Russell’s Bistro Opens at Hartford Campus

To meet the needs of Hartford students, faculty, staff, and visitors, and as a result of the very positive response received at the recent “Good Taste at Rensselaer” event, the Office of Student Services is pleased to announce the opening of Russell’s Bistro at Rensselaer on Level 2 at the Hartford campus.

From November 27 - December 1, Student Services sponsored a menu sampling event of Russell’s Creative Global Cuisine which featured tasting stations including griddle favorites, ethnic festive fare, and assorted beverages, along with great prizes in nightly raffles. In addition, the Cole Library sponsored the popular “Snacks at 7 p.m.” during the week. Russell’s Creative Global Cuisine was founded in 1973 and is located in West Hartford.

Russell’s Bistro at Rensselaer is now open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A fine selection of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items are offered on their value-priced menu including some entrées that change on a weekly basis. Highlights include breakfast items available throughout the day; soups, salads, and sandwiches; plentiful vegetarian selections; “grab and go” meals; desserts and snacks; numerous beverages; and comfortable seating including a lounge area.

In addition, Russell’s offers weekday online ordering available for pick up at your convenience. Visit www.russellsatrensselaer.com, order whatever you would like, specify a time to pick up your order between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (Monday - Friday), and Russell’s will have it ready for you. Evening students can order food before leaving work and it will be ready when they arrive at Rensselaer’s Hartford Campus!

The staff at Russell’s Bistro at Rensselaer is excited to exceed your dining expectations and looks forward to your patronage.

Rensselaer
Mourns Loss of Dr. Stoker

The Rensselaer community is saddened by the death of Warren C. Stoker, Ph.D., on November 16. Dr. Stoker (Class of 1933) was one of the founders of RPI of Connecticut, The Hartford Graduate Center (HGC), now Rensselaer at Hartford (RAH). He served as Director of our first site in East Windsor and was named dean in 1957. Dr. Stoker retired as President of The Hartford Graduate Center and was named President Emeritus in 1976.

The photos at right show Dr. Stoker from the lower left corner clockwise, as one of the first faculty members to relocate from Troy to Hartford in 1955 (front row, center); as CEO of RPI of Connecticut in the 1960s; at the groundbreaking for the Windsor Street campus in 1968 (third from right); and being honored with a 50th Anniversary Medal on June 2, 2006 with (left) Dr. John A. Minasian, Vice President and Dean, RAH, and (right) Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson, President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Please see the timeline on page 2 for a history of Dr. Stoker’s work.
Dr. Warren C. Stoker
January 30, 1912 - November 16, 2006
Detailed Timeline of Dr. Stoker at Rensselaer
Pioneer in Educating Working Professionals

- Warren C. Stoker, a three-time Rensselaer alumnus, graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1933, Master of Science in Electrical Engineering in 1935, joined the Electrical Engineering faculty at Rensselaer as an Instructor in September 1934, was awarded a Ph.D. in Physics in 1938, and promoted to Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering in 1941.

- During World War II, he was responsible for revising segments of the curriculum for Navy Programs and undertook research in Electromagnetic Shielding.

- He then was promoted to Associate Professor and responsible for the new Industrial Electronics option in the completely revised Electrical Engineering degree program.

- In 1950, he participated in a study of Rensselaer’s computing needs, was promoted to Full Professor, and charged with the establishment of Rensselaer’s first Computer Lab in 1951. He performed computing studies for many East Coast firms including United Aircraft Corporation (UAC).

- In 1955, Rensselaer was asked by UAC to develop a new graduate program in the Hartford, Connecticut area. Dr. Stoker was asked to head up this new venture, and then named Dean of RPI of Connecticut, The Hartford Graduate Center (HGC). This enterprise’s sole mission was the education of working professionals, a novel concept in the mid-1950’s.

- In fall of 1955, RPI of Connecticut opened its doors in leased space in East Windsor Hill to 212 students.

- In 1961, HGC was incorporated in Connecticut with Richard Folsom, President of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, guiding the operation from Troy, New York. Warren Stoker served as chief executive officer on site in Hartford.

- Buoyed by the success of the fledgling operation dedicated to educating working professionals, in 1965, the decision was made to launch a fundraising campaign to support a new facility for a growing student population and expanding programs. Stoker spearheaded the campaign that yielded $5 million from local Hartford businesses and secured an additional $2.2 million from the United States Office of Education.

- Under his leadership, construction of a new campus began in 1968 and was completed in 1971. This complex, located at 275 Windsor Street at the intersection of I-91 and I-84, included 16 acres in downtown Hartford, an 8-story classroom and laboratory tower, an adjacent seminar building, and amenities for a part-time, adult, commuter population.

- During the 1970’s, it was agreed that RPI of Connecticut, The Hartford Graduate Center should move toward total independence from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and the reorganized operation became known as The Hartford Graduate Center, Inc. Dr. Stoker was named its first president. He served in this capacity until his retirement in June 1976. Under his leadership, HGC continued to grow in stature and reputation.

- During his more than 40-year association with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Dr. Warren C. Stoker was not only the visionary founder and leader of the Hartford campus, but also distinguished himself as a Life Fellow of IEEE, chairman of the Connecticut Research Commission for 8 years (State of Connecticut’s equivalent of the National Science Foundation), and charter, founding member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

- In 1976, the Greater Hartford Chamber of Commerce named Dr. Stoker one of five recipients of the Charter Oak Leadership Medal.

- He was later named President Emeritus of The Hartford Graduate Center by its Board of Trustees.

- On June 2, 2006, President Shirley Ann Jackson presented Warren C. Stoker with one of three prestigious Rensselaer at Hartford 50th Anniversary Medals. He was commended for his vision as a founder of RPI of Connecticut, The Hartford Graduate Center; one of the original members of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute faculty to relocate to Hartford to launch this venture; driving force to move the facility to its current location in downtown Hartford; and writing “A History of The Hartford Graduate Center, 1955-85,” a comprehensive account of the Hartford campus from concept to reality.

Compiled by Rebecca M. Danchak (’78 M.S. Management), Acting Associate Dean for Student Services

In Memoriam

Alumni
Edward “Ed” L. Hachadourian (’90 M.S. Management) of Manchester, died on September 23. He had a long career in human resources, and most recently worked for Hartford Hospital as Human Resources Manager. Hachadourian attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Connecticut Air National Guard and served in the U.S. Air Force.

David P. Rappaport (’98 M.B.A.) of West Hartford, died on October 20. He was employed at Otis Elevator Company for 19 years.

Alumni and Staff
James H. Chenoweth (’73 M.S. Mechanical Engineering) of Tolland, died on August 18. He worked at Rensselaer at Hartford from 1993 to 2000 as Manager, Business Planning, Rensselaer Learning Institute. Chenoweth retired as Manager of Business Analysis at United Technologies Corporation Learning and Development.

Alumni, Faculty, and Staff
Warren Cady Stoker (’33 B.S.E.E., ’35 M.S.E.E., ’38 Ph.D. Physics) of Manchester, died on November 16. He was one of the founders of The Hartford Graduate Center, now Rensselaer at Hartford. To read more about Dr. Stoker, please see page 1 and this page at left.

Faculty and Staff News
Edward D. Arnheiter, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, was the invited speaker at the monthly meeting of the Institute of Management Accountants, Hartford Chapter, on October 17. His topic was “Ethical and Cultural Issues in Lean Management.” Dr. Arnheiter also attended and served as faculty mentor at the 2006 Dynamic Distribution Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 24-27. The conference was sponsored by the Distribution Business Management Association (DBMA).

Rebecca M. Danchak (’78 M.S. Management), Acting Associate Dean for Student Services, has been invited to serve on the Rensselaer Alumni Hall of Fame Balloting Committee for the 2007 class induction.
WEMBA Class 16 Tackles Community Service Project

Members of WEMBA Class 16 braved frigid temperatures to participate in a community service project by volunteering for Habitat for Humanity work on Garden Street in Hartford on January 27. The volunteer team kept warm by taking breaks in their cars and standing next to a blowtorch on site. Despite the cold weather, the team was able to accomplish several tasks including constructing decks for two homes, working on siding, and nailing some interior framing.

1. Pictured here are class members (left to right) Peter Wolff, Joe Martone, Lisa Newell, Jacek Spychalski, Abiy Eshetu, Dana Pine, Thaung Htut, and Kevin Paskale.
2. Dana and Joe do some light lifting.
3. Peter and Kevin use a ladder safely.

Alumni News

1980s

Bruce A. Carbonari ('83 M.S. Management - EMDP Class III) was elected President and Chief Operating Officer of Fortune Brands, Inc., a leading consumer brands company. For the past seven years, Carbonari has served as President and CEO of Fortune Brands Home & Hardware LLC.

Patricia “Paddi” R. LeShane (HGC '83 M.S. Health Care Management), CEO, Sullivan & LeShane Inc., served as a judge for the annual “40 Under Forty” awards of the Hartford Business Journal in September. LeShane is regarded as one of Connecticut’s top lobbyists.

1990s

Michael R. Jennings ('91 M.S. Management) was honored with the Volunteer of the Year Award by the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut. He was an aeronautical and project engineer at Hamilton Standard in the late 1980s and worked on the design of space suits for astronauts at NASA.

Bhupen N. Patel (HGC '91 M.S. Management - EMDP Class XII) retired as Director of Public Works for the city of Hartford in September after working for the city for 28 years. He received the Excellence in Community Service Award from the Franklin Avenue Merchant’s Association in April 2004.

Todd R. Berman (HGC ’92 M.S. Management - EMDP Class XIII, ’96 M.S. Management) was promoted to the newly created position of Senior Analyst in the land law section at Robinson & Cole in Hartford. He is a client advocate and represents his clients’ interests with state and private companies.

Frances M. Hutchings, R.N. (’94 M.S. Health Care Management), of Oakdale, joined the staff of GreenTree Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as Unit Manager. She manages the 45-bed rehabilitation/subacute care unit. Previously, Hutchings worked for Norwich Orthopedic Group and Backus Hospital.

Chandler J. Howard ('97 M.S. Management) was named President and CEO of First City Fund Corp., a new community bank in New Haven. He has a thirty-year career in the banking industry. Howard was also named to the board of directors of Connecticut Innovations Inc., where he most recently served as President and Executive Director.

Maura A. Malo (’99 M.B.A.) of Litchfield, an internal auditor at Litchfield Bancorp (LBC), successfully completed her studies at the National School of Banking of America’s Community Bankers. America’s Community Bankers is a national trade association. Prior to her work with LBC, Malo spent 10 years as a bank examiner with the FDIC.

Eric C. Weiss (’99 M.B.A.) joined Chadwick Financial Advisors as a Financial Advisor. He was previously employed by Sagemark Consulting and CIGNA Corporation. He has an extensive background in financial planning, investment analysis, portfolio construction, risk management, and customer communication.

2000s

William G. Godburn ('01 M.S. Management) of Canaan, has been named Vice President, Revenue Management, at Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford. In his new position, he will oversee revenue cycle operations, health information management, patient access, and the business office.

Edmund P. Meade (‘01 M.S. Computer Science) was appointed to the faculty at Xavier High School in Middletown as a math teacher. He formerly worked for NCR Corporation and as a technology consultant for the Advanced Technology Group.

Michael C. Pelletier (’02 M.S. Computer Science, ’04 M.B.A.) of Canton, was

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The Hartford Chapter of the Rensselaer Alumni Association (RAA) hosted an E-Commerce Seminar on December 7 with Kevin Martin ('98 M.B.A.), Program Manager, Otis Elevator Company. He discussed how supply chain efficiencies and Web technologies can reduce costs for companies.

Upcoming Chapter events include:

- March 31 - Topics in Real Estate and Tour of Award-winning Designed Community (The Orchards, East Lyme)
- April 19 - Pfizer Global Research and Development Facility Tour (Groton)
- May 9 - Pub Night at Margaritas (East Hartford)
- May 24 - Alumni Career Networking Evening (Rensselaer at Hartford)

For more information or to register for any of these events, please visit the Chapter website at: www.alumni.rpi.edu/involved/chapters/hartford.html.

Updated Jeanne Clery Security Report

Federal law requires institutions of higher education that receive federal funds provide detailed information about crime statistics. The 2006 Campus Security Report with updated information in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act report is available online at: www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/publications/camp_sec_reps/current/. Issued annually, the document has information specific to the Hartford campus and Groton site. Any questions should be directed to Paul J. Murphy, Manager, Operations and Facilities, at (860) 548-5392 or e-mail: murphp2@rpi.edu.

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appointed Director of Technology Strategy and Solutions at BlumShapiro Consulting LLC’s office in West Hartford. He will be responsible for overseeing a wide range of technology solutions for business and industry clients. Pelletier is a member of the Society for Information Management and the Project Management Institute.

Thomas J. Chantrell ('05 M.S. Electrical Engineering) inspired by his wife’s struggle to cope with Celiac Disease, has been developing the Web site www.ValleyRally.com for the past year. The site is a community devoted to giving people the confidence and motivation to overcome any problem in their lives, with members posting their success stories.

New Hire

Rensselaer’s Hartford Campus welcomes the following new hire:

- Daniel Smith, Maintenance Mechanic, Operations and Facilities