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Creative partnerships build study abroad opportunities

Students can plan to wax their skis for the Alps, buff up their Spanish, German or Chinese, or practice their Irish lilt—thanks

The new international roster offers students classes in Florence, Hong Kong, London, Madrid, Strasbourg, and Harare, Zimbabwe, to name a few places. Summer abroad programs now include South Africa, Mozambique, Argentina, Australia, China, Peru, France, Ireland and others.

"A wide range of Syracuse courses—from

fashion design to computer science to art history—in international locations are now available to RIT students," says Kit Mayberry, associate provost for academic programs.

The classes will award four to eight semester credits. Most RIT students will take advantage of the many summer programs, but some will be able to fit the semester programs into their RIT schedules as well, adds Mayberry.

The entire process, from application

and tuition to grading and credits, works through RIT, not SU, with students remaining matriculated in their RIT program. Students pay RIT tuition and room and board, and program fees set by SU.

Existing RIT study abroad programs include St. Petersburg State University, Russia (newly set up for students in the colleges of Liberal Arts and Imaging Arts and Sciences); Sheffield Hallam University, England (College of Business); and

Marburg University, Germany (CLA).

Other programs are under development.

"These new opportunities abroad offer RIT tremendous benefits," says McKenzie.

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For more information on studying abroad, e-mail Mayberry at kjmgpt@rit.edu.

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to a new RIT study abroad program offered through an area university.

"As with our First in Class initiatives, the study abroad program reflects RIT's commitment to partnerships that can benefit our students," says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The groundbreaking, shared program with Syracuse University adds extensively to RIT's already established study abroad opportunities.

New Web site for internal users

It's now easier for students, faculty and staff to find information about RIT on the Web. A new internal portal, <http://inside.rit.edu>, has been created as a site catering to the specific needs of the RIT community and allowing easier access to internal information.

According to Dower Chin, webmaster, "We now have two separate sites addressing the needs of two distinct audiences. RIT's external site, www.rit.edu, revised in June, primarily focuses on the needs of prospective students, parents, alumni, employers and companies."

Chin says the internal site is organized

into audience-oriented services and categories to allow for quick and easy access. "The design included input from users as well as data collected from an online poll. Additional refinements came from volunteer testers and RIT's Internal Communications Web committee."

The site includes the following features:

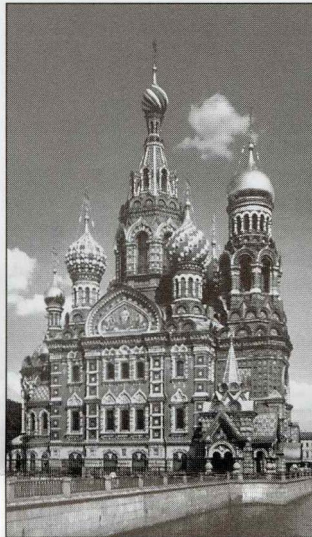
- "Quicklinks" section to popular Web sites at RIT (including bus schedules, campus maps, distance learning, Wallace Library and the Student Information System), with the ability to customize them
- Local weather reports updated hourly from the National Weather Service Interactive Weather Information Network
- Advertisement banners for clubs and organizations to announce their events
- RIT news and sports provided by University News Services
- Web-site updates for departments to announce major site changes or launches
- The option to choose which portal to access as the users RIT home page
- Quick access to the AltaVista Intranet search engine

SAC holiday sale

Forget the mall. You'll find perfect one-of-a-kind holiday gifts for everyone on your list at the School for American Crafts Holiday Sale. Glass vases and ornaments, sculpture, ceramic dishes and bowls, wooden accessories, jewelry and more will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 9 and 10, in the Student Alumni Union.

For more information, call 5-2646.

"WE'LL GET PAID BACK TEN-FOLD BY THE SUCCESS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE"... So said Sen. Charles Schumer during a news conference on campus Nov. 12. He spoke about his proposed legislation that would make up to \$12,000 of college tuition tax deductible, helping parents though adding to federal budget costs. "We shouldn't bankrupt people for doing right for their children," he asserted, adding that his bipartisan proposal would give taxpayers in the 28 percent bracket a maximum benefit of \$3,360 per college student per year. A few of the RIT students and tuition-paying parents who attended the conference also stepped to the mike to tell their tuition stories.



An upcoming study abroad trip to Russia gives students the opportunity to learn about art and culture firsthand by visiting significant museums and landmarks such as the Church of the Spilled Blood.

Hertzson and Lent will make a second presentation on the program and last year's trip in December, before winter break. Watch for upcoming announcements about the program, or call 5-5154 for more information.

A "broader" study abroad program

An RIT program that offers the opportunity to study in Russia has been expanded this year to appeal to a broader range of students. Tina Lent, professor, College of Liberal Arts, and Joyce Hertzson, acting associate dean, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, have extended last year's pilot program in St. Petersburg from two-and-a-half weeks to one month.

In addition, a special art history elective will precede the trip, enabling students to maximize their time spent in Russia. Survey of Russian Art History: St. Peter to Peter the Great begins this winter quarter. Peter the Great to the Present, including on-site lectures, picks up in June when the students arrive in St. Petersburg.

Those making the trip will earn eight credits—either a combination of four in art history and four in language and culture through CLA or three in art history, three in studio and two in language and culture through CIAS. The goal is to make the program work to the students' benefit regardless of major.

"The opportunity to study in another culture is invaluable, surrounded by what you are learning as opposed to sitting in a dark room looking at slides," says Hertzson. "Just being there is an exciting learning experience."

RIT to display work of young artists

For most of January, RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences will be home to the Rochester-Finger Lakes Scholastic Art Awards and Exhibition.

The annual display of award-winning scholastic art by middle and high school students from 10 area counties returns to RIT after a seven-year absence. For the last six of those years, the Arts and Cultural Council for Greater Rochester administered the event at the Monroe Community College Damon City Campus. As a policy move, the council this year has transferred regional sponsorship of the show back to RIT. "Our job is done. We feel we've stabilized and grown this extremely important event," says Sally Gaskill, executive director of the Arts Council.

CIAS administrators say they are excited

about the chance to once again host this national exhibition and awards program for secondary school students. "We understand the importance of this event to the community, and we're looking forward to the new spaces and new opportunities that come with displaying artwork throughout the college," says Joyce Hertzson, acting associate dean.

More than 1,000 works by students from over 200 schools are expected to be part of the show, which runs from Jan. 3 through Jan. 19. RIT hosts a reception from 11 a.m. to noon, on Saturday, Jan. 15, in the Bevier Gallery lobby, followed by an awards ceremony in Webb Auditorium. The day will conclude with a scholastic review from 1 to 3 p.m. in the gallery. For more information, call 5-2646.

Emergency snow closing information

With cold weather and threat of snow upon us, RIT once again faces the chance of winter storms forcing the campus to close. If weather conditions cause the cancellation of part or all of RIT's class schedule, you can find up-to-date information in the following ways:

- Dial the Institute Closing and Cancellation Hotline at 5-7075 (V) or 5-7076 (TTY).
- Check electronic message boards on campus.
- Check the external or internal home pages, www.rit.edu or inside.rit.edu.
- Check the campus VAX system for a log-on message from ISC.
- Listen to local radio and TV stations for announcements.

New SPAS Gallery show

Through Dec. 15, work by two candidates for master of fine arts degrees are on exhibit in the SPAS Gallery, third floor of the Frank E. Gannett Building. For more information on the show spotlighting Isaac Rivera and Matt Trebelhorn, call 5-5919.

Gannett Lecture, Dec. 9

Novelist and screenwriter Michael Tolkin will explore issues of the millennium in his talk, "Next," at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9, Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building. The fifth speaker in the 1999-2000 Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series, Tolkin cowrote the hit movie, *Deep Impact* (1998), and wrote the highly praised novel, *The Player*, which Richard Altman adapted to film in 1992.

Admission is free.

Not feeling appreciated?

Get your holiday shopping finished early during Campus Connections' annual Customer Appreciation Day and sale starting at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. To celebrate the season and to thank RIT patrons, the store will feature gourmet-cookie tasting, door prizes, and lots of sales on a variety of items in each department.

The store will give a 10 percent markdown, with RIT I.D., for the day on most merchandise, excluding computers, textbooks, photography equipment, special orders and Institute purchases. Faculty and staff will receive the sale price in addition to their regular discount.

For more information, call Campus Connections at 5-2501.

HEOP offers great food and atmosphere at annual party

Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Higher Education Opportunity Program's annual holiday "Just Desserts" party, 1:30-3 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, Skalny Room, Interfaith Center. Each year the program kicks off the holiday season with an impressive array of great desserts ranging from flavored cheesecakes, cakes and pies to Mom's homemade cookies. You can also look forward to sipping your favorite varieties of flavored teas, coffee and punch, and enjoying festive holiday music.

Packaging science MS heads to Croatia

RIT is bringing another program to the Republic of Croatia, this time in packaging science.

An agreement has been signed with the mechanical engineering and naval architecture faculty of the University of Zagreb, Republic of Croatia, to deliver an executive leader master's degree in 2000.

Beginning the last week of January, the program will provide graduate packaging education to approximately 25 participants from the Croatian industry as well as to graduates from the faculty of mechanical engineering.

The program will be housed in the newly created Center of Technology

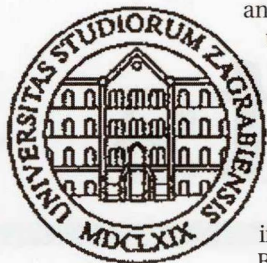
Transfer and will consist of four two-week sessions over six months. Three of the modules will take place at a conference center near Zagreb, and students will come to RIT in June for the fourth session. After completion of a thesis project, the students should finish the program in December. Faculty from RIT and Europe will teach the required courses.

"There is a great demand for food-packaging expertise in Central Europe, and it's an important consideration as the Croats continue to rebuild their economy," says Daniel Goodwin, chair of RIT's packaging science program, who was in Croatia when the contract was signed in September. "This knowledge will not only improve the Croatian export picture, but will also assist in the development of food services for the growing tourism industry."

The new packaging science program will not be part of RIT's American College of Management and Technology in

Dubrovnik, which opened in 1997. However, Goodwin expects the new program will work closely with ACMT to help establish a strong RIT presence in Central Europe.

The Croatian Ministry of Education, Science and Technology and the Ministry of Development, Immigration and Reconstruction have provided a total of six scholarships for the graduate students. It's anticipated that industry partners will provide funding for their own employees to attend the program. The Croatian government already recognizes the RIT master's degree in packaging science.



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Artist showcases inflatable forms

Professors in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences' foundation program want students to develop the ability to think beyond their boundaries and work cooperatively. To that end, all freshman foundation students will complete a group project each quarter.

The first of those projects involves inflatable forms and brings to campus a well-known installation artist. Lee Boroson, a sculpture professor at Sarah Lawrence College, will speak to the community about his inflatable projects at 10 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, in room A205 in the Liberal Arts Building. Boroson's current show, "Underpass," is up at the Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris in New York City.

In the days that follow, teams of students will prepare to create their own inflatable forms of semi-geometric structure using clear plastic sheets and colored tape.



Inflatable art like this piece by guest lecturer Lee Boroson will be the focus of a group freshman-foundations project.

The pieces will be inflated and installed beginning at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. Weather permitting, many of the 10 to 15 pieces will be located outside the academic buildings with a few placed indoors.

"We want students to think outside of the box and build communication skills that are really necessary, as well as learn that things are not as simply defined as 2-D and 3-D," says Roberley Bell, chair of the foundation program. "It's also very important freshman year to create a sense of community and this is one way of doing that."

Reorganization enhances physical education, athletics

RIT's Center for Physical Education and Recreation and Intercollegiate Athletics Department will merge, effective Jan. 1, according to Linda Kuk, vice president for student affairs.

"A merger of these two areas is the best way to effectively serve our students and

the rest of the RIT community. It also provides several professional growth opportunities for members of both departments," says Kuk.

Lou Spiotti, director of intercollegiate athletics, will assume the role as head of the department; Fred Bleiler, current

director of physical education and recreation, plans to retire in June.

"I am very pleased that I will have the honor of leading these two very fine programs and two outstanding staffs," says Spiotti. "This move represents yet another commitment to our students in providing them with a total experience that will give them the skills and the knowledge to live a better and more productive life."

An administrative reorganization will enhance the services of key areas in the department including wellness/fitness, facilities operations, intramurals and recreation, and intercollegiate athletics, says Frank Lamas, associate vice president for student affairs. Any funds remaining after the merger will be pumped back into the program.

"We're always searching for ways to improve student services and this presented us with the opportunity to create a seamless, collaborative center that will provide better programs for our students," adds Lamas.

Lamas notes that those who use the departments won't see any drastic changes in the way they access services.

Bleiler, who retires after 30 years at Eisenhower College and RIT, is optimistic about the changes. "I wish the best to all of the dedicated and loyal physical education and athletics faculty and staff. This reorganization presents some wonderful opportunities and challenges."

Award nominations due

Nominations are being accepted for the National Residence Hall Honorary "Of the Month" awards for the RIT chapter. Kudos are given in seven categories: advisor, community, executive board member, spotlight, student, resident assistant and program of the month. RIT award winners in each category will advance to the regional level with a chance for national recognition. Award nominations can be submitted by any RIT community member.

Simply write a few paragraphs about why a person, event or program should be recognized. For more information, e-mail Thomas Ingram at tmirhs@rit.edu.

ADD support group

Deaf or hard-of-hearing students who have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, or who are in the process of being diagnosed with ADD, are encouraged to join the weekly Deaf and Hard of Hearing ADD Support Group, starting Dec. 7. Students can share frustrations, concerns and life experiences associated with living with ADD or Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder. If you are interested in participating or have questions, contact Suzanne Viola at 5-4979 (V/TTY), or e-mail to sgvgrl@rit.edu. The group is sponsored by Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf.

Students present research

RIT was well represented at the fall symposium on novel polymeric systems organized by the Rochester Section of the American Chemical Society.

Graduate students Mark Pecak, Amanda Evans and Andrew Furman presented research on metallocene-based polymers under the supervision of Massoud (Matt) Miri, assistant professor. Co-authors not present were undergraduates Brian Culbertson, Dana Didonato and Anna Romero.

Graduate students Tammy Davis and Mark Pecak presented a poster on the polymer science program at RIT. Andreas Langner, associate professor, co-wrote the poster. And graduate students Derek Chow and Wei Wang presented a poster on nanoreinforced polyimides with professor Marvin Illingsworth.

Undergraduate student Hunaid Nulwala also attended the symposium, which featured speakers representing major corporations and institutions from all over the country.



HONORING THE SPIRIT OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS... Seven RIT students recently won Frederick Douglass Scholarships for the 1999-2000 academic year, presented by the Center for Student Transition and Support's AHANA (African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American) program. Student winners from left to right are Sonnet Stepp, telecommunications engineering technology, College of Applied Science and Technology; Frederique Thomas, information technology, CAST; Natasha Williams, psychology, College of Liberal Arts; Keshia Haynes, packaging science, CAST; Sonji Blount, marketing, College of Business; Javanda Cox, management information systems, COB; and BarCal Jones, photographic illustration, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. RIT awards the scholarships, named for the famous abolitionist, to outstanding African-American and Hispanic students who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership ability and a commitment to their community.

RIT Board of Trustees focuses on key issues

At the Nov. 11-12 meeting, RIT's Board of Trustees heard presentations on international student support services, improving student retention, preparing for the capital campaign, and the newest First in Class initiative—in information technology. Here's the news.

- In proposing new academic programs and real-world partnering, the First in Class initiative in information technology will build upon the explosion of e-businesses and IT jobs. Noting that IT positions in 1998 equaled a third of all U.S. growth or 7.4 million jobs, RIT's initiative aims at emerging technologies and meeting industry needs through partnerships and applied research, education/training and development/consulting.

Stressing a future of interactive environments for work, living, learning and play, the IT initiative focuses on four areas: the IT Lab concept of addressing emerging technologies, visualization systems, collaborative systems of networked learning, and business management technologies.

New academic proposals in IT include a Ph.D. in systems integration, M.S. degrees in interactive systems, visualization graphics and technology, and distributed learning and knowledge systems; M.B.A. concentrations in e-business and enterprise resource planning; and graduate certificates in middleware technology and java technology.

The IT initiative will offer benefits to partners such as preferred access to students and facilities, solutions to industrial problems and participation in curriculum and research agenda setting. RIT will benefit with enriched educational environments for students and faculty, deepened technology base, increased visibility and broadened revenue base.

- The board heard a presentation on retention issues, specifically about RIT's new retention strategies committee of cross-Institute members, including the Student Government president. The group's charge is to create a system to determine what factors cause "avoidable" student

departures; set a reasonable graduation rate target; develop and implement strategies for improving graduation rate; and devise a system to track the success of these new and enhanced retention strategies.

- In terms of international students, RIT has enrolled its largest number of foreign students to date, with 1,099, up from last year's 993—more than doubling in 10 years, now hailing from 88 nations. Some of these students represent the J-1 Exchange Visitor program, "often a nation's best and brightest," sent by their government or through

organizations like Fulbright. The larger F-1 group attends under a visa program that requires RIT to work with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Extending its links to the external community, RIT has hosted INS citizenship ceremonies for several years.

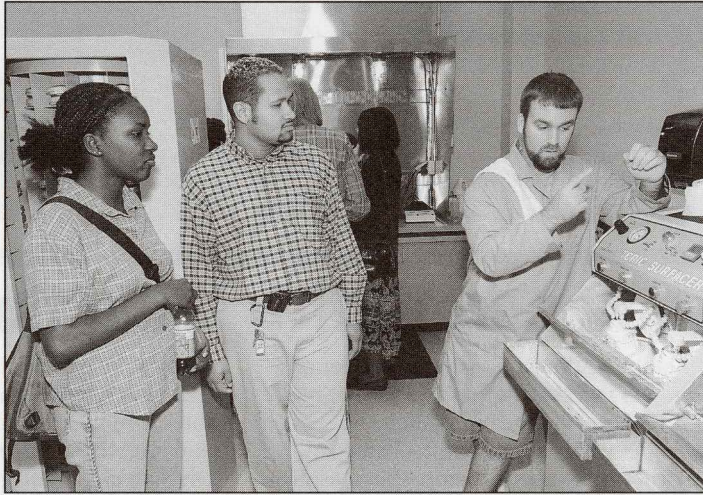
RIT's English Language Center also presented an overview to the trustees, explaining its work with people from many countries, some referred by corporations and government agencies and many who become fulltime RIT students.

New optics lab helps career planning

A new facility has opened in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Ophthalmic Optical Finishing Technology (OFT) program, allowing increased instructional flexibility and better preparation for students entering careers in the optical field.

"We designed the new lab to accommodate class lectures and hands-on laboratory applications," says Dominic Peroni, acting chairperson, NTID applied science/allied health professions and computer integrated manufacturing technology. "Now we can lecture on theory, simultaneously demonstrating the theory's application using the equipment in the lab. The design of the old facility did not allow us to make that immediate link."

The program's lab was moved from the



Ryan Purcell (right) demonstrates new equipment in the NTID Ophthalmic Optical Technology lab for fellow students, Victor Ramos (center) and Roodlene Daniel.

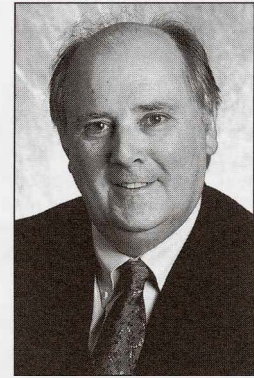
third floor of LBJ to a newly renovated, larger space on the first floor, where new equipment has been installed.

"The direction of the ophthalmic industry is toward full-service laboratories where eyeglasses are made on-site from start to finish," says Peroni. "NTID's new state-of-the-art lab is equipped to teach students all aspects of ophthalmic laboratory technology so they enter the workforce able to compete successfully in the full-service lab environment."

Begun in 1976, the NTID OFT program is the only program in the country that serves primarily deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

Board welcomes new trustee

Gilbert Hatch, president, Office Systems Group, and corporate senior vice president, Xerox Corp., was elected to RIT's



Gilbert Hatch

Board of Trustees on Nov. 11. He is an RIT alum, earning both a bachelor's ('72) and master's ('80) degree in mechanical engineering.

Hatch is responsible for Xerox's Document Centre product lines as well as their office software

products. He is also responsible for delivering DocuColor solutions to graphic arts sectors under the production environments served by the Printing Systems Group.

He joined Xerox in 1969 and has held a number of senior technical and general management positions in the United States and United Kingdom. Most recently, he was president of Xerox's Office Document Products Group, where he focused on the development and marketing of document-imaging devices and software for the office.

Hatch also was senior vice president of the Document Production Systems Business Unit, where he had responsibility for the development and marketing of the DocuTech product line.

Hatch holds three patents in the fields of xerography and digital imaging, and has received the Recognition Award for Excellence from the former Xerox Reprographic Business Group and the Senior Management Outstanding Achievement Award.

He is a member of the Monroe Community College Foundation and chair of its fund-raising committee.

He and his wife, Bernice, have three grown children and reside in Webster.

Campus Safety provides OSHA training

RIT employees who use chemicals on the job, whether cleaning products, solvents, art materials or photography and printing chemicals, need to know the right way to handle potentially hazardous materials without harming themselves and those around them.

RIT's Department of Campus Safety will provide mandatory chemical safety training for new RIT employees, as well as their supervisors, who will be working with chemicals, from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14, in room 1325, Student Life Center.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires training for employees whenever there is a change in

chemical use, and recommends refresher training every two to three years.

Employees attending the training session, conducted by certified industrial hygienist Jennifer Wadhams, assistant professor, environmental management technology, will gain an understanding of the chemicals they handle and how to maintain a safe working environment.

Call Campus Safety at 5-6963 for reservations, interpreting services or more information.

A separate training session for laboratory safety will take place 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, in room 2000, George Eastman Building.

Cary Award presented at GraphExpo '99

Representatives from RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences and the School of Printing Management and Sciences recently presented the 1999 Cary Award to Amos Michelson and Dan Gelbart, Creo Products Inc. chief executive officer and president, respectively.

The Cary Award is presented annually to those who have distinguished themselves in the development or application of digital technology in graphic communications. Recipients demonstrate technological innovation, adherence to the highest standards of quality, and meaningful advancement of the graphic arts and related industries.

"The RIT Cary Award recognizes notable individuals who have advanced digital media," says Professor Frank Romano. "Amos Michelson and Dan

Gelbart of Creo Products have truly moved our technology ahead and serve as an inspiration to our industry and to our students."

Michelson and Gelbart accepted the honor at an awards breakfast held at the GraphExpo '99 tradeshow in Chicago.



Those present at the 1999 Cary Awards breakfast in Chicago in October included (from left to right) Joan Stone, dean, CIAS; Dan Gelbart, president and founder of Creo Products Inc.; Mark Stewart, chief executive officer of Kodak Polychrome Graphics; Amos Michelson, chief executive officer of Creo Products Inc.; and Hans Peetz-Larsen, president of Heidelberg Americas. Gelbart and Michelson shared this year's honor.

RIT employees earn lifesaving awards

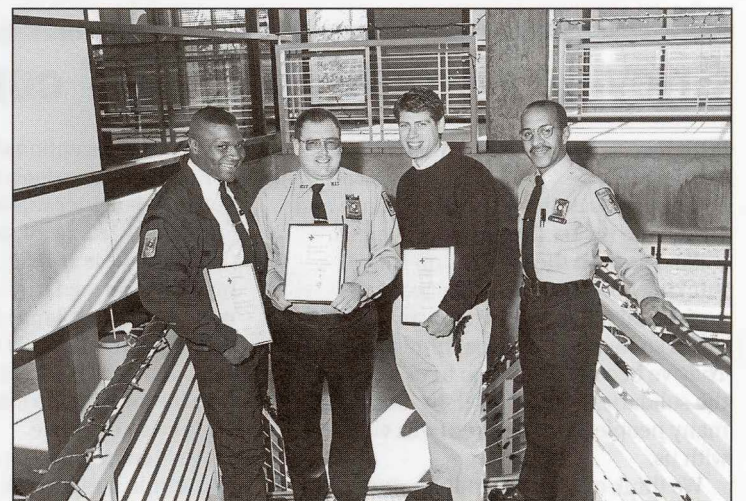
Helping to revive a faculty member who had gone into full cardiac arrest has earned four RIT employees the Red Cross 1999 Life Saving Award from the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Plaques of recognition went to Campus Safety Supervisor Wayne Southerland, officers Jim Bundy and Kevin de la Sota, and Tom Richardson, assistant professor and academic coordinator of the physician assistant program.

The incident occurred last February in the College of Science when an adjunct mathematics professor collapsed before her evening class. She had just set her books down in the classroom when she fell to the floor. Fortunately, one of Richardson's students, Alycia Hall, a sophomore in the physician assistant program, was studying outside the classroom at the time. Hall told a student from the class to call Campus Safety and to get Richardson, a certified physician assistant, who was in his office. Together, Hall and Richardson started cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the woman and were joined within minutes by Campus Safety officers and the RIT Ambulance.

"Her heart was unresponsive. She didn't have a pulse and she wasn't breathing," says Southerland.

Working as a team, they continued to



The Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross awarded the Red Cross 1999 Life Saving Award to, from left to right, Wayne Southerland, Kevin de la Sota, Tom Richardson and Jim Bundy.

perform CPR on the woman until the Henrietta Volunteer Ambulance arrived with a cardiac life support unit.

"The trick was to do CPR until the equipment arrived," Richardson says. "They were able to shock her heart back into a normal heart rhythm with the defibrillator unit."

The woman was stabilized and taken to Strong Memorial Hospital, where she remained for several days. Officers who kept in touch with her family report that she has since fully recovered from her heart attack.

"It definitely made us all feel good to bring her back," Southerland says. "You just can't believe the feeling."

"Early response time saved her life," Richardson adds. "The message here is to go out and get CPR training. You never know when someone may need it."

CPR courses are offered through RIT's Center for Physical Education and Recreation.

News makers

- **Fred Bleiler**, director, Center for Physical Education and Recreation, recently presented "Fit for Success" at the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Council of Administrators Annual Conference in Rochester. Approximately 150 administrators from New York state public and private schools attended the conference.
- **Marianne Buehler**, coordinator of library services for distant learners, gave the presentation, "Library Training for Distance Learners," at the Western New York/Ontario ACRL Fall Conference on Oct. 1 in Buffalo.
- **Andrew Davidhazy**, professor, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, recently had his photographs included in a group exhibition in the galleries of the Photographic Association of the Grand Canary Islands. The show represents work by 21 artists from Spain, Mexico, Argentina and the United States. All are members of Fotored, a Spanish language photography-oriented Internet mail list with "headquarters" at RIT. Davidhazy also participated in the Northeast Region Conference of the Society for Photographic Education held in Rochester Nov. 5 and 6. He delivered a talk on the Phoenix process, while **Dan Larkin**,

assistant professor, CIAS, discussed his recent and ongoing photographic projects.

- **Rebecca Hill** and **Elmer Young**, professors in the department of mathematics and statistics, attended the annual Mathfest meeting of the Mathematical Association of America in Providence. Hill chaired the meeting of the committee on computers in mathematics education.
- **Joseph Hornak**, professor, College of Science, has won the first Chemsoc Choice Award for his online textbook, *The Basics of NMR*.
Hornak's Web site explains the basic principles of nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, a technique used by scientists to analyze the structure and dynamics of molecules. Chemsoc, the Web site of Britain's Royal Society of Chemistry, praised Hornak's electronic textbook for its detail and accessibility.
- **F. Kingsley Elder**, emeritus professor for physics in the College of Science, was one of seven invited speakers in a symposium on Aspects of the Relationship between Physics and Religion held in Edinburgh, Scotland, in September. Elder discussed the religious outlook of James Clerk Maxwell.

- **Sophia Maggelakis**, professor of mathematics and statistics, presented "Modeling the Negative Biological Feedback Present During Tumor Vascularization," to the annual meeting of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics in Atlanta.
- **Andrew Malcolm**, National Technical Institute for the Deaf English department, addressed the IEEE branch at Columbia University on Nov. 20. His talk, "The History of Electrical Science and Engineering," opened the biennial Student Professional Awareness Conference at which students learn about subjects not usually taught in engineering schools, but that prepare them for their careers.
- **David Olsson**, professor, packaging program, College of Applied Science and Technology, was inducted into the Packaging Hall of Fame on Oct. 28 during the 30th annual Packaging Education Forum held in Chicago.
- **Patricia Pitkin**, director, Wallace Library, gave the presentation, "Delivering Library Services to Distant Learners," at the Annual American Library Association Conference in New Orleans.

- **Lee Quinby**, Caroline Werner Gannett Professor, College of Liberal Arts, was an invited speaker at the University of Pennsylvania on Oct. 22 for an exhibition opening and symposium called American Apocalypse: Images of the End from the Millennium Watch Archive. She presented her paper, "Apocalyptic Gender Performances."
- **Peggy Tirrell**, assistant director of graduate student services, College of Business, recently taught a course in diversity, The Inclusive Leader, at the regionally-sponsored Disaster Institute for the American Red Cross.
- **Joseph Voelkel**, graduate program chair, John D. Hromi Center for Quality and Applied Statistics, gave a talk on "Gauge R&R Studies for Two-Dimensional Data," at the Fall Technical Conference in October, in Houston. He presented a similar talk with members of Goulds Pumps at the International Pump Users Symposium in March, also in Houston.
- **Fritz Yambrach**, associate professor, packaging science, has been appointed to the U.S. Conference of Mayors National Council for Resource Conservation. The group will formulate programs on resource conservation that the mayors can take to their cities.

Five sports heroes honored with induction into RIT Hall of Fame

The 1999 Sports Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony held on Nov. 13 honored five inductees based on their contributions to sports in RIT history.

- **F. Ritter Shumway** (Distinguished Service Award)

The late Mr. Shumway and his late wife, Hettie, were prominent advocates in shaping RIT's future. A recipient of RIT's Nathaniel Rochester Award for his support, Mr. Shumway passed away on March 9, 1992, at the age of 85.

A major donor to the Ritter-Clark Memorial Ice Rink and Gymnasium at RIT's former downtown campus, Shumway combined his love for skating with his commitment to the school's fund for the new campus. As a result, the Frank Ritter Memorial Ice Arena became part of intercollegiate athletics at the Henrietta campus.

- **William Bjorness** (lacrosse and hockey, 1982-86)

Bill Bjorness, considered one of the finest attackmen to ever play NCAA lacrosse, shattered the school record by scoring 266 points, including 154 goals, in four seasons. He was RIT's first three-time lacrosse All-American.

Empire Athletic Association Player of the Year in 1984, Bjorness was four-time All-EAA and led the nation in scoring as a sophomore with 86 points. In hockey, Bjorness played one memorable season as a member of the 1982-83 national championship team.

- **Ronald Milko** (basketball and baseball, 1957-60)

In the late 1950s, RIT basketball was flourishing, partly due to the addition of forward Ron Milko. A three-year varsity starter, Milko scored 727 points, averaging 15.5 points per game. The team compiled a three-year record of 44-18. In his rookie campaign, he captained the team and set marks with 42 points in a game and a 28.8 season scoring average.

Ranked 33rd on the all-time scoring list, Milko was a prolific field goal shooter, connecting on 52.1 percent of his career attempts. He also averaged 7.9 rebounds over his three varsity campaigns.

- **John Reid** (wrestling, 1974-78)

John Reid, an NTID employee, made a name for himself on the RIT mat. In four years, he grappled his way to a 59-35-2 overall record. Competing at 126 and 134

pounds, he captured the NYS Intercollegiate Championship in 1978, won three Empire Athletic Association titles and qualified for three NCAA College Division championships.

After finishing his eligibility at RIT, he remained as an assistant coach from 1978 to 1983. He continued competing in the World Games for the Deaf, winning a bronze medal in Greco-Roman in 1981, and a silver medal in freestyle competition in 1989.

- **Carl Shuman** (tennis, 1969-72)

Carl Shuman ranks among the very best tennis players to wear the Tiger uniform. He played three varsity seasons and posted a 23-7 singles mark. In doubles, he combined with teammates for a 17-10 record.

A three-time Most Valuable Player and team captain,

Shuman ranked third in the highly competitive Independent College Athletic Conference (later known as Empire Athletic Association) as a senior. It was the first year RIT competed in the conference.



Sports Hall of Famers (front row, left to right): Bill Bjorness, Charlie Shumway (receiving award on behalf of his father, the late F. Ritter Shumway), John Reid, Ron Milko and Carl Shuman. Back row: presenters Keith Vadas, Lou Spiotti, Jerry DeCausemaker, Lou Alexander and Bob Witmeyer.

Grieving parents thank RIT community

With love to RIT from the family of Rachel Miller:

It's been so difficult to acknowledge and accept the reality that we now own. We walked around the campus on Nov. 5 thinking about the first time we really noticed all of the bricks that came to mean so much in terms of future promise. They've become symbolic to us now, of the solidarity of the university, and of the many people who have kept this vigil with us.

We think of the staff and the students who attended the memorial service for Rachel here in Lancaster, Penn. We are proud of the character, loyalty, love, friendship, openness, maturity and depth of caring shown by these students. Our daughter was surrounded, influenced and touched

by so many exceptional young adults.

Before the accident on Oct. 17, we knew that our daughter was beginning to experience a new feeling of success on the soccer field, and we know that she was relishing her newly formed friendships. We know that she was challenged and nurtured by the caring members of the RIT faculty and staff, and she was embracing her future with joy and anticipation. This knowledge gives us some peace.

We thank you all—students, faculty, staff and administration. We say those two words with many tears, but we want you to know that we have been comforted by your very real presence in our lives.

Our most special thoughts are daily and always will be with Jess Gordon and her family—with hope.

Obituary

Richard Marecki

Richard Marecki, graduate chairperson for the hospitality and service management department, passed away Nov. 3 after a battle with cancer. He was 53 years old.

Marecki joined RIT in 1982 to coordinate the travel program and eventually developed a master's degree program in hospitality and service management. He also chaired the department's executive leader program.

"Dr. Marecki has been a long-time friend and colleague and has mentored many alumni and graduate students in the field of hospitality and service management," says Francis Domoy, department chairperson. "His teaching and research in this field has lead to successful career paths within college teaching and corporate management. The department will dedicate itself to the continuation of his leadership and vision in order to fulfill his teaching."

Donations are being accepted for the Dr. Richard F. Marecki Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made payable to RIT and mailed to 14 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14623.

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