

## Innovative Program to Help Laid-off Workers

Response has been excellent to an RIT program announced last week to benefit laid-off workers in the Rochester area. The Professional Re-employment Education Program will offer these workers for-credit courses at significantly reduced prices to help them bridge the end of one career and the start of a new one.

The program goes into effect immediately, with access to courses beginning with RIT's Spring Quarter, starting March 4.

"Individuals who lost their jobs as the result of economic or business conditions should not be denied the best opportunities to upgrade or refit their skills for new work environments," said President Simone.

"This innovative program is another way RIT can demonstrate its commitment to being partners and good citizens within the Greater Rochester community.

"These workers and families must have greater hope for the future," Simone said. "We feel RIT's broad array of career programs and science-, technology- and service-based courses are ideal for them to enhance their job skills and their ability to once again be an integral part of this country's work force."

The RIT Professional Re-employment Education Program is designed to help individuals to upgrade their skills, or to prepare for new careers. To assist eligible participants in meeting the cost of attending

RIT, the university will provide PREP grants equivalent to 60 percent of the per-credit tuition rate. After the grants are applied, undergraduate day courses will be \$133 per academic hour, and graduate courses will be \$173 per hour. Evening undergraduate upper division tuition will be \$88 per credit hour, and lower-division credit hours will be \$81.

PREP grants will enable learners to enroll in any of RIT's graduate or undergraduate courses on a space-available basis. It is expected that more than 400 courses will be available during any one quarter. Participants will be able to register on March 3; however, they should contact the Office of Part-time Enrollment Services for advising and counseling prior to registration.

"Our job will be to provide the counseling and support that will enable separated employees to stretch their separation benefits and family resources into meaningful packages of RIT courses," said Jim Miller, vice president for Enrollment Management and Career Services.

Displaced workers may enter the program any time within six months of their

separation from their employers and are eligible to take courses for up to four consecutive quarters. Employer verification of their status as a dislocated worker is required. Participants may not preregister, then drop and add at PREP tuition rates.

"If they do not secure a new job within a year, individuals may apply for continuation in the program," Miller said. He pointed out that candidates will be expected to meet prerequisites for all classes they wish to take. "Displaced workers who are already enrolled in degree programs at the time of their separation also are eligible to participate," Miller added. "Some enrollees may apply to matriculate into RIT degree programs with no change in benefit."

Displaced workers interested in the program should contact the RIT Office of Part-time Enrollment Services at 475-2229. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., Friday.

An information session is scheduled for 2 to 4:30 p.m., Sun., Feb. 5, in the Booth Building.

## Tiger Cagers Capture Chase Tournament



Craig Jones was unstoppable in guiding the RIT men's basketball team to the Chase Scholarship Tournament title last weekend. Jones was named tournament Most Valuable Player as he scored 44 points and added 27 rebounds in the three contests.

Paced by All-Tourney selections Craig Jones, Charlie Bartlett, Brian Wachter and Mike Wolf, the RIT men's basketball team captured the Chase Scholarship Tournament Jan. 14. It marked RIT's first title since 1981-82 and the first for coach Bob McVean, who took over the program in the 1983-84 season.

Seeded first in this year's tournament, RIT hosted first-round action and thwarted

Roberts Wesleyan, 76-73. In the semifinals at Roberts, the Tigers withstood a late charge by SUNY Brockport to down the Golden Eagles 70-69. RIT locked horns with Geneseo in the championship and pulled away to a 22-point lead early in the second half before nabbing the crown 66-56.

For the tourney, Jones, a sophomore forward, scored 44 points and pulled down 27 rebounds to win Most Valuable Player honors. Bartlett and Wachter tallied 43 points over the three days. Bartlett averaged 8.0

rebounds. Wachter had the game of his career in the semifinal against Brockport, scoring 22 points, including five three-point field goals. Wolf collected 35 points and averaged 5.3 assists.

Since winning the title, the Tigers pushed their record to 12-0—the best start since 1955-56 when RIT finished 17-0 under coach A. Leo Fox.

## There's Something for Everyone During Mardi Gras Weekend

Lining up such jazz greats as Spyro Gyra and the Duke Ellington Band, RIT's Mardi Gras weekend, Feb. 2-6, promises to rival even the festivities of New Orleans.

Hypnotist Ronny Romm will get the fun started at his 8 p.m. performance on Thurs., Feb. 2, in Ingle Auditorium. Romm takes volunteers from the audience on a journey within. Skeptics beware—he is known for hypnotizing and mind-reading with amazing accuracy. Tickets are \$2.

For the alternative rock crowd, Chucklehead will perform at 10 p.m., Fri., Feb. 3, in the Student Alumni Union cafeteria. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

Spyro Gyra will perform two shows, at

7 and 10 p.m., Sat., Feb. 4, in Ingle Auditorium. Tickets, at \$5 for students and \$12 for faculty and staff, are on sale at the Candy Counter in the Union.

Mercer Ellington will strike up the band—that is, the Duke Ellington Band. They will perform two shows, at 7 and 10 p.m., Sun., Feb. 5, in Ingle Auditorium. Tickets, at \$5 for students and \$12 for faculty and staff, are on sale at the Candy Counter.

College Bowl competition returns on Saturday, pitting four-member teams, representing RIT's eight colleges, against each other in the "varsity sport of the mind." The team with the fastest minds on the playing field of knowledge will win a spring break trip to Panama City, Fla. Game questions cover every conceivable topic, including history, literature, science, multiculturalism, current events and popular culture.

When you sign up you will receive your time and location. For more information, call College Activities Board, sponsor of Mardi Gras weekend, at -2509.

## Miss America to Visit NTID

Heather Whitestone, Miss America 1995, will visit the National Technical Institute for the Deaf to share her inspirational story with students, faculty and staff members at 1 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 9, in the Panara Theatre. The event is sponsored by the NTID Special Speaker Series.

Whitestone is the first deaf woman in the pageant's 75-year history to receive the Miss America crown. As the 21-year-old from Birmingham, Ala., travels throughout the country, she shares her "Anything Is Possible" platform. An accomplished dancer, Whitestone created and implemented the STARS program (Success Through Action and Realization of your DreamS).

According to Whitestone, the five points of STARS itself are reminders of the essential elements to achieving success: have a positive attitude; believe in your dream, especially education, a dream all Americans share; face your obstacles, no matter how great; work hard; and build a support team.



Heather Whitestone

"As a profoundly deaf woman, my experiences have shown me that the impossible is indeed possible," says Whitestone. "Every day I strive to be a positive role model. My STARS program emphasizes that through hard work and positive self-esteem, anything is possible. The only thing that can stop you is you."

A junior studying accounting at Alabama's Jacksonville State University, Whitestone is an executive member of the

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## Noted Judge Slated As Douglass Speaker

Justice A. Leon Higginbotham Jr., author of the book *In the Matter of Color*, will be the Frederick Douglass featured speaker at 7 p.m., Thurs., Feb. 16, in Ingle Auditorium. The program is sponsored by RIT in cooperation with businesses, churches and civic and government organizations in greater Rochester.

Higginbotham—nationally recognized in 1991 for "An Open Letter to Justice Clarence Thomas from a Federal Judicial Colleague"—served as a circuit judge and as chief judge emeritus of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He is a professor at Harvard University in arts and sciences, the law school and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

A reception following the program will include a group of adult actors from Rochester who will perform skits, "Sketches of Slavery." The group is organized by Loretta White, a sixth-grade teacher at Rochester City School #1.

The event is free, but seating is limited. For reservations, call Alfreda Brooks, chairperson of RIT's Commission for Promoting Pluralism, at -4993.



A Mardi Gras feature event, Spyro Gyra will perform two shows, at 7 and 10 p.m., on Sat., Feb. 4, in Ingle Auditorium.



## Big Shot: Bring Your Camera Flash

Anyone wondering "what's new to do" on a dark winter night on campus should grab a camera flash and head out tonight, Jan. 26, to the RIT Tiger statue. From 10:30 to 11 p.m., the annual "Big Shot" crew needs all the camera flashes it can get to help make a nighttime campus-scape.

Participants, who will meet at the statue outside the Campus Connections bookstore, will synchronize hand-held flashes to light up the scene—no matter what weather occurs.

The resulting large-format, black-and-white photograph, taken from the roof of the Student Alumni Union, should capture parts of Wallace Library, the College of Liberal Arts, the Booth and Gannett buildings and the Tiger, says Michael Peres, chair of biomedical photographic communications in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

Designed as a "real-life experience" for photography students, "Big Shot" requires students to choose film and equipment appropriate for the place and weather, as well as to manage dozens of volunteers needed to create light by synchronized movement and camera flash. Participants will receive a photographic print of the final image.

## Info Tech Club Plans Expo

The Information Technology Student Organization is planning its second Information Technology Expo, scheduled for April 28. The event will showcase state-of-the-art information technology exhibits from RIT students, faculty and vendors. Exhibition space is limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibitor forms are available from the Information Technology Department office, in room A221 of the Ross Building, or call Elissa at -2529. The deadline for exhibitor forms is Feb. 20.

## Paintings, Prints At City Center

City Center's Main Gallery at 50 W. Main St. has opened a student exhibit running through Feb. 8. Juried by Robert Marx, career artist and 20-year art teacher at SUNY Brockport, the show offers works by 14 graduate and undergraduate students in RIT's painting and printmaking departments. Their pieces show a broad range of techniques and styles, from representational to abstract. Sheryl Knowlton, third-year painting student, earned the Best in Show Award for her work in pastel and gouache on paper, *Less than Four*. Two students received honorable mention awards: fourth-year printmaking student Lynne Hodde for her mixed-media piece, and second-year graduate painting student YouRa Kim for her acrylic-on-canvas work.

## Cinderella To Dance Again

The RIT Dance Company will present four encore performances of the fairytale classic *Cinderella* in February. A visual feast, featuring a cast of deaf and hearing dancers, the performance is designed to entertain adults and children alike.

The production, choreographed by Michael Thomas, NTID's artist-in-residence, will take place Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 9-11, at 8 p.m., and Sun., Feb. 12, at 2:30 p.m., in the Panara Theatre. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$7 for all others. Standing-room-only tickets are \$4. For reservations, call the NTID Box Office at -6254 (voice/TTY) beginning Mon., Jan. 30. The NTID Box Office is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and one hour before show time.



*The following is the first in a series of "Perspectives" columns from faculty, staff and administrators. Anyone is welcome to reply to any of the ideas presented. Responses to: News & Events Editor, Communications Department, Eastman Building*

**By Albert J. Simone  
President**

Many of the "Perspectives" pieces written by faculty and staff in subsequent issues of *News & Events* will deal, appropriately, with matters of keen internal interest and consequence for the students, faculty and staff of RIT. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm RIT's place in an orientation to the greater community, especially the Rochester community, of which it is a part.

RIT is one of the largest employers and income producers in the Rochester community. Even more important, its purpose and mission are, through education, to provide opportunities for men and women of all ages to prepare themselves for successful careers and quality of life over a lifetime. Given the significance of RIT's size and the importance of its mission, I believe that RIT has a particular responsibility and obligation to the Rochester community to work with others within the community as partners to enhance the quality of opportunity and living for all citizens. This responsibility and obligation are certainly consistent with RIT's history and tradition, whose roots are themselves a response to community need as far back as the early 19th century.

Let me be specific. On Jan. 10, Barry Culhane (student ombudsman), Carol O'Leary (RIT K-12 program coordinator), Carolie Simone and I spent two and a half hours at Jefferson Middle School visiting with the administration, faculty and students there. The visit was part of the RIT/Jefferson Middle School Project that has been described recently in the local media and in several RIT publications.

As I addressed the 300 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students who will be participating in this RIT/City School partnership, I stressed four points. First, I said they should realize that they had the ability to be anything they wanted to be. Second, I said they should seek advice from people whom they could trust, explicitly stating that such people existed and they needed to find them. Third, they should set goals. And fourth, I said they should work as hard as they could to reach those goals. I said the RIT/City School Project was predicated upon these basic premises.

They asked two basic questions. First, they wanted to know what RIT was getting out of this partnership. I answered that RIT hoped to make a difference in the quality of life of the students—that more would graduate from high school and more would attend and graduate from college than would otherwise be the case. We hoped that we could accomplish this, as educators, by forming a partnership with their teachers and with the students themselves. I reverted back to my second principle above and said that in order to be successful and happy over their lifetimes, they had to trust someone, and I stated that RIT was one of these "someones." I said that, in my case, I was trying to "pay back" those individuals who made a difference in my life throughout my educational experience. I said that many in the RIT community feel as I do and welcome the opportunity to work with the schools to "pay back."

## Perspectives: An RIT Orientation to the Community

The second question related to the students' belief that they would need additional help in math and English. Would RIT provide that kind of assistance?

As it turned out, I had a wonderful answer for them. Just a few days before the visit, I met with Raynald Lévesque, a fourth-year computer engineering technology major who is a brother of Alpha Phi Alpha, a national African American fraternity. Ray's chapter includes 11 students from RIT, six from the University of Rochester, and one from Hobart and William Smith colleges. Ray heard about the RIT/City School Project and came in to talk to me about it. The brothers of the chapter were already serving as mentors to students of three Rochester high schools who were contemplating college. Ray said that Alpha Phi Alpha wanted to offer its support to Jefferson Middle School. The middle-school students were ecstatic with that news.

Let me switch tracks a bit and follow up with another part of my conversation with Ray. He indicated that the chapter was attempting to raise funds so that it could take 24 of the city high school students to Washington, D.C., this summer as part of an educational experience. I said I would try to help him.

That very day, I had lunch in my office with Tom Jackson, the president of the University of Rochester. I told him about Alpha Phi Alpha and its high school project. He immediately bought in as a partner to help the chapter in its mission. The very next day, I again had lunch in the office, this time with Assemblyman David Gantt, well known as the "dean" of the Rochester delegation of the State Assembly. When I

described the Alpha Phi Alpha project, he volunteered to directly participate and support the fund-raising efforts.

All of us know that primary and secondary education, especially in urban centers around the country, need support. The future of our country depends on improving the effectiveness of primary and secondary education. No one person, or institution, or group, can do it alone. I believe we must take joint responsibility for each other and, through partnering, make the whole greater than the sum of the parts.

In the examples I have cited, several business organizations have agreed to provide scholarship support for students who complete the RIT/Jefferson Middle School program. Teachers within Jefferson Middle School and several area high schools have been willing to partner with RIT faculty, staff and students to improve the opportunities for their students. Another area university president and a key political leader have eagerly volunteered to join our partnership.

Much of the management literature talks about the social responsibility of for-profit organizations. I would like to think that every organization, profit or not-for-profit, has a social responsibility to be a fully contributing partner in the community it serves and that supports it. I am happy and proud to say that RIT is carrying forward its historic tradition by innovatively and aggressively responding to the needs of the community as they develop and, as in the example cited above, primarily not because of self-interest, but because of a sense of community obligation and pride.



Arlette Miller Smith;  
James A. Forbes



## Reaching Beyond the Dream: RIT Honors Martin Luther King

Before speaking at RIT's 13th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration, James A. Forbes shared his personal memories of King with students from RIT's Black Awareness Coordinating Committee. Forbes met King during a sit-in at Wilmington in 1962.

Senior minister at Riverside Church in New York City, Forbes described King as an embodiment of what the American dream is all about. "Dr. King believed it was not possible to pursue the rights of blacks without dignity and respect for all people," says Forbes. "You can condemn positions without condemning the person who takes those positions."

Arlette Miller Smith, assistant director of RIT's Higher Education Opportunity Program, spoke to a crowd of 1,200 gathered for Rochester's community-wide Martin Luther King ceremony at the Eastman Theatre. She urged the crowd to "start a fire" and urged black and white people to work together. "Recognize that there are ties between us of hope and love," she says. "We are bound together in the task to see our children grow strong and free."





**PAINTING WITH A PURPOSE . . .** NTID's Student Congress raised awareness for a side of NTID run by students with a "paint-a-thon" of the NSC student offices for the full day on Jan. 14. It was a fun way for the students to meet NSC officers, perhaps leading them to become officers in the future.

## Miss America . . .

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President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and also has served on the Alabama Governor's Task Force for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

The Miss America Organization is the nation's leading achievement program and largest scholarship fund for young American women, encouraging young women to explore relevant social issues of their times and to excel in arts, science, communications and other areas, and providing incentives and opportunities for academic achievement in excess of \$24 million in scholarship assistance annually.

Free tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the NTID box office beginning at 10 a.m., Mon., Feb. 6. Ticket availability on Feb. 6 will be limited to NTID students with identification cards. The box office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No phone reservations will be accepted, and only one ticket per student will be available. Only those with tickets will be allowed in the theater. Overflow seating will be available in the second-floor Johnson Building street area. The presentation is accessible to both deaf and hearing audience members. The NTID Special Speaker Series is supported by the Rothman Family Endowment.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE Electronic Communications Call to Action

The following is part of an on-going report on Agenda for Action recommendations.

As part of the work under the two-year Agenda for Action plan, assessments have been conducted of work in process, or already completed, that relate to various action steps.

Under the major action area "Productivity and Administrative Program Review," two action steps (7.6.3 and 7.6.5) relate to further developing and promoting electronic communication on and off campus, as well as making the technology more accessible to all members of RIT's diverse community.

A report, prepared by Reno Antonietti, associate vice president for Academic Services and Computing, and Jack Smith, vice president for Communications, contained information on the current status of electronic communication at RIT, recently completed upgrades and recommended improvements.

Regarding RIT's present electronic communication system, data cited include the more than 5,000 computer network devices accommodating more than 16,000 faculty, staff and student accounts; the increase in the number of Internet connections from 44,000 in 1992-93 to 380,000 in 1993-94; and the wide variety of services available to students over the network.

The report noted that implementing system enhancements is dependent upon the findings of the Technological Resources Task Force, which is establishing benchmarks for the improvement of RIT's technological infrastructure and developing implementation plans to be submitted by June 1.

Among the suggested system enhancements to achieve action steps 7.6.3 and 7.6.5 are:

- development of an electronic bulletin board to reduce the use of distribution lists for on-campus announcements
- expansion of the network connections to all residence hall rooms, based on fund allocations, residence hall renovation plans and any priorities determined by the Technology Infrastructure Task Force

- development of more dial-in services to the computer cluster and creation of a new set of dial services that provides true network connections, to be in place by Fall Quarter 1995
- replace the NOTES conferencing with a more functional conferencing solution that will improve the system to support distance learning, with a report to be submitted by end of Summer Quarter 1995
- provision of a graphical user-interface mail system as an option to ALL-IN-1, with the project currently being conducted by Information Systems and Computing and expected to be in place by Fall Quarter 1995
- provision of access to a wide variety of voice messaging services, such as bulletin boards and voice mail
- enhancement of the Student Information System

## Physician Assistant Program Accredited

The Physician Assistant Program has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. With the accreditation, graduates of RIT's four-year baccalaureate program will be eligible for employment as certified physician assistants. Offered through the Department of Allied Health Sciences in the College of Science, the PA program will graduate its first 17 students in May.

"Our PA program has been received with tremendous enthusiasm by the Rochester medical community, and the PAs in the community have been equally helpful," says Heidi Miller, PA-C, director of the PA program. "We look forward to building on the initial success of our program as we prepare students for careers in the increasingly important PA profession."

Enrollment in RIT's PA program has increased steadily from 58 students in its first year, which began in September 1993, to 84 students today. The maximum number of students admitted is 100.

## Speaker Talks on Educational Equality

Caste and class have joined to hinder inner-city children's education, says John Brittain, professor at the University of Connecticut's School of Law at Hartford. The issue of equal education for all children—hotly debated in Rochester, fueled by the August Group report—stands at the center of a lawsuit, *Sheff v. O'Neill*, brought by a team of lawyers and Brittain, the Gannett lecturer for Thurs., Jan. 26.

Brittain presents "Race and Poverty Segregation in Education: Will the Connecticut Case Pave the Road to a New Brown Solution?" at 7:30 p.m. in the Booth Building's Webb Auditorium.

Noting that inequities in education have worsened since the famous *Brown v. Board of Education* case in 1954, Brittain suggests the *Sheff v. O'Neill* lawsuit "could be to Connecticut what the Brown case was to the South."

The free presentation, seventh in the 1994-95 Caroline Werner Gannett Lecture Series in the Liberal Arts, is open to the public.

## Film Series Celebrates 100 Years of Cinema

Marking 1995 as the 100-year anniversary of cinema, the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences' Film/Video Department brings special films, videos and artists to campus in the next few months. The RIT community and the public at large have a unique chance to see cinema from its earliest days to the present, with both experimental and traditional films and videos.

"Ciné-Magic: Georges Méliès, Cinéaste Extraordinaire," will be presented at 2 p.m. on Sun., Jan. 29, in Carlson Auditorium, Center for Imaging Science. Méliès, one of the inventors of motion pictures, made more than 4,000 films in his life.

In February, the series presents *The Wonderful Horrible Life of Leni Riefenstahl*, a newly released documentary on the Nazi-era filmmaker's life. March brings a look at Jim VeNault's movies made in pixel vision, "an extremely cheap way of creating original footage," says Maxwell. And installation/performance artist Mary Vasulka will lecture in April, cosponsored by the Visual Studies Workshop.

Presented as part of the ongoing Visiting Artists and Lecturers/Screening Series, the films and events are all free and open to the public. For more information, call -2743.

## RIT Campaign Pacesetting for United Way

"A Taste of RIT" will once again unite the campus community at the official start of the 1995 RIT/United Way campaign, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fri., Feb. 10, in the Student Alumni Union cafeteria. RIT's Pacesetter campaign runs prior to the Rochester community campaign, from Feb. 10 to March 17.

"The Pacesetter campaign exemplifies the spirit of cooperation and community that exists at RIT," says President Simone. "It's an outstanding campus-wide effort on the part of hundreds of volunteers throughout the campus to be a model campaign not only for other colleges and universities, but for the Rochester community as a whole."

"A Taste of RIT," sponsored by Food Service, kicks off RIT's "Help Write a Success Story" campaign. The RIT Steering Committee invites faculty, staff and students to share in a buffet of tasty samples donated by local vendors. A \$3 donation at the door benefits United Way.

The committee set a monetary goal of \$168,000, up 2 percent from last year's goal. But Lee Struble, chair of the steering committee and associate director of Campus Safety, says the campaign's primary focus is on increasing participation.

"We want people to know how much their donations help others succeed under

the most trying of circumstances," says Struble. Last year, 61.8 percent of the RIT community participated, helping 701 members of the RIT community write their own success story.

Jan Nystrom, instructor in the Learning Development Center and parent of a developmentally disabled child, and Elizabeth Pirotta, a part-time consultant at RIT Research Corporation who has Hodgkin's disease, share their stories on this year's campaign posters.

Struble expects student participation to be greater than ever this year. The hockey and wrestling teams have helped raise \$600 already. Keith Jenkins, assistant professor in the Professional and Technical Communication program, and Bill Stratton, director of the School of Computer Science and Information Technology, produced a video to increase student awareness of the value of United Way and volunteerism and community service.

Serving as the United Way Loaned Executive, Margaret Urckfitz, assistant dean of student services in the College of Engineering, will help raise funds in the community throughout the campaign.

Campaign events coming up are:

- On Mon., Feb. 13—Valentine's Eve—Mario's Restaurant on East Avenue, typically closed Mondays, will have a special opening, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., to benefit RIT's Pacesetter campaign. For reservations, call Mario's at 461-4600.
- The daily raffle runs Feb. 20 to March 3. People become eligible for the raffle when they return their pledge cards. Prizes will be drawn daily. The grand prize, drawn on April 26, is an overnight stay for two in Toronto's Cambridge Suites with two tickets to the winner's choice of shows: *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Show Boat* or *Miss Saigon*.
- "Day of Caring" will be Wed., March 29. Volunteers will spend the day helping a local health and human service agency. To sign up, call Cindee Gray at -4987.
- Kappa Phi Theta's "Trike-a-thon" fund raiser will be April 17. President Simone will participate.

## Wellness Fair Set for Feb. 3

Many people make some type of New Year's resolutions about improving their lifestyle that are forgotten come February. As part of a campus concerned about wellness, several departments are contributing to RIT's Annual Wellness Fair, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fri., Feb. 3, in the Student Alumni Union lobby.

"We want to help people change attitudes and lifestyles to improve their overall wellness," says Manizheh Eghbali, health education coordinator in the Student Health Center. "This year we are offering a variety of fun, hands-on activities." Activities include self-assessment exercises, body composition tests and nutrition analyses.

Booths will be set up throughout the Student Alumni Union lobby. Representatives from the American Heart Association, the American Lung Association, Planned Parenthood and AIDS Rochester will be on hand. RIT sponsors include the colleges of Science, Engineering, and Applied Science and Technology; Campus Safety; the Employee Assistance Program; the Counseling and Career Development Center; Substance and Alcohol Intervention Services for the Deaf; and the Student Health Center.



## CALENDAR

**Jan. 27**—religious service: Shabbat Services; 5 p.m., Schmitt

**Jan. 27-29**—Ski Trip to Killington, Vermont; students \$149, faculty/staff \$200; sponsored by CAB; call -2509

**Jan. 27**—videoconference: "Education 2000: Standards and Assessments for World-Class Education in the English Language Arts"; sponsored by National Council of Teachers of English and NTID Center for Arts and Sciences; 1-3 p.m., 3635 Johnson; captioned or interpreted; free; space limited; call Sue Miller, -6814 V/TTY

**Jan. 27**—sports: men's hockey vs. Hobart; 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 27-March 8**—exhibit: "Uncharted Territory," traveling exhibit of 33 sculptural works by nine young Taiwanese ceramic artists; open reception 7 p.m., Jan. 27, Bevier

**Jan. 27**—"Fridays with Clark," 3-4:30 p.m., Clark Meeting Room; topic not yet selected

**Jan. 27**—movie: *The Lion King*; 7 and 9:30 p.m., Ingle

**Jan. 27**—lecture: "Successful Estate Planning" by Tim O'Shea; part of Faculty/Staff Health and Wellness Series; noon, 1829 Room, Union

**Jan. 28**—Annual Intercampus Beach Party hosted by RIT; setup 6 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Union

**Jan. 29**—film: "Cinè-Magic: Georges Méliès, Cinéaste Extraordinaire"; 2 p.m., Carlson auditorium

**Jan. 29**—Super Bowl Sunday, presented by Hillel; kickoff at 6 p.m.; call Penni, -5171

**Feb. 2**—presentation: Ronny Romm on "ESP and Hypnosis"; Ingle; \$2

**Feb. 2**—lecture: "Third World Media: The Global City vs. the Global Village," by Dr. Michael Prosser, Kem Professor in Communication; part of Gannett Lecture Series; 7:30-10 p.m., Webb

**Feb. 3**—Physical Education Annual Wellness Fair, part of Faculty/Staff Health and Wellness Series; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Union

**Feb. 3**—movie: *Quiz Show*; 7 and 9:30 p.m., Ingle

**Feb. 3**—music: Chucklehead, part of Mardi Gras; 10 p.m., Union cafeteria; \$3 at door

**Feb. 4**—music: Spyro Gyra, part of Mardi Gras; 7 and 10 p.m., Ingle; students \$5, faculty/staff \$12, public \$15

**Feb. 4**—sports: men's swimming vs. Ithaca; 1 p.m.

**Feb. 4**—sports: wrestling vs. Oneonta and St. Lawrence; 1 p.m., Clark

**Feb. 4**—sports: women's hockey vs. Providence; 12:15 p.m., Ritter

**Feb. 5**—music: Duke Ellington Band, part of Mardi Gras; 7 and 10 p.m., Ingle; students \$5, faculty/staff \$12

**Feb. 5**—sports: women's hockey vs. Brown; 12:15 p.m., Ritter

**Feb. 6**—Virtual Reality and Alpha Experience, part of Mardi Gras; students \$3, faculty/staff \$5

**Feb. 6**—workshop: "Making Wellness Work For You," featuring Lifestyle Assessment Questionnaire to be interpreted by Dr. Harry Merryman at a later date; part of Faculty/Staff Health and Wellness Series; noon, location TBA

**Feb. 7**—music: "Tuesday Treats" by RIT Gospel Ensemble; noon, Union lobby

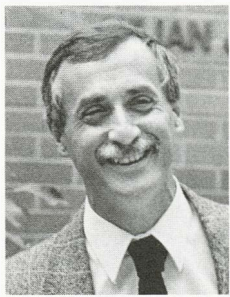
**Feb. 8**—Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Union

**Feb. 8**—meeting: Policy Council; 3-5 p.m., 1320 Hale-Andrews

**Feb. 9**—Provost's Excellence in Teaching Award Reception/Dinner; 5:30-8:30 p.m., Henry's Restaurant, Eastman

**Feb. 9**—meeting: Staff Council; 2-4 p.m., 1829 Room, Union

## "Father Jim" Sauers Dies



Rev. James Sauers

Members of the RIT community gathered Mon., Jan. 23, for a service in memory of the Reverend James Sauers, RIT campus minister and former director of the Center of Campus Ministry. Sauers died suddenly earlier that morning at his home.

Sauers, who joined RIT in 1983, described his role on campus as "a sounding board." He wanted to help students make good decisions for themselves.

"Through Jim, many students for the first time were able to see priests as human beings instead of as figureheads," said Sister Marlene Vigna, RIT campus minister. "Kids who had been turned off to traditional services found a laid-back and humane experience at RIT. He created a warm, comfortable place on campus. He was a vital part of the RIT community, and his absence will be deeply felt."

Sauers had stepped down as director a few weeks before his death. The Reverend Butch Mothersell, RIT campus minister, replaced Sauers as director.

Over the past seven years, hundreds of RIT students attended his residence hall programs on dating, relationships and sex. Students eventually dubbed the program "Sex with Father Jim." Sauers also served as the Gamma Nu chapter adviser of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. "He was a beloved brother, counselor and friend to us all," says Louis Serano, a brother in the fraternity.

Phi Kappa Tau brothers have created a Father James Sauers Memorial Scholarship. Contributions can be sent to Bill Jenkins, Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity, P.O. Box 30, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

Prior to his work at RIT, Sauers served as assistant pastor at St. Mary's Church in Canandaigua and St. Salome's Church in Rochester. He was ordained a priest in 1977 at Holy Ghost Church after attending St. Bernard's Seminary.

He is survived by brothers and sisters-in-law Robert E. and Paula Sauers, John F. and Margaret Sauers, and Edward and Joyce Sauers; and his nieces and nephews.

There will be a memorial service on Feb. 6 from 1-3 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium. Bishop Matthew Clark will participate.

### DONATIONS & GRANTS

## Science Grant Enhances Multimedia

A Lederle-Praxis Biologicals Faculty Development Grant awarded to Richard Doolittle, associate professor in the Biology Department, will develop a new multimedia laboratory experience. The \$5,000 funding will be used to purchase MedPics, an interactive educational software, as well as hardware upgrades.

The multimedia program is to be used by fourth-year premed students in the course Basic Pathology, formerly an all-lecture study of disease. By incorporating MedPics, students will be able to view on-screen 480 images of the body's organ systems and determine which parts are diseased. Accompanying text provides in-depth information about the images.

"In the past, we've not always been able to obtain the necessary specimens to illustrate the diseases being studied," Doolittle says. "By combining this program with regular microscopy work and the presentation of existing slides, the diseases we study each week will be correlated with real-life case studies and give the students a complete educational experience. This program is an excellent example of the type of multimedia instruction being provided throughout the College of Science."

### NEWSMAKERS

- **Susan M. Warner**, program and market developer, and **Amy L. Merrill**, course developer and site coordinator, Office of Distance Learning, made the presentation "Distance Learning to International Markets" at the Telelearning Conference '94 held in September in Baltimore, Md. Warner won first place in the conference's "People's Choice Awards" for the design of a multi-page promotional brochure about the Applied Arts and Science degree program available through Distance Learning.

- Three papers were given by faculty members of the College of Science's Department of Chemistry at the Northeast Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Burlington, Vt., last summer. **Jerry Adduci** presented the paper "Synthesis and Characterization of Some Novel Poly (Ester-imide)s," co-written with faculty colleague **Kay Turner** and three undergraduate students, including **W. David Polk**. Turner presented the paper "Synthesis and Characterization of Some Novel Thermotropic Liquid Crystalline Poly(Ester-imide)s," co-written by Adduci and Polk. **Thomas Gennett**, professor, presented the paper "Formation of Heterogeneous Domains Within Perfluorophosphate Ionomeric Films," co-written by students **Julia Sweet** and **Jennifer Berdine**.

- **Jerry Adduci**, professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Science, recently published an article co-written by **John V. Facinelli**, a former student of Adduci's in the MS in Chemistry program, and a colleague from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. The article, "Synthesis and Characterization of Random Semi-Flexible Thermotropic Liquid Crystalline Poly (ester-imide)s," appeared in the *Journal of Polymer Science, Part A, Polymer Chemistry*.

- **Barbara Allardice**, clinical supervisor, Learning Development Center, has received the 1994 Alumni Professional Achievement Award from Keuka College.

- **Shirley Allen**, instructor, NTID, was inducted into the Jarvis Christian College Pioneer Hall of Fame this fall in Hawkins, Texas. In July, Allen was keynote speaker at

the opening session of Inroads, Inc. Southwest Regional Conference in New Orleans. Her presentation, "Crossing the Bridge in Style," addressed black and Hispanic college seniors preparing to embark on corporate careers. In June, Allen received the Pacesetter Award for achievement and dedication in education at the Campbell High School Reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas. Also, Allen presented the commencement address at the Mississippi School for the Deaf in Jackson.

## Jobs and Environment Teleconference at RIT

The debate between jobs and environmental concerns hits home across America, evidenced locally by the Akzo Salt Mines dilemma, local industry meeting EPA guidelines and Brockport's recent decision to require all homes to have carbon monoxide detectors.

RIT will host Renew America's Day of Environmental Solutions teleconference on "Jobs and the Environment: National Town Meeting" out of Washington, D.C., from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 31, in the Carlson Center for Imaging Science auditorium. Downlink arranged by the Science, Technology and Society Department, College of Liberal Arts, and cosponsored by Eastman Kodak Company, the conference includes Deborah Potter, formerly with CNN and CBS; John Gibbons, director of the White House Office on Science and Technology; and George Becker, president of United Steelworkers of America.

Call Ann Howard at -5104 for more information.

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