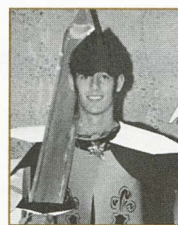




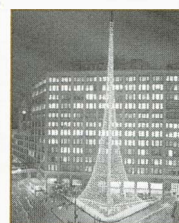
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Happy Holidays!

Innovative partnership to connect RIT students with local community

RIT will expand its role as a community partner with an innovative service-learning project that builds upon Rochester Mayor William Johnson's nationally recognized program, Neighbors Building Neighborhoods.

Made possible through a \$420,000 grant from the Corporation for National Service, RIT's Learn and Serve America project centers on a unique partnership between



At an RIT press conference Dec. 6, Mayor William Johnson (at podium) praised RIT for helping the city "multiply" its efforts to strengthen neighborhoods. Hank Arrerra, who heads NENA, said, "You have listened to us; you have respected our views; and you have embraced our vision in this partnership." Liberal Arts Dean Andrew Moore commented on the project's groundbreaking focus of experiential learning that combines community service.

the College of Liberal Arts and Division of Student Affairs, the city's NorthEast Neighborhood Alliance (NENA) and the Center for Governmental Research.

"This far-reaching project will give

students an active role in improving the lives of people in the community, while helping Rochester's economic plan move forward," says President Albert Simone.

The community will become an extension of the classroom, explains M. Ann Howard, associate professor of science, technology and society, and program director. "Students will engage in issues for themselves and see how economic development, for instance, plays out in a community and how their own technological expertise can impact economic opportunity at the neighborhood level."

Students will work in collaborative teams with other students, faculty and mentors from NENA and will establish a service-learning curriculum centered on NENA's economic development plan. Key components will include information technology, media/communications, marketing, business development and innovations in public policy.

The academic component of the program will give students opportunity for well-structured reflection. "Reflection is the link that ties the student experience in the

community with classroom learning," Howard says. "There is a huge body of research that supports service-learning programs as having a high educational value. It requires developing expertise in faculty and a core of faculty who promote community work as an educational tool."

This year the project will focus on hosting faculty development workshops, creating interdisciplinary, comprehensive curriculum that links courses from several RIT colleges and programs, and expanding and enhancing the services of the Student Volunteer Center. Service learning courses will be implemented during the academic year 2001, and Student Affairs will establish a Service Learning Student Leadership Corps.

In 2002, RIT will host a regional service-learning conference to share experiences and highlight successes. The conference will provide a forum for building a regional service-learning network of university and college faculty and students. ■

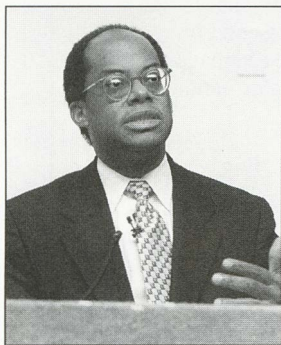
Public policy program offered this spring

Students will examine society-shaping issues ranging from Internet privacy and technology access to genetic engineering and global warming. It's all part of a public policy degree program to be offered this spring with a BS/MS option.

Studying public policy in RIT's College of Liberal Arts will prepare students for careers in government legislative offices, administrative agencies, nonprofit organizations, industry organizations or corporate public affairs offices. Unique to the program is its focus on how science and technology influence corporate and public decision making.

"RIT's strengths in science and technology

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PRESIDENTIAL COLLOQUIUM... Roger Ferguson Jr., Board of Governors vice chair for the Federal Reserve System, visited RIT Dec. 6. "We must be equally vigilant against the risk of either an extended period of growth unacceptably below potential, or a resurgence of inflation," he said. His remarks on "Technology and the Economy" came one day after the Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan publicly shifted monetary policy against further interest rate hikes. RIT President Albert Simone was appointed by Greenspan last January as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. He is serving a three-year term.

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Annual MLK celebration set for Jan. 15

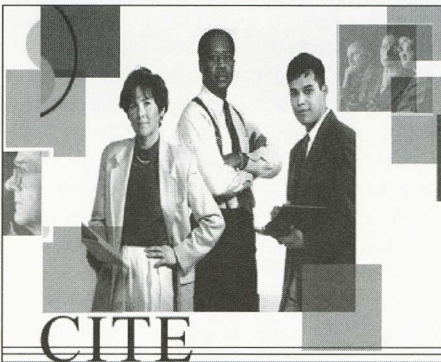
Plans for RIT's annual Martin Luther King Day celebration are already rolling. This year, students, faculty and staff should expect a unique program that will bring a troupe of theatrical performers from Cornell University to campus.

The RIT community is invited to "Why We Can't Wait," a celebration of the life and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr., from 3 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 15, in Ingle Auditorium, Student Alumni Union. The event also kicks off a series of professional development opportunities for the RIT community in 2001—Leadership and Learning for Inclusive Campus Community.

The program focuses on one of King's speeches that will be recited by Keith Jenkins, assistant provost for diversity. The afternoon kicks off with a performance by the RIT Gospel Ensemble, followed by introductions and Jenkins' tribute to Martin Luther King. Following the recitation will be a dramatic performance and a discussion led by the

Cornell Interactive Theatre Ensemble (CITE).

CITE, a group of skilled professionals providing diversity and inclusion education and training in the workplace, is known around the country for engaging listeners and providing customized scenarios followed by



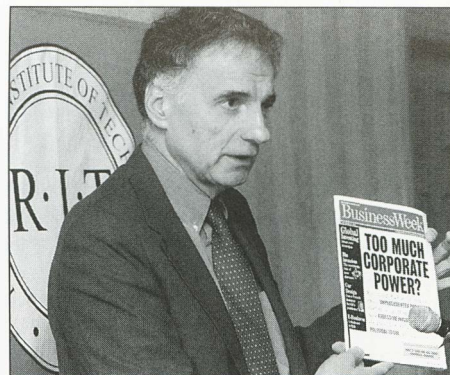
CITE performs for RIT's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, Jan. 15.

interactive discussions between characters and audience members.

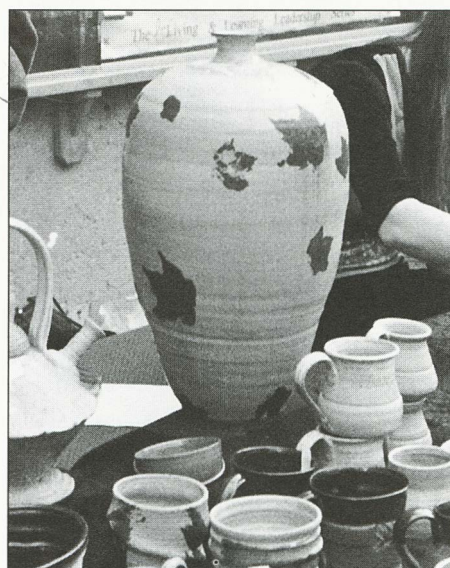
Formed in 1992, CITE creates training workshops that explore how to work together effectively and appropriately in a workplace characterized by differences. The actors also use improvisational theatre techniques during interactive question-and-answer periods.

"Improving student retention is of paramount importance to the university community, and it is inextricably related to understanding the many dimensions of diversity among RIT's student body as well as faculty and staff," explains Alfreda Brown, chairperson for the Commission for Promoting Pluralism. "As each of us examines our role and contribution to enhancing retention and its corollary, understanding diversity, we ask that you get involved with one or more of the opportunities being made available in 2001, beginning with this new year kickoff event."

Program sponsors are the Office of the Assistant Provost for Diversity, Center for Professional Development, Commission for Promoting Pluralism, Human Resources Department, National Technical Institute for the Deaf Student Life Team, Center for Student Transition and Support, and Women's Center. ■



NADER VISITS RIT... Ralph Nader's talk Dec. 7, part of the Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture series, drew an overflow crowd from the community. The Green Party candidate called for ballot uniformity for federal elections, and compared the United States' electoral limbo in Florida with Canada's recently smooth election.



Works of art from last year's SAC sale

SAC sale, Dec. 14-15

The School for American Crafts is holding its annual holiday sale. Individually crafted gifts made from glass, ceramic, wood and metal are available for purchase. Visit the Student Alumni Union lobby on Thursday, Dec. 14, and Friday, Dec. 15, to see what's available. The sale runs both days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ■

A holiday message from the president

As Carolie and I prepare to celebrate the holiday season and welcome the coming of another year, I find myself pondering what awaits our outstanding campus community in 2001.

We are poised to enter the coming year with a strong vision and mission, and thanks to the hard work and determination of the RIT family, I am certain that our goals will become reality. This past year, we witnessed the coming together of our campus community during a healthy debate surrounding the quarter versus semester calendar issue. In 2001, I look forward to the continuation of substantial campus dialogue on issues of great importance to our community. Our *First in Class* initiatives have already taken giant leaps forward with the creation of successful industry and government partnerships and we will continue to search for new and exciting opportunities to promote our top-notch programs and talented graduates in the coming year. We have begun planning for RIT's future with the implementation of the Capital Campaign, now in full swing, and we will continue to use our diverse population to broaden our understanding of other cultures and learn from one another. In 2001, let it be our mission to continue to find creative ways to enrich the lives of our students and make their RIT experience truly unforgettable. I am confident that with the strength and support of faculty, staff and students, RIT will thrive in 2001 and beyond.

Carolie and I hope that you find health, happiness and success in the New Year and we wish you a safe and joyous holiday season.

Albert J. Simone



Holiday Happenings



475-ELFS... Elves from RIT's Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity set up their annual North Pole "hot line" for three days to answer questions from Rochester's youngest residents. The annual service project is designed to make the holiday season even more magical for Rochester-area children. Volunteer elves are equipped to answer questions from young callers about Kwanzaa, Chanukah, Santa, Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. Answering calls are (clockwise from left) John-Michael Caloyeras, Ted Terrien, Dan Jackson, Paul Grimes, Dan DiLillo and John Quirk.

RIT professor runs train "hot line" this Christmas

Along with fighting busy malls and traffic jams, it's one of the holiday season's most maddening endeavors for parents: struggling against time to get toy trains set up and running by Christmas morning. Behold, help has arrived.



Tom Barker

Tom Barker, associate professor of graduate statistics in the John D. Hromi Center for Quality and Applied Statistics and a life-long collector of Gilbert American Flyer trains, is better than a magic elf to those at their wits' end struggling to hook up collectible toy-train sets.

"A philosophy of mine is that collecting and operating toy trains is a hobby to be shared freely with others who have the same interest," Barker says about why he gives free technical advice to anyone who asks.

Barker's Web site, www.rit.edu/~tbbeqa/GAF.html, lets visitors ask questions about operation and repair of Gilbert American Flyer trains. He gives answers, at no charge, through e-mail.

"I help those who need advice or just a word of encouragement," he says.

In addition to e-mail, Barker's book, *Greenberg's American Flyer S Gauge Operating & Repair Manual, 1945-1965* (Kalmbach Publishing Co., 1983) helps those frustrated with trains that won't run.

Not surprisingly, Barker receives most requests for help during the holiday season, answering a few pleas every week on his Web site. He's even unselfishly aided people who've tracked him down in person on Christmas Eve.

"My reward is the thanks people send for helping them get back on the right track," he says.

Says one grateful toy-train enthusiast, Lawrence Claus (as far as we know, no relation to that other famous Claus) of Indiana, Pa., "Many thanks! You've helped get the holiday season off to a good start for at least one youngster."

Barker's love of toy trains began in 1951 when he got his first, a Gilbert American Flyer with a red caboos. At its peak, his collection numbered almost 500 engines and cars. Today, his collection is more modest in size, at about two dozen, now that he collects for fun rather than investment.

As a statistician, Barker has also written three books on experimental design and its applications. He holds numerous patents and, in 1983, received an RIT Outstanding Teacher Award.

But it's helping put smiles on the faces of young and old alike that Barker finds most rewarding, especially at holiday time. ■

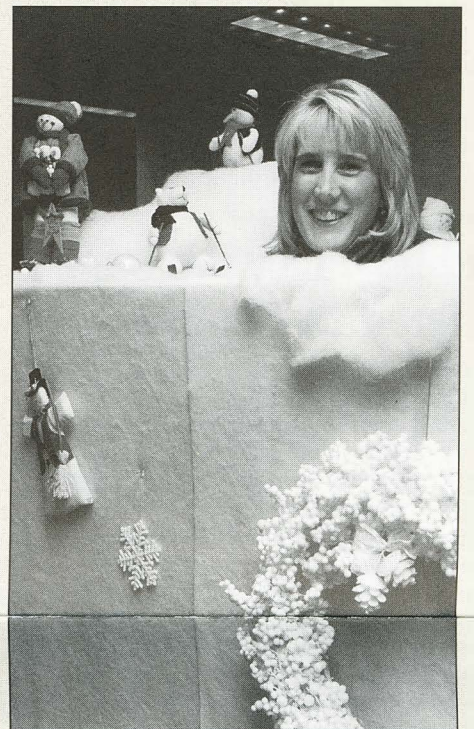


photo by Lucas Rigby

HOLIDAY ON ICE... RIT's Gallery r joined with neighboring merchants to celebrate the 7th annual Park Avenue Holiday Open House on Nov. 30. The Gallery's ice sculpture demonstration proved to be one of the event's top attractions. It coincided with the kickoff of a drawing competition at the Gallery, "Disclosures in Mark Making." That exhibition continues through Dec. 28.



GETTING INTO THE SPIRIT... RIT staffers on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of the George Eastman Building got into the spirit of the season—and the spirit of competition—by decorating their doors and office areas for the holidays. After much deliberation, judges awarded the top prizes to Chris Rodgers, staff assistant, Finance and Administration, above, and Linda Banford-Jones, staff assistant, Academic Affairs, at right. Ushi Patel, a graduate student and organizer of the event, along with members of the CAST dean's office, collected clothing and non-perishable food for Dimitri House, a Rochester-area non-profit organization helping homeless men.



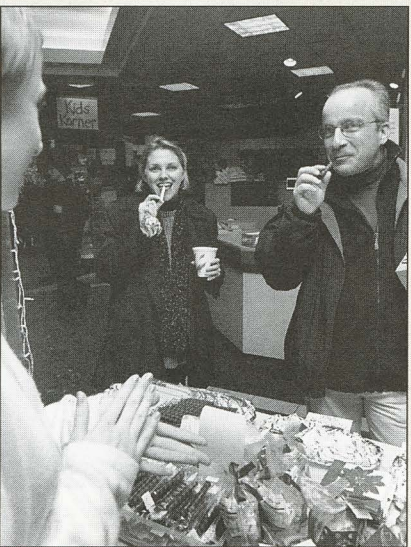
Volunteers wanted for College of Business holiday event

Students in the College of Business are planning a special holiday event. They're seeking volunteers to help with a party at the Volunteers of America Children's Center on Wednesday, Dec. 20. A van will provide transportation to and from the event. Also, donations of new toys, books and cash are now being accepted. For more information, contact Debbie Kingsbury at 5-2354.

Sign up now for ice arena Lunch and Skate parties

The Center for Human Performance and the Frank Ritter Ice Arena are sponsoring Holiday Lunch and Skate parties for campus groups, weekdays from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m., until Dec. 20.

The ice arena conference room is also available for groups of 30 or less. Those who choose to skate will receive free passes to another public skating session. Skate rental is available for \$3. For more information, or to reserve a date, call Barb Line at 5-2222, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



DECKING THE HALLS... Campus Connections, the RIT bookstore, welcomed some very happy patrons through its doors during the annual Customer Appreciation Day and sale, Dec. 7. Customers were treated to special discounts, holiday treats and music, and lots of giveaways. Shown here, Pam Carmichael and Frank Kruppenbacher sample the gourmet candy during their lunch hour.



WORLD-CLASS BENEFIT... Members of the RIT community joined a host of other performers at Rochester School of the Arts for "Living, Learning, Loving: A World AIDS Day Concert," presented by PeaceArt International Inc. Separate performances were given by the RIT-NTID Deaf Dance Company and its director, Thomas Warfield; Shirley Allen, associate professor in the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Department of Cultural and Creative Studies; and Jerald Creer, a fourth-year NTID/RIT social work student. Proceeds will benefit orphans with HIV/AIDS in Kenya.

SPAS holiday auction

Are you looking for unique holiday gift ideas? Get ready to place your bid at the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences annual holiday auction.

Students coordinating the event have been busy obtaining donations. Items up for bid range from car washes to babysitting services and tattoo sessions to an Epson inkjet printer and an Olympus digital camera.

Bidding will start at 6:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 19, in the lobby of the Frank E. Gannett Building. Proceeds will help offset transportation and lodging costs for RIT students attending the Alamo Big Shot in San Antonio in March.

Items donated for auction can be viewed between 5 and 6 p.m. on the day of the event. Free pizza and soft drinks will be served. For more information, call the SPAS office at 5-2770.

Public Policy program

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education provide a significant advantage for our public policy students," says Andrew Moore, dean, CLA. "Our public policy students will be studying on a campus where the frontiers of scientific and technological knowledge are being explored, and they will witness and experience many of the policy issues first hand."

Students will gain an interdisciplinary perspective by taking courses drawn from programs in other RIT colleges, courses such as environmental science, environmental management, packaging, information technology and business. They will specialize in either environmental policy or information and communication policy, and complete a 10-week cooperative education experience.

RIT's public policy program will provide students with a rich educational experience, says M. Ann Howard, interim chair. "We have faculty from several liberal arts departments collaborating on the development of new public policy courses. In addition, we are identifying cooperative education opportunities in both private and public sector settings."

Foundation courses will introduce students to the concept of public policy and the policymaking process, the role of stakeholders and interest groups, and the dimensions of policy analysis. From that foundation students will develop a sophisticated understanding of political and social contexts, and investigate the roles played by science and technology in the policy process. Case studies will focus on environmental justice, equality of access to information technologies and social issues relevant to multiculturalism and diversity. ■

AT&T Foundation gift

A \$25,000 gift from the AT&T Foundation funded a qualitative study, conducted by Harris Interactive for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Center on Employment (NCE).

More than 100 human resource professionals, supervisors and managers from across the United States and Canada were questioned about their needs and concerns regarding recruiting, interviewing and hiring deaf and hard-of-hearing job candidates. NCE is implementing recommendations made in the survey for marketing to employers.

The AT&T Foundation has a history with NTID and other NCE initiatives, including the department's successful outreach program, Working Together: Deaf and Hearing People, now in its 13th year.

Winter quarter lecture series kicks off Jan. 11



Lee Quinby

Lee Quinby, the Caroline Werner Gannett Professor in RIT's College of Liberal Arts, will present the lecture series' opening talk for the winter quarter at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 11, in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building.

In her talk, "Atavism and Avatars," Quinby will focus on the convergence of competing forces in today's culture, namely fixed systems of social hierarchy that feed gender and class inequality and, by contrast, a networked society in which individuals have rapidly changing identities.

The lecture, free and open to the public, is handicapped accessible and sign interpreted. The event concludes with a reception. For more information, call 5-2929. ■

SOFA faculty exhibit

RIT's School of Film and Animation faculty hosts an exhibition of new and older works of art at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14, in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building. The free show features a display of computer-animated projects, live-action films, documentaries, experimental works and a live interactive piece. For more information, contact Stephanie Maxwell at 5-2743 or 425-1832.

Biotech 2+2 program links RIT with California college

RIT's College of Science is spreading the word about its biotechnology program to community colleges around the country. RIT recently signed an agreement with City College of San Francisco enabling qualified students to complete their bachelor's in biotechnology at RIT in two years.

The agreement articulates or joins CCSF's two-year biotech program with RIT's four-year degree program. Aligning the program requirements ensures a smooth credit transfer for CCSF students entering RIT as juniors.

The transfer agreement was facilitated by

Certificate aimed at architects, engineers

A new certificate program in structural design, targeting employed civil engineers and architects holding associate's or bachelor's degrees, has been introduced by RIT's civil engineering technology program.

Five courses, which can be completed through distance learning or on campus, comprise the 20-credit-hour certificate program. Two courses, applied mechanics and structural steel design, are being taught this quarter. Other courses are structural analysis, timber design and reinforced concrete design. Each will be offered at least once a year.

"Structural engineers are in high demand to design and build new infrastructures and rehabilitate existing ones," says Abi Aghayere, assistant professor, who designed the certificate. "This unique program will benefit those who are already working and who want to focus on advanced knowledge in structural design."

To learn more about the structural design certificate program, call 5-2183. ■

Bio-Link, a national program led by the City College of San Francisco to cultivate a biotech workforce. Bio-Link works to improve the quality of trained technicians graduating from two-year community colleges across the country, and establishes agreements with baccalaureate institutions, such as RIT. The program, funded by the National Science Foundation, provides professional development for instructors, improves curriculum and promotes information exchange.

The agreement is an example of how two- and four-year schools can cooperate to create a biotech workforce, says Douglas Merrill, head of biological sciences at RIT. "It's an opportunity for students to get a four-year degree who wouldn't have been able to do so otherwise."

Merrill notes: "RIT is the first university in the country to offer a biotechnology bachelor degree, and we're very interested in establishing articulations with other two-year schools that have legitimate biotech programs."

RIT's biotech program holds similar agreements with New Hampshire Community Technical College and is in the process of establishing articulations with Finger Lakes Community College and Monroe Community College. ■



RIT and City College of San Francisco, a two-year community college, recently linked their biotech programs. RIT will use the articulation agreement as a nationwide model with other community colleges. Shown at the signing ceremony are RIT's Robert Clark, dean, College of Science, seated at right, Gary Skuse, director of bioinformatics, standing at left, and Douglas Merrill, head, department of biological sciences, standing third from left, with officials and professors from City College and Bio-Link.

Development names Cauda associate VP

The development office welcomes a new member to its team. Lisa Cauda joins RIT



Lisa Cauda

as associate vice president of development.

"I'm pleased to join the team of fundraisers at RIT," she says. "I've been impressed j4

by what has been accomplished in the past through the efforts of the development office

and encouraged by the collective enthusiasm to achieve even more."

Cauda spent the past eight years with Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. Most recently, she served as assistant vice president and campaign director. Cauda directed the development and execution of a campaign in excess of \$100 million, while managing the activities of the campaign steering committee of the board of trustees. She has also held positions as director of development, director of annual support programs and assistant director of the Stevens Fund.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Cauda earned her master's degree in corporate and public communication. She has a bachelor's degree in human resources from the University of Delaware. ■

Scholarship encourages women in printing

A scholarship designed to encourage excellence among female printing students has its first-ever recipient. Heather Banis, a third-year student in the School of

Printing Management and Sciences (SPMS) has been honored with the newly endowed Women in Printing Network Scholarship.

"Heather Banis has been an excellent student and dreams of starting her own magazine some day," says Frank Romano, SPMS program chair. "I'm confident she will."

The Women in Printing Network Scholarship was conceived by a pair of RIT alumnae. Susan Persson Dumke '84 and Lynda Samuel Hull '87 first met in 1988 during a trade show in Florida. Since then both have enjoyed successful careers in printing but acknowledge that many challenges remain for women trying to thrive in this male-dominated industry. They hope the scholarship will become an incentive for more female printing students to achieve their career goals.

In addition to financial assistance, the scholarship supports a network of mentors and peers for women pursuing an education and career in the printing field. Recipients must be a third- or fourth-year student at RIT, maintain a minimum GPA of 2.8 and demonstrate financial need.

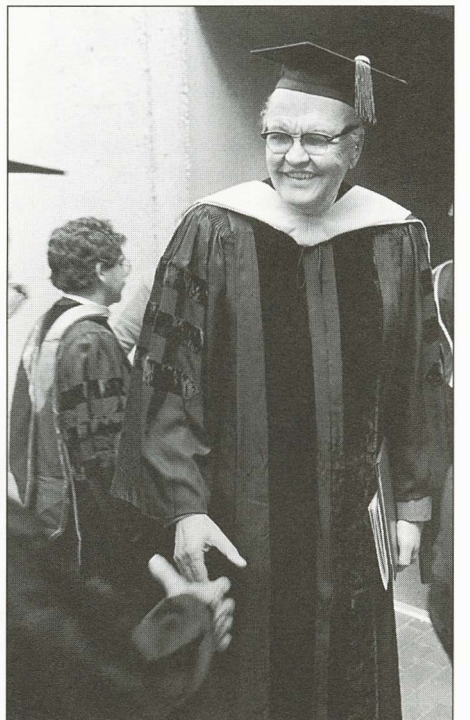
For more information on the Women in Printing Network Scholarship, call the development office at 5-5500. ■



Heather Banis, center, was recently honored as the first Women in Printing Network Scholarship winner. RIT alumnae Lynda Samuel Hull, left, and Susan Persson Dumke, creators of the scholarship, were among those on hand to congratulate her.

NOT MACHINE

WASHABLE... More than 200 first-year students gathered last month in the Student Alumni Union cafeteria to model their personally crafted paper garments. The climax to their class in 3-D design, students were challenged to create a costume made primarily of paper products and inspired by a specific historical period, ranging from ancient Egypt to the Art Nouveau movement of 19th century Europe. Instructors based their grades on the development of each design and the final product. Ribbons were awarded for best costumes.



MICROCHIP INVENTOR WINS NOBEL PRIZE... Jack St. Clair Kilby, who received an honorary doctor of science degree from RIT in 1986, recently won the 2000 Nobel Prize in Physics for inventing the monolithic integrated circuit or "microchip." The breakthrough, in 1958, paved the way for today's information-technology age and has had an estimated \$231 billion worldwide market impact. Shown above at RIT in 1986, Kilby is also credited with co-inventing the hand-held calculator and thermal printer used in portable data terminals. Now retired director of engineering and technology at Texas Instruments, Kilby is a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame.

Liberty Pole lights up the Rochester sky as SPAS Big Shot subject

After months of planning, RIT's latest Big Shot project ended in a flash.

Actually, the light from hundreds of flashes and various other sources helped produce a compelling image of downtown Rochester. The event corresponded with the annual holiday lighting of the Liberty Pole.

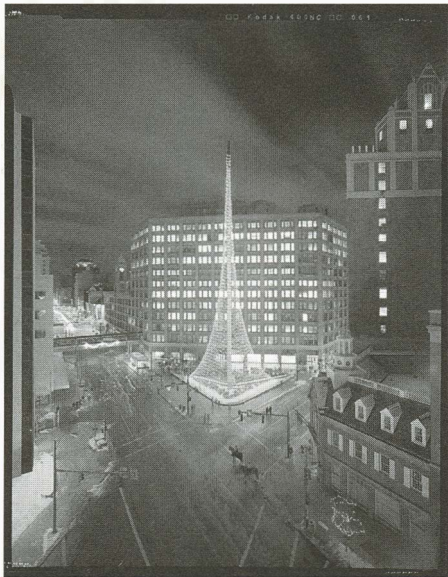
"It's a gorgeous picture," says Michael Peres, co-coordinator of Big Shot. Peres worked at ground level to provide lighting instructions to hundreds of photography students and more than a thousand volunteers from the community, all who showed up despite a temperature of 18 degrees Fahrenheit. Fellow Big Shot organizers Bill DuBois and Dawn Tower DuBois captured the image from a nearby rooftop. The pair held up better in the frigid air than some of their equipment.

"Our on-site proofing device froze up, so we really had no way to predict how the image would come out," explains Bill DuBois. "You might say we had to rely on magic."

Dawn Tower DuBois says the moment of the Liberty Pole lighting had magical qualities of its own. "I absolutely gasped. It was just an incredible feeling to see all the lights and to watch the reaction of all those people. That one moment made the planning, the work and the anxiety all worthwhile."

That moment was repeated three times, providing coordinators an opportunity to choose the best photo. It posed quite a challenge for Peres who encouraged chilly volunteers to remain in position.

"After we did the first one, a lot of people started to leave," he recalls. "Having a p.a. system allowed me to serve more as emcee,



The Liberty Pole Big Shot is on display in the Student Alumni Union. It can also be viewed on the Web at photography.rit.edu.

and I think that really helped."

City leaders will include the photo as part of a Rochester time capsule to be buried in the spring. For Big Shot coordinators, the focus will soon shift to San Antonio and planning for the next shoot at the Alamo on

March 10. Until then, Bill DuBois and his fellow coordinators are taking some time to enjoy their latest success.

"Many of the other Big Shots are nice photographs, but everybody's cooperation made this one a creation." ■

RIT's formula car races "down under"

For the first time ever, RIT's formula-car team traveled to "the land down under" to race in the Formula-SAE Australasia, Dec. 9-10, in Victoria, Australia. Eight RIT students made the trip, taking with them the car driven in national and international competitions last spring and summer.

Competing against teams from nine other universities, RIT captured second-place overall.

RIT formula-car teams of mechanical engineering students have participated in Society for Automotive Engineers-sponsored competitions since 1993. RIT

captured first place in international competition in England in 1999.

Frame work on a newly built car to be raced next spring and summer will begin soon after the team returns from Australia, says Nate Theriault, fourth-year mechanical engineering major and drive-train group leader. RIT students build every component of the sleek-looking, fast-driving vehicles.

"RIT formula-team members' talents and dedication make them among the very best in the world," says Satish Kandlikar, mechanical engineering department head. ■

Six former athletes inducted into RIT Sports Hall of Fame

Six former athletes have been selected for induction into the RIT Sports Hall of Fame this fall. With this year's induction, membership increases to 117.

Former baseball player Phil Ferranti was an outstanding outfielder for the Tigers. The business administration graduate competed at a time when RIT played fall and spring baseball seasons.

Considered an iron horse, Ferranti played in 163 games during the fall and spring. During that time he carded a .287 batting average. Twice team captain, he led RIT to three Eastern College Athletic Conference finals, including a championship in 1977.

Greg Coughlan, a graduate of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, was cited for cross country and track, where he earned three All-American awards. The 1993 Senior Athlete of the Year, Coughlan was also a four-time All-Eastern College Athletic Conference selection in cross country. He was the first four-time All-Eastern College Athletic Conference selection in RIT cross-country history. In 1993 Coughlan competed in the World Deaf Olympics and won three gold medals.

Christine (Jung) Ponzi was a stellar performer on the soccer field. As a midfielder and forward, she compiled 71 points, coming on 30 goals and 11 assists to become the all-time scoring leader, a record that still stands. In her second year, she was named Empire Athletic Association Player of the Year. She played a key role in 1990 when RIT was runner-up in the New York State Women's Collegiate Athletic Association (NYSWCAA) playoffs, and earned MVP and All-Tournament honors. The accounting



The RIT Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony was held Nov. 11. Inductees, from left to right, are Lynda (Gorsky) Kessler, Phil Ferranti, Christine (Jung) Ponzi, Jennifer (Polo) Sheehan, Kristine Gray and Greg Coughlan.

graduate was twice named All-Independent College Athletic Conference, twice All-NYSWCAA and MVP in the playoffs.

Lynda (Gorsky) Kessler, a business administration alumna, was an integral part of women's tennis during its most successful era. Her individual records include most dual wins in a season and career, most overall wins in a season and career and most consecutive dual wins (24 from 1980 to 1983).

Jennifer (Polo) Sheehan, who majored in industrial engineering at RIT, was a multi-faceted volleyball player who served as a setter her first year and later moved into a hitting role. She also played one season of softball. In volleyball she was a two-time All-American and garnered All-Region honors three times.

She was a four-time All-Empire Athletic Association selection during RIT's four conference title wins. In NYSWCAA competition, she was named to the All-Tournament Team four times. In her one softball season she was All-Northeast Region at first base.

As a softball pitcher, Kristine Gray pitched in 78 games with 47 career victories. She set 25 pitching records, most of which still stand.

In volleyball, she was a three-time All-American and earned All-NYSWCAA honors three years. She was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Northeast Region team from 1990 to 1993 and was a three-time All-Empire Athletic Association selection. Her teams competed in four NCAA Championships with the best finish of third in 1993.

A graduate of NTID, she was Senior Athlete of the Year in 1994 and earned GTE Academic All-American honors two times. ■

Wanted: UW poster profiles

The United Way 2001 Campaign committee seeks stories from RIT community members to be considered for next year's United Way posters. If you or someone you know have received support from a United Way of Greater Rochester agency, and ~~would be willing to share the story,~~ e-mail Wanda Dansler Hill, coordinator of RIT's United Way campaign, at wdhgrl@rit.edu by Friday, Dec. 22.

Athenaeum hosts free talks

RIT's Athenaeum will present a series of free talks throughout January at its offices at 30 Fairwood Circle. Sessions run 2 to 3:30 p.m.

- Jan. 4—Instructors will be on hand to describe their sessions and accept course registrants. Offered are: Elaine Zack discusses "Anne Morrow Lindbergh and her Gift from the Sea"; Kellj Beller will offer "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance"; Joe Charles will present "Learning about Astronomy"; and Ed Scutt discusses "The Play's the Thing: A Director's Diary";
- Jan. 9—Robert Getz, professor emeritus, State University of New York at Brockport, will present "Election 2000: Implications for Governing"; and
- Jan. 15—Jean Bausch, nutrition educator, Wegmans Food Markets, will present "Nutrition for Healthy Seniors."

For more information, contact Joan Meehan at the Athenaeum, 292-8989.

CORRECTION:

Alan Singer's watercolor exhibition "Translucency" is on display at the Century Club, 556 East Ave., through Dec. 28.

Obituaries

Jolene LaFranco

Jolene LaFranco, 24, a third-year biomedical photographic communications student at RIT/NTID, passed away Nov. 17 after an automobile accident on Paul Road in Chili. The Banning, Calif., native was a member of Alpha Sigma Theta. Members of the sorority created a Web page (<http://www.rit.edu/~astwww/Jolene.html>) in her honor. A memorial service was held on campus Friday, Dec. 8.

Patsy Hobbs

Patsy Hobbs, former building services supervisor for RIT's Physical Plant, passed away Dec. 3 after a long battle with cancer.

Hobbs joined RIT in 1969 as a housekeeper for RIT President Paul Miller until he stepped down, at which time she came to campus as a custodian and crew leader, before her last position as a building services supervisor.

"Patsy possessed strong, Christian values and lived them faithfully every day," says Jan Reich, director of operations, Physical Plant. "She was a model of virtue to her family, her church, her friends and co-workers. Many, many people at RIT are sadder today with Patsy's passing, but better for having known her."

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