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Scott Lambe and Casey Arman

Federal \$5 million grant to establish regional center at NTID

A \$5 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to establish a Northeast Regional Technical Assistance Center at NTID will help assure deaf and hard-of-hearing students of educational opportunities at the post-secondary level.

The NTAC will provide technical assistance to a consortium of post-secondary education institutions and related organizations in the Northeast to expand the array of accessible programs and services to students who are deaf and hard of hearing, promoting academic success. Through regional and national networks, the NTAC will work to improve programs, implement outreach strategies, and get the word out on educational access services available to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

In informing RIT of the award, Congresswoman Louise Slaughter, D-NY, said, "This grant will allow NTID to bring nearly 30 years of outstanding experience in the education of deaf students to bear in

benefiting deaf and hard-of-hearing students at post-secondary programs in Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont and the District of Columbia. The Office of Special Education of the U.S. Department of Education made an excellent decision in selecting RIT."

T. Alan Hurwitz has been named to direct the NTAC and will report to NTID Dean James J. DeCaro.

"Under Dr. Hurwitz's capable leadership, the NTAC will improve the educational circumstances of deaf people in the Northeast," said Robert R. Davila, RIT vice president for NTID. "I am very pleased this important program will be at RIT."

The NTAC will assess the technical assistance needs of post-secondary education institutions in the Northeast, provide consultation, training and planning, and

help those institutions improve programs and services to deaf and hard-of-hearing students.

The NTAC also will work with participating institutions to share information on proven models and other successful

practices in serving deaf and hard-of-hearing students. Further, the NTAC will promote implementation of effective and cost-efficient service delivery systems that foster integration of students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Weekend activities celebrate families and their support of students

The Stonehurst Regatta, live theater and the Legendary Dukes Band headline RIT's first "Family Weekend," Oct. 11-13. Formerly known as "Parents Weekend," RIT launched "Family Weekend" to welcome siblings into its festivities, and also to run the event in conjunction with Alumni Reunion Weekend.

The weekend celebrates families and their significant supporting role in the success of RIT students and the university. Weekend guests can take their pick from a vast selection of events, including:

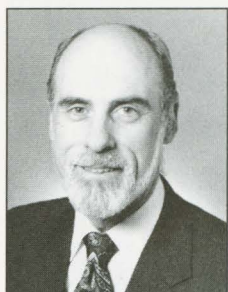
- Family Polaroid Portraits, 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Student Alumni Union lobby
- Talisman Film: "Hunchback of Notre Dame," 7 and 9 p.m. showings on Friday and Saturday, Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building
- Ice Skating Show, by the Genesee Figure Skating Club, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Frank Ritter Ice Arena
- "Theatre in a Box," contemporary American one-act plays by the Removable Impromptu Theatre Guild and RIT Players, 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Ingle Auditorium, Union
- The Legendary Dukes Band, rock and roll music from the '50's thru the '90's, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Friday, Ritskellar, Union
- Forum Sessions on selected topics such as the following: (for details about the one-hour sessions, see the weekend program booklet)
 - "Parents of Freshmen—Share the Experience"
 - "Financial Aid and the Student Billing Process: How the Two Interact"
 - "It's a Deaf, Deaf World"

- College Open Houses, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday; "Meet the Faculty," 10:30 a.m. to noon (details in the weekend program booklet)
 - Luncheon with President Simone, 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, cafeteria, Union.
 - RIT Singers and the Philharmonia Concert, 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Ingle Auditorium
 - RIT Gospel Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Allen Chapel, Schmitt Interfaith Center
 - Master Card Acts Talent Search, 8 p.m. on Saturday, Ritskellar
 - Stonehurst Regatta, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Genesee Valley Park (see accompanying News & Events article)
- For a complete list of Family Weekend events or for registration information, call Jean Collins at -7668.



MAKING WISHES COME TRUE... Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity brothers invited Tori Bement-Schramm, a nine-year-old with Ataxia Tellangiactis, to spend an afternoon on campus as they continued their Pole Sit marathon (Sept. 4-7). Their event raised \$1,500 to fund Tori's dream trip to Disney World in Florida. Shown above are Corey Klinetobb (at left), Tori and Dave Pachura (behind).

'Father of the Internet' to speak about tapping the power of technology



Vint Cerf

Vint Cerf, "Father of the Internet," will speak at 1 p.m., Tues., Oct. 1, in the Robert F. Panara Theatre, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building. Cerf, founder and developer of the Internet, will speak about transforming advanced technology into products and services that people can use as well as the future of these technologies and products.

While at UCLA in the early 1970s, Cerf, worked on the ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency). He went on to codevelop the computer networking protocols, later called TCP/IP (transmission control protocol/internet protocol), known collectively as the Internet. Cerf led

the Internet Architecture Board, began the Internet Society and ran it until 1995, and was awarded the Silver Medal of the International Telecommunications Union in 1995.

Cerf lost his hearing when he was born six weeks prematurely and placed in an oxygen-enhanced incubator. His hearing loss has been progressive, requiring hearing aids for correction from age 13. He now has a binaural 60 dB loss. He is married to Sigrid Cerf, who is profoundly deaf; they have two sons.

Cerf holds a B.S. degree in mathematics from Stanford University, and a M.S. and Ph.D. in computer science from UCLA. He is vice president of data architecture for MCI's Data and Information Services Division. For more information about Cerf, check the World Wide Web at <http://www.mci.com/aboutmci/cerf/>.

Cerf's presentation is sponsored by the NTID Special Speaker Series and supported by the Rothman Family Endowment. Admission to the presentation, which will be sign language interpreted and real-time captioned, is free. The presentation also will be available via satellite.

RIT, UR to cohost Stonehurst Regatta

More than 30 crews from universities throughout the Northeast will compete on Sunday, Oct. 13, in the 1996 Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta. The event is expected to bring 20,000 spectators to Genesee Valley Park.

For the first time in the eight-year history of the event, RIT will join the University of Rochester as cohost. RIT Crew, now a varsity sport, has competed in the former Bausch & Lomb Invitational Regatta since 1993 and last year medaled in the men's varsity eights and women's open-four races, placing third in both. The races begin at 9 a.m., on the Genesee River. The best viewing area is at Genesee Valley Park, south of Elmwood Avenue. Shuttle buses will run from RIT to the regatta site.

RIT varsity men's and women's crew will compete, and RIT will host visitors in a hospitality tent at Genesee Valley Park. A number of area businesses are also hosting hospitality events in the park.

For complete details, check out the Stonehurst Capital Invitational Regatta website at www.rit.edu/~934www/ Stonehurst.

Money ranks RIT among top in 'best value'

RIT has been ranked by *Money* magazine as one of the top 15 "best values" among schools that specialize in science and technical programs. In the magazine's seventh annual study of America's best buys in college education, RIT was 12th. According to the 1997 college guide (September issue now on newsstands), RIT is among more than 175 schools that "provide great bang for the buck."

Rochester's mayor to speak at breakfast

Rochester Mayor William A. Johnson Jr. kicks off this academic year's College of Business Breakfast Seminar Series on Fri., Oct. 4, when he will talk about "The Current and Future State of the City of Rochester."

Johnson will appear from 8 to 9:30 a.m. that morning in the auditorium of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science. A continental breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.

Reservations are being accepted by Mon., Sept. 30. The cost of the breakfast presentation is \$15 per person. Checks should be made payable to RIT and should be sent to Judy Pratt in the College of Business. For more information, call -7435.

SPAS emeritus show on view in Gannett

The Ninth Annual Emeritus Show that runs through Oct. 14, presents unjuried works by 15 retired professors from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. John F. Trauger, Ira Current, Charles Arnold, Neil Croom, Les Stroebel, James McMillion, Dick Zakia, Don Smith, Ed Cohen, Tom Hill, Dick Norman, Lothar Engelman, Doug Lytle, Robert Kayser and Dave Engdahl exhibit one or two prints each of recent work in a wide range of style, technique and theme. Visitors can see the work hung in corridor display cases on the second floor of the Frank E. Gannett Building; building hours, 8 a.m.—8 p.m.

CIMS presents quality satellite forum

RIT's Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies will mark National Quality Month by hosting a live national satellite broadcast—Quality Forum XII. More than 200,000 professionals in North America are expected to view the forum Wed., Oct. 3. Billed as the highlight event of National Quality Month, the forum will be broadcast live to approximately 1,000 locations from the San Francisco Marriott.

The satellite broadcast session and panel discussion will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. in Room 2240 in the new CIMS building. The free program will include the satellite broadcast from 1 to 3:35 p.m., followed by a panel discussion featuring Judith Gustinis, director of CIMS; Barbara Harms, executive director of the Excelsior Award; and Donald Baker, director of RIT's Center for Quality and Applied Statistics. The program will conclude with a tour of CIMS.

The theme of this year's forum will be "Quality 1 on 1: A new Game Plan." National Quality Month chairman, Lewis E. Platt, chairman of the board, president and CEO, Hewlett-Packard Co., will present the keynote address.

For more information, contact Kathleen Fraser at -2398 or Vinnie Buonomo at -7364.

Winter Quarter registration

Telephone (-6717) and VAX Student Information System Registration Dates

Begin Date	Year Level
Oct. 14	6
Oct. 15	5, 4
Oct. 18	3
Oct. 23	2
Oct. 28	1, 0

Spirited audience attends first Faculty Assembly

A spirited audience of about 100 faculty attended the first formal convening of the Faculty Assembly on Sept. 17. The meeting was held to vote on seven amendments to the Institute's Charter of Academic Governance. Voting was recorded on written ballots submitted at the conclusion of the Assembly.

Five proposed amendments (A, B, C, D and F)—made necessary by the merging of the College of Continuing Education with the College of Applied Science and Technology, the elimination of the dean of Graduate Studies position, the need to maintain the working number of faculty members on standing committees, and the need for greater flexibility in the election of committee chairpersons—passed almost unanimously and with little discussion.

However, concerns were expressed about the Institute's commitment to graduate programs, indicated by the elimination of the position of dean of Graduate Studies. A particular concern was that naming the vice president for Academic Affairs, or his or her delegate, as the chair of the Graduate Council, would diminish faculty responsibility for graduate curricula.

A number of faculty expressed misgivings about the proposed amendment (E) to revise the approval process for graduate curriculum proposals, contingent on further study in the Academic Senate. The

discussion of this amendment—to charge the Intercollege Curriculum Committee with responsibility for both undergraduate and graduate curriculum approval—led to a motion to refer the content of the proposed amendment back to the Senate for further study. This motion to refer passed unanimously by a show of hands. No vote was taken on the proposed motion to amend.

A final motion (G) to include the Student Government vice president as an ex-officio, voting member of the Academic Senate also was discussed.

Rhoshawndra Carnes, acting SG president, asked for support of the amendment, stating that SG would benefit from having two representatives and that they would abstain from voting on issues that were not relevant to students. Several faculty supported this view. However, other faculty were concerned that having two representatives (the president is already a voting member of the Academic Senate) would alter the carefully designed composition of the Senate and noted that other constituent groups are limited to one or two members on the



The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate for 1996-97 is (clockwise from upper right) Lorna Mittelman, treasurer; Guy Johnson, vice chair; Mary Sullivan, chair; Laura Tubbs, communications officer; and Jean-Guy Naud, operations officer.

Senate. This motion to amend the charter was defeated: 39 in favor, 50 opposed.

Following the voting, President Simone addressed the faculty, thanking them for their many excellent contributions to the life and work of the Institute. Mary Sullivan, chair of the Academic Senate, also made a brief report to the Assembly.

The minutes of the Faculty Assembly will be distributed on e-mail and will also be available in the office of the Academic Senate.

DONATIONS & GRANTS



XEROX CHAIR FUNDED... John A. Lopiano, RIT trustee and senior vice president at Xerox Corporation, (seated, right) provides the final \$600,000 of a total \$1.3 million Xerox pledge to fund the Xerox Professorship in the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science. Accepting the check were from left, Harvey Rhody, CIS director; Deborah Stendardi, associate vice president, University Relations; and President Simone. A national search will begin this fall to fill the professorship.

Ten years of milestones, VATEA grants mark programs

October marks the 10th year of three significant activities offered by RIT's Employee Assistance and Health & Wellness programs: the Noon Hour Health & Wellness Speakers Series (see related story on page 3), faculty and staff counseling by Ph.D. graduate interns from the University of Rochester, and N.Y.S. Vocational Education-funded initiatives.

"These programs are part of our efforts to help people help themselves," says James Papero, program coordinator, Personnel. "By providing these services, we are offering the means, guidance and encouragement to those seeking to make a positive change in their lives."

The Noon Hour Series features discussions on a variety of issues that faculty and staff have deemed important to them. Over the past 10 years, volunteer speakers have made 500 presentations to more than 17,000 registrants. Papero, an alumnus of the UR's Warner School of Education, has supervised 24 Ph.D. candidates from his alma mater since 1986. The graduate students provide free counseling to RIT

faculty and staff from September through April. Last year, the program expanded to include a student from SUNY Brockport's graduate counseling program.

Through Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act (VATEA) grants, RIT has assisted area high school students with job preparation or going to college. Initiatives funded by VATEA awards have included tutoring and mentoring students at Edison Technical High School; Talent Connection, a program for 19-24-year-olds from Rochester and outlying communities to develop educational skills needed for college; art workshops, taught by fine arts graduate students, for scholars from the School of the Arts; NTID's Explore Your Future program; and an expansion of the Learning Development Center's efforts to help RIT students upgrade their academic skills.

The amount of the VATEA renewable grants vary from year to year. This year's award was \$66,000. To find out more about these programs, call Jim Papero at -2065.

Printing hosts conference, receives equipment

The School of Printing Management and Sciences hosted the recent 1996 International Graphic Arts Education Association annual conference. The event was attended by 180 graphic arts teachers and professors from high schools, junior colleges and universities from nine countries.

As the conference host, RIT received grants of digital imaging equipment from two companies. ENCAD donated Novajet, a 36-inch large-format ink jet system, and Birmy Graphics donated a PowerRIP. The equipment, worth a combined value of \$12,500, will enhance the School's electronic printing and publishing lab.



HEYYYY, MACARENA!... masses of students broke into dance after the Fire Bucket Brigade community event on the eve before the first full day of classes.

Grant presented to CAST, Engineering

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers Education Foundation recently presented a joint grant to the College of Applied Science and Technology and the College of Engineering. The \$39,500 award was made to the Department of Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering Technology, CAST, and the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, COE.

The grant provides funding for the purchase of smart distributed sensing and actuation devices and industrial robotics equipment; a series of 10 one-day workshops at RIT to introduce area high school students, counselors and teachers to careers in manufacturing; and faculty development. Also included were two Autodesk Mechanical Desktop Software packages, one for each department.

The grant proposal was written by S. Manian Ramkumar, assistant professor, manufacturing and mechanical engineering technology, and Nabil Nasr, Earl W. Brinkman Professor of Screw Machine Technology, industrial and manufacturing engineering.

Annual Fund has new look and approach

There will be a new look and approach to RIT's Annual Fund program this fall. According to Frank Interlichia, director of Annual Fund Programs, alumni will now have a variety of options to support RIT.

"In addition to unrestricted contributions, alumni can now support the needs of their individual college, school or program," says Interlichia. "Over the years, unrestricted gifts have supported needs ranging from financial aid, new computers, faculty training and development, and special events programming for students."

Vice President for University Relations Nathan Robfogel says, "Donors, especially alumni, will appreciate the opportunity to be able to direct their gifts to a specific area of RIT. Alumni have a strong connection with their specific program, and with these new options they will be able to enhance those programs for current and future students."

Interlichia says the Annual Fund will look to "new markets" by asking trustees, vendors and local businesses, and faculty and staff for annual contributions. He is also planning a Senior Class Giving Program.

Another important change in this year's Annual Giving Program is that membership to the Nathaniel Rochester Society will be offered to any RIT donor of \$500 or more; \$300 or more for those



under the age of 40. NRS recognizes RIT's most generous supporters and encourages a closer relationship between the university and members of the community.

The specific needs within each area have been compiled by deans, faculty and administrators; their lists continue to include financial aid, equipment, faculty development, and funds for student awards and competitions.

The choices that will be offered in 1996-97 are:

- RIT's Area of Greatest Need (unrestricted annual fund)
 - General Scholarships (need-based)
 - Nathaniel Rochester Society Scholarships (merit)
 - Parents Tiger Trust
 - RIT Athletic Association
 - College of Business
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Liberal Arts
 - College of Science
 - NTID
 - School for American Crafts
 - School of Art and Design
 - Engineering Technology Departments
 - School of Photographic Arts and Sciences
 - School of Printing Management and Sciences
 - Department of Computer Science
 - Department of Information Technology
 - Department of Food, Hotel and Travel Management
 - Department of Packaging Science
- The Annual Fund also features a new logo designed by Trish Boyle, a graduate student in the School of Printing Management and Sciences.

Big Shot to 'flash' farewell to Silver

RIT's famous "flashers" will bid a bright goodbye to Rochester's slated-for-closure Silver Stadium—making it the 10th Big Shot, a nighttime photograph lit solely by hundreds of hand-held electronic camera flashes (no cameras permitted inside the stadium; only flash units).

"We need lots of people to light up that big ball field—please bring your flash and come out and join in," says Michael Peres, chair, Biomedical Photographic Communications, and Big Shot co-coordinator. The large format camera used for Big Shot will shoot from the "couch" in right field. Professor Bill Dubois, who originated and coordinates the yearly event with Peres, will operate the camera with Dawn Tower Dubois, also a SPAS faculty member.

Everyone will assemble in the parking lot on Norton Street at 7 p.m. on Wed., Oct. 9. "We'll shoot around 7:45," says Peres.

Rosenfield tapped to lead new Center for Counseling and Human Development



Eleanor Rosenfield

Linda Kuk, vice president for Student Affairs, announces the merger of Student Affairs' Counseling and Career Development Center with NTID's Department of Human Development. Kuk appointed Eleanor Rosenfield, former chair of Human Development, to lead the

new Center for Counseling and Human Development.

In addition to the Counseling and Career Development Center and the Human Development department, the new center also encompasses NTID's Psychological Services, Student Life Team, Physical Education and Athletic Support Team and Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf.

"We wanted to bring our somewhat isolated NTID student services into the Student Life Center to have them all working together," says Kuk.

The merger is an outgrowth of the strategic plan and the Student Services Collaboration Committee. According to Rosenfield, reasons for the merger included having one access point for ser-

vices for both deaf and hearing students and to increase collaboration, sharing of resources and seamlessness in the way services are delivered.

"It will also strengthen the link between NTID and RIT," says Rosenfield. "The NTID services will have a greater connection with all of the Student Affairs' networks now."

Since Rosenfield joined RIT in 1976, she has served as an area complex director in the Center for Residence Life and then as a campus life specialist delivering support services to deaf and hearing students and professional staff in Residence Life. As chair of Human Development since 1987, she directed NTID's comprehensive student life program and designed and oversaw educational, psychological and physical

education services to support deaf students' success.

Rosenfield earned her B.S. in Elementary Education from Ohio State University and an M.S. in Education from Indiana University. She is a student in the Doctor of Education Degree program at the University of Rochester. Her dissertation is on Single Parent College Students and Student Retention.

"In choosing my dissertation topic, I asked myself what I can do to make a difference, and that is the question that has kept me intrigued and motivated at RIT for the past 20 years," says Rosenfield. "We can make a difference in the lives of others through higher education."

Noon Hour Speakers Series focuses on health, wellness issues

The RIT Wellness Network's Noon Hour Speaker Series features presentations on a variety of health, wellness and related issues.

The Fall Quarter sessions, from noon to 1 p.m., held in the 1829 Room of the Student Alumni Union, include:

- Sept. 30—"Life After RIT," a discussion of financial planning for retirement; by John K. Best, Ed.D., certified financial planner, chartered financial consultant, and charter life underwriter
- Oct. 2—"Achieving a Balance Between Your Work, Personal & Family Life," an introduction to functional and dysfunctional guilt and how to use reasonable expectations to gain control over negative guilt; by Richard Morales, professor, College of Liberal Arts
- Oct. 3—"Relaxation Skills," an overview of basic relaxation skills and techniques for work and home; by John DeRosa, facilitator of relaxation groups focusing on stress reduction, motivation and problem solving
- Oct. 7—"Finding Butterflies," songs and stories about what a mother has learned from her son with autism; by Connie Deming, singer, songwriter, guitarist and pianist for 20 years, who has released two original recordings
- Oct. 9—"A Financial Checkup," an assessment of participants' financial health; by Nannette Nocon, CFP, CHFC, senior financial advisor at American Express Financial Advisors; presented by RIT Employees Credit Union
- Oct. 16—"Avoiding the Pitfalls and Problems in the Sale and Purchase of a Residence," a discussion of the entire process of buying or selling a home; by Richard O'Connor, attorney and counselor at law, N.Y.S. and Monroe County

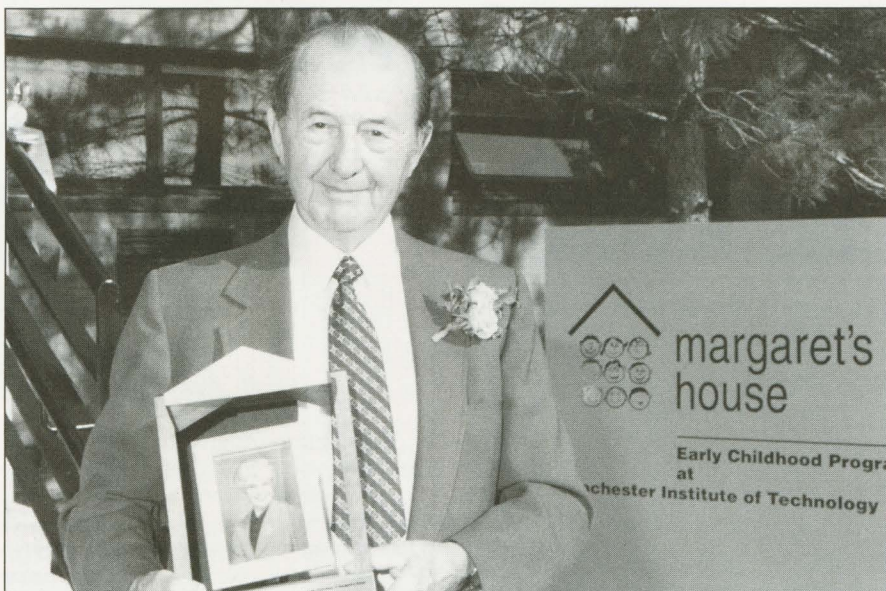
Bar Association, Elder Law Section and Trusts, Estates Section, N.Y.S. Association

- Oct. 18—"Alternative Medicine, A Critical Look," an evaluation of some alternative medical practices, such as acupuncture, chiropractics, massage therapy and foot reflexology; by Dr. Martin Zinaman, staff physician, Student Health Center and TAI CHI instructor at RIT. (Note: This presentation is in the classroom of the Student Life Center)

- Oct. 23—"Five Fitness Fables," a storytelling session, with each story about finding the motivation to make health and fitness a priority; by Bill Brewer, exercise physiologist, Student Life Center, and instructor, Center for Physical Education
- Oct. 28—"Healing Hands: A New Science of Healing Through the Human Energy Field," a presentation on one of 200 alternative therapies that is revolutionizing American medicine and trans-

forming the current health care system; by Dyana Catherine Geremesz Hoffend, bioenergetics facilitator in private practice, graduate of RIT's Nutrition and Dietetics Program, and affiliated with Highland Hospital's Integrative Health and Healing Committee

Pre-registration is required for these presentations. For more information, call James Papero at -2065.



TO HONOR MARGARET WELCHER DAVIS... on Sept. 18, RIT officials, including President Simone and Board of Trustees Chair William Whiteside, officially dedicated Margaret's House, RIT's new child care facility. In memory of his late wife, Margaret, Al Davis, vice president emeritus, funded \$650,000 to create a larger, high-quality child care center—Mrs. Davis' vision of what early childhood education should be. The dedication ceremony was hosted by RIT Women's Council.

The gift Mr. Davis holds is a replica of the entrance of Margaret's House, crafted by Scott Lambe from RIT's Carpenter Shop, and Casey Arman, fifth-year illustration student, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences.

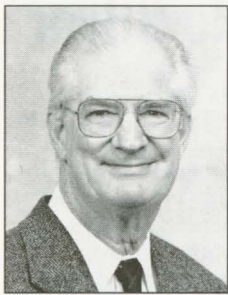
Alums join faculty, staff in SPAS show

RIT's SPAS Gallery, third floor of the Frank E. Gannett Building, presents the annual SPAS Community Show of faculty, staff and—new this year—regional alumni work, Oct. 11-28. The open show will include photography, film, video and mixed media forms; the public reception takes place 6 to 8 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 11. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday; call -2616 for more information.

Correction

Jeff Chabot was shown in a photo in the Sept. 13 *News & Events* in a White House ceremony honoring students from RIT's Engineering House.

Economist Herman Daly speaks Oct. 10 in Gannett series



Herman Daly

RIT presents Herman Daly, former World Bank senior economist and a foremost thinker on sustainable economics, as the

third speaker in the 1996-97 Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series. At 7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 10, in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building, he will address "The Challenge of Ecological Economics: History and Main Issues."

Author of more than 100 articles, Daly received the Heineken Prize for Environmental Science in 1996, awarded by the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. His books include *Steady State Economics*; *Valuing the Earth*; and *For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy Toward Community, the Environment and a Sustainable Future*.

Senior research scholar at the University of Maryland School of Public Affairs, Daly cofounded and is associate editor of the journal, *Ecological Economics*.

Daly's talk continues this year's Gannett lectures' theme of "Issues in the Environment and Citizenship." The series, part of RIT's mandatory Senior Seminar in the Liberal Arts, stresses connection to the human community and global planetary survival.

The lectures are handicapped-accessible, interpreted for deaf and hearing audiences and conclude with a reception. Call -2929 for more information.



Photo by Mike Dudnick—Reporter Magazine

Common Novel program focuses on Canadian writer Ondaatje

RIT's Common Novel program turns the page in 1996-97 to Canadian writer Michael Ondaatje's novel *In the Skin of a Lion*. Also author of *The English Patient* (coming to film, starring Ralph Fiennes), he has made films and written plays, a memoir and books of poetry.

A Ceylon native who immigrated to Canada, Ondaatje first became well known in the U.S. for his writings on outlaw Billy the Kid and "crazed" New Orleans jazz musician Buddy Bolden. He will speak at RIT on Jan. 15.

Upcoming RIT speakers for the Common Novel program, who will each lecture at 1:00 p.m. in Webb Auditorium, James E. Booth Building, are:

Oct. 8: Anne Coon, associate dean, College of Liberal Arts;

Oct. 22: Paul Petersen, dean, College of Engineering, to talk about "bridge-building" in the book;

Oct. 29: Joseph Nassar, chair, Humanities, College of Liberal Arts, to talk about the novel's visual elements.

About *In the Skin of a Lion*, Coon says

"This novel is not only interesting for the way it challenges many of our assumptions about literary conventions, but also for the powerful way in which Ondaatje uses visual elements and poetic language to weave together stories of bridge builders, immigrant families, artists and thieves in turn-of-the-century Toronto."

Approximately 1,500 RIT students read the Common Novel each year. Prior authors include James Welch, Toni Morrison, Robertson Davies, William Kennedy and Jayne Ann Phillips.

BELIEVE IN YOURSELF ENOUGH TO PROTECT YOURSELF . . . from AIDS, Greg Louganis told the sold-out crowd (503 people) in Ingle Auditorium on Sept. 18th. Louganis, Olympic champion reputed to be the world's greatest diver, shared with the audience his own struggle to feel good about himself as a child with dyslexia, as a man coming to terms with being gay and as a survivor with AIDS, "on a crusade for a quality life" fighting to beat the odds.

Actors needed for student film, video projects

Star search, college student-style—a call for diverse acting talent from Rochester and surrounding areas—happens at RIT on Sat., Sept. 28. Anyone can take part in the annual auditions for roles in student film and video projects from the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

"Actors for significant parts in major thesis productions are in demand," says Stephanie Maxwell, associate professor who oversees this year's auditions. "We invite local acting talent of all ages, all levels of experience and all shapes and sizes." Film/video students will hold the open auditions from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children (under 12) who must have a parent or legal guardian with them, and 2 to 6 p.m. for anyone over 12. All auditions take

place in the fourth-floor TV studio area of the Frank E. Gannett Building.

Tryouts include reading from a script, having a photo taken and filling out a short questionnaire. Students will discuss their film or video projects and register actors in the student-run "Actors File" that will be used throughout the year.

Anyone interested who can't attend may send a photograph with name, address, telephone number and a summary of personal interests and experience to Howard Lester, chair, Film/Video, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, RIT, 70 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623-5604. For more information, call -2779.

Staples contract to bring savings on supplies

Staples Business Advantage is now providing RIT with office supplies and filling most of its orders for paper.

Over the summer, RIT and the University of Rochester, in a joint effort, bid the office supplies contract. With the new contract, RIT has the potential to save more than \$100,000 annually. Each department should save a minimum of 20 percent over the previous contract.

The current contract with Boise-Cascade ends September 30.

Over the past few weeks, Staples has been distributing new order forms, a customized catalog with over 200 commonly ordered items, and a larger Staples catalog. RIT's discount on the Staples catalog is 61 percent off the current list price. Actual

pricing will be indicated on packing slips. Next-day, desktop delivery can be expected on most items.

Copy paper orders for five cartons or less will be placed through Staples. Paper orders greater than five cartons should be ordered through Alling & Cory using the current order form.

Lisa Finnegan will be the account manager to RIT and Karen Kolesar, the consumer sales representative. They can be reached at 424-9333. To further acquaint purchasers with the new office supply contract, an office supply product show is scheduled for Oct. 15 in the Fireside Lounge. For more information, call Purchasing at -2107.

RIT in negotiations to sell City Center

As reported in the local media on Sept. 17, RIT is in negotiations to sell City Center to a private sector third party.

"As a result of consolidating divisions and colleges at the main campus in recent years, the City Center building has been on the market," says Nathan Robfogel, vice president of university relations. "By the terms of the current pending agreement, we can't disclose the specifics or the name of the third party. However, it is important to note that RIT is not dealing directly or indirectly with Monroe County in conjunction with this possible transaction."

The sale is contingent on the prospective buyer securing tenants and financing, he added. RIT has owned City Center, located at 50 W. Main St. in downtown Rochester, since 1961.

NEWSMAKERS

- Glenn Miller, associate professor, Imaging and Photographic Technology, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences, College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, presented the program, "Principles of Color and Color Science for Color Management Issues," at QUESTRA CONSULTING, a computer consulting firm in specialized digital imaging contract work in July.
- John Neenan, professor, and Terrence Morrill, professor, department of chemistry, College of Science, were among six coauthors of the article "Adenosine Diphosphate Analogs I: Regioselective Synthesis of Adenosine Monoaldehydes," published in *Biorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters*.

CALENDAR

Oct. 3 & 4—Allied Health Career Days: 100 area high schools have been invited to bring sophomore, junior and senior students; workshops for teachers and guidance counselors will run concurrently; 9 a.m.—noon; Union

Through Oct. 4—Gallery exhibit: "Ancient Visions" displays clay, buffalo bone, and stone sculptures by Diane Schenandoah of the Oneida Nation, New York; NTID Switzer Gallery, Lyndon Baines Johnson; open 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; -6855; reception 4-6 p.m. Tues., Oct. 1

Oct. 4—College of Business Breakfast Seminar Series presentation: "The Current and Future State of the City of Rochester," by Mayor William A. Johnson Jr.; continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m.; presentation from 8 to 9:30 a.m.; Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium; reservations by Sept. 30; \$15; call -7435

Oct. 5—Nathaniel Rochester Society—College of Engineering Event showcasing the College of Engineering; TBA; James E. Gleason Memorial Bldg.

Oct. 11—NTID Open House: various activities and tours; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; free, but pre-registration encouraged; -6273 (voice/TTY) or NTIDOH@rit.edu.

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