kosarek '93 (CAST)** and husband, Joe, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Frances, on Feb. 20, 2008, in Downers Grove, Ill.

**Andrew Levy '90, '93 (CAST)** writes, "Did you hear my exciting news about the IBM Corporate Service Corps? I was accepted into the program! I will be off to the Philippines this summer as part of this exciting program. Think Peace Corps crosses corporate world crosses *Survivor/Reality TV*. Only 100 were selected worldwide for the first round! I will have seven others on my team from across the world. I hope to find some way to share my experience with RIT students when I return."

**Christina Loftus '93 (KGCOE)** received an MBA in marketing from the University of Denver on March 12, 2008. She is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

**Kathleen Lota '93 (CIAS)** was promoted to art director at Tisha Creative in Englewood, N.J., after only a few months. She previously spent three years at Woodside Design Group in Butler, N.J., as a senior graphic designer.

**James Morse '93 (FAA)** married Heidi McHugh on May 12, 2007, at the First Congregational Church of Vernon, Conn. Jim is a digital print manager at Allied Printing in Manchester, Conn. He is a firefighter for the Town of Vernon Fire Department, Truck 541. Heidi is a facility accountant at Healthtrax. They are residing in Vernon, Conn.

**Michelle Johnston Osterhout '87, '93 (FAA)** was co-emcee for the Miss Deaf Michigan and the first Miss Deaf Teen Michigan in Kalamazoo on July 28, 2007. Besides being a mother of four children (Hunter, Hawke, Garret and Danelle), she works at DEAF CAN's Leap, is an ASL Instructor for MCC Flint/Lapeer, and is an artist creating arts/jewelry.

**Amy Phillips '93 (FAA)** and husband, Chris, announce the birth of a son, Christopher Ryan, on Jan. 30, 2008, in Greenwich, Conn. He joins big brother Michael.

**Melissa Rancourt '93 (KGOE)** is the director of operations and corporate communication at a European firm in Brussels, Belgium, and also teaches operations management, project management and negotiations at Boston University's campus in Brussels.

**Ian Ratner '93 (CAST)** and wife, Lauren, announce the birth of a daughter, Vivienne Claire, born on March 21, 2008, in Raleigh, N.C. Ava, 6, and James, 5, welcome their new baby sister.



**Robert Wagner '93 (SCB)** was named to *Graphic Design USA* magazine's list of "People to Watch in 2008." Wagner is vice president of Xerox Corp.'s Creative Services Business Segment and the Xerox Premier Partners program. Bob also is an adjunct instructor in RIT's School of Print Media, where he

teaches a course in multimedia strategies.

## 1994

**Michelle Baikie SVP '91, '94 (CIAS)** received a master of education degree in literacy from Mount Saint Vincent University on Oct. 21, 2007.

**Stephen Balcom '94 (KGOE)** and wife, Aimee, announce the birth of a son, Caleb Michael, on March 31, 2008, in Naperville, Ill. He joins older brother Christian.



**John DeHaas '94 (CIAS)** has recorded his first album of rock 'n' roll music, *Sloop JohnD.* He wrote all of the songs and plays all of the instruments on the CD, and also designed a Web site ([www.sloopjohnD.com](http://www.sloopjohnD.com)) where people can hear song samples, read

the lyrics, purchase the album and post comments. "Although this project does not directly relate to my bachelor of fine arts degree, I feel as though my RIT education broadened my creativity beyond designing the album package to other forms of art, including writing, music and web design," says DeHaas, who lives in Rochester and works as an artist and illustrator.

**Gina Switalski '86, '90 (NTID), '93 (FAA)** and **Michael Colombo SVP '86, '89 (NTID), '94 (KGOE)** were married in September 1997. They have three daughters: twins Megan and Amanda born in 2004, and Lauren, born in 2006.

**Christopher Dempsey '94 (CAST)** was promoted from regional manager New England to regional manager Northeast at Unilever and, in addition to New England, assumes sales management responsibility for all of New York state.

**Alice Merchant '98 (CIAS)** is director, Customer Implementation and Support, at Michael C. Fina Co. in New York City.

**Andrew Knauf '89 (KGOE), '94 (SCB)** is senior project manager at RTI International in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

**Byung-Kwon Suh '94 (CIAS)** received a master's degree in marketing/business from Inha University, South Korea, on Feb. 22, 2008.

**Renee Stetson Zborowski '94 (CIAS)** and husband, Douglas, announce the birth of a son, Jacob Douglas, April 16, 2008, in Plantation, Fla. Born nine weeks early, parents report that he is very healthy.

## 1995

**Julie Donohue '95 (CIAS)** and husband, Jim, announce the birth of twin sons, Liam and Dylan, on Oct. 10, 2007, in London, England. They were born seven weeks early, but parents report they are doing quite well. They join 4-year-old sister Emma.

**Rod Donovan '95 (SCB), '08 (CIAS)**, after retiring from the computer industry in 2004, received an A.O.S. degree in furniture design and woodworking from RIT's School for American Craft on May 24, 2008. He and Lisa are looking to relocate somewhere in the continental U.S. and open a furniture studio.

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# 21st century technology leads to discovery of 18th century shipwreck

Technology that began life as a project by a group of RIT engineering majors has reached new heights – and depths.

A remote-operated vehicle (ROV), designed to help underwater explorers discover shipwrecks by going deeper than recreational divers, led Dan Scoville '05 (electrical engineering) in June to the HMS Ontario, a British warship that sank in Lake Ontario more than two centuries ago.

Using side-scan sonar technology, Scoville and his deep-water exploration partner, Jim Kennard, had been searching for the Revolutionary War-era ship for about three years. (For Kennard, his quest for the Ontario began more than three decades ago.) The pair had previously discovered seven other shipwrecks off the southern shore of Lake Ontario.



Dan Scoville '05

Three years ago, a team of Kate Gleason College of Engineering students, working with Scoville, designed and built an ROV for a multidisciplinary senior-

design project. Like the one that found the Ontario, the device was equipped with high-intensity lighting and video cameras – and its original technology was key in the latest discovery.

“The RIT ROV team’s work is still very much a part of the current ROV design,” says Scoville, who is now a project manager and electrical engineer for the remote-operated vehicle product line at Hydroacoustics Inc. in Henrietta, N.Y. “The ROV uses much of the base software that was written by the ROV team, as well as the electrical circuits.”

In fact, Hydroacoustics gave a larger budget to Scoville and other members of the RIT team, including Matt Paluch '06 (electrical engineering), Josh Figler '06 (computer engineering) and Jason Caulk '06 (electrical engineering), and asked them to refine original designs.

“This team has moved the ROV from a student project to a commercial product,” says Scoville.

The HMS Ontario and as many as 120



A cannon is visible on the bow of the Revolutionary War-era British Warship HMS Ontario, discovered in June at the bottom of Lake Ontario by Dan Scoville '05. Scoville used a remote-operated vehicle and technology originally developed by a team of RIT engineering students. (Photo by Dan Scoville '05)

passengers were lost in a violent gale on Oct. 31, 1780. Previously regarded as a Holy Grail among lost vessels in the Great Lakes, it was located between the Niagara River and Rochester at a depth of about 500 feet. The craft, in remarkably good condition considering its age and fate 228 years ago, partially rests on one side.

“After many years of work and lots of money, it was a relief to see all the pieces come together and the goal realized,” says Scoville about the discovery. With a touch of melancholy, he adds that the Ontario, the oldest confirmed shipwreck in the Great Lakes, is probably the most important find of his lifetime – suggesting that, at only 35 years old, he has already reached a pinnacle.

But for those like Scoville – passionate in attaining their goals – it’s a vast world filled with as-yet-unknown new pinnacles at even greater heights (and sometimes depths). That just might be Scoville’s next “discovery.”

Michael Saffran

## Web extras:

To hear an interview with Scoville, visit [www.rit.edu/news](http://www.rit.edu/news) and look under podcasts.

For an in-depth account of Scoville and Kennard’s discovery of the HMS Ontario, visit: [www.shipwreckworld.com/story/shipwreck-explorers-discover-1780-british-warship-in-lake-ontario.aspx](http://www.shipwreckworld.com/story/shipwreck-explorers-discover-1780-british-warship-in-lake-ontario.aspx)

For video footage of the discovery of the HMS Ontario, visit: [www.shipwreckworld.com/weblink/raw-video-footage-of-hms-ontario-shipwreck.aspx](http://www.shipwreckworld.com/weblink/raw-video-footage-of-hms-ontario-shipwreck.aspx)

To read an earlier story in *RIT: The University Magazine* about the RIT multidisciplinary engineering senior design project, see the winter 2006-07 issue online at [www.rit.edu/magazine](http://www.rit.edu/magazine)

## Nutrition expert serves food for thought

Eat more fruits and vegetables, eat fewer fatty foods and sweets, keep your calories under control and increase your physical activity and you'll improve your health and extend your life.

It sounds simple, but many Americans have difficulty following the standard recommendations for care of the human body. Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, and other diet-related diseases and obesity are among the nation's most serious health issues.

"It's not easy to get people to change their eating habits," says Penny Kris-Etherton '71 (medical dietetics). "I think we're moving in the direction of helping people make changes, but more needs to be done."

Kris-Etherton has devoted her career to studying the relationship between diet and risk factors for cardiovascular disease, and to communicating nutrition messages to health professionals, government representatives, the media and consumers.

Her interest in food began in her hometown of Amsterdam, N.Y. "My parents owned a little lunch room. My grandfather, who immigrated from Poland, opened it, so it was the family business."

Today, the nutrition expert enjoys preparing and food for friends and family. "I like to cook, but now it's more fruits and vegetables, more Mediterranean style."

Her career focus began when, as a grad student at Case Western Reserve University, she read the work of Ancel Keys, a scientist and professor at the University of Minnesota. Keys is credited with showing a link between dietary fat, and blood cholesterol levels – a breakthrough in cardiovascular disease research.

"I thought this area of research would be a wonderful opportunity to combine my interest in nutrition with a meaningful cause," says Kris-Etherton.

She completed her master's degree in nutrition at Case Western and earned a

Ph.D. in human nutrition from the University of Minnesota. She then focused on lipid metabolism as a Katherine McCormick Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford University.

She joined the faculty at Pennsylvania

State University in 1979 and now holds the title of distinguished professor of nutrition. Kris-Etherton has published more than 150 scientific papers and 10 book chapters and co-authored four books.

Earlier this year, she was elected president of the Northeast Lipid Association and she is a member of the American Dietetic Association, the American Society for Nutrition, the American Heart Association

and Councils on Nutrition, Metabolism and Physical Activity, and numerous other professional organizations. She has served on many national committees and review panels including the 2005 Dietary Guidelines for Americans Advisory Committee.

Her role as a nutrition expert means frequent travel to speaking invitations in the U.S. and abroad, but clinical nutrition research and teaching remain her passions.

"When I'm working with students – and especially non-nutrition majors – and I find those who are genuinely interested in health, it's very exciting to me."

What's new in nutrition research? Kris-Etherton mentions studies showing benefits from eating nuts to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and type II diabetes. Also, people who follow current dietary guidance and consume a diet high in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and legumes along with skim milk and reduced-fat dairy products, lean meats and liquid vegetable oils are on track for healthy aging and decreased risk of chronic disease.

Even more promising is research indicating that people who eat fish three times a week have half the incidence of age-related dementia. Expect to hear more about this.

"It's really, really, really big."



Penny Kris-Etherton '71

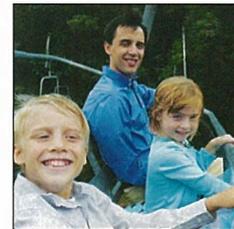
**Ruben Mallory '95 (NTID) and Lori Cummings SVP '93, '98 (NTID)** were married July 8, 2006. Daughter, Esperanza LaDream, was born Oct. 14, 2006, and is a fourth-generation deaf family member on her mother's side.

**Kathryn L. Schmitz '95 (CCE)**, assistant professor in NTID's Department of Liberal Studies, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "The Academic English Acquisition Experiences of Deaf College Students," at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, April 1, 2008. On May 6, 2008, she was honored with the New York State Senate Achievers' Award in Albany, New York, by Senator Joseph Robach.

**Susan Samson Windecker '95 (NTID)** received a B.A. degree in special/elementary education in 2000 from Plattsburgh State University and an M.A. degree in deaf education in 2001 from Canisius College. She works as a one-to-one aide and also works for HFM BOCES in Johnstown, N.Y. She married Matthew Windecker on May 21, 2005, and they had their first child, a daughter, Mercedes Lynn, on Oct. 17, 2007.

## 1996

**Mark Amissah '85, '91 (NTID), '96 (CAST)** joined Gallaudet University as the presidential leadership fellow for diversity initiatives for two years starting in 2007. He is president of the Organization for Equity of African Americans and an adviser to the Eta Psi Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity.



**Michael Birenbach '96 (CAST)** was promoted to staff engineer at Qualcomm in Cary, N.C.



**Judy Brint '89, '95, '96 (CIAS) and Norman Douglas Murphy II SVP '91, '97 (NTID)** were married on April 28, 2007, in Sherwood, Ark.

**Janine Caruso '96 (CIAS)** received an M.S. in communications design from Pratt Institute in January 2008.

**Shelley Dew '92, '96 (NTID)** married Tommy Lynn Jr. on March 30, 2004, in Orlando, Fla. They live in Arizona and Shelley works as a cashier at Target.

**Dmitriy Kiselgof '93, '96 (NTID)** is an ASL freelance adjunct professor at Monroe Community College, University of Rochester and RIT. He also works at Lenscrafters. He and his wife, **Regina Kiperman SVP '95, '00 (COLA), '01 (CAST)** had their second daughter, Sophie Levia, on Oct. 22, 2007. She joins sister Seralina Lily. Regina is an employment adviser for the Center on Employment at NTID.

**Jerome Lazarczyk '96 (KGCOE)** and wife, Denise, announce the adoption of their daughter, Emma Noelle, born on Dec. 16, 2007, in North Carolina. Emma was welcomed home at the age of 10 days. Emma joins her brother, Anthony (age 5) in Raleigh.

**Anna Kradlak Miller '96 (COLA)** is technical publications manager at CommutAir d/b/a Continental Connection in North Olmsted, Ohio. Previously, she was a freelance writer/proofreader and youth director in Greensboro, N.C. She was married in 1998 to

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**David Miller '99 (COS)**, who is now an R&D chemist with Sherwin-Williams Automotive Division. They have two daughters, Rosie (born in 2001) and Lily (born in 2006).

**Neressa Sheets Morrison '83, '96 (NTID)** and husband, Timothy, have three children: Amber, Natalie and Rachel. Amber graduated summa cum laude from the University of Tennessee. Natalie will attend OSU majoring in chemical engineering. Rachel plans to be an interpreter or go into the criminal justice field. All three are former students at Margaret's House at RIT. "We thank the Margaret's House staff so much for giving our children a jump start in their education," Neressa writes.

**Christopher Orłowski '96 (KGCOE)**, a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy, took over in April 2008 as the commanding officer of the Navy Operational Support Center in Quincy, Mass. He resides in Milton, Mass., with his wife, **Joanmarie Nunziato Orłowski '95 (CIAS)**, and their two sons, Mitchell and Andrew.

## 1997

**Khaled Al-Hothili '92, '97 (NTID)** is a system administrator at Arabic Computer Systems LTD in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He has four daughters.

**Devajoy Choudhury '97 (CAST)** is the head of Global Strategic Business Units, Trigyn Technologies.

**Julie Ciferni '98 (CIAS)** and husband, Jamey, and son Jordan welcomed son Devin Anthony Feb. 29, 2008. Devin made his debut on local TV news as the only baby born on leap day.

**Timothy Cozzens '97 (CIAS)** was awarded tenure in the Art and Design Department of Columbia College in Chicago. He continues to produce works from his studio in Oak Park.

**Ellen Hibbard '91, '97 (COS)** received a master's degree in genetics, genomics and development in 2004 from the School of Medicine and Dentistry at University of Rochester. She authored three papers in the molecular biology field and started a Ph.D. in communications and culture at Ryerson University in Toronto. Her hobbies are martial arts (she has a green belt) and collecting frogs.

**N. Douglas Murphy II '91, '97 (NTID)** and **Judy Brint SVP '89, '95, '96 (CIAS)** were married on April 28, 2007, in Sherwood, Ark.

## 1998

**Eric Atherton '98 (KGCOE)** and wife, Lindsay, announce the birth of a son, Benjamin Thomas, on Oct. 25, 2007, in Newton, Mass. Eric was on his way to Game 1 of the World Series when Benjamin decided to make his debut.

**Marina Rossit Barnum '98, '94 (COLA)** completed her master's degree in social work at the University of Toronto in 2001. She is married to **Jim Barnum '00 (KGCOE)** and is a team social worker for Park Ridge at Home for Unity Health Systems and a community integration counselor for the Traumatic Brain Injury program with the Epilepsy Foundation in Rochester.

**Aaron Buchanan '98 (KGCOE)** and wife, Melinda, announce the birth of a daughter, Gwendolyn Graye, on April 16, 2008, in Charlottesville, Va. Her big sister, Aven Siena, was born on Dec. 26, 2005.

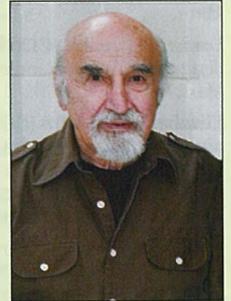
**Loree Perry '93, '98 (NTID)** and **Justin Drawbaugh SVP '98, '01 (NTID), '03 (GCCIS)** were married on July 28, 2007, in Milford, Conn. Their honeymoon was in St. Lucia. She is a teacher of the deaf and hard of hearing in the Mechanicsburg Area School District in Mechanicsburg, Penn.

## Stroebel and Zakia honored for contributions to photo education

Leslie Stroebel '42 (photo science) and Richard Zakia '56 (photo science), professors emeriti of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, received the Kenneth Lassiter Excellence in Education Award for 2007-08 from the Photo Imaging Education Association, a division of the Photo Marketing Association.



Leslie Stroebel



Richard Zakia

The award, announced at the PMA national convention, recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to photographic education and whose professional lives are exemplified by outstanding character, substance and purpose. The award is named in honor of Kenneth Lassiter, a founder of PIEA who worked for the Eastman Kodak Co. for nearly 36 years in a variety of capacities, beginning in 1957.

Stroebel taught photography for 44 years at RIT, during which time he was chairman of the Professional Photography Department and the Department of Imaging and Photographic Technology. He has written numerous books and articles, including *Photographic Materials and Processes* and *Basic Photographic Materials and Processes*, (both with John Compton, Ira Current and Zakia). He is co-editor of *The Focal Encyclopedia of Photography*, Third Edition, and author of *View Camera Technique*, *Photographic Filters* and *Dictionary of Contemporary Photography* (with Hollis Todd).

Stroebel was the lead instructor of the Materials and Processes of Photography course at RIT for more than 30 years, teaching a large number of students over the years and also his fellow faculty members. Graduates of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences often mention the course they took under his leadership as invaluable.

Stroebel received the Raymond Bowman award for excellence in teaching from the Society for Imaging Science and Technology in 2003. He lives in Rochester and enjoys playing bridge on a regular basis with fellow retirees.

Zakia has taught in many areas of photography including fine arts photography, graphic design and multimedia design. During his 34 years at RIT, he served as chair of the Fine Art Photography Department and Graduate Program in Imaging Arts and for a six-year period was director of Instruction Development and Media. Prior to teaching at RIT, Zakia was a photographic engineer in development and research at Kodak. He is a recipient of the Eisenhart Outstanding Teaching Award and the author/co-author of 12 books on photography, including *The Focal Encyclopedia of Photography*, *101 Experiments in Photography*, *The Zone System Manual*, and *Perception and Imaging* and has collaborated with Hollis Todd, Glenn Rand, Stroebel and others on several additional books.

Zakia started his teaching career at RIT in 1957. His early contributions were in the areas of tone reproduction and sensitometry and this later developed into an interest in the Zone System and tone control in pictorial photography. His interests later shifted to photographic interpretation and semiotics. Zakia lives in Apex, N. C.

**Amity Leitner '91, '95, '98 (NTID)** and **Robert L. Graham SVP '95, '01 (NTID)** were married on Aug. 18, 2007, and live in Alberta, Canada.

**Jane Halpin '97, '98 (CAST)** works as a senior sponsored research specialist in the School of Nursing at Duke University. In December 2007, she passed the Certified Research Administrators (CRA) examination to become a nationally recognized administrator of sponsored programs.

**Theresa Homan '98 (CIAS)** and Jeanine Dorfman announce the birth of a son, Joshua Thomas Homan-Dorfman, on Nov. 9, 2007, in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Lynnette Poe '98 (CIAS)** was promoted to senior designer at Yankee Candle Co. in South Deerfield, Mass.

**Elizabeth Stone '98 (COLA)** is senior program associate for the Accessing Safety Initiative Program at Vera Institute of Justice in Washington, D.C. Elizabeth previously was employed at Gallaudet University as assistant director, corporate/individual giving.

## 1999

**W. Caleb Barlow '95 (KGCOE), '99 (SCB)** has been named IBM integration executive for a recently acquired IBM company, Net Integration Technologies. In an unrelated effort, Caleb recently started the first IBM Software Innovation Laboratory on a University Campus at RIT.



**Alicia MacDonald '99 (CAST)** and **Hafidh Khamis** were married on Sept. 29, 2007, in Cedar Grove, N.J. They went to Hawaii for their honeymoon and currently reside in Clifton, N.J.

**Mistie Munton Smith '93, '99 (COLA)** is a case manager at the Rochester School for the Deaf PRIDE Program. She is also an

instructor for the Greater Rochester Chapter of the Red Cross.

**Hang Xu '99 (SCB) and Wei Wu '00 (SCB)** announce the birth of their second daughter, Jiaqi Emmy Xu, on Jan. 14, 2008, in Maine. She joins big sister, Coco.

## 2000

**Erin Carney '98, '00 (CIAS)** was recently promoted to design director at "That's Nice" in New York City.

**Stephanie Coolidge '98, '00 (CIAS)** and husband, Jason, announce the birth of their daughter, Kaelani Lyn Perkins, on Dec. 28, 2007.

**Angela Laguardia '00 (NTID) and Dragan Jaksic SVP '87** were married on July 8, 2006, in St. Augustine, Fla. They reside in Fenton, Mich. She is an English and language arts teacher in the high school at the Michigan School for the Deaf. Dragan is

director of community education and enrichment for the Communication Access Center organization for the state of Michigan.

**Laura Malczewski Hild '00 (KGCOE)** is an applications engineer at MagneMotion Inc. in Acton, Mass. "I wanted to return to my engineering roots while still being involved in customer support. MagneMotion had the perfect position and their linear synchronous motor technology is intriguing!"

**Barbara Benas Klimov '00 (CAST)** and husband, Aleksander, announce the birth of a son, Maximilian Benas, on June 6, 2007, in Coral Springs, Fla. Max got to see his dad become a U.S. citizen in September!

**Teresa Mark '00 (CAST)** accepted a position at Litz USA Student Service in Hong Kong as education consultant. "My job duty is to promote higher education in the U.S."

**Jody Sirine McCoy '00 (NTID)** has worked in public relations for the Southeastern Virginia Society of the Deaf (SVSD) since 2006.



**Dawn Bleier McWilliams '85 (FAA), '00 (SCB)** has been elected president of the Rochester Chapter of the American Marketing Association for the 2008–2009 year.

# Alums' firm charts new territory in China

The advertising business founded by Michael Lomb '92 (industrial design) in the Rochester suburb of Fairport is getting international recognition.

MG Lomb Advertising was named "Champion" of *CPRJ* (China Plastics and Rubber Journal) Best Ad Awards 2007, Machinery & Equipment Category. *CPRJ* is the official publication of Chinaplas, China's No. 1 plastics and rubber exhibition and the world's third largest.

The award was received for MG Lomb's "Charting New Territories" advertisement created for Davis-Standard LLC of Pawcatuck, Conn., and its division, Black Clawson Converting Machinery of Fulton, N.Y.

"We're very proud of transitioning from local to national to international," says Lomb, president, creative director and sole owner of the company. "China has become a particular focus for us."

Founded in 1995 as Spark Graphics, the company evolved into the full service advertising agency. In the early stages, as Spark Graphics (now Spark Design Group), the business was

focused on technical illustration. Today, Spark Design Group remains a division of MG Lomb Advertising and produces 3D animation, interactive multimedia and technical documentation.

"Although we always provided general creative support to our clients, a technical graphics account (a Germany-based manufacturing company) asked us to bid on developing all of their print ads for North American," says Lomb. "The success we had with that campaign led to additional opportunities with new clients."

The company expanded its services to include print and broadcast advertising, identity, brochures, catalogs, corporate identity/brand development, direct mail, event marketing, logos, trade shows, Web site development and more. "We're a full-service agency now," says Lomb.

Helping customers doing business in China has been a particular challenge, says Lomb, who took a beginning course in Chinese as one small step in the process of learning more about a complicated marketplace.



**Susan Wellman Lomb '98 and Michael Lomb '92 lead the evolution at MB Lomb Advertising.**

"I think demystification of any culture is the basis for expanding," he says. "Smaller companies need to try to find whatever competitive advantages they can."

Besides Lomb, the company employs two other RIT grads. Michael's wife, Susan Wellman Lomb '98 (criminal justice), handles company finances. Yessica Janakievski '02 (multidisciplinary studies) is project manager and also provides marketing consulting services to clients.

**For more information, visit the company's Web site at [www.mglomb.com](http://www.mglomb.com).**

**Jamie Moore '00 (COS)** is program manager, molecular diagnostics at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "After RIT, I enjoyed eight enriching years in Boston learning more about the things I loved at RIT—biotechnology, pottery, photography, pilates, and education outreach. Now I have an intense desire to move closer to family and give back to the community I grew up loving!"

**Rachael Alexander Robak '00 (NTID)** received an Oregon Education Association Presidential Citation for Web site design in June 2007. (Also see entry under 2002 for Andrew Robak).

**Carah Best Taylor SVP'97, '00 (NTID)** obtained certification in physical education from SUNY Brockport and works as an adapted physical educator at the Rochester School for the Deaf. She and husband, **Kristopher '00 (CAST)**, have a 4-year-old daughter, Cameron, and 2-year-old son, Kaden.

**Kristopher Taylor '00 (CAST)** is a network administrator at The Monroe Plan for Medical Care in Rochester.

**John Turner '00 (KGCOE)** joined Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. High Powered Solutions Group in South Portland, Maine, on Feb. 11, 2008, as a staff engineer. John previously worked at Tundra Semiconductor Corp as senior design engineer.

## 2001

**Robert Graham '95, '01 (NTID)** and **Amity Leitner SVP '95, '01 (NTID)** were married on Aug. 18, 2007, and live in Alberta, Canada.

**S. Kyle Korndoerfer '01 (COS)** is senior software engineer for the Enterprise Enablement Group with Xerox Global Services in Webster, N.Y.

**Jessica Lichterman '00, '01 (CIAS)** is director of creative services at the American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania Division, in Philadelphia. Jessica was previously employed at Connors Advertising & Design as senior art director.

**Shannon Sutton Poortinga '01 (SCB)** received an MBA from The Red McCombs School of Business, University of Texas-Austin on Dec. 9, 2007.

**Matthew Rice '01 (SCB)** was promoted to manager of business development at Constellation Brands in Rochester.

**Sal Pellingra '98 (CAST), '01 (SCB)** is innovation and marketing director at Ampac Flexibles in Cincinnati, Ohio. Sal previously was employed at ExxonMobil Chemical as Americas market segment manager.

**Nicholas Spittal '00 (COS), '01 (SCB)** and wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of identical twin sons, Weston Robert and Walker Kendall, on Feb. 10, 2008. Despite being five weeks premature, both boys went home with Mom and Dad within a week and Nicholas reports that the whole family is happy and healthy.

## 2002

**Anthony Calabria '00, '02 (COS)** and wife, Monica, announce the birth of a daughter, Laura Grace Calabria, Dec. 28, 2007, in Morristown, N.J.

**Bryce Dalhaus '02 (CIAS)** has published a number of books, including *Gourds*, a fictional tale about Halloween. A previous book, *Get Out!*, contained a chapter documenting his summit of Kilimanjaro in February 2006. To purchase books, visit [stores.lulu.com/bdalhaus](http://stores.lulu.com/bdalhaus).

**Christine Holtz '02 (CIAS)** is associate professor of Media Arts at Robert Morris University in Moon Township, Pa.. Christine was previously employed at the University of Wisconsin Platteville as assistant professor of communication technologies.

**Philip Jones '02 (GCCIS)** relocated to Washington, D.C., from Hartford, Conn., in April 2008, and shortly thereafter accepted a developer position with Community IT Innovators ([www.citidc.com](http://www.citidc.com)).

**Stacey Modrusan '02 (COS)** and husband, **Daniel Modrusan '98 (CAST)**, announce the birth of a son, Glenn Allen, on Feb. 12, 2008, at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine. He joins big brother Lukas Daniel.



**Blaine Moore '02 (GCCIS)** writes, "Following the publication of my book on marathon preparation and recovery, I have acquired my coaching certification through the Road Runners Club of America. I have taken on a weekly training group through the Maine Running Company and will begin private marathon coaching this summer. I have also set the course record with a win in the 2008 Cox Sports Marathon in Providence, R.I."

**Meghan Murphy '02 (CIAS)** had the first 100 strips of her Web comic *Kawaii Not* published by F+W Publications. It is available at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, and other books stores worldwide.

**Katherine Petrinc '02 (CIAS)** received her master's degree in architecture from the University at Buffalo on May 9, 2008. Katherine also received the 2007 Design Excellence award from the Department of Architecture.

**Andrew Robak '02 (COS)** is assistant professor of chemistry at Keuka College in Penn Yan, N.Y. Andrew and wife, **Rachael (Alexander) Robak '00 (NTID)**, announce the birth of a son, Bright Andrew, on March 9, 2007, in Eugene, Ore.

**Mark Rozum '02 (GCCIS)** and wife, Amy, announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Michelle, on April 18, 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mark notes that his daughter was born on his birthday. She joins sister Renee.

**Scott Zygodlo '02 (SCB)** is director of operational services at SRI Surgical in Tampa, Fla. Scott was previously employed at Bausch & Lomb as director of manufacturing in Clearwater, Fla. SRI Surgical provides outsourcing services to major hospitals and surgery centers.

## 2003

**Daniel Becker '03 (CIAS)** is national entertainment photo editor for the Associated Press in Los Angeles.

**Bryan Berkowitz '03 (GCCIS)** is information assurance software engineer at Akimeka LLC in Maui, Hawaii. Bryan previously was employed at Dolphin Technology as software engineer.

**Matthew Huber '03 (CIAS)** and wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of a son, Harrison Timothy, on Nov. 27, 2007, in Plano, Texas. He joins big sister Haley Ruth.

**Melanie Jarzyniecki '03 (CIAS)** resides in the East Village in Manhattan and is employed by the New York office of The Boston Consulting Group as a design and media specialist. She is focused on developing the company's global video and multimedia services department from the ground up.

**Rachel Robinson '03 (CAST)** received a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Denver on June 6, 2008. She has accepted a position as assistant director of admissions for data management at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

**Mary McGinnis '03 (CIAS)** is the founding director of Buffalo Indie Market, which aims to bring a monthly market of unique and stylish handmade products to the Buffalo community while nurturing the professional talents and business potential of up-and-coming designers and crafters.

## 2004

**Justin Bienio '04 (SCB)** is project manager at Xerox Global Services in Pittsburgh, Pa. Justin was previously employed at American Eagle Outfitters as print production coordinator.

**Hugh Campbell '04 (KGCOE)** and **Emily Ryczko Campbell '03 (COS)** announce the birth of a son, Theodore Walter, on Dec. 31, 2007.

**William Dowdle '04 (COS)** has begun his second year as a Ph.D. student at the University of California San Francisco. "I have joined the laboratory of Jeremy Reiter M.D., Ph.D. and recently authored a publication in *Nature Cell Biology*."

**David Fetzer '04 (COS)** received an M.D. degree from Utah Houston Medical School on May 31, 2008. After a one-year internship in Houston, David will begin radiology residency training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. David published "The HIPAA privacy rule and protected health information: Implications in research involving DICOM image databases" in *Academic Radiology*, March 2008.

**Colleen Jones '00, '04 (NTID)** and current student **Jeff Bingham '01 (CAST)** were married on Oct. 21, 2006. They had their first baby, Jaxstin, on Nov. 2, 2007.

**Melissa Keith '04 (CIAS)** writes, "Melissa Dawn Keith Photography is now being represented by Cherry Reeps, and we just completed our first advertising shoot for one of Melissa's favorite vices—SHOES!"

**Hope Kendrick '04 (CIAS)** and **Jeffrey Lubkowski '06 (KGCOE)** were married on June 7, 2008, in Cazenovia, N.Y. They reside in Rochester.

**Megan Kenyon '04 (COLA)** received her master's degree in social work from Gallaudet University in May 2006 and is currently a school social worker at MPS in Milwaukee, Wis. Megan and husband, Keith, were married on Dec. 29, 2007, in Kohler, Wis. They reside in Milwaukee.

**Stefania LoMonaco '04 (CAST)** is a solutions and services sales executive at Xerox Corp. in Penfield, N.Y. Stefania was previously employed at RIT's Office of Alumni Relations. "At Xerox, I will be implementing and positioning a full spectrum of products, solutions and services to clients in the public sector."

**Erin Shull Lyons '99, '03 (CAST), '04 (CIAS)** and husband, Charles Lyons Jr., had their first child, a son, Brody, on April 27, 2007.

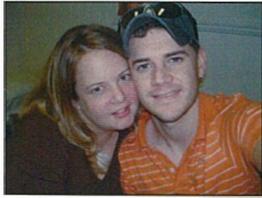
**Jeffrey Nemconsky '98, '03, '04 (NTID)** is co-owner and vice president of Color Graphics. His wife, Heather Carol (Brown), is co-owner and president.

**George Woodruff '04 (KGCOE)** and **Michelle Johnston '06 (NTID), '04 (COLA)** were married on July 14, 2007, in Chicago. He works for a nanotechnology company in Skokie, Ill.

**Roman Yampolskiy '04 (GCCIS)** successfully defended his dissertation on April 23, 2008, and received his Ph.D. in computer science and engineering from the University of Buffalo.

## 2005

**San Mark Chao '93, '99 (NTID), '00 (CAST), '05 (KGCOE)** is a senior mechanical engineer/PCB engineer focusing on a military laser and helicopter project at a company in Long Island, N.Y.



**Jennifer Dietz '05 (COLA) and Joel Collinson '05 (COLA)** were married on July 7, 2006 in North Carolina. They have a son, Trevor Blake, born on June 2, 2005. She is a program support assistant at the National Institute of Health in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Joel is pursuing a master's degree in deaf education at Gallaudet University.



**David Du Rocher '05 (GCCIS) and wife, Nicole,** announce their marriage on Sept. 16, 2007, at the Chiesa del Redentore in Venice, Italy. The reception followed at the Gran Caffè Quadri in Piazza San Marco. The couple honeymooned in Nice, France. They reside in Brooklyn, N.Y.

**Shaun Farrell '05 (GCCIS)** is a Web software developer at CACI International Inc. in Washington, D.C., and will work on site at the Library of Congress.

**Paul Glaser '05 (NTID)** is a math/ASL teacher for the Edmonds School District in Washington.

**Karin Knippa '05 (CIAS)** is a graphic designer at Davies Associates in Beverly Hills, Calif. Karin was previously employed at ProteusDesign in Boston while she received her MFA in design from Boston University.



**Elizabeth Wilttrout '05 (CIAS) and Frederick Lindenhovius '05 (GCCIS)** were married on July 28, 2007, in Geneva, N.Y. The wedding was attended by **Kathryn Dome '04 (CAST), '05 (CIAS); Rachel VerValin '05 (CIAS); Sergey Katsev**

**'06 (KGCOE); Julie Christopher '05 (KGCOE); Erin Sick '05 (CIAS); and Jason Powley '05 (SCB).** The couple spent their honeymoon in Bonaire and Aruba. They reside in New York City.

**Katarina Malatova '05 (COS)** spent a year working with pollution prevention and later with the bioremediation team in the Environmental Technology Lab at the GE Research Center. Katarina became involved in the small agribusiness IKIREZ after deciding to work in developing countries.

## 2006

**Andrew Badera '06 (GCCIS)** recently joined Change Round-Up, a cause-marketing startup, in Coxsackie, N.Y., as CTO.

**Donald Case '06 (CAST)** achieved Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) and Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) certifications. Don has been accepted into the Indiana State University Ph.D. program in technology management. He received his MBA from SUNY IT in May 2008.

**Jessica Drake '06 (COLA)** is an employment training specialist at Paychex in Rochester.

**Michael Horning '06 (COLA)** won "Top Three" research paper at the International Association for Science, Technology and Society's annual conference. His paper is entitled "Putting the Community Bank into Community Networks." Mike has begun work toward a Ph.D. in communication at Pennsylvania State University.

**Michelle Johnston '04 (COLA), '06 (NTID) and George Woodruff III '04 (KGCOE)** were married July 14, 2007, in Chicago. She is an instructional specialist, Harper Community College in Palatine, Ill.

**Robert Matson '06 (CAST)** was promoted to civil engineer I at the New York State Department of Transportation in Buffalo.

**Patrick Meyer '06 (COLA)** is a Ph.D. candidate in energy and environmental policy at the University of Delaware.

**Julie Morganti '06 (CAST)** is enteral specialist, registered dietitian, at Apria Healthcare in Cincinnati, Ohio. "I get to work in children's hospitals and really feel like I make a difference!"

**Katherine Netti '05, '06 (CIAS)** is the art teacher for pre-K through eighth grades in a Chicago public school. The school is in a high poverty area and funding for the art program is non-existent, she

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reports. Anyone interested in donating art materials can contact her directly at maurer.kn@gmail.com, or visit [www.adoptaclassroom.org](http://www.adoptaclassroom.org) and search for Katie Netti to make a contribution online.

**Matthew Page '06 (GCCIS)** was promoted in January to senior lead and is currently working for Rackspace IT Hosting (No. 32 in the Fortune 100 for 2008) in their Virginia Data-Center Operations Division.

**Jessica Petty '00, '03 (NTID), '06 (CIAS)** is a production artist at Schawk Inc. She was formerly a process engineer/analyst at the Standard Register.

**Russell Raymond '06 (COLA)** is in the Ph.D. program at the London School of Economics.

**Joshua Srolis '04, '06 (CAST)** owns and operates My Panini, which opened in July 2007 in Atlanta, Ga. A second store emerged in October 2007 on Baltimore's Pier 5. Several other stores are in the works: see [www.bestpanini.com](http://www.bestpanini.com).

## 2007

**Anthony Allsop '07 (COLA)** is employed by AFLAC (the duck commercials). He reports that the company is recruiting for independent agent positions in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas; contact him via email at **Faiz Izwan Anuar '07 (CAST)** is pursuing a Ph.D. in recreation, park and tourism sciences at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas.

**Nathan Claes '07 (COLA)** is pursuing a Ph.D. in communications at the University of Buffalo.

**Andrew Cutter '07 (COLA)** is a lead technician at the University of Rochester Sleep Clinic.

**Matthew DePersis '07 (SCB)** is partner marketing coordinator at MTV Networks in New York City. He supports the LOGO brand in the Content Distribution & Marketing department.

**Luiz Freitas '07 (COLA)** is the Jonathan Baldwin Turner Fellow in the master's in Agricultural Economics Program at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

**Brian Garrison '07 (COLA)** is joining the Ph.D. program at the University of Waterloo in cognitive neuroscience.

**Lisa Hessley '07 (CAST)** is a corporate travel agent at Van Zile Travel Service in Rochester. Lisa was previously employed at RIT as an event coordinator with the Government and Community Relations Office.

**Elliot Jenner '07 (COS)** is enrolled in a doctoral program in physics at the University of Pittsburgh.



**Michael Lazik '07 (GCCIS)** volunteers for the International Peace Garden Foundation. His responsibilities are to establish and direct the strategic long-term goals and determine the organization's long-term systems needs and hardware acquisitions to accomplish the mission of promoting world peace through

cultural exchange. Michael serves as an adviser to the president of IPG on matters relating to information-based marketing and leveraging information assets to reach target demographics. He also oversees the development, design and implementation of the corporate Web site. [www.ipgf.org](http://www.ipgf.org).

**Rebecca Nelson '07 (COLA)** is employed as a marketing coordinator at VanDamme Associates in Pittsford, N.Y., and is enrolled in RIT's M.S. degree program in IT/business communications.

**Narin Nhem '07 (GCCIS)** entered the Technology Leadership Program at The Vanguard Group with the 2008 class.

## In Memoriam

1932

**Stacy C. French '32 (COS)** March 7, 2007

1945

**Elaine N. Cappadonia '45 (SCB)** March 2006

1946

**Benjamin D. Morton, Jr. '46 (GAP)** May 7, 2008

1949

**Arthur J. Reed, Jr. '49 (GAP)** Jan. 16, 2008

1952

**Lawrence N. Kondolf '52 (CCE)** October 2007

1953

**William A. Clarke, Sr. '53 (CIAS)** March 2, 2008

1963

**Thomas S. Grabowski '63 (CIAS)** Feb. 6, 2008

1965

**Alfonso C. Nazzaro '65 (CIAS)** March 20, 2008

1973

**Mark A. Bachand '73 (SCB)** March 16, 2007

1979

**Raymond M. Humphrey '79 (SCB)** March 15, 2008

1983

**Kip R. Gill '83 (NTID)** Feb. 14, 2008

1987

**Yvette M. Falleon '87 (SCB)** Jan. 6, 2008

1988

**Sheau "Priscilla" J. Chaplo '88 (SCB)** Jan. 23, 2008

1989

**Barbara M. Fallon '89 (COB)** Feb. 20, 2008

1991

**Tom K. Popowski '91 (NTID)** Jan. 30, 2008

2005

**Rosa Guida '05 (COS)** Jan. 25, 2008

2006

**Cassie L. Haynes '06 (CIAS)** April 4, 2008



**J.S. Ost '07 (COLA)** and James Rowe were married on March 8, 2008 in Cheektowaga, N.Y. Their bridal party included **Jay Zarzeczny '08 (CAST)**, former student **Steve Ost, Renee Keiser '08 (COLA)**, and **COS student Roxanne Ost**.

**Nicholas Ratcliffe '07 (COLA)** is a business finance analyst for Harris RF Communication Division in Rochester.

**Leanne Stefano '07 (COLA)** is enrolled in the M.S. engineering psychology program at RIT.

**Sara Swain '07 (COLA)** is attending medical school at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine.

**Sarah Thompson '07 (COLA)** will attend RIT this fall for the M.S. program in school psychology.

**Lena Wilkins '03, '07 (CAST)** is director of client services at Members Health Network in Albany N.Y. Lena was previously employed at ESL Federal Credit Union as manager of deposit operations. "Adult learning has certainly paid off for me. My education at RIT was extremely valuable to bring me to the next level in my career."

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If you have additional information about this event, we'd love to share it with other readers. Send comments 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 [umag-www@rit.edu](mailto:umag-www@rit.edu).



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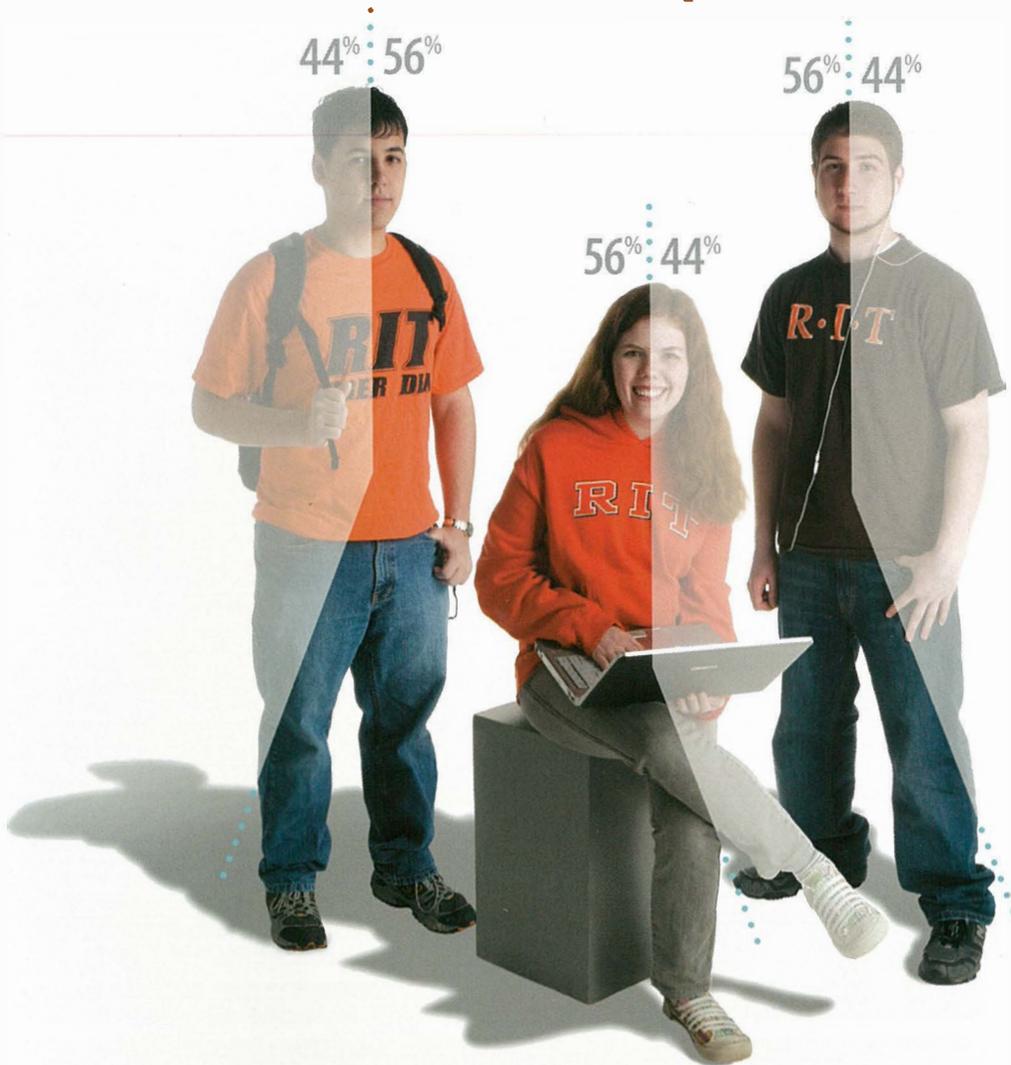
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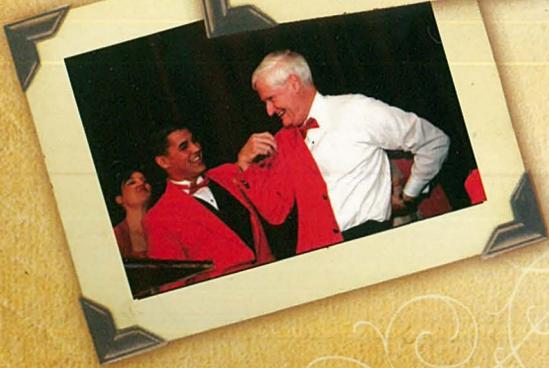
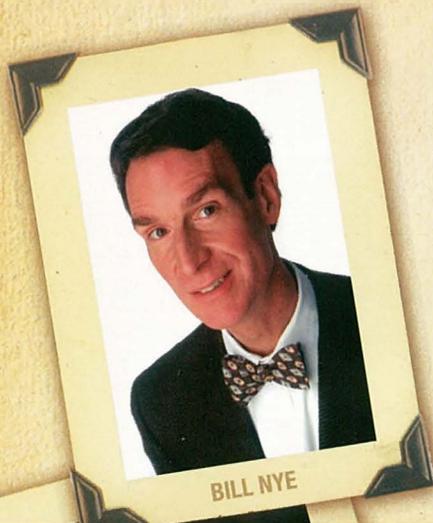
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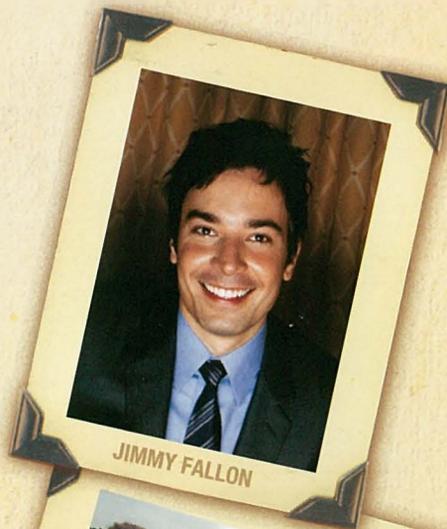
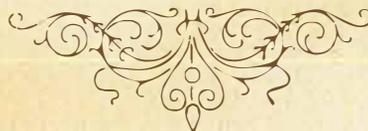
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