Rensselaer’s Southeastern Connecticut Site, formerly located at the Trails Corner Professional Center, is relocating to the Mystic Executive Park. This new site is conveniently located off I-95, exit 88, at 115 Poheganut Drive in Groton. The facility will be open for Rensselaer classes starting January 12, 2009, the beginning of the spring term. The phone number at the Rensselaer Southeastern Connecticut Site will remain the same: (860) 449-8157.

The Mystic Executive Park is a modern, conveniently-located facility with ample free parking. Rensselaer’s space features newly-built classrooms, a reception area, computer room, student lounge, and wireless access.

Rensselaer’s New Southeastern Connecticut Site to Open in January 2009

Lally School Featured in Princeton Review’s “Best 296 Business Schools”

The Lally School of Management and Technology is an outstanding business school, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school in the recently-published 2009 edition of its “Best 296 Business Schools.”

To identify the best business programs, The Princeton Review surveyed 19,000 students attending the 296 business schools profiled in the publication. The publication does not rank the schools on a single hierarchical list from 1 to 296, or name one business school best overall, according to the editors.

In the profile on the Lally School, editors noted that the Lally School MBA program "combines technological innovation and a focus on entrepreneurship in a team-orient-

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Alumni News

1980s

David P. Hess ('79 B.S. Electrical Engineering, '86 M.S. Electrical Engineering), President, Hamilton Sundstrand, will take over as President of Pratt & Whitney on January 1, 2009. Hess was the Commencement speaker at Hartford's 2008 Commencement Exercises.

Marc N. Andrukiewicz ('89 M.B.A.), currently Director of Construction at CL&P and Yankee Gas, will be promoted to Vice President of Operations for Yankee Gas effective January 1, 2009. In his new position he will be responsible for Yankee Gas operations and maintenance.

Amy Jaffe Barzach ('89 M.B.A.) of West Hartford, Founder and Director Emeritus of the nonprofit organization Boundless Playgrounds®, was named the winner in Martha Stewart’s “Dreamers Into Doers” Awards competition. Barzach was selected from 2,200 candidates for the award presented in New York.

1990s

Lisa Davis ('93 M.A.) of Glastonbury, a registered nurse, Section Chief of the Connecticut Department of Public Health’s Family Health division, and the State of Connecticut’s Maternal and Child Health Director, has been reappointed to the State’s Council on Developmental Disabilities by Connecticut Governor M. Jodi Rell.

Scott William Close ('99 M.B.A.), Managing Partner and Chief Financial Officer, Pa-Ted Spring Company LLC, was recognized as the winner in the Small Private Company category as “Outstanding CFO of the Year” by the Hartford Business Journal in its November 17 issue.

Faculty and Staff News

Brice N. Cassenti, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Engineering and Science, was quoted in the August 19 issue of Wired in an article on advanced rocket propulsion technology. To read the article titled, “Rocket Scientists Say We’ll Never Reach the Stars,” please visit: www.wired.com/science/space/news/2008/08/space_limits/currentPage=all.

Mary S. Dixey, Director, the Cole Library, has been reappointed as a Programming Co-Chair for the Council of Connecticut Academic Library Directors (CCALD).

S. Ratnajeevan H. Hoole, Ph.D., Clinical Professor, Department of Engineering and Science, was invited to participate in a conference held October 30 and 31 at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University entitled, “Post-Colonial Wars: Current Perspectives on the Defered Violence of Decolonization.” Professor Hoole was asked to provide an overview of the nature of the colonial regime and the violence that is occurring now in Sri Lanka. His paper will be published as one chapter of a book based on the conference. The conference examined divergent conflicts in three regional groupings: Algeria, Angola/Mozambique, and Vietnam; Kenya, Malaya, and Sri Lanka; and Congo, Burundi/Rwanda, and Zimbabwe. Dr. Hoole noted, “What was amazing is the vast difference in the experiences of the different countries and yet the common thread in the institutional changes that led to instability.” To read more about the conference, please see: www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/2008/11.06/11-postcolonial.html.

Worth Loomis, President Emeritus of The Hartford Graduate Center (1989-1993), the retired head of Dexter Corporation, celebrated his retirement from the Hartford Seminary after leaving his post as a seminary faculty member. Loomis received a 50th anniversary commemorative medal, one of only three specially cast during the celebration of Rensselaer at Hartford’s 50th anniversary.

2000s

Christine Bilotti-Peterson ('00 M.B.A.) of Simsbury, Vice President, Talent Acquisition, The Hartford Financial Services Group, was named to the twelfth annual “40 Under Forty” list of greater Hartford’s young business leaders, sponsored by the Hartford Business Journal.

James J. Moor ('02 M.S.) Management, an aerospace engineer at Pratt & Whitney for government and commercial customers, was unanimously selected to the New Hartford School Board.

Arthur Roti ('07 M.B.A.) of Granby, Vice President of Operations, Horst Engineering, was named to the twelfth annual “40 Under Forty” list of greater Hartford’s young business leaders, sponsored by the Hartford Business Journal.

Rensselaer Named an “IT School to Watch”

The success of Rensselaer’s master’s program in IT and its graduates has drawn the attention of one of the top IT publications, Computerworld magazine. The publication named the Rensselaer master’s program in IT as one of its “IT Schools to Watch” in its August 18, 2008 edition. The first publication to nationally recognize academic IT programs, Computerworld chose universities based on statistical information and interviews with faculty, program administrators, and program alumni. To read the entire Computerworld article, please visit: www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9112620 &intsrc=hm_list.
Economists are extremely popular in these troubled times, and one of Rensselaer’s renowned economists has served as an expert source for media outlets covering the financial crisis. James P. Stodder, Ph.D., Clinical Associate Professor, Lally School of Management and Technology, jokes that he has not let this popularity “go to his head.” Dr. Stodder has been a frequent source for economic expertise recently. He was a guest on the WTIC-AM Morning Show with Ray (Dunaway) and Diane (Smith) in a nearly 8 minute segment on September 30, discussing the failed $700 billion bailout bill and the state of the U.S. economy and its impact on global economies.

Professor Stodder’s opinion piece entitled, “A Bailout Plan That Puts Taxpayers First,” was published in the Hartford Courant on October 2. He was interviewed and quoted in the commentary “Like Beauty, Socialism is Wherever You See It,” by Hartford Courant columnist Stan Simpson on October 22.

Professor Stodder graciously accepted an invitation from Hartford campus faculty and staff to give a presentation on “Understanding the Financial Crisis” as a Brown Bag Lunch Seminar on October 29. The success of the seminar and the demand for information as the economic uncertainty continues, prompted Rensselaer to request Dr. Stodder to repeat his presentation for the general public in a free lecture on December 2. His relevant lecture was updated on this timely topic and was followed by an engaging question and answer discussion period with a near-capacity audience in Seminar Hall.

The lecture caught the attention of the news media and Professor Stodder was featured in an interview by reporter Matt Dwyer on WTIC NewsTalk 1080 AM Radio during the 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. news segments of the Afternoon Drive with Colin McEnroe show on December 2. The first audio clip featured Professor Stodder commenting on the automaker bailout, while the second audio segment included comments by Dr. Stodder regarding the housing market. In addition, a longer interview with Professor Stodder was featured on the WTIC NewsTalk 1080 AM Radio Web site in a segment entitled, “Detroit’s Big 3 car-makers give Congressional leaders revised bailout requests.”
Cole Library Introduces Virtual Book Display

Linda M. Knaack, Librarian II, has created a virtual book display using Flickr. The current edition of the display highlights new print and e-books in the Cole Library collection.

To get started, go to www.ewp.rpi.edu/hartford/library/.
• Click on the virtual book display to get to the Flickr page.
• Mouse over a book jacket to get a brief description of the title.
• Click on the book jacket to link to our online catalog and get more information.

Hartford Campus Employees Honored with Service Awards

Rensselaer at Hartford staff members were recognized at the annual Service Recognition and Retirement Dinner held September 12 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany, New York. Rensselaer President Shirley Ann Jackson, Ph.D., and John A. Minasian, Ph.D., Vice President and Dean, Rensselaer at Hartford, recognized each employee and presented anniversary thank-you gifts from Rensselaer. Incremental five-year service awards were given to the following employees:

Five Years of Service
Mary S. Dixey, Director, The Cole Library
Robert F. Sheftel, Program Manager, Enrollment Management

Ten Years of Service
Thomas J. Bittel, Communications Manager, Office of Communications

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ed curriculum that cuts across all business functions.” Students enrolled in the MBA program also appreciate being in an “entrepreneurship program friendly to those with technical backgrounds.”

“The Lally School is proud to be recognized among the best business schools in the nation,” said David Gautschi, Dean of the Lally School. “Our mantra is that technology creation and commercialization do not occur in an ivory tower, not on only one side of the market for capital; they happen in a competitive, increasingly global marketplace for ideas and for capital. Our students and faculty have a passion for taking ideas and turning them into real-world products – both in start-up ventures and in going concerns. This recognition demonstrates that the Lally School competes with the very best business schools in the world.”

“We select schools for this book based on our high regard for their academic programs and offerings, institutional data we collect from the schools, and the candid opinions of students attending them who rate and report on their campus experiences at the schools,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review Vice President of Publishing. “We are pleased to recommend the Lally School to readers of our book and users of our Web site as one of the best institutions they could attend to earn an MBA.”

New Hires
Rensselaer welcomes the following new employees:
• Clarence E. Byers, Senior Program Manager, Marketing and Business Development
• Mark W. Crosskey (’08 B.S. Materials Science and Engineering), Business Analyst, Office of the Vice President and Dean
• Jaclyn N. Piscitelli, Student Records Specialist, Office of the Registrar

Updated Jeanne Clery Security Report

Federal law requires institutions of higher education that receive federal funds to provide detailed information about crime statistics. The 2008 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 Southeastern Connecticut site. Any questions should be directed to Paul J. Murphy, Director, Operations and Facilities, at (860) 548-5392 or e-mail: murphp2@rpi.edu.