In the News

JIMMIE REYNA ’75 NOMINATED FOR U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

Jimmie Reyna ’75, a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Williams Mullen and a specialist in international trade, has been nominated by President Barack Obama for a seat on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The author of three books on international trade, Reyna has been a U.S. representative on a dispute resolution panel established by the North American Free Trade Agreement since 1994. The former president of the Hispanic National Bar Association, Reyna won the association’s Extraordinary Leadership award in 2007, and has been named by Super Lawyers magazine to the list of Washington, D.C., “Super Lawyers” as well as to the national list of “Best Lawyers in America.”

DONNA STRICKLAND ’89 (PHD) NAMED VICE PRESIDENT OF OPTICAL SOCIETY

Donna Strickland ’89 (PhD), an associate professor and associate chair of the physics department at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada, has been elected vice president of the Optical Society of America. A longtime member of the society who has held multiple leadership roles, Strickland first earned professional renown in 1985, when she and Gerard Mourou, then a professor at the Institute of Optics, invented a technique for the intensification of ultrashort laser pulses called chirped pulse amplification. The society also named three new directors at large, including Jannick Rolland, the Brian J. Thompson Professor of Optical Engineering and the associate director of the Hopkins Center at Rochester.

GALWAY KINNELL ’49 (MA) HONORED BY ACADEMY OF AMERICAN POETS

Galway Kinnell ’49 (MA) received the 2010 Wallace Stevens Award, a $100,000 prize given by the Academy of American Poets to recognize “outstanding and proven mastery in the art of poetry.” A past winner of the Pulitzer Prize as well as the National Book Award, Kinnell published his first book of poetry, What a Kingdom It Was (Houghton Mifflin), in 1960, and continued writing for more than 40 years, publishing most recently Strong Is Your Hold (Houghton Mifflin, 2006).

HAJIM SCHOOL GRAD RECOGNIZED FOR SUPERCONDUCTING INNOVATIONS

Amit Goyal ’91 (PhD), who earned his doctorate in materials science at the Hajim School, has been named the 2010 Innovator of the Year by the technology publication R&D Magazine. A researcher at the Department of Energy’s Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, Goyal was honored for his role in creating applications for high-temperature superconducting materials. The award is one of the R&D 100 Awards presented annually by the magazine to recognize groundbreaking technological products and their innovators.

PAUL FREEMAN ’56E, ’63E (PHD) SAYS SAYONARA TO SINFONIETTA

In the 2010-11 season, conductor Paul Freeman ’56E, ’63E (PhD) celebrates his last year as music director of the orchestra he founded, the Chicago Sinfonietta. In 2011-12, he becomes director emeritus. Freeman established the ensemble in 1987 “to serve as a national model for inclusiveness and innovation in classical music.” Known for the ethnic and racial diversity of its musicians and its performances of neglected works by composers of color, the orchestra began the season with a concert titled “For the Common Man,” featuring, among other compositions, Aaron Copland’s Fanfare for the Common Man.

QUILTED BEE: Each piece of a quilt that she stitched together from T-shirts and other souvenirs represents personal memories, institutional moments, and connections to Rochester, Corretore says.
Wrapped Up in Rochester

Throughout four years at Rochester, Stephanie Corretore ’08 and her friends were avid T-shirt collectors. “If we knew there was a T-shirt to be gotten, we were there. We’d remind each other and stand in line together and save each others’ spots because sometimes they run out,” she says of the student groups who hand out shirts, often for free, at campus events.

Corretore wasn’t about to let her shirts wear out. So the summer after graduation, she decided to stitch them into a quilt. Doing so did require some compromises. “The cutting was the hardest part,” she says. “It was quite emotional.”

A freshman fellow, a 2006 Orientation volunteer, a class council member, and a member of the coeducational Alpha Phi Omega service group, Corretore says each square features a shirt that represents a personal memory and that some shirts mark important occasions in the University’s recent history as well.

For example, Corretore obtained a Rocky towel the very day the new mascot was introduced, the result of a yearlong initiative to replace “URBee,” the Yellowjacket mascot that had served as the athletics emblem since the 1980s. Corretore also prizes a “Sting ’Em Rochester” shirt, handed out when the History Channel filmed a 2008 segment for a documentary on planetary nebulae. Physics professor Adam Frank joined the camera crew in the Palestra to deliver a lecture in which Rochester basketball players performed the roles of excited particles. “They gave out these T-shirts so that everyone in the crowd would look uniform, and really bright and enthusiastic,” she says.

She had kept the quilt on her bed, but worried about wear and tear and the long-term effects of sunlight. Now she keeps the quilt boxed up.

It’s hard to imagine, however, that her Rochester memories will fade. An evolutionary biology major, she became a lab technician in the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics at the Medical Center. And in January 2011, Corretore starts nursing school—at Rochester.

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