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NTID Awards Stress Deaf Pride, Leadership

"There is great potential among National Technical Institute for the Deaf students to serve as examples to other deaf persons. We can see the educational achievements of our students, the many constructive extra-curricular activities they engage in, and the on-the-job success of our graduates. These are the kinds of achievements that foster self-esteem and develop deaf leaders," says Dr. Robert Frisina, director of NTID.

Deaf pride and leadership were two major themes running through recent events at NTID.

The Miss NTID Cultural Pageant, the

Annual NTID Student Congress Awards Banquet, and the Drama Club's Awards Day program each serve to recognize and honor the achievement of NTID students—deaf leaders of tomorrow.

"I think the activities that deaf students on campus organized and took part in during the past year played a major role in the development of a deaf identity and pride at NTID and in students' personal achievements," Robert Sidansky, NSC president from Brooklyn, N.Y., comments.

The growth and development of the NSC enabled many events such as "Listen to the Deaf Week," the Deaf

Hockey Tournament, Miss NTID Cultural Pageant, NTID-Gallaudet Weekend, and other activities to be highly successful.

"The Student Congress has given many students the motivation to become involved and contribute their time and talents to events," Tom Mather, outgoing NSC president from Oak Park, Ill., adds. He feels that the leadership and organizational experience students gain in NSC projects helped to make student-run activities very meaningful.

It was a challenge for Cultural Chairperson, Debra Jo Smerke of

Euclid, Ohio, and Miss NTID Pageant Chairperson, Beth Bystricki of Franklin Lakes, N.J., to organize the event.

Peggy Wilson of Troy, Mich., was crowned Miss NTID of 1974 by Jorjan Neri Stoops, Miss NTID of 1972. Ms. Wilson, an art student, also won the Best Talent award. Barbara Wood of Scotch Plains, N.J., was named 1st runner up. Debra Jo Smerke was 2nd runner up and also received awards for Best Pants Suit and Best Evening Gown.

First place winners in the Miss NTID Cultural Pageant included: Chess, Mike Bienenstock of Mt. Vernon, N.Y.;

Dance, LaJuan Brown of Wilmington, Del., and Glenn Stewart of Detroit, Mich.; Drawing and Prints, Bill Jennings of Warminster, Pa.; Hymn Singing, Cindy Garwood of Simsbury, Ct.; Photography, Robert Green of East Meadow, N.Y.; Painting, Bill Rennie of Erie, Pa.; Pantomime, Paul Johnston of Lake Oswego, Ore.; Poetry, Robert Goy of Lombard, Ill.; Poetry Recital, Barbara Ray of Huntington, W. Va.; Short Story, Paul Waller of Belle, W. Va.; and Song Singing, Betty Bonni of Mt. Prospect, Ill.

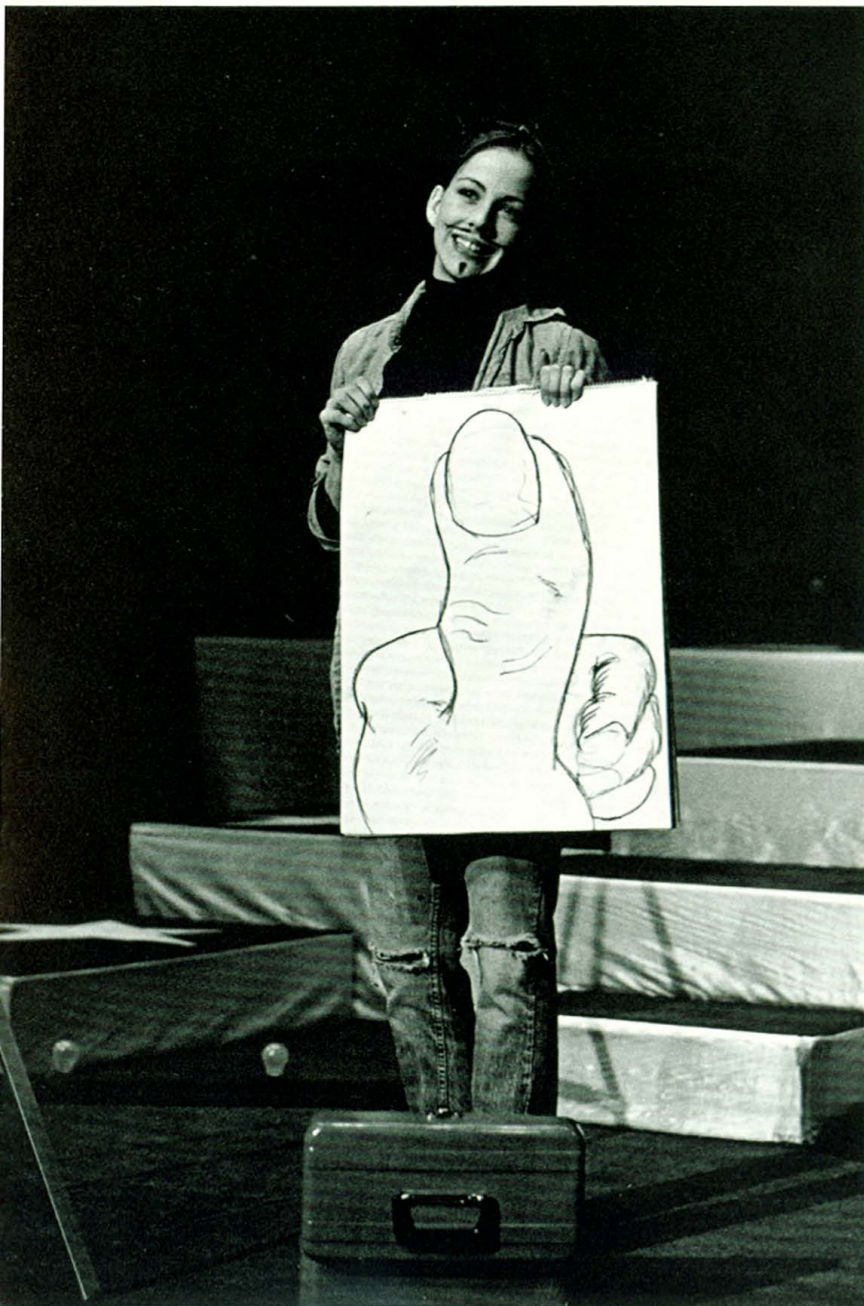
When Dr. Frisina spoke to the first class of NTID in 1968, he told them

that the deaf students of NTID would be in an academic "fishbowl" because the eyes of the nation were watching NTID to see if the program would prove to be successful.

The 1974 NSC Banquet, "Fishbowl Frolic," celebrated the achievements of NTID faculty, staff, and students and indicated that life within the NTID "fishbowl" was filled with moments of merit and success.

Academically, Tim Whitcher of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., walked off with top honors for the fourth year in a row in Advanced Programs. The engineer-

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ALL WINNERS — (Far left) Peggy Wilson of Troy, Mich., winner of the Best Talent Award during the Miss NTID Cultural Pageant, was also named Miss NTID of the Pageant. (Center top) First runnerup Barbara Wood of Scotch Plains, N.J., Second runnerup DebraJo Smerke of Euclid, Ohio, and Miss NTID, Peggy Wilson share an exciting moment in the Miss NTID Cultural Pageant. (Center bottom) DebraJo Smerke and Farid Bozorgi of St. Clair Shores, Mich., were named Miss and Mr. NTID by fellow students at the Student Congress (NSC) Awards Banquet. (Above) Joseph J. Pernick, Judge of the Probate Court for Wayne County, Detroit, Mich., was guest speaker at the NSC Banquet.

Awards

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ing major had a 3.9 grade point average as a cross-registered student in Rochester Institute of Technology, NTID's sponsoring institution. Donna Yansky of St. Ann, Mo., was the Division of Technical Education winner with a 4.0 average in accounting.

This year's charming couple, Miss and Mr. NTID, were Debra Jo Smerke of Euclid, Ohio, and Farid Bozorgi of St. Clair Shores, Mich. They were chosen by their peers as representing the best qualities of the NTID student.

Taking top honors as Best Male Athlete in the sports awards was Len Williams of Lake Placid, N.Y., for his outstanding performances on the ice hockey rink. He was also named Best Winter Athlete. The ladies were represented this year by Colleen Smith of Cupertino, Cal., who was named Best Female Athlete for her volleyball performance. Gerald Isobe of Honolulu, Hawaii, a star on the RIT golf team, took the honors as Best Fall Athlete. Tony Spiecker of Miami, Fla., was honored for the third year for his track record as Best Spring Athlete.

A highlight of the awards program was the presentation of the D. Robert Frisina Award to Alan Gifford of Fairhaven, Mass. Gifford was cited for his

work on the RIT Student Association and his efforts to improve communication between the hearing and deaf students on the RIT campus.

Outstanding Staff Member Julie Cammeron, an education specialist in the College of General Studies, was cheered by students for her unselfish devotion to the betterment of student life. Hearing students David Smith of Rochester, N.Y., and Hal Schulman of Middletown, N.Y., were named Best New Student Interpreter and Best Experienced Student Interpreter respectively. Stephen Jones of Topeka, Kan., was honored for his work teaching sign language as Best On-Going Volunteer. Amy Cullen of Fort Washington, Pa., was named Best New Volunteer. James Grigsby of Mt. Vernon, Ind., presented a hand-carved representation of the NSC emblem to the student body. The woodworking major in the School for American Craftsman had been working on the project for more than a year.

At the Fourth Annual Drama Club Awards Day Program students reminisced and recalled memories of the past five years of activities for the Drama Club. Former members of the Drama Club made guest appearances to present awards to this year's winners.

Janice Cole of Niles, Ill., and Ricky Smith of Batavia, N.Y. were

named Best Newcomers. Smith was also named Best Supporting Actor.

Sarah Grillo of St. Louis, Mo., walked off with the Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress honors. Charles Baird of Olathe, Kan., was selected as the Best Actor for the second year in a row. Best Comedy Performers were Barbara Ray of Huntington, W. Va., and Paul Johnston of Lake Oswego, Ore.

Other award winners included: Glenn Stewart of Detroit, Mich., and LaJuan Brown of Wilmington, Del., as Best Dancers; Farid Bozorgi of St. Clair Shores, Mich., for Best Set Design; Andrew Vasquez of Forest Hills, N.Y., for Best Poster Design; Betty Bonni of Mt. Prospect, Ill., and the cast of "The Serpent," for Best Musical Number.

Special awards went to Charles Baird for Outstanding Service to the Drama Club and Betty Bonni for Outstanding Special Performances. "The Serpent," was judged Best Play of the Year and "The Olive Jar," was honored as Best Skit of the Year.

Joseph J. Pernick, Judge of the Probate Court for Wayne County in Detroit, Mich., was guest speaker at the NSC Banquet and reminded deaf students not to forget the many deaf persons who have had little opportunity for education and achievement.

"The more fortunate, educated deaf must help their less fortunate brethren. The deaf can overcome if they help one another. The deaf must lead the fight for deaf rights. The deaf must participate in the decision-making process. Where are the deaf leaders of tomorrow?," he challenged.

Many of them may be right here at NTID.



NSC EMBLEM — NSC officers Bob Sidansky (right) and Farid Bozorgi (center) reveal the work of James Grigsby of Mt. Vernon, Ind., (left) who worked more than one year carving the wooden representation of the NSC motto.



Betty Bonni
*Outstanding Special
Performance*



**LaJuan Brown
Glenn Stewart**
Best Dancers



Charles Baird
Best Actor



Sarah Grillo
Best Actress



Richard Smith
Best Supporting Actor

NTID'S BEST — Top NTID athletes were presented awards at the NSC Banquet this year. Len Williams from Lake Placid, N.Y., (top), was judged Best Athlete of the Year and Best Winter Athlete for his outstanding performances in ice hockey. Colleen Smith of Cupertino, Calif., (bottom center), was chosen Best Female Athlete. Gerald Isobe of Honolulu, Hawaii, (bottom right), received honors for his starring role on the RIT golf team, and Tony Spiecker of Miami, Fla., (bottom left), was chosen for the third time as Best Spring Athlete for his great track record.



Donna Yanskey Named Top Scholastic Student

Donna Yanskey, the division of Technical Education's choice as the top scholastic achiever this year, possesses that rare combination of beauty and brains.

The soft-spoken, honey blond earned a 4.0 grade point average this year in the accounting program and says she's glad she decided on a career in business.

"I had both art and business courses in high school and my first quarter at NTID. I chose to major in accounting because I felt there were better job possibilities in that field." Donna still finds time to do creative things with her hands like painting, needlepoint and sewing.

Donna, a graduate of Pattonville High School in St. Ann, Mo., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert A. Yanskey of 3265 Carlow Drive in St. Ann, attributes her outstanding scholastic showing to her good memory, aptitude for figures and her professors at NTID, "especially Mr. Bernard Smith."

During her cooperative work-study experience she worked for a tax accounting firm in Rochester.

"It was a very good learning experience for me, plus I learned how to fill out my own income tax forms."

Her long-range career goal is to "work for a corporation as a general or cost accountant," the former National Honor Society member said.

Donna graduates from NTID this year and says she will miss NTID when she leaves. "It's like my second home; I'll hate to leave."

Besides gaining the technical skills she will need on the job, she learned a lot about herself and the world she lives in through her experiences at NTID.

"Coming to NTID was my first opportunity to be on my own. I graduated from a hearing high school and didn't have much of an opportunity to meet other deaf people my age. In college I met many different kinds of people, both deaf and hearing, and learned a lot about them and myself in the process, such as how to share and accept responsibility, and to become more independent."

Donna valued the experience of learning to live with both deaf and hearing people very highly.

"I feel the most interesting activities were those that encouraged the deaf and hearing students to get together. I'm also a big hockey fan and enjoy the captioned movies and weekend parties."

If there was one special bit of knowledge she has gained from her college experience, it was that the individual is the one responsible for his or her achievement.

"No one is going to do your work for you or live your life for you — you are the only one who can make the best decision about your life and what's best for you."



TOP SCHOLAR — Donna Yanskey discusses an accounting problem with her instructor, Richard Orlando.

Vice President to Speak

NTID to Dedicate New Facilities

The final phase of development that will make the National Technical Institute for the Deaf fully operational will be launched with Dédication of new NTID facilities October 5 at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Vice President Gerald Ford heads a distinguished group of invited speakers for dedication ceremonies that will bring together representatives from national, state and local government, business and industrial leaders, and educators from both general and special education nationwide.

Festivities will begin Friday, October 4, with an Educators' Luncheon, where many persons who have been instrumental in the development of NTID will be honored.

The Board of Trustees of RIT and the National Advisory Group of NTID will host a Dedication Dinner Friday evening where Vice President Ford is the scheduled speaker.

Caspar W. Weinberger, secretary of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is the invited principle speaker for a Saturday Dedication Luncheon. Dr. Edwin W. Martin, associate commissioner for Education of the Handicapped in H.E.W., will introduce Secretary Weinberger.

Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, wife of the former President of the United States and the president who signed the law creating NTID in 1965, will be the featured Dedication speaker.

Remarks will be made by Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Senate Committee on Appropriates; Representative Daniel J. Flood, House Committee on Appropriations, and Dr. Robert Frisina, director of NTID.

The Honorable Barber B. Conable, Jr., U.S. Representative from New York's 35th District; The Honorable Frank Horton, U.S. Representative from New York's 34th District; and The Honorable Hugh L. Carey, U.S. Representative from Brooklyn, N.Y., and also the person who co-authored the legislation establishing NTID, will participate in the Dedication program.

NTID began accepting deaf students nationwide in 1968. The enrollment will expand to 750 with the use of the new \$40 million three-building complex, comprised of an academic building, dormitory and dining/commons.

A unique feature of NTID is the fact that it is the first large-scale effort to educate deaf students in a hearing college environment, RIT. Deaf and

hearing will continue to interact in academic, living and social settings.

The academic building was specifically designed to meet the distinct learning needs of deaf students in Technical Education (certificate, diploma and associate degree) programs.

Both hearing and deaf will continue to live together in all housing on campus. Hearing students who have a desire to live and communicate with their deaf peers will be offered the opportunity to live in the new dormitory.

"The attention to both the visual and acoustical needs of deaf students in the new facilities will maximize the opportunities for deaf students to succeed educationally," says Dr. Frisina.

A leader from both the deaf and hearing student body will participate with Mrs. Johnson in the ceremony to officially open the new complex.

Tours will be given during the dedication weekend, but the public is invited to participate in daily tours of the new facilities by writing to the NTID Visitors' Coordinator.

The next issue of the NTID Focus will highlight the NTID Dedication, along with detailed descriptions and photographs of the new facilities.



NAD VISITOR — Frederick C. Schreiber, executive secretary of the National Association of the Deaf, shares a story with NTID students. Schreiber visited the new NTID complex and attended the Student Congress Awards Banquet.

New Alumni Program to Aid Institute

An NTID Alumni Programs office and an NTID Alumni Association will begin at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in October to enable graduates to have a greater impact on the future of the Institute.

"There is a growing need for NTID to research the personal, social and employment success of its graduates, in order to modify academic programs to meet the needs of business and industry," says Dr. Robert Frisina, director of NTID, in announcing the alumni programs.

Eileen Biser has been named coordinator of NTID Alumni Programs. For the past year Mrs. Biser has served as Visitors' Coordinator, an area she will continue to supervise in addition to her new duties.

A meeting to explain the scope of the new alumni program will be held October 5, during festivities to dedicate the new NTID complex.

All NTID graduates will continue to receive the benefits of also being graduates of Rochester Institute of Technology. The NTID Alumni Association is being organized under the RIT Alumni Association and its Executive Council.

For the first time this year, deaf graduates will elect a representative to the RIT Executive Council. That person also will head an NTID Advisory Council of the NTID Alumni Association to assist the coordinator of Alumni Programs. The two deaf graduates on the ballot not named to the RIT Council will automatically be part of the NTID Advisory Council.

The NTID Alumni Programs office will provide information concerning alumni, placement, continuing education, personal success and community participation, along with the organization for conducting special social events for deaf graduates.

"All activities would be designed not to duplicate anything presently available through RIT," adds Mrs. Biser. "We hope that all NTID graduates will cooperate by responding to alumni surveys. Responses will be valuable in NTID's goal to provide the best possible education that will lead to successful employment."



TEAM EFFORT — Deaf Hockey Tournament representatives Peter Pudela (far right), John Swan (second from right), and hockey tournament advisor Julie Cammeron, presented a check for \$752.85 to NSC President Bob Sidansky. The check represents half of the proceeds from last November's tournament and will be sent to the USA Deaf Hockey Association to support the U.S. Deaf Hockey Team.

Largest Incoming Class To Focus on Life Goals

NTID's largest incoming class, approximately 280 students and the first class to use the new complex, will arrive on campus July 5 to take part in this year's Summer Vestibule Program.

An extensive evaluation process helps those planning the summer program develop and refine programs to meet the needs of incoming students.

"This year's program will include a special orientation program for parents of incoming students; a life-goals game developed to introduce students to computer assisted instruction (CAI) methods; and a specific career development program tailored for the individual student," Kent Winchester, coordinator of the Summer Vestibule Program indicates. "We also hope to offer students more hands-on experience with a great emphasis on the development of skills."

All newly accepted NTID students begin their college education nearly three months earlier than most college freshmen. During the summer months, July 5 through August 16, students have an opportunity to explore career choices available to them through the Institute and discover their special interests and aptitudes.

The process begins with testing, where students are evaluated in areas of achievement, aptitude, interests and

communication skills; orientation to NTID life; career counseling; and general sampling of educational programs.

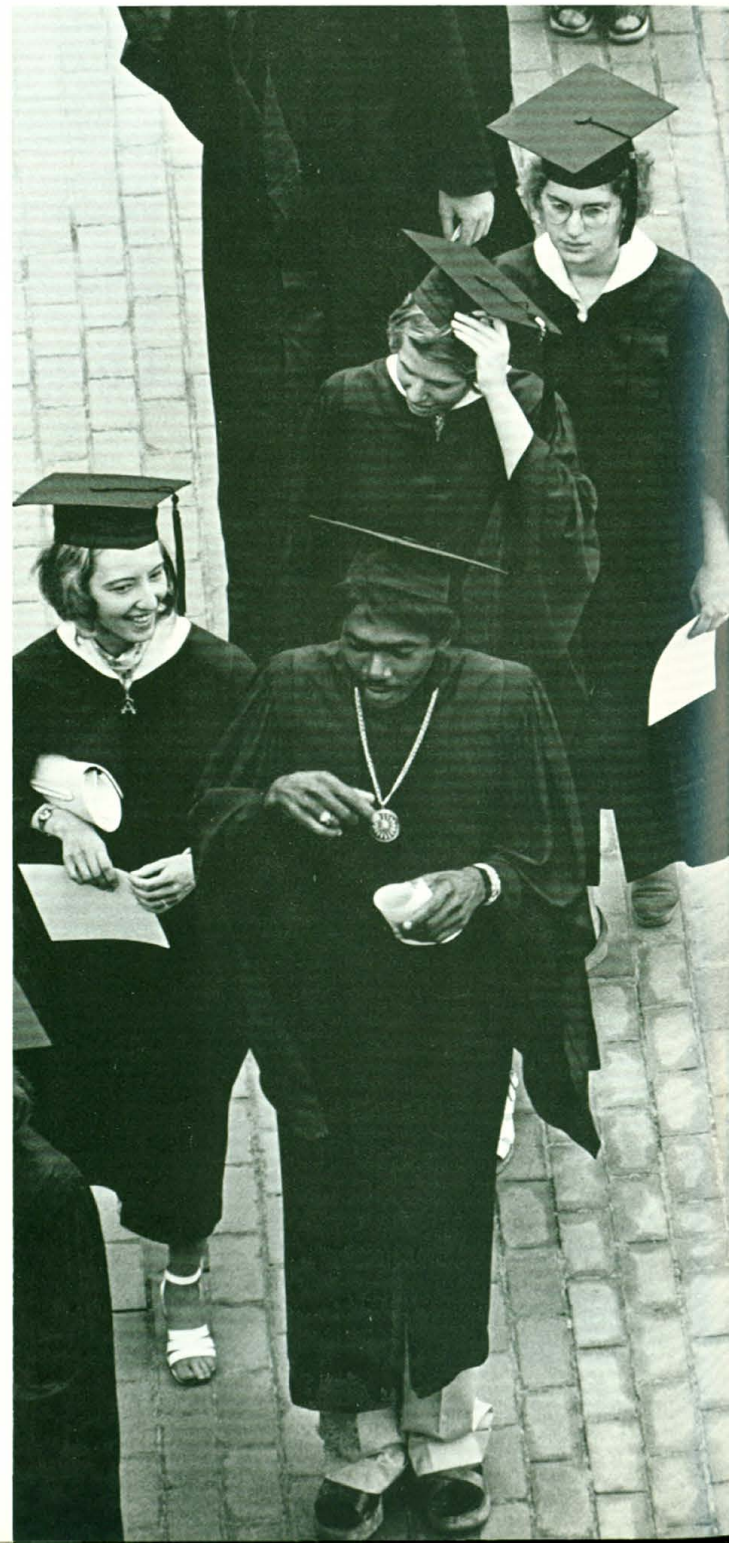
Following general sampling, the students begin intensive sampling, concentrating on areas where they have specific interests. This summer they will have the option of sampling one program in the morning and another in the afternoon or concentrating on skill development in a specific program. Students with proficiency in certain areas will be able to earn course credit during the summer program. Each week there will be a review and discussion of student experiences.

Although many students have an idea of a career choice when they apply to NTID for admission, many change their minds because of the sampling, or make a final decision between two or more possibilities, according to Winchester.

"The Summer Vestibule Program is the beginning in a continuing process of planning and updating a student's educational plan based on interests and experiences," Winchester says. Because the process is continual, students can receive the same individualized programming and flexibility throughout their NTID experience.



JUST THE BEGINNING—NTID students in both Technical Education and Advanced Programs (top left photo) march in Rochester Institute of Technology graduation ceremonies. Glenn Stewart (bottom right photo) of Detroit, Mich., waits in line to receive his degree from the College of Fine and Applied Arts. Dora Millam (bottom left photo) of *Jonesburg, Mo.* received a degree in Business Technologies from Arthur L. Stern, chairman of the Board of Trustees.



1st Social Work Grads Part of Largest Class

A FESTIVAL—Graduation was a festive time on campus with balloons and banners. Social Work graduate Daniel Langholtz of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., put on his freshman cap as he enjoyed the festivities with his parents, Leo and Esther Langholtz.

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf graduated its largest class at the 89th Annual Commencement at Rochester Institute of Technology, June 8. The 1974 graduating class totaled 130 students.

Certificates, diplomas and associate degrees from NTID's Division of Technical Education were awarded to 102 students. This year's class also had the largest number of students graduating with baccalaureate degrees from other RIT colleges. The Colleges of Business, Engineering, Fine and Applied Arts, General Studies, and the Institute College awarded advanced degrees to 28 deaf students. Nine of the baccalaureate degrees went to students graduating from the Social Work program, the first deaf students to receive degrees in this program.

"You can't realize what a thrill it is for us to be here for Steven's graduation," Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Weitz of Kew Gardens Hills, N.J., said. "We are very impressed with our son, with his education and his maturity."

"Because he was deaf, I was afraid he would always have to take the long way around to achieve any goal, but with the training he's received at NTID and the social maturity he's gained, I think he is ready for the world now," Mrs. Weitz commented. Steven received an A.A.S. degree in electro-mechanical technology and has already received several job offers. "It's a nice decision to be faced with," Steven added.

Mrs. Mildred Nulf was "extremely happy" about her daughter Marilyn's achievement. "Marilyn received an A.A.S. degree in Architectural Technology, and I understand from her professors that she is the first woman to graduate from that program."

Marilyn said she had originally intended to major in art, "but I found I liked the more mechanical aspects of architecture even more." The graduate from New Haven, Ind., has several job interviews waiting for her when she gets home.

Mrs. Norbert Yanskey of St. Ann, Mo., couldn't stop smiling whenever she looked at her daughter, Donna. Donna was the Department of Technical Education's choice as Outstanding Scholar of the Year. She received an A.A.S. degree in accounting and graduated with highest honors.

Mrs. Leonard Oshrain of Valley Stream, N.Y., commented that her daughter Ronnie has become, "a very independent person. I'm terribly proud of her and am delighted with the confidence she shows in herself and her abilities." Ronnie graduated with an

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Graduates and Majors

William E. Castle, Dean

J. R. Clarcq, Assistant Dean for Technical Education

Business Technologies Department

JOSEPH PANKO, Chairman

Candidates for Certificate

LEON S. ALFANO Old Saybrook, CT
LINDSEY BROOKSBANK Old Saybrook, CT

Candidates for Diploma

CATHERINE ANDREWS Eggertsville, NY
ROBERT BENSON Elk Grove Village, IL
MARY ANN FALCONE Brooklyn, NY
DAVID LOWELL Rochester, NY
JOHN RENZ Chelsea, MI
CLAIRE SULLIVAN Canton, MA
DOROTHY TROMBLEY Schenectady, NY
JANE WEIKART Hartsdale, NY

Candidates for A.A.S.

SUSAN ANTHONY Williamsville, NY
CATHERINE ARMKNECHT Cheektowaga, NY
BRUCE BENJAMIN New Haven, CT
JOANNE BLACK Harrisburg, PA
SOPHIE BLEIWEISS Kettering, OH
KATHLEEN BLUNDELL West Peabody, MA
THERESA BUSCEMI Rochester, NY
PATRICK CULLEN Madison, WI
GREGORY D'AMATO Queens, NY
***THOMAS FISCHER Austin, TX
LAWRENCE GULINO East Patterson, NJ
*PAMELA GUSTAVEL Palatine, IL
MICHAEL JASKO Cleveland, OH
SANDRA LONG Rochester, NY
DORIS LYLE Westlake, OH
STEVEN MALMIN Akron, OH
DAVID MARTIN Chelsea, VT
WILLIAM MATHER Oak Park, IL
**DORA MILLAM Jonesburg, MO
PHILLIP MONSEES LaJolla, CA
CARL MOORE Philadelphia, PA
THOMAS PENNY Columbus, OH
*JANICE SHAW St. Louis, MO
*COLLEEN SMITH Santa Clara, CA
**CYNDRA SPENCER Fulton, MO
VERNICE SONNIER Crowley, LA
DEBORAH STRAZDUS Shickshinny, PA
KATHLEEN SUTTEL Jonesburg, MO

BEVERLY J. TAYLOR Memphis, TN
MICHAEL TURNER Nashville, TN
DURSTON WINESBURG Waldorf, MA
***DONNA YANSKEY St. Ann, MO

Engineering Technologies Department

EDWARD MARUGGI, Chairman

Candidates for Diploma

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DARREN P. CARFANO Woodridge, NJ
ROBERT MIERA Bernalillo, NM
BELA L. TIMAR Garfield Heights, OH
C. GLEN WALLS Chattanooga, TN

Candidates for A.A.S. Degree

RICHARD BLOOM Youngstown, OH
RONALD BORNE Hanover, MA
MARTIN BYSTRYCKI West Trenton, NJ
RICHARD CAPOBIANCO Warwick, RI
ROBERT GREENAWALT Mansfield, OH
JOHN JACKOWIEC Chicago, IL
CARL LYMAN Urbana, IL
PAUL MENTE Pittsburgh, PA
MARILYN NULF New Haven, IN
CHARLES REED Ridgeway, PA
CRAIG RIDGEWAY Trenton, NJ
CALVIN ROSETH Pierre, SD
ALLEN ROTHSTEIN Cleveland Heights, OH
CARMELLO SCIANDRA Buffalo, NY
JOHN SHAVER Wilmington, DE
STEVEN WEITZ Brooklyn, NY
ERIC VAN HYNING Hato Rey, PR

Technical Science Department

FRED HAMIL, Chairman

Candidates for A.A.S. Degree

CHRISTOPHER BARLOW New York, NY
LINDA LEONE Donora, PA
RONNIE OSHRAIN Valley Stream, NY
GENEVIEVE POGORZELSKI Berwyn, IL
JANE QUINN Eureka, CA
BARBARA RAY Huntington, WV
FANNY TVERSKI Oceanside, NY
ALEXANDER WITKOWSKI West Point, CT

**Visual Communications Technologies
Department**

VERNON W. DAVIS, Chairman

Candidates for Diploma

MARK AARON	Fairfield, CT
JON ALDAG	St. Louis, MO
DANIEL DONOLLI	Hicksville, NY
DEAN DUNLAVEY	Hamburg, NY
DEBRA FINCH	Galveston, TX
BARBARA HAYES	Seattle, WA
JACK KEATON	Covington, KY
JOHN P. KENNEDY	Rochester, NY
LARRY LUCERO	El Rito, NM
THOMAS PAWOL	St. Louis, MO
MARIO PELLITIER	Millinocket, ME
PETER PUDELA	Chicago, IL
HOMER RUPERT	West Newton, PA
AUDREY SCHELL	Brooklyn, NY
ANTHONY SCHIFFIANO	Goose Creek, SC
PHILIP SCHNACKEL	Atlantic, IL
GAIL SCHREINER	St. Louis, MO
ROGER SMITH	Milton, WV
KENNETH SORKIN	Monterey Park, CA
JUDITH TEMPLE	Pasadena, TX

Candidates for A.A.S. Degree

DENNIS ANDERSON	Columbus, OH
TED AUSTIN	Rocky River, OH
*CHALMER BLACK	Pittsburgh, PA
BETH LOEHWING BYSTRYCKI	Franklin Lakes, NJ
MARY CHRISTOPHER	Andover, MA
CYNTHIA SCOTT	Pittsburgh, PA
CLAYTON VALLI	Seabrook, NH

Degrees for NTID Students

Awarded Through RIT Colleges

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

School of Business Administration

Candidates for A.A.S. Degree

MARK FEDER	Wilmette, IL
GERALD M. ISOBE	Honolulu, HI

Candidates for B.S. Degree

WILLIAM EDWARD KELLY	Springfield, PA
GEORGE H. LEWIS III	Royal Oak, MD
ELLEN A. LIEDTKE	Scottsville, NY
MITCHELL D. TRAVERS	Flushing, NY

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Mechanical Engineering

Candidate for A.A.S. Degree

FREDERICK G. FELDMAN	Yonkers, NY
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COLLEGE OF FINE AND APPLIED ARTS

School of Art and Design

Candidates for A.A.S. Degree

FARID BOZORGI	St. Clair Shores, MI
WILLIAM JENNINGS	Warminster, PA
WILLIAM RENNIE	Erie, PA
DAVID S. ROSENTHAL	St. Louis, MO

Candidates for B.F.A. Degree

CHARLES BAIRD	Olathe, KS
TERESA G. BATTISTI	Ithaca, NY
CHRISTIAN G. ROEBACK	Santa Clara, CA
GLENN STEWART	Detroit, MI

COLLEGE OF GENERAL STUDIES

Department of Social Work

Candidates for B.S. Degree

*KRISTINE BEAMAN	Arlington, VA
*DARLENE ANNE CARRUS	Dunkirk, NY
DANIEL J. LANGHOLTZ	Dobbs Ferry, NY
HOWARD G. MANN	Chicago, IL
ROBERT J. MATHER	Oak Park, IL
MARLENE JEAN MOISSON	Decatur, IL
SUSAN ALICE MOZZER	Manchester, CT
NANCY ALLYN ROGERS	Rochester, NY
BYRON K. SKIDMORE	Cleveland Heights, OH

INSTITUTE COLLEGE

School of Applied Science

Candidates for B. Tech. Degree

THOMAS T. CHRISTMAN	Milwaukee, WI
ALEXANDER J. LEMANSKI, JR.	Pittsburgh, PA
JOHN SWAN	Ballwin, MO

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Medical Technology

Candidates for B.S. Degree

*MICHAEL RETZLOFF	Eureka, CA
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* Honors

** High Honors

*** Highest Honors

Largest Class

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A.A.S. degree in the Medical Laboratory Technology program.

Chris Barlow of New York, N.Y., spent much of his time saying goodby to his many friends and said he will miss everyone at NTID, "but I'm looking forward to getting a job and working." Chris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Barlow, his sister and brother made the trip to Rochester for his graduation. Chris received an A.A.S. degree in the Medical Laboratory Technology program.

Mr. Lloyd Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa., remarked that his daughter Cynthia, "has learned to make decisions for herself and seems to have gained confidence from her experiences at NTID." Cynthia graduated with an A.A.S. degree in Visual Communications and has a job offer from Varden Photographic Studios in Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Tverski, who travelled from Oceanside, N.Y., for their daughter Fanny's graduation, were very optimistic about her future. She received an A.A.S. degree in Medical Laboratory Technology.

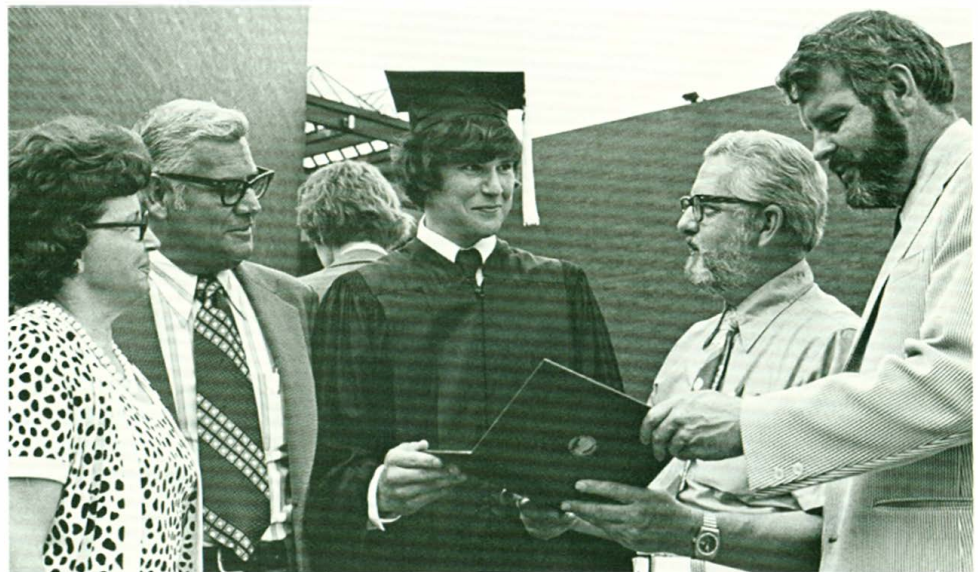
"She has had excellent training for a career and also an excellent social opportunity at NTID. I don't think there is another school that provides the opportunity for young deaf people to associate with other young deaf and hearing persons. She, and these other youngsters, have become young adults at NTID. Now we will find out how the world will accept them."

PROUD INSTRUCTORS—NTID engineering instructors Bob Klafehn (right) and Herbert Berry share of the pride Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walls of Chattanooga, Tenn., in the accomplishment of Glenn Walls, who earned a degree in electromechanical technology.

ONE FOR MOM—Fanny Tverski of Oceanside, N.Y., who earned an associate degree in Medical Laboratory Technology, and her father, Mark Tverski, feel part of Fanny's success should be attributed to her mother, Esther. Fanny's graduation cap seemed to fit the occasion nicely.



FIRST PRO PHOTO—Cynthia Scott of Pittsburgh, Pa., a graduate in Visual Communications, made her first professional photo one of her father, Lloyd Scott. Cynthia has been offered a job as a technician with a photo studio.



Marlin Finds Formula for Success

Like mixing photographic chemicals, which by the way he does, Louis Marlin Jr. of Daly City, Calif., feels as a deaf person he has found the formula for job success.

"The important thing is to learn a job but also be interested and nice with people. Then others will help you be successful on a job," Marlin insists.

It's a formula Marlin has found successful as an employee of Berkey Film Processing of San Francisco, Calif. Although his verbal communication is not good, no one looks at Louis without receiving a big grin and some form of greeting.

"Communication is not really a problem," says George W. Litras, president of the firm at 103 Wondercolor Lane. "When we really can't understand each other, we will write something out. Many firms have employees with normal hearing who can't communicate as well as Louis."

As for Louis' technical training, Litras feels the National Technical Institute for the Deaf provided good fundamentals.

"In this business it's unusual to get an employee who has the skills to immediately benefit a company," Litras added. "The photo processing industry usually takes people off the street and provides the training."

Louis, who graduated from NTID in June, 1973, with a diploma from the applied photography program in Visual Communications, began working at Berkey Film Processing in film processing, working in the dark.

After a short time on the job, Louis approached Litras and Paul Selko, the production manager, about the possibility of switching departments. The 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. shift didn't bother him, but he couldn't stand the loneliness of working in the dark. Since there was an opening in chemical mixing, he was given an opportunity there.

Selko says he's performing well and is both punctual and reliable.

"We've always felt it's good business to hire the handicapped," Litras remarks. "As a whole, we've found the handicapped willing to work—they want to support themselves. They



DARKROOM TECHNIQUE — Louis Marlin checks negatives at Berkey Film Processing, Inc. Because of his NTID training Louis feels he "could be successful at a film processing company anywhere."

don't miss time because they want and need the job. As an employer, it doesn't take extra effort on our part."

Louis says, "NTID prepared me for a job, but I'm continuing to learn. I read articles on film processing to keep up with changes. If I hadn't gone to NTID I wouldn't have gotten this job. Tell students at NTID to learn as much as they can about their career and learn to be nice with people, both hearing and deaf. That's important!"

Louis, a graduate of Florida School for the Deaf (1967) and the son of Mrs. Maxine Daubs, 2121 Ojibway St., Titusville, Fla., is an avid reader and sports fan. He attends as many sporting events as his work schedule permits. He has an extensive collection of Indian arrowhead rocks and likes to reconstruct pieces of Indian pottery.

While most of his friends are hearing, he met Maurice Rays of North Carolina at a club for the deaf in San Francisco and now they share an apartment at 73 Lausanne Ave. in Daly City.

"I have a lot of self-confidence, and I know I could be successful at a film processing company anywhere," Louis evaluates. "But I'm planning to stay here. The work is good, my salary is going up, and my co-workers and employers are friendly. I'm very satisfied."

Likewise, Berkey Film Processing, a part of Berkey Photo, Inc., one of the largest photographic equipment and service organizations in the country, is satisfied with Louis Marlin.

"As Louis continues to learn, there is no reason why someday he couldn't work into a position in quality control," Litras evaluates. "And there is no reason why the deaf couldn't work in film processing, shipping or accounting in the photo finishing field."

"I'm telling other photo finishers to hire trained deaf persons. It's a good investment."

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Medical Record Technician Excels

Jeanne Buller of West Covina, Calif., discovered that even being the first known deaf person to pass a national Accredited Record Technician examination in the American Medical Record Association doesn't guarantee a job.

Jeanne, 23, graduated from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Medical Record Technician program in June, 1972, and then attended East Los Angeles City College in Los Angeles, Calif., in the Medical Record Technician program.

In spite of an associate in applied science degree from NTID, Jeanne felt advanced study and accreditation was necessary to reach the level of job success she sought.

As part of the Los Angeles program, the slender blond was a student employee at the Los Angeles County, USC Medical Center's Central Tumor Registry in Los Angeles.

And when Jeanne took the national accreditation examination, she finished fourth in her Los Angeles class. Marilyn G. Fowler, R.R.A., who taught Jeanne at NTID, insists that her accomplishment is impressive for someone hearing or deaf. "It's a breakthrough in demonstrating that the deaf can become professionals in the medical records field if given the training and opportunities."

But following graduation from East Los Angeles City College in June, 1973, Jeanne visited hospitals throughout the county in an attempt to find someone who would give her the opportunity to practice her skills.

"I couldn't believe that I could study so hard and become accredited and no one would accept me," Jeanne said.

Although she wanted to work closer to home, Jeanne returned to the USC Medical Center and to her supervisor in the Central Tumor Registry to seek employment.

"I was proud to have her as a member of my staff," said Mrs. Thelma Howell, supervisor of the Central Tumor Registry, third largest unit in the state. "As a student employee, the experience was very positive. It was obvious that she had superb training and had acquired a level of skill equal to any medical record technician."

Mrs. Howell approached Andrew H. Bliss, director of Medical Records, who approved Jeanne's employment.

"Jeanne seemed like an excellent resource, and we always have need

for qualified technicians," Bliss remarked. "We hoped that hiring Jeanne will open new opportunities for other deaf persons. We know it is changing the staff at the Medical Center. They are beginning to see that you have to provide opportunities for qualified persons and that the handicap doesn't matter."

Mrs. Howell insists that "you can't keep the handicapped out of the mainstream of life if they are qualified. The direct supervisor must be interested in the trainee or full employee if the handicapped person is going to have an honest chance. Business and industry must take a closer look at the potential of the deaf."

Jeanne's capabilities are reflected in her everyday work. Her efforts in the Central Tumor Registry involve indexing confidential reports on the treatment of patients. Mrs. Howell reports she is highly efficient and completes many more abstracts than is usually expected from someone of her experience.

"I'm very happy on the job," Jeanne reported. "The work is interesting, and people in this area are friendly."

Although NTID has an extensive job placement program, Jeanne feels there are distinct advantages for a deaf graduate to "find a job yourself." She feels it helps give an employer more confidence in the job-seeker as a person and worker.

"The harder NTID makes its programs, the better it will be for the students once they graduate," Jeanne evaluates.

"Then it's up to the student to learn. Improving my verbal communication at NTID is helping me now.

"Learning to communicate with hearing and deaf is also important," Jeanne added. "I try to act every day like there is no difference between hearing and deaf. It helps people accept me as an individual."

Jeanne's social mobility has been aided by the recent purchase of a new car. The Riverside School for the Deaf graduate lives at 11259 Hatteras St., N. Hollywood, Calif. She is active in the Immanuel Assembly Church in Los Angeles. She's an avid reader and has many hearing and deaf friends. Jeanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Buller of 644 S. Inman Road in West Covina.

"My faith in God has helped me through many problems," Jeanne stated. "Through the Bible I've learned to be patient with people. Now that I have a good job, my goal is to improve in my profession."

Jeanne's growth in her profession is coming through experience and exposure to medical record meetings and workshops.

"I hope that other NTID graduates are given a chance in the medical record technician field. It's a good profession," Jeanne Buller concluded.



FIRST ONE — Jeanne Buller, first known deaf person to pass a national Accredited Record Technician examination, talks with her supervisor Mrs. Thelma Howell, at the USC Medical Center in Los Angeles.

ACCURACY COUNTS — Accuracy and dependability are important assets to have as a medical record technician and Jeanne has both. "I'm very happy on the job. The work is interesting; it's a good profession."



31 NTID Students Go to Prison In Experiential Learning

Thirty-one deaf students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf go to prison!

Yes, but only for a visit.

The students, who are enrolled in instructor Julie Cammeron's Introduction to Sociology course in the College of General Studies, were participating in what she calls an "experiential learning activity."

"I feel strongly that students need to be sensitized to events going on in the real world. During the first quarter of my sociology class we concentrated on prison systems. Rather than reading a lot of books and writing a research paper, I felt the students would gain much more awareness by talking to such people as prison officials, current inmates, an ex-inmate of Attica prison, and a representative from a prison reform movement," Ms. Cammeron explained.

Students Pat Sullivan of Parishville, N.Y., Eileen O'Connor of Overland, Mo., and Bill Jennings of Warminster, Pa., agreed that while they learned many facts about prisons, the total experience pointed out to them the importance of developing an independent decision-making process and learning how to analyze a situation.

The students were exposed to a general overview of prison systems and then talked in two intense sessions to an ex-inmate of Attica and Ms. Jean Bailey of a local prison reform organization, Prison Action Group.

The ex-inmate was in Attica prison before and during the Attica prison rebellion. "He gave us his views of how prison life dehumanizes people, told us of conditions in the prison before, during and after the rebellion and really opened up my mind to things I never thought about before," Bill Jennings said.

Many of the conditions that he told the students about have been verified in reports from the group who later investigated the Attica prison rebellion, Ms. Cammeron pointed out. "In order to give them a chance to investigate the official side of the controversy, I arranged to have the class visit the prison," Ms. Cammeron added.

Students were welcomed to Attica under the auspices of the Community Awareness Program. They were not allowed to go through the prison but were shown slides depicting the inside of the facility and talked with prison officials and six inmates.

"The experience was interesting, but I found I couldn't believe what the prison officials were telling us. They didn't actually lie to us but seemed to be experienced in avoiding direct answers to our questions. Also the slides they showed us of cells and prison life looked too plush to be true," Jennings commented.

"The officials showed us the kind of machines the inmates work on to help them to get jobs when they are released, but most of the machines were made during the 1930's and I can't see how the men could compete for jobs with people who have been trained on modern equipment," Sullivan added.

"The prisoners they let us talk to didn't answer our questions very well. The officials interrupted them a lot, and I lost a lot of faith in the people who supposedly are there to help reform the prisoners," Ms. O'Connor said.

The whole experience proved to be very successful judging by student interest and response. Ms. Cammeron plans on including more such situations in her class to give students the opportunity to analyze situations and make independent decisions based on the information presented to them.



HELPING HAND — Donna Kern (left) explains the room layout in the new residence hall to two interested students.

Hearing Student Promotes Understanding

Prior to coming to RIT, Donna Kern, Loudon, N.H., had never met a deaf person.

Now, two years later, Donna is a student leader promoting better understanding between the hearing and the deaf students at RIT.

The busy sophomore is a business administration major who has a deep concern for people and their welfare.

"I chose RIT because I came from a small town and wanted to go to school where I would meet many different people," she says.

During Donna's freshman year she became friends with a deaf girl in her dorm.

"Barbara Wood and I became good friends. She introduced me to many of her deaf friends. The deaf students are very visible on campus, and I wanted to get to know them as people."

As construction of the new building complex to house NTID programs neared completion, many students, hearing and deaf, had questions about the function of the new residence hall, academic building and dining hall commons.

When a chance came for Donna to

work on a residence hall planning committee, she accepted the challenge. The committee was set up to decide what the exact function and makeup of the new residence hall would be.

"I felt that a committee concerned with the new residence hall should have student input. It's been a tremendous learning experience for me."

During the past year various groups have been discussing the new residence hall. Should a ratio be set of hearing and deaf students? How should the room groupings be organized? What kind of built-in learning experience can be provided for students?

"Trying to come up with answers to all the questions has been almost impossible. The integration of hearing and deaf students on one college campus is a situation unique to RIT. It's been quite a challenge."

During the spring quarter, Donna is working out her cooperative work experience jointly with RIT's Division of Housing and NTID's Division of Developmental Education. She will be concerned with interviewing hearing students who have expressed interest in living in the new dorm. To make

sure the correct information is being spread about the new complex, she has also set up a booth in the busy RIT College-Alumni Union to answer students' questions and is putting out a bi-weekly newsletter on the new complex.

"To make the dormitory truly a living-learning experience, the hearing students involved should have a positive interest in living with the deaf. In the dorm the hearing students will be in the minority and both the deaf and hearing students will be taking part in an unusual situation. Helping the deaf students become educated and successful in good jobs is the main purpose of NTID, but because of the mix of deaf and hearing students on campus, a social learning situation has also resulted.

After her co-op experience this quarter, Donna will continue her work with the deaf.

"I'm currently a resident advisor in one of the dorms, and next year I will be an R.A. in the new dorm. Everything about the new dorm will be an experiment in living. I'm glad to be a part of it and hope I can contribute in some way to making it a success."

Math Teachers Participate In Workshop

Math teachers, representing schools for the deaf from all over the country, took part in a three-day workshop at NTID's Math Learning Center (MLC) recently.

"We have received many inquiries about the Math Learning Center and the learning center concept. Last year we set up satellite MLC's at four schools; the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn.; California School for the Deaf at Riverside; Monroe County Program for the Deaf, Ida, Mich.; and Milwaukee Public Schools, Wisc. We decided a workshop involving math teachers from schools interested in establishing an MLC would be appropriate this year," Paul Peterson, assistant professor of math, says.

The 15 teachers were given an opportunity to study the workings of NTID's Math Learning Center and to share experiences with representatives from schools where MLC's are in operation.

John Kubis, director of NTID's MLC, discussed how NTID can assist schools interested in establishing an MLC. Dr. Ross Stuckless, director of Educational Extension, reviewed the role the high school must play in establishing an MLC, and Paul Peterson explained how schools can develop their own teaching materials.

Tours of Complex Offered to Visitors

Tours of the new NTID complex are now available to parents, prospective students, professionals in deaf or special education, and the general public.

In addition to general tours, arrangements also can be made for professionals and parents and students to meet with various members of the NTID staff. These schedules are developed on the basis of interest of the visitor.

The new academic building is being occupied. The housing and dining commons will be open in September.

To arrange a visit to NTID write Visitors' Coordinator, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y., 14623.



LEARNING TOGETHER — Visiting math instructor from the Lexington School for the Deaf, Mary Beth Harlan, learns about NTID's Math Learning Center from a student.



PROBLEM SOLVING — Dianne Minchew from the Georgia School for the Deaf helps an NTID student work out a complex math problem.

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