

Photo House opens







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\$2.5 million gift to NTID will fund new art gallery in LBJ

Recognizing that an appreciation of the arts is part of a well-rounded education, Joseph and Helen Dyer have provided the lead gift for construction and development of a center for the visual arts in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building (LBJ) at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf. The facility will be known as the Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center.

NTID has initiated a special project to raise additional funding to construct the center, gallery space and archival needs for NTID's extensive art collection. The Dyers' leadership commitment of \$2.5 million will begin the unique facility, which will house and exhibit work by deaf and hearing artists.

"NTID currently holds a significant

collection of artwork contributed by deaf people from all corners of the world," says Robert Davila, vice president for NTID. "We seek to build on and develop the current collection through contributions. The center will serve as an exciting space to witness and appreciate the important contributions of visual artists, among them a significant number of NTID students and graduates who have distinguished themselves through the arts."

The 7,000-square-foot art center will become the focal point of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building, which houses the administrative headquarters of NTID, high-tech classrooms and laboratories. Visitors and students will encounter the

glass-enclosed art center as they first enter the front doors of the building. A glass roof covering the art center will bathe the exhibition rooms in natural light.

The Dyer Arts Center will be used for special events hosting national and international dignitaries and will serve as a unique venue

for RIT presidential events. Last year more than 4,000 people from all over the United States and many foreign countries visited NTID, among them President Mary McAleese of Ireland, the president of Tianjin

University in China, and two delegations of educafors from Hungary.

"The Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center represents the most significant addition to NTID in many years," says

Davila. "The facility will serve as the focal point of the college and will solidify NTID's national and international reputation as a center for technological and artistic expression."

"The Dyers have an appreciation of the arts, particularly paintings and photography by deaf people," Davila notes. "We commit ourselves to obtaining the additional funding that is necessary to make the facility fully functional, and we invite others who share Joe's and Helen's appreciation of the arts to join them in the creation of this one-of-a-kind showplace celebrating the



Helen C. Dyer Arts Center at RIT's National Technical Institute for the Deaf

creativity and vision of the arts."

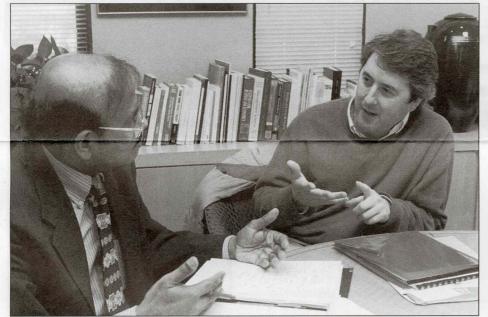
"NTID at RIT is of great importance to the deaf community," says Joseph Dyer. "Helen and I want to help support NTID, which has made significant contributions

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-NTID Vice President Robert Davila

to deaf education, technology and the arts." "We believe the arts are a large component of a well-rounded college education," Helen Dyer says. "Expression through art for deaf people is especially meaningful

and beneficial." For more information on contributing to the Joseph F. and Helen C. Dyer Arts Center, contact The NTID Foundation at 5-6836 (V/TTY).



A VISIT FROM MICROSOFT ... William Vablais, manager, University Research Programs, Microsoft Corp., visited RIT Feb. 8-10, following an invitation from President Albert Simone who had visited Vablais at Microsoft headquarters in January. Vablais, right, learned about RIT from tours and meetings with faculty from a crosssection of colleges and departments, including Raman Unnikrishnan, left, RIT's chair of electrical engineering. Vablais spoke at the Liberty Hill Breakfast Series on "The Role of the University from the Microsoft Vantage Point." During his talk he explained Microsoft's relationship model with universities—the three "P's"—building partnerships, a pipeline of students and a good perception of Microsoft. Vablais said these objectives will establish Microsoft as a long-time partner for universities. Microsoft's various levels of activities with universities include industrial affiliates, software and research grants, co-op, outreach, access to beta programs, lectures and seminars. Vablais was also the guest of President and Mrs. Simone at a reception and dinner at Liberty Hill.

Daniels lends talents to Urban League of Rochester



Bill Daniels

ment to community service motivates Bill Daniels to help others improve their lives. Daniels, professor of political science and former dean of RIT's College of Liberal Arts, is in his second year as chair of the board of direc-

tors for the Urban League of Rochester.

The league, which serves as a humanrights advocate for African Americans, Latinos, the poor and other disadvantaged minorities, espouses a mission that Daniels believes in. His concern for the welfare of others drives him to volunteer a substantial amount of time to the league.

'The Urban League is one of the most highly regarded agencies in the area. It's an outstanding organization with a good reputation," says Daniels, a member of the board

The organization, which has about

2,000 members, provides a variety of services in community planning, economic development and human services through such programs as Early Recognition, Black Scholars, and Responsible Fatherhood. A unique program called Youthbuild, for instance, teaches high school dropouts how to build houses, giving them construction skills and a means of self-sufficiency.

"Can you imagine? You're a dropout and you're suddenly part of a team building a home. The kids just love it," Daniels says.

The numerous activities Daniels is

involved in as chair of the board include recruitment and development and satisfying United Way funding priorities. On top of that, the league recently kicked off its first capital-and-endowment campaign, a three-year effort to raise \$1.5 million, which he is very involved in.

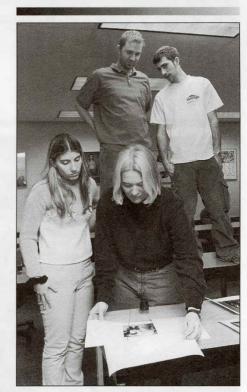
RIT, proud of Daniels' efforts and his commitment to the Urban League, supports his participation at regional and annual meetings and regularly purchases a table at the annual gala. "That's good support," he notes.

General Colin Powell to speak at RIT April 18

General Colin Powell (retired), former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and military advisor to three U.S. presidents, is scheduled to speak in RIT's Clark Gymnasium, Tuesday, April 18, as the second installment of this year's Horton Distinguished Speaker Series sponsored by Student Government.

Powell, now chairman of America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, a national crusade aimed at producing a significant nationwide increase in positive youth development support for children in need, is also the author of My American Journey, his best-selling autobiography.

More information regarding his talk is forthcoming.



WORKING WITH A MASTER... Washington Post photojournalist Nancy Andrews, center, reviewed portfolios for RIT photography students prior to her Charles Arnold lecture on Feb. 10. Andrews' visit to RIT also included a gallery talk and an exhibit of her work, which hangs on display in the SPAS Gallery through Feb. 26. The show features some of Andrews' newspaper work as well as images from her two books, Family: A Portrait of Gay and Lesbian America and Partial View: An Alzheimer's Journal.

New Photo House gallery opens in NRH

For the first time since it opened its doors in 1972, RIT's Photo House has its own gallery, and students are making the most of it. The 10-foot-by-20-foot space is home to "Canada, eh?"—an exhibit of 23 black-and-white images of the great white north taken by Photo House residents David La Spina, Shawn Creeden and Erika Schwartz.

The show, which opened Feb. 13, also serves as an opportunity for the students to celebrate the recent renovations that have taken place at Photo House, located on the fourth floor of Nathaniel Rochester Hall. In addition to the gallery, the 67 residents now have access to a new print finishing room, a larger studio, a film-loading room and, soon, fully renovated darkroom facilities.

Bursar/payroll hours

Two RIT offices are making changes to better serve their customers. Effective March 6, the bursar's office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with hours extended to 5:45 p.m. during the week of drop/add each quarter. In addition, customers may choose to drop off payments or other paperwork in the mail slot.

The payroll department is changing its hours to accommodate customers, and will no longer be closed on Monday mornings. New office hours for that department are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact the bursar's office at 5-6186, or payroll at 5-2418

Charles Arnold lecture

The applied photography department in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences welcomes Andrea Modica, editorial photographer, to campus at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 9, in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium as part of the Charles Arnold lecture series.

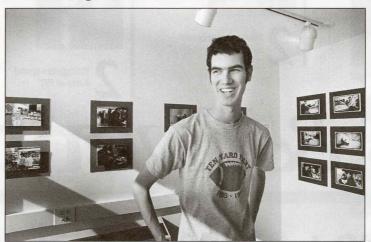
She will discuss *Treadwell*, a compilation of photographs she made spanning 12 years and her transition from teaching full time to editorial freelance work. A booksigning immediately follows the lecture. For more information, call 5-2770.

Student justices needed

Student justices are needed to serve on the Institute Appeals Board to review cases of RIT policies being appealed by students facing judicial sanctions. Interested students can apply in the Office of Student Affairs in the Student Alumni Union, room 2410, or call 5-2268 for an application form. The deadline is Friday, March 31.

But the gallery is what students are most excited about since it offers them one more public venue for their work. "I'm hoping that the gallery will help the Photo House members get an idea of what it's really like to have a show, to hang a show, to see their work hanging on a wall," says Haley Shaw, gallery manager.

She added that the new Photo House gallery hopes to host at least two more exhibitions before the school year comes to a close. Next year, plans call for new



First-year fine-art photography student Shawn Creeden talks about his images of Canada. His work, along with that of two friends and fellow Photo House residents, is on display in the special interest housing's new gallery space.

work to be exhibited every two months.

"Canada, eh?" is open to the public during normal business hours and on weekends.



LET THE SPIRIT MOVE YOU... Nationally recognized gospel performers Hezekiah . Walker and the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir spread the 'good word" to over ,000 people on Feb. 12 in RIT's Clark Gymnasium. Walker, pictured here in front of his backup singers, is the founder, builder and leader of the cutting-edge gospel choir, now celebrating its 15th anniversary.

Cofield named Fulbright scholar



Milton Cofield

Milton Cofield, chair of the imaging systems management program, has been named a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the National Chengchi University Graduate Institute of Technology and Innovation Management in Taipei, Taiwan.

He begins his work there on Feb. 25.

While in Taipei, Cofield will conduct research into imaging industry trends in Asia. "The emerging and growing markets of Asia are among the most important in the global economy both because

they are an important source of imaging materials and equipment manufacturing

capabilities and because they offer tremendous growth potential for consumer and professional applications of imaging technologies," says Cofield. "Increasing our understanding of these two trends is important towards better understanding the imaging industry today and its evolution in the future."

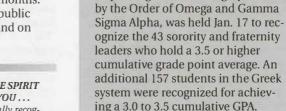
Cofield, named RIT's James E. McGhee Endowed Professor in 1995, holds a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Illinois and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School. For eight years, he worked in imaging materials

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science, magnetism and magnetic resonance spectroscopy for Eastman Kodak Co. In 1987, he ventured into the business of imaging as a Kodak Fellow at Wharton. His work as a senior business analyst included healthcare marketing research. Cofield has published, lectured and taught widely in the areas of magnetic materials, physical chemistry, strategic and quality management and diversity.

"To participate in this experience is to give me insight into China's history and culture, and that I look forward to with great excitement." he adds.



Call for proposalsThe Commission for Promoting Pluralism is sponsoring the Fifth

Monday, April 17.

Annual Conference on Racism,

"Navigating the Color Line," on

Brief proposals are sought for

90-minute workshops on race and

media, education, law, government,

interaction, sexual orientation, reli-

gion, socioeconomic status and lan-

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Greek Scholarship event

The third annual All Greek Scholar-

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or jdmdis@rit.edu by Wednesday,

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politics, ADA issues, intercultural

Five sorority women were also newly inducted into the Eta chapter of Gamma Sigma Alpha, a national honorary society for Greek leaders with a 3.5 cumulative GPA or higher. They include Jennifer Labriola, Tri Sigma; Wonda Strychaski, Alpha Xi Delta; and Lisa Vulovich, Sheri Fazzio and Anni Saladigg, Zeta Tau Alpha.

Shannon Eddy of Delta Phi Epsilon sorority was recognized for winning one of 50 national Order of Omega \$500 scholarships given annually to the best fraternity and sorority leaders in the country who excel academically.



sixth-grade students from Rochester city schools 4 and 37 came to campus for RIT's 19th annual Love Day. Youngsters worked with RIT student clubs and organizations on activities including sign language instruction, computer design, cookie baking, jewelry making and face painting. Shown here, RIT student Alex Borstein from the School for American Crafts Glass Club works with Sadé Moore, right, on sandcasting impressions in glass.



THAT'S AMORE... A candlelight dinner... a roving accordion player... sparkling ice sculptures... a night out at Gracie's? RIT students were treated to a unique experience at Grace Watson Dining Hall Feb. 14 to commemorate the day of love. A tasty meal, candles and musicians from several organizations including the Eastman School of Music made Valentine's Day a little more special for students Sarah Caswell and Matthew Campbell, pictured here. According to Janet Olivieri, manager, Gracie's has been offering these unique holiday dining experiences for nearly 25 years and "it really gives our staff the opportunity to do something special for our students."

HEART WALK FOR HEALTH ... Cathy Turner, two-time Olympic gold medalist speed skater, came to campus Feb. 7 to kick off RIT's Heart Walk fundraiser to benefit research for heart disease and stroke. The walk is scheduled for March 18 at Blue Cross Arena. Turner, shown here with her daughter Brittany who has congenital heart disease, is spokesperson for the American Heart Association's Heart Walk 2000. To become a member of the RIT Heart Walk team, or to pledge a walker, e-mail Tom Richardson, tmrscl@rit.edu, or Tracey Hanmer, tmh9861@rit.edu.



Thriving RIT R&D sees 80 percent growth in two years

A huge growth in cross-campus faculty/staff grant proposals, many in partnership with industry, has helped set the pace for First in Class success, says President Albert Simone

Celebrating its innovative people and their contributions to RIT's forceful stride into the millennial "information economy," RIT held a second annual reception Feb. 3 honoring 1999's 115 principal investigators. Simone, speaking to the crowd, commended the innovators, noting partnerships such as the 116 proposals with industry by the Printing Applications Laboratory since July.

"We have a lot of variety, a lot of depth and breadth," says Simone. "This fits our purpose as educators: to create a better learning experience for our students. We stimulate, we motivate our students . . . and they, in turn, stimulate and motivate us."

A wide range of topics—from promoting gender equity in the classroom to bringing technology to Hungary to organizing an international conference at RIT on artist Joseph Albers—earned grants and funding equal to an 80 percent hike in sponsored projects from 1998 to the present.

Funding came from diverse sources such as the National Science Foundation, U.S. Information Agency, Charitable Ventures Inc., U.S. Department of Education, The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, Open Society Institute Inc. and National Endowment for the Arts.

To successfully tap the complex funding market, many proposals include smart industry partnerships, notes Marjorie Zack, director of RIT's grants, contracts and intellectual property department.

"Both industry and higher education benefit from projects that enrich students, and vice versa,"

she says, a fact often noted by grant-review committees.

Overall, enriching students' education should mean embracing a "teacher as learner" model, where joint research and

investigation makes both student and teacher learners, believes Kit Mayberry, associate provost for academic programs, who spoke at the reception. With teachers as

learners, both student and faculty "are looking in the same direction, standing on the same level, intent upon the same goal," says Mayberry.

Through efforts like that of the Office of Grants, Contracts and Intellectual Property—guiding RIT innovators in cross-curricular,

nition technology for instantaneous captioning of chemistry videotapes.

noted by grantstudent and industry collaboration—RIT
can become "a model learning university,"

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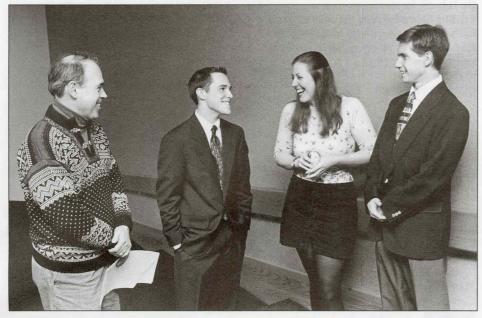
Chemistry professor Bob Paine, center, and student assistant Jeremiah Parry-Hill,

right, explain their project, funded by The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation,

to Bruce Oliver, left, and Jim Watters. The project has resulted in a new voice-recog-

-RIT President Albert Simone

especially in technology," says Mayberry. "In my vision of the learning university, the paradigmatic activity would be research conducted jointly by students and faculty ... a collaboration that will only strengthen the educational core that is the bedrock of each First in Class initiative."



ELOQUENT ORATORS... Andrew Quagliata, second from left, won the final round of the College of Liberal Arts' informative public speaking contest on Feb. 4. Quagliata, a professional and technical communication major, won \$200 for his speech "Why Do We Choose the Partners We Do?" Rachel Stuhler, also a communications major, and Mathew Altman, an imaging science major, tied for second place, each winning \$125 for their speeches "Special Effects in Movies" and "RIT Students: Remembering our Youth," respectively. The three finalists, chosen from 18 initial contestants, are shown here with professor Rudy Pugliese, far left, event organizer. The panel of judges included professors Grant Cos, Diane Hope and Dave Neumann.

Motorola hails RIT engineering

"We're here to express our gratitude and applaud your commitment to producing a very well-prepared work force."

Those were the words of Pete Medrano,

I hose were the words o university relations manager for Motorola Inc., praising Kate Gleason College of Engineering faculty members honored at a Feb. 10 luncheon sponsored by the com-

pany. During the luncheon, Medrano presented Paul Petersen, dean, with a check for \$235,000.

says the company presently employs more than 200 RIT graduates worldwide.

"You produce the type of talent we're

looking for," Medrano told the faculty. He

Motorola has given cash, equipment and pledges to RIT totaling more than \$5 million.

In accepting the gift, Petersen echoed Medrano in lauding the engineering faculty members for their dedication.

Joan Tierney, director of development for the Kate Gleason College of Engineering, says since 1984 Motorola has given cash, equipment and pledges to RIT totaling more than \$5 million, including an endowment fund for the microelectronics program which has more than doubled in value. The trust provides yearly funding of \$100,000 to the department. "I call it the gift that keeps on giving," Tierney says.

The latest gift will be used to fund annual

support for two Motorola professorships (one in microelectronic engineering and one in software engineering) and for other support for those departments.

CLOSE-UP LOOKATA WINNING FORMULA CAR... More than 40 students from five Rochesterarea high schools came to RIT for Engineering Exploration Day Feb. 14. RIT engineering majors, together with RIT's Office of K-12 Partnership Programs, planned the day's activities, which included close-up inspections by the visiting students of the Mini Baja and Formula race car projects. Shown here, RIT fourth-year mechanical engineering major Michael Occhipinti talks with students about the Formula car, which captured first place in competition in England last year.



Four COS programs earn accreditation

Chemistry students at RIT rank their department 'topnotch.' The American Chemical Society recently confirmed what students already knew by granting full accreditation to RIT's undergraduate degrees in biochemistry for the first time, and recertifying the chemistry, polymer chemistry and environmental chemistry programs for the next five years.

"It's unusual for an undergraduate institute to have four certified programs," says Gerald Takacs, chair of the chemistry program. "It gives our program distinction and uniformity."

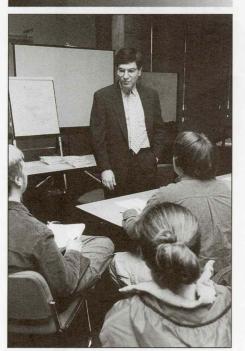
Full accreditation reflects the Institute's rigorous chemistry curricula and the quality of its graduates.

More good news for RIT's chemistry department came from the New York State Department of Education which recently approved a new five-year dual bachelor's/master's of science degree program in biochemistry. All four chemistry programs now offer the dual-degree option, enabling students to complete their graduate degrees in one year.

Unique to the biochemistry program, however, is the undergraduate option that gives students the choice of studying from a biological or chemical perspective. Professor Paul Craig crafted the program to satisfy both interests when he was hired to help Takacs and Ed Cain establish an undergraduate degree in biochemistry at RIT.

Students can choose the ACS-accredited degree track, which is heavier in chemistry, or a non-ACS version, which lets students emphasize the biological side of biochemistry. Students who opt for the latter track can fit more biology electives into their schedules than their counterparts in the ACS-approved program.

RIT has 127 full-time chemistry undergraduates and 24 graduates.



TALKING ABOUT ECONOMICS... Steve Malin, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, told high school students how the economy influences their job prospects during a conference on "Money and Monetary Policy" held Feb. 10 at RIT. Sponsored by RIT's Economic Education Center, the event drew approximately 150 high school students.

GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES ... And, good jobs come from the packaging science career fair. More than 20 companies came to RIT for the 11th annual daylong event, held Feb. 2. Organized each year by students, the fair is one of the largest at RIT. Daniel Goodwin, program chair, says employees are in strong demand in the high-growth field and job opportunities are plentiful for packaging science graduates—there are an estimated 5,000 openings annually worldwide and only about 500 graduates to fill them. RIT has 150 students in its fouryear packaging science program, one of only six in the nation, and 30 graduate students



Clip-and-save RIT telephone book corrections for 2000

In the following additions and corrections to the "2K" campus directory, new information is in bold type. Additional information will be published as received and as space allows (e-mail changes to kmbcmp@rit.edu). To assist in data gathering for future directories, faculty and staff are asked to update their records on the Web at www.rit.edu/Phone/.

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HELPING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE . . . Student Government held its annual All Governance Retreat Jan. 28 to discuss campus issues with students, faculty, staff and administrators. In total, 125 people participated. Among the issues discussed were customer service, academic advising, socialization, diversity and the freshmen experience program. Shown here, Melissa Vasilev, SG representative at large, reviews presentation strategies with Barry Culhane, executive assistant to President Albert Simone.

Obituary

Robert Quinn

Robert Quinn, former RIT vice president for academic affairs and vice president of RIT Research Corp., passed away Feb. 1. He was 63 years old.

Quinn was named vice president for academic affairs in 1981 and later headed RIT Research Corp. until 1984, when he began teaching electrical and computer engineering at Drexel University.

Quinn, who won several awards for his teaching skills, also served on the National Advisory Panel for the Space Shuttle and was a consultant to NASA for several manned space missions.



Dr. Drew Pinsky, co-host of the popular MTV hit show, Loveline, spoke in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union, Feb. 7 as the first installment this year of the Horton Distinguished Speaker Series sponsored by Student Government. Dr. Drew's presentation included a question-and-answer session. He discussed building healthy relationships, avoiding high-risk behaviors and the dangers of sub-

Pierce jersey retired—a first for RIT

On Feb. 19, former women's hockey player Kristine Pierce became the first athlete in RIT's 85-year intercollegiate athletic history to have her jersey retired. The cere-

mony took place prior to the men's hockey game versus Elmira College at Frank Ritter Memorial Ice Arena in front of over 2,300 fans.

Pierce will also be honored as the Democrat and Chronicle's Amateur Athlete of the Year at the Rochester Press-Radio Club's 51st annual Day of Champions dinner, March 13, at the Crowne Plaza of Rochester.

"It's really incredible," says Pierce. "When I first came to RIT, I was just hoping to see ice time and now all of this has happened. I could never have dreamed this would be possible. It's a great honor."

Last April, Pierce, who donned No. 12 for the Tigers women's hockey team from 1994–99, became the first woman and non-Division I athlete to win the Hockey Humanitarian Award given annually to "college hockey's finest citizen." The Honeoye Falls-Lima graduate earned the honor for the many service hours she gave

to RIT and the Rochester community. In addition, Pierce, a native of Mendon, overcame Hodgkin's disease as a sophomore and returned to ice the following season



Kristine Pierce, RIT's most celebrated women's hockey player, is the first athlete in RIT history to have a jersey retired.

to be named All-American at her defensive position. She also served three seasons as team captain.

In November Pierce was featured in SPORT Magazine's "Heroes Edition" along with John Elway, former Denver Broncos quarterback, Michael Jordan, former Chicago Bulls great, and Wayne Gretzky, National Hockey League Hall of Famer.

Pierce is now the assistant women's hockey coach at Mercyhurst College in Pennsylvania.

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