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Happy Holidays!!

RIT exhibits trustee's collection of presidential papers at airport

An exciting exhibit of American history with a major RIT connection opens next week at the Greater Rochester International Airport. Spanning more than 200 years, the Frederick Wiedman Jr. Collection of Presidential Papers opens Dec. 16 with a ceremony in the main airport lobby. The collection reflects the public lives of former United States presidents through official documents and letters chronicling moments in U.S. military, domestic and foreign policy history.

The collection was assembled by Frederick Wiedman Jr., a long-time Rochester attorney and an RIT trustee emeritus. Wiedman joined the RIT Board of Trustees in 1986 and has been a member of RIT's Nathaniel Rochester Society since 1982. In 1985 he established the Frederick and Anna B. Wiedman

Professorship in Imaging Sciences at RIT in recognition of his parents.

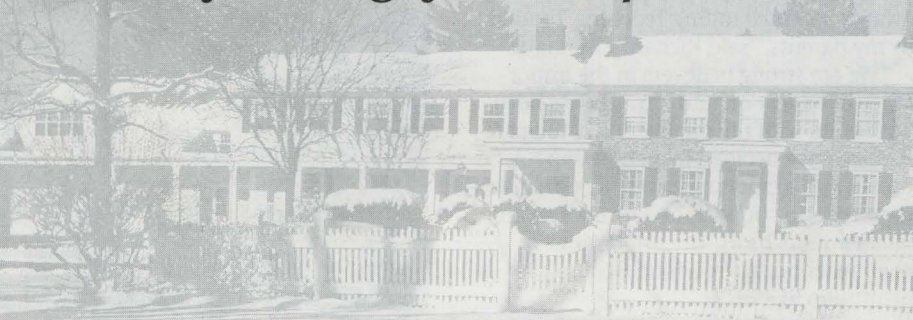
Ranging from a 1783 military discharge signed by George Washington to a personal letter from George Bush, the collection includes signed letters, documents and photographs from every U.S. president. Many of the documents are in the presidents' own handwriting with letters from Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy and a personal letter from Gerald Ford to Frederick Wiedman, commenting on the collection.

The exhibit was made possible by a partnership facilitated by Wiedman's law partner, James Vazzana, who contacted RIT and the Greater Rochester International Airport. Vazzana chairs the Monroe County Airport Authority.



An exhibit of rare presidential documents collected by Frederick Wiedman Jr., RIT trustee emeritus, opens Dec. 16 at the Greater Rochester International Airport.

A holiday message from the president



As Carolie and I reflect on this busy fall and join in the community's preparation for the holiday season, I am once again reminded of how this university shines. How fortunate we are to work with RIT's dedicated and creative people—people of diverse faith, heritage and talent, sharing in RIT's standard of quality and pursuit of First in Class goals.

This past year has set us on a path to connect—more than ever before—RIT's strengths with industry and individuals, forging unique partnerships and support. The tasks before us in 1999 are challenging, but I am confident we will meet them well. Our students deserve no less as we prepare them for productive and rewarding lives.

Wishing you success, good health and happiness in the new year, Carolie and I hope your holiday celebrations meet your greatest expectations.

Albert J. Simone

Weather-provoked closings information

The season is upon us for those potential winter storms that can force business and school closings. If weather conditions cause cancellation of part or all of RIT's class schedule, you can find out cancellation information in the following ways:

- RIT's Web page (<http://www.rit.edu>) will feature a weather advisory notice on the home page, which will click to a page with information about class cancellations (<http://www.rit.edu/snow>).
- Electronic signs on campus will announce closings.
- Dial the Institute Closing and Cancellation Hotline at -7075 (V) or -7076 (TTY).
- ISC will post a log-on message on the campus VAX system.
- Area radio and TV stations will carry announcements.

Observatory, in new location, goes public

Seeing stars: For the first time, the College of Science has opened the RIT observatory to the general public. The facility, located at 645 John St. just north of Bailey Road in Henrietta, attracted 100 people to its inaugural public evening Nov. 24. The next open session is 7 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 18.

If the sky is overcast, the session will be canceled two hours in advance. To check for cancellation, go to the RIT observatory Web site at



www.rit.edu/~ritobs or call -6824. The Web site features additional information about the facility and the observing sessions.

James Kern, observatory director and physics professor, advises anyone attending to bundle up. The telescopes are in unheated buildings or outdoors.

Future sessions are scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. on Jan. 22, Feb. 19 and March 26 and 9 to 11 p.m. on April 23 and May 14.

MADD awards RIT its Top DWI Educator Award

RIT's no-alcohol policy for campus residences, a response to nationwide reports of deaths due to college alcohol abuse, received the Top DWI Educator Award from the Tri-County Chapter of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) on Nov. 19. RIT's "commitment to excellence in education" qualified the institution for the award.

"Many RIT students are grateful to you for your perseverance in the face of what they tell us was some harsh campus criticism. They feel that RIT is a better place to study and grow thanks to your commitment," said local MADD President Frank Musolino to RIT President Albert Simone upon notification of the award. Simone



accepted the award at MADD's 13th Annual Tie One On For Safety Kickoff celebration.

University officials approved the student drug and alcohol policy in February 1998. The policy prohibits alcohol consumption in all residence halls, including Greek houses, even if the residents are over the legal drinking age. Possession of alcoholic beverages is allowed in apartment complexes for those of legal age, but bulk containers—kegs, beer balls and the like—are prohibited. (Alcoholic beverages are still available to those over the age of 21 in the Ritskeller and at private parties held in the Student Alumni Union served by RIT Food Service or a college-approved vendor.)

Time to flash again: A few minutes of crazy strobing and you can have historic photo of Canandaigua architecture

Thursday, Dec. 10: The night to flash to your heart's content—by taking part in the 13th Big Shot, RIT's well-known outdoor photography project. Grab your

camera flash (or a powerful flashlight) and head to the historic Ontario County Courthouse on Canandaigua's Main Street. Be there by 7 p.m. to help make

the nighttime photograph lit only by handheld flashes. Everyone who takes part will receive a print of the picture.

For last-minute information, call -2863.

Anyone curious about the 12 prior Big Shots should visit the Internet at www.rit.edu/~mrpph and click on the "Galleries" link.

Board of Trustees vote to finance new building for CAST programs



President Simone shares a "power moment" with Ada Frances "Dancy" Duffus, William Whiteside Jr. and William Buckingham during the November trustee celebration at Liberty Hill.

Trustees have approved borrowing \$15 million to finance capital infrastructure improvements, including \$5.5 million for a new building to house programs for the College of Applied Science and Technology. The action took place at the Board of Trustees meeting Nov. 12-13.

According to Jim Watters, vice president for finance and administration, there will be a feasibility study on the building's location—plans now place it between the Center for Microelectronic and Computer Engineering and the Center for Integrated Manufacturing Studies. The 50,000-square-foot building's design will allow ready expansion if necessary. It's slated for completion by the end of December 1999.

"This facility is needed to accommodate

the dramatic growth in information technology and other CAST programs," explained President Simone. "It will allow RIT to continue to provide high quality, cutting edge curricula relevant to industry needs now and in the future."

RIT's upcoming capital campaign was another topic discussed at the two-day meeting. President Simone told the trustees, "Now is the time to plan for, and ensure, RIT's future, and leverage our reputation and strength to take the university to the next level as a national and international university."

He said the campaign will position RIT as the nation's leading university meeting the "challenge of change" faced by industry, graduates and the community. Simone

explained that "RIT has momentum driven by an ambitious and comprehensive strategic plan and a solid financial base."

Simone said he's not ready to announce a campaign goal, but the purpose will be to build the endowment, especially scholarships. He explained that we need to increase resources for scholarships "to enable RIT to continue to attract and retain a high-caliber and diverse student body." RIT's "first-in-class" initiative will be part of the overall campaign.

Other key components of the campaign include professorships, laboratories,

equipment and technology infrastructure, and new facilities.

Trustees also received a presentation on learning technologies from Reno Antonietti, associate vice president, Academic Services; Doug Rea and Dennis Floss, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences; and Pat Pitkin, director, Wallace Library; and on debt structuring from Jim Watters. In addition, Ada Frances "Dancy" Duffus and William Whiteside Jr., former chairman of the board, were honored as newly elected trustee emeriti at a celebration at Liberty Hill hosted by President and Mrs. Simone.

POWER POINTS . . . Leaders of local health-care organizations met on the Ingle Auditorium stage Nov. 17 to shed light on "The Future of Health Care in Rochester" at a panel discussion organized and moderated by RIT President Albert Simone. From left are David Klein, president and COO, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of the Rochester Area; Jay Stein, M.D., senior vice president and vice provost for health affairs, University of Rochester, and CEO, UR

Medical Center and Strong Health; Tim McCormick, president and CEO, Unity Health; and Roger Hunt, president and CEO, ViaHealth. The panel had good news and bad news for the audience: There's no easy solution to the problem of rising health-care costs, but the quality of medical service in the Rochester area is excellent.



Eisenharts to endow RIT's annual Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award

The Eisenhart family has been a long-time supporter of teaching and learning at RIT. Richard and Virginia Eisenhart have decided to add to that legacy by endowing the Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award, which recognizes and supports faculty who have taught three years or less.

The award will be renamed the Richard and Virginia Eisenhart Provost's Award for Excellence in Teaching. "Over the years, my wife, Ginnie, and I have been privileged to support and be present for the Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching, funded by my parents," said Richard Eisenhart.

"We are strong believers in the importance of education and have always been impressed with the quality of teaching at RIT. We have decided to go one step further in our support of faculty by establishing a fund to support the Provost's Award on an annual basis. The importance of good teaching is the hallmark of a fine institution like RIT."

Eisenhart, chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees, has served as a board member for 26 years. The Eisenharts' generosity to RIT has included donations to the Eisenhart Memorial Scholarship, the Nathaniel Rochester Society, the Athenaeum and the Kilian J. and Caroline F. Schmitt Interfaith Center.

"RIT is proud to have the Eisenhart name as part of its recognition of young faculty and to be able to recognize their generous support of RIT," says Stanley McKenzie, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The Eisenhart Awards for Outstanding Teaching are named after Richard Eisenhart's father, the late M. Herbert Eisenhart, a member of RIT's Board of Trustees for more than 50 years and former president and board chairman of Bausch & Lomb, Inc., and mother, Elsa (Bausch).



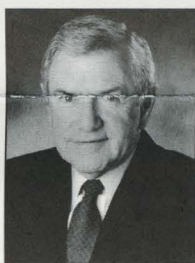
Virginia and Richard Eisenhart continue their family's tradition of support to RIT.

Kay Whitmore to join College of Business faculty

Retired Eastman Kodak Company Chief Executive Officer Kay Whitmore will soon join College of Business faculty as the Distinguished Lecturer of Management.

According to Thomas Hopkins, interim dean of the college, Whitmore has accepted a part-time appointment for the winter session. He will participate in team teaching a graduate course, "The Social and Political Environment of Business," taught by Michael Heel, assistant professor.

"We are deeply pleased that Mr. Whitmore is willing to assist us in our efforts to involve distinguished members



Kay Whitmore

of the Rochester area business community in the education of our students. His business experience, leadership in the business community, and his service to the people of Rochester are valuable and irreplaceable assets."

Whitmore worked at Kodak for more than 36 years prior to his retirement in 1993.

AND THE LUCKY WINNER IS . . .

Members of the Information Technology Student Organization presented an iMac computer to Chris Felo (left) of interpreting services, winner of the widely publicized ITSO contest. The group sold 2,977 tickets during Fall Quarter, netting more than \$1,000 to use toward student projects such as the annual Information Technology Expo, slated for April 16, 1999.



Local entrepreneur puts "something back into the community" through RIT gift

A desire to "put something back into the community" inspired Jack and Norma Erdle of Brighton and Boca Raton, Fla., to present \$1 million in the form of a charitable gift annuity to the Kate Gleason College of Engineering.

Jack Erdle is founder and chairman of the board of Eldre Corp., 1500 Jefferson Road, Henrietta. The company makes power distribution devices including laminated bus bars for major manufacturers of computers, telecommunication equipment, power electronics and automotive equipment.

"I believe philanthropy starts inside a person," says Jack Erdle. "We just felt we wanted to put something back into the community."

"We are honored by the Erdles' decision to provide this important donation," says President Albert Simone. "We plan to commemorate their generosity in a lasting way by giving their name to a new facility on campus, the Erdle Commons."

Plans for the Erdle Commons call for a glass-enclosed area that will serve as an informal gathering space for students and faculty at the entrance to the Gleason

Building. The area, now being designed, will be part of renovations to the 30-year-old building.

Erdle says making a major contribution to RIT appealed to him because of the long relationship between his company and the university. Over the years, Eldre Corp. has hired RIT co-op students and graduates, and many employees have taken courses at the university. Several of the company's top managers hold degrees from RIT. The university also is the alma mater of the Erdles' daughter, Brenda Erdle Moss of Rochester, a 1968 graduate

in art and design.

A champion of the entrepreneurial spirit, Jack Erdle says his company grew and evolved because it developed a reputation for supplying specialty products at a competitive price and meeting commitments on time.

"I found that the harder I worked, the luckier I got," says Erdle. Eldre today employs about 270 and operates a facility in France as well as the 80,000-square-foot factory in Henrietta.

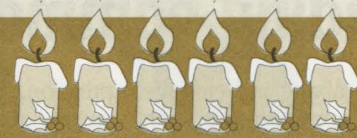
Annual Appreciation Report copies available

RIT's 1998 Annual Appreciation Report is now available. This year's publication, "Partners in RIT's Success," includes a review of the year's highlights and the traditional Donor Section.

If you wish to obtain a copy, please contact University News Services at -5064.



Holiday Events



Holiday services for 1998: Chanukah, Christmas

RIT's Center for Campus Ministry hosts holiday services for the campus community celebrating the joy of the holidays by followers of many faiths.

- RIT's Hillel and the Wolk Center for Jewish Cultural Enrichment for the Deaf has scheduled a free Chanukah party for 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, Fireside Lounge, Student Alumni Union. The party features dancing and



a slide show presentation, "Stamp with a Deaf View," by Kenneth Rothschild, a world renowned stamp collector who shares stamps from all over the world pertaining to deafness and deaf culture. To make a reservation or for more information, call Melinda Weinrib at -7608, or e-mail to mxw-cpm@rit.edu.

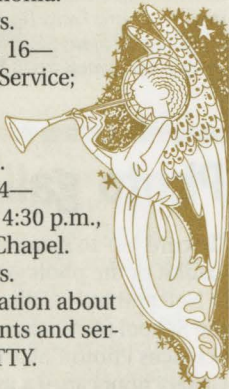
- Also for Chanukah, RIT Hillel sponsors "Latkapoluza," 3-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, Skalny Room, Interfaith Center. Guests can sample traditional

Chanukah foods, create clay menorahs and dreidles and see a paper-cutting demonstration. The free event also includes a 5 p.m. candle-lighting ceremony for the first night of Chanukah. For more information, call Kip Lombardo, -5171 V/TTY.

The weeks leading up to Christmas also include several celebrations in the tradition of the Catholic faith.

- Sunday, Dec. 13—"Lessons and Carols"; 3:30 p.m., Allen Memorial Chapel, Interfaith Center; hosted by RIT's College of Liberal Arts and the Center for Campus Ministry. Music provided by RIT Chorale Ensemble and RIT Philharmonia. Reception follows.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16—Advent Penance Service; 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m., Allen Memorial Chapel.
- Thursday, Dec. 24—Christmas Mass; 4:30 p.m., Allen Memorial Chapel. Reception follows.

For more information about the schedule of events and services, call -2135 V/TTY.



Mitzie Collins to perform holiday music Dec. 12

The soft sounds of the harp, hammered dulcimer and flute will fill Ingle Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12, during an Evening of Christmas and Advent Music with Mitzie Collins, Roxanne Ziegler and Glennnda Dove.

Tickets, available at the candy counter

in the Student Alumni Union lobby, and the game room in SAU's lower level, cost \$2 for students, \$4 for faculty/staff/alumni and \$6 for the public. The evening is sponsored by RIT's Cultural Spotlight Series.



HEOP's "Just Desserts" extravaganza, Dec. 17

Desserts galore for the sweet teeth among us: The delightful, once-a-year dessert extravaganza created by RIT's Higher Education Opportunity Program will round out our holiday feasting this year.

The Just Desserts Holiday Party invites one and all, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, Skalny Room, Interfaith Center. The event honors professors who "have made a difference" in the lives of HEOP students.

Free skating party—alternative to expensive bash

For a cool, change-of-pace holiday office party, RIT employees can book the Frank Ritter Ice Arena noon to 2 p.m. weekdays—free. Partygoers can bring their own music, lunches and ice skates or have it catered and rent skates (rental, \$2.50). The program even includes a free pass for everyone for another public skating session.

Ice skaters can also take advantage of the arena's "stocking stuffers," including "cold cash" gift certificates (\$5) good for one public ice skating session and skate rental, hockey game gift certificates (\$5) or learn-to-skate gift certificates valid for any six-week program during the season (\$75). Call -2222 or -6082.

NTID team offers Native American Deaf Celebration

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Student Life Team presents a Native American Deaf Celebration, 4-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, Lyndon Baines Johnson Building. The program features a slide presentation by Onalee

Cooper, a former student at Rochester School for the Deaf and founding member of the Intertribal Deaf Council.

A reception follows her presentation. For more information, e-mail Patti Durr, paddhd@rit.edu.

Get ready to bid! SPAS auction 5:30 tonight, Dec. 9

If you tingle with excitement at the sound of an auctioneer exclaiming "Sold!" you should make it to the annual School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Holiday Auction, this year run by the Film/Video/Animation Student Association (FVASA). The auction of one-of-a-kind faculty art and photography

works, assorted retail merchandise, services and equipment starts promptly at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the Frank E. Gannett Building lower lobby.

Proceeds from the auction—all items came from donations—will go equally to Toys for Tots and FVASA.



Student crafts sale to fill Union lobby Dec. 10-11

Tired of giving the same old socks, ties and fruitcake for the holidays? Check out the annual School for American Crafts student holiday sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, and Friday, Dec. 11, in the Student Alumni Union lobby.

This year, among the selection of one-of-a-kind gifts—silver-wrought earrings, hand-knit hats and oven scarves, dazzling blown glass ornaments and ceramic and wood creations—shoppers can view an "honor show" of student works of particular merit, chosen by department faculty.

More than 20 student artists will display their work for purchase at the holiday sale. Prices tend to run from \$10 to \$100. Admission is free.



Graduate student Brad Spencer shares his work with artists Nancy Jurs, Leonard Urso, metals professor, and Wendell Castle during the School for American Crafts quarterly Walk-Through. Many student works displayed then will appear in the annual holiday sale Dec. 10-11.

Discount and treats day at Campus Connections

It's party time all day Thursday, Dec. 10, at Campus Connections bookstore in the Student Alumni Union. From 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. the RIT community can savor treats of the season and a shopping discount of 10 percent (faculty and staff add that to their regular discount) excluding things like textbooks and computers.

The store's annual Institute Appreciation Day features hot cider and

popcorn provided by Food Service (don't forget their holiday meal in the cafeteria), homemade candy tasting from noon to 1 p.m. and numerous drawings for free merchandise throughout the day.

"We like to take a day each year and thank our RIT customers for their patronage," says John Roman, Campus Connections director, who began the tradition 13 years ago.

RIT groups to hold two pre-Kwanzaa celebrations

RIT student groups BACC (Black Awareness Coordinating Committee) and Unity House invite the RIT community to join them in pre-Kwanzaa celebrations.

Unity House offers an afternoon of learning about the African-



American holiday, 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13, Skalny Room.

BACC has invited David "Sankofa" Anderson from Rochester's Kwanzaa Coalition to lead their program, 4 p.m., Wednesday,

Dec. 16, Ingle Auditorium.

Campus Life seeks new-toy gifts for Toys for Tots

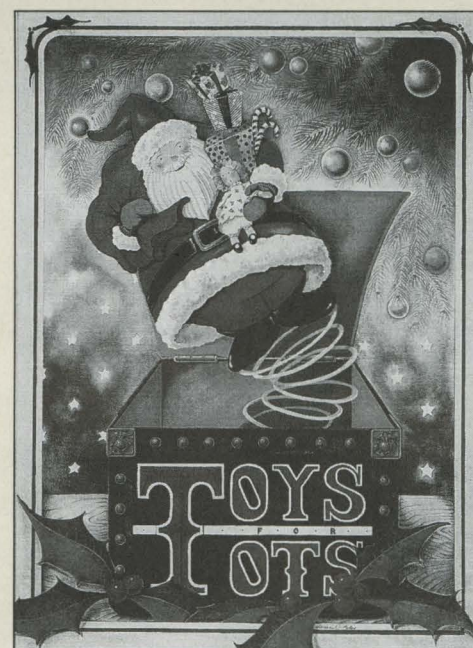
Each year, RIT's Center for Campus Life brings cheer to impoverished children in the Rochester area by participating in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program.

The center asks for donations of new, unwrapped toys to be deposited in boxes in Wallace Library, Student Alumni Union lobby and Center for Campus Life office.

"The Toys for Tots program is a wonderful way for individuals or departments to share their gifts with those less fortunate during the holiday season," says Jean Griffin, coordinator of club administration and student learning and Toys for Tots project organizer. "We've been very proud of the RIT community's generosity throughout the past years, and we're hopeful that this year's program will continue our outstanding tradition of giving."

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program, begun in 1948, distributes an average of 7,000,000 toys annually to nearly 3,500,000 needy children.

RIT's toy collection continues through Dec. 18. For more information, call Griffin at -7685.



U.S. Marine Corps Reserve asks the RIT community to support its annual Toys for Tots program running through Dec. 18.



Greek community holds treelighting for East House

RIT's fraternity/sorority community sponsors the second annual lighting of the Greek Angel Tree and Holiday Gala celebrating holiday family "adoptions" benefiting East House of Rochester. The tree lighting and gala, open to the RIT community, is set for 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, in Grace Watson lobby.

East House, a mental health agency providing residential, rehabilitation and support services to individuals recovering from mental illness, alcoholism and

other substance abuse, has partnered with RIT in the past for summer enrichment programs which bring residents to campus.

Participating Greeks buy and wrap gifts for children of East House residents, in preparation for gift delivery on Christmas morning.

For more information about the East House service project and tree lighting ceremony, call -7220 V/TTY.

Finding common ground drives pluralism commission goals, work

We've probably all heard the expression, "it's like comparing apples to oranges," or the proverb, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet," to explain seemingly unresolvable differences. Such limiting assumptions should play no part

in humankind's present or future, asserts RIT's Commission for Promoting Pluralism.

Rather, finding common ground among differences drives the commission's vision and goals, explains Alfreda Brooks, chair of CPP. Living its pluralism mission, the commission launches its seventh year with many new members representing a diverse cross-section of the Institute.

That very diversity poses a challenge to the group each year; even complementary skills and personalities can chafe in new situations. To help the new team members find their own commonalities, Brooks called upon Geri Curwin, manager of human resource development, to lead the group in teambuilding activities this fall. "If team members identify their individual values and discuss their own agendas, it helps them understand each other," says Curwin, and work together toward the commission's goals, notes Brooks.

CPP's goals are: finding and eliminating equality barriers at RIT; developing campus programs that promote commitment to equality and justice; and working toward a support system that increases participation by all RIT community members. Commission events include the annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration (this year on Jan. 15) and numerous presentations by acclaimed and often provocative guest speakers.

"Pluralism is all about celebrating and making use of individual characteristics," says Brooks. "It's about combining shared values that become part of RIT's vision and mission—to make us an inclusive community that embraces justice and equity."



THAT REALLY DOESN'T HURT? ... A quick finger prick told many RIT folks like Teresa Merritt their cholesterol level during the first Benefits Fair held Nov. 3-4 in Fireside Lounge. Nearly 1,000 RIT employees took advantage of the event that offered new and old health-care coverage information, blood pressure, cholesterol and body-fat testing and massages. The fair was organized by the Department of Human Resources.



'Teaming' with laughter ... RIT's Commission for Promoting Pluralism members had fun with teambuilding exercises that included a "values auction" and completing the phrase, "I am someone who ...". From left to right, front, are: Kathy Davis, Debra Fromm Faria, Gil Beverly, T.J. Bell and Rose Marie Cervantes; back, David McCloskey, Richard Chu, Alfreda Brooks, Javier Orellana and Robert Clark. Members not pictured are Andrew Davidhazy, Elliot Garrett, Maria Larracuente, Susan Murad and Nick Robfogel.

Photo gallery exhibits Gelles, O'Neil work

"Record [re- to recall + cor- heart]," an exhibit of the photographic work of Elaine O'Neil and Judy Gelles, will be on view at the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences Photo Gallery through Dec. 17. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

Using the autobiographical techniques of photography and writing, Judy Gelles explores the issues of gender, aging, growth and change. "I use my camera and journal writing to focus on the power relationships within my family, which seem to reflect the power relationships within society as a whole," she says.

Through daily portraits, Elaine O'Neil has been redefining herself and her daughter within the context of society. "... this five-year project charts the physical and emotional changes of two women at opposite ends of the 'young woman' spectrum," she says. "One is moving, with great expectations, into adolescence, the other with great trepidation into middle age."

Judy Gelles, a Philadelphia-based artist, has books of her work in the collections of



Image by Elaine O'Neil from the exhibit "Record [re- to recall + cor- heart]," at SPAS Gallery through Dec. 17.

national museums and at Visual Studies Workshop and RIT. Elaine O'Neil, a SPAS professor, has an extensive international exhibition record. Her work is part of the permanent collection of the George Eastman House/International Museum of Photography and Film.

RIT faculty art exhibit opens Dec. 11

Continuing a tradition of showing the variety and talent of those who teach at this institution, the Bevier Gallery will present a Faculty Exhibition. The show of recent pieces by full- and part-time faculty in the School of Art, School of Design and School for American Crafts offers works in painting and illustration, graphic, industrial and interior design, woodworking, ceramics, glass and metals.

The exhibit opens with a reception at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11. The show closes Jan. 20, 1999. (The gallery closes for winter break from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.) Regular gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; 7 to 9 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 1 to 4:30 p.m., Saturday; and 2 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday. The gallery, handicapped-accessible, is in the James E. Booth Building; all exhibits are free.

A note of thanks from Professor Howard LeVant

The pain of the recent loss of my oldest daughter, Margie, and her baby was made easier by the outpouring of support and affection from students, faculty, staff and administration. I have been held, hugged and consoled by persons whom I hardly knew were aware of my existence.

The charitable organization for children with cerebral palsy that my daughter helped create is still receiving memorial offerings from students in my classes, my college, many other schools and departments, and friends.

It is at times like these that one learns, however painfully, that RIT really does have a heart. If I hear someone say that this institute is cold and unfeeling, I will set them straight.

I want to close with the message I have given to my students: Whenever you see or talk to friends and loved ones, be sure that you let them know how much they mean to you ... and never say goodbye while angry. You never know when that goodbye might be the last.

Obituary

Mark Guldin

A member of the RIT community for more than 30 years, former RIT Dean Mark Guldin, 70, died Nov. 24 at Strong Memorial Hospital. Guldin, a graduate of RIT's School of Printing Management and Sciences, returned to RIT in 1961 as an assistant professor in printing. He served as director of the printing school for 10 years, overseeing the expansion of printing programs from one to four and establishing strengthened laboratories and test facilities.

In 1982, after a year as acting dean, Guldin was named dean of the College of Graphic Arts and Photography by then President M. Richard Rose, who praised Guldin's business and educational experiences and his reputation within the printing industry.

Guldin stepped down as dean in 1987, returning to the faculty ranks as the Melbert B. Cary Jr. Professor of Graphic Arts. While serving as dean, Guldin played a key role in the graphic arts component of the successful \$120 million "Access to the Future" fund raising campaign. He retired from RIT in 1992.

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