

NEWS & EVENTS

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Frederick Douglass Scholarships Awarded

Twenty RIT minority students are the first recipients of awards from the Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund.

RIT established the scholarship fund last spring to recognize and encourage contributions of Black and Hispanic students to the campus and Rochester-area communities. It honors Douglass, the 19th century abolitionist who published the anti-slavery newspaper, *The North Star*, in Rochester and believed in freedom and equal opportunity for all people.

RIT, which has committed \$50,000 to the fund (\$10,000 a year for the next five years), invites contributions from the community to make an increase in the number of awards possible.

Herbert Johnson, the Melbert B. Cary, Jr. professor of graphic arts in RIT's College of Graphic Arts and Photography and chair of the scholarship selection committee, announced the

awards at a reception Oct. 13 in the Cary Library.

Applicants for the awards were judged on demonstration of the qualities that marked Frederick Douglass, a fighter for freedom and equality of opportunity. Students were evaluated on leadership abilities, awareness of their cultural history, scholastic achievements, and desire to better their communities.

Recipients of the awards, their home cities, and fields of study:

Tanya Farquaharson, Liverpool, N.Y., career decision program; Mark Vaughn, Elmira, physics; Virginia Coleman, New York City, computer science; Ann Rodriguez, Penn Yan, N.Y., applied computer science; Deborah D. McClean, Brooklyn, computer systems; Charles H. Ridley, Rochester, mechanical engineering.

Avery Fraser, Brooklyn, industrial engineering; Devone Mason, Bronx,

N.Y., printing; Cecil Johnson, Brooklyn, computer systems; Arlene Francis, Chittenango, retailing; Jennienne Peoples, Buffalo, social work; Wanda Hines, Syracuse, social work; Darlene Jackson, Rochester, business administration.

Deirdre D. Cooke, Brooklyn, business administration; Maxine Kilkenny, Brooklyn, printing; Janet DeJesus, Puerto Rico, photographic illustration; Annette Gantt, Corning, accounting; Stuart Jones, Rochester, computer systems; Courtney C. Greene, New York City, criminal justice; and Paul Stewart, Bronx, N.Y., physics.

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Will Hopkins, who has created the design for several magazines including *American Photographer*, will deliver the fall 1982 William A. Reedy Memorial Lecture in Photography tonight at 7:30 p.m. in NTID Auditorium. Hopkins, shown above in his New York City design studio, will speak on "Magazine Design and Photography."—Photography by Michael Soluri, School of Photographic Arts and Sciences faculty member.

CCE to Host International Nuclear Education Conference

Former NASA astronaut Scott Carpenter heads the list of speakers on the program of the International Nuclear Education Conference, hosted by RIT's College of Continuing Education Nov. 2-4. The three-day conference has been developed in collaboration with the American Nuclear Society, Finger Lakes Section, and will be held at the Holiday Inn/Genesee Plaza in downtown Rochester.

Carpenter's speech, "Looking at the Individual in a Technological Setting," will be a highlight of the conference, which will also feature an address by Paul Turner, vice president of the Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc. Turner's speech is titled "Nuclear Energy: The Best of Times, the Worst of Times."

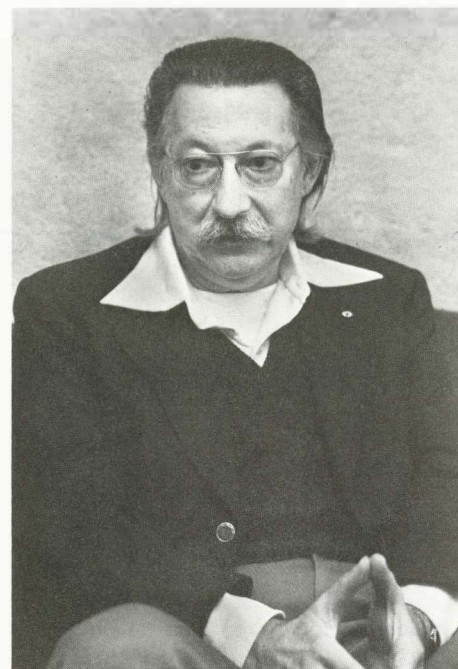
Carpenter was selected as one of the original seven U.S. astronauts and flew the second American manned orbital flight in 1962. He also participated in the Navy's Man-in-the-Sea Program as an astronaut in the SEALAB II ex-

periments. He is the only person ever to penetrate both outer and inner space. He is currently president of Pyro Sol, Inc., which is constructing a pyrolysis plant in South San Francisco Bay for the recovery of energy from organic waste materials.

Turner has served as vice president of the Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc., since 1972, after joining the forum in 1967. Turner was also a member of the steering committee of the Committee for Energy Awareness, formed in response to the Three Mile Island incident.

The International Nuclear Education Conference is a project of CCE's Energy Education Division, under the direction of Dorothy K. Paynter. Harriet G. Friedstein is coordinator of the event.

Several hundred participants from around the world are expected to attend the conference. It has been designed specifically for personnel involved in the education and training of nuclear reactor operators.



Joseph Weizenbaum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology computer scientist, told an Institute Forum lecture audience: "The computer community is split into two camps on the subject of artificial intelligence. One believes the computer should be used in the performance mode, to assist in the rapid execution of functions; the other believes the computer should be developed as a human brain. I think the movement to develop a higher intelligence, a silicon-based intelligence, is a most regrettable movement. It is laying the basis for the destruction of the human race."



Frederick Douglass Scholarship Fund awards recipients and six members of the selection committee at the Cary Library reception include, first row, from left: Mark Vaughn, Devone Mason, Virginia Coleman; selection committee members, Dr. Ron Hilton, CCE; chair Herbert Johnson, College of Graphic Arts and Photography; Parvesh Singh, financial aid director; Michael Jordan, Higher Education Opportunity Center; second row, from left: Ann Rodriguez, Arlene D. Francis, Albert Thomas, selection committee, NTID Computer Science Laboratory; Paul Stewart, Darlene Jackson, Barbara Bell, selection committee, Admissions; Wanda Hines, Annette Gantt, Deborah McClean, Maxine Kilkeny, Stuart Jones, and Courtney C. Greene.

Invitation To Compete

RIT students are invited to participate in *Glamour Magazine's* 1983 Top Ten College Women Competition. Women from colleges and universities throughout the country will compete in *Glamour's* search for 10 outstanding students. Winners will be selected on the basis of their records of achievement in academic studies and/or extracurricular activities on campus or in the community.

The 1983 Top Ten College Women will be featured in *Glamour's* August College Issue and will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.

Anyone interested in entering the competition should pick up an application form from Gail Rothfuss, Communications Office, 4th Floor, George Eastman Memorial Building.

The deadline for submitting entries is Dec. 1, 1982.

THINK SNOW

Once again the RIT Physical Education Department has made arrangements to participate in the Ski Valley adult and family ski program.

Ski Valley, a private ski club in Naples, offers several program options.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program, plan to attend an informational program Monday, Nov. 1, in the College-Alumni Union lounge; or Monday, Nov. 8, in room 1928, College-Alumni Union. Tom Mahaney, co-director of the Ski Valley Ski School, will be there to explain the program. In the meantime, if you have any questions, call Jack Clarq, 6302, or Bruce Proper, 2620.

FOR POETS (AND OTHERS)

"Poetry Performance" will be presented by the College of General Studies and the Institute Creative Arts Committee at 2 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, Oct. 29) in Room A100, Wallace Memorial Library.

Poets Jessica Hagedorn, of the West Coast Gangster Choir, and Faye Chang, of New York City's The City of Contradictions, will read their works.

WEIGHT LIFTING FOR WOMEN

A weight training seminar for RIT women will take place Thursday, Nov. 11, from 12 to 12:45 p.m., in the weight room in the physical education complex, lower level.

The seminar, conducted by Roger Weston of the RIT physical education department, is designed to introduce RIT women to the weight room, which includes a variety of weights and exercise machines.

Women are invited to come dressed to participate Nov. 11. The weight room will be reserved for this special seminar. For additional details, call the physical education office, 2620.

CORRECTION

The Nov. 3 Employee Assistance Program Orientation meeting for managers and administrators will be held from 1-3 p.m. (1829 Room, College-Alumni Union).

Faculty and Program Development Receives Computer Literacy Grant

RIT's Office of Faculty and Program Development has been awarded \$20,000 by the New York State Department of Education to develop and implement a faculty computer literacy program for the Rochester City School System and the Honeoye Central School District.

The program, which runs from Oct. 1, 1982 to August 30, 1983, will provide preservice and inservice education and training to 30 to 35 Rochester city school teachers and four to six Honeoye school teachers. The program will allow the teachers to acquire a level of computer literacy that enables them to teach their students to effectively use computers and go on for further computer education and training. Teachers will receive 80 hours of intensive, hands-on computer literacy training as well as special demonstration presentations.

Some of the significant accomplishments to be achieved through this computer literacy education and training project are: to provide opportunities for collaboration between a high technology

institution, an urban, inner city school district, and a small, rural school system; to produce at least one computer literate faculty member in each building of both school systems; to effectively manage and coordinate the efforts of all three schools to avoid inefficient duplication of efforts; to plan and begin to implement follow-up support activities for the teachers; and to disseminate exemplary projects to other school systems and higher educational institutions through demonstrations, presentations and publications.

This project is an out-growth of RIT's highly successful "Faculty Computer Workshops" held over the summer to help the Institute achieve its objective of 100 percent faculty and student computer literacy. One hundred and ninety faculty from RIT and 12 from three area public school districts participated in the workshops.

RIT and the Rochester Public Schools have collaborated in recent years on

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POLICY & INFORMATION

Policy Council Meeting, Oct. 21, 1982

1. Assessments (dues) to Faculty Council, deadline Nov. 12.
2. Approval of minutes of Oct. 7, 1982, meeting, with correction: reference to library should have read Wallace Memorial Library.
3. Approval of committee appointments:
 - a. Faculty Rights and Governance, Sarah Collins, chair
 - b. Salary and Benefits, Joseph Greenfield, chair

- c. Grievance, Joan Szabla, chair, with Robert Snyder as alternate
4. Discussion of financial exigency.
5. General discussion on the draft proposal for policy on tenure.
6. Dr. Quinn's scheduled meeting with Faculty Council Nov. 18 has been rescheduled for Jan. 6, 1983.

Anyone wishing source or additional information, call 2527.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND COMPUTING (ISC) SEMINARS FOR IBM/370 AND VAX/VMS USERS

Introduction to	10/28
CMS	11/02
(Conversational Monitor System) (IBM/370) System	

Introduction to	11/04
SAS (Statistical Analysis System) (IBM/370 System)	11/09 11/11 11/16 11/18 11/23

For information, call User Services, 6669.

International Journalists Visit RIT

Journalists from 16 developing nations were guests of RIT on Oct. 2. Pictured on the far right is Carol Johnson, assistant to the dean, College of Graphic Arts and Photography, talking to the journalists who represented such countries as India, Benin, Sri Lanka, Cuba, Ivory Coast, Trinidad and Tobago, and Mongolia.

At RIT the journalists toured the campus with presentations by Carolyn P. Rankin, director of public information, Hans Christensen, Charlotte Fredericks Mowris, Professor in Contemporary Crafts; Wiley McKinzie, director of the School of Computer Science and Technology, and Ms. Johnson. The journalists dined with area journalists and RIT international students at a dinner hosted by Dr. Robert Frisina, senior vice president, Institutional Advancement, and Jack F. Smith, associate vice president for Communications.

The journalists were on a weekend visit to Rochester sponsored by the Rochester Association for the United Nations and the Gannett Foundation. The journalists are in the United States for a five-week study of the 37th U.N. General Assembly.

Information On Disabilities On Display

Wallace Memorial Library will display materials on deaf awareness, accessibility, and other issues relating to disability during the last week in October. These displays will be located on the first floor of the library from Monday, Oct. 25, through Friday, Oct. 29.

Smaller collections of library materials relating to these issues are scheduled for the College Alumni-Union. Books, pamphlets, and free bibliographies relating to deaf awareness will be on display Oct. 26th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as part of Deaf Awareness Week. A more general collection of materials on disability issues will be on display Nov. 4th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This display will be presented in conjunction with the Physical Challenges, Able-Disabled Events program scheduled that week.



An Opportunity to Increase Understanding of Disabilities

Physical Challenges Days (formerly Handicapped Awareness Days), to take place Thursday and Friday, Nov. 4 and 5, are designed to help the RIT community understand how to adapt to a disability and how to interact with a person who has a disability.

Marie Giardino, Special Services director and coordinator of the project, encourages faculty, staff and students to take part in the events which include disability simulations, films, speakers, and discussions, as well as a performance by the NTID Dance Company and a basketball game featuring the Rochester Wheels.

Coming Home, a film about a disabled Vietnam War veteran, will be shown at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3, the evening before the events begin, in the College-Alumni Union cafeteria.

Physical Challenges Days begins at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 4, with a film, *A Different Approach*, in the Ingle Auditorium; disability simulations and assignments will be given by chance 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the College-Alumni Union lobby. Exhibits by 13 agencies will be on display from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m., and the NTID Dance Co. will perform at 4:15 in the NTID Theatre.

Friday's events begin with a 9 a.m. film in Ingle Auditorium followed by a student panel discussion—"Being a Disabled Student at RIT"—at 9:30 in the Alumni Room, College-Alumni Union. Dr. Peter Seiler, NTID, will

discuss "Why NTID Students Need Special Services" at 10:30, also in the Alumni Room. In the Fireside Lounge at 10:30, Ruth Weiss, Strong Memorial Hospital Rehabilitation Unit, will provide individual consulting until 11:30. Informal beeper games begin at 11 in Clark Gymnasium, and the Beeper Ball competition and wheelchair obstacle course beginning at 2 p.m.

Events conclude Friday with a basketball game between Rochester Wheels and 50 volunteers at 7:15 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Participants will be asked to evaluate their experience and to provide suggestions for changes on the RIT campus which would improve conditions for disabled students.

Participation Encouraged

The entire RIT community—students, staff, and faculty—is encouraged to take part in a "Fast for World Hunger" Thursday, Nov. 4.

Arranged by the Human Development Committee of the Catholic Campus Parish, the day brings attention to all human injustices, especially the problem of world hunger. All money raised

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New Programs and Staff Add To Quality of Residence Life

Five student programming assistants, newly-established positions, will play a major role in planning residence hall programs for RIT and NTID resident students.

The addition of programming assistants (PAs) is one of several changes that have occurred in residence life programming during the last year, according to Carol Rosa, coordinator of student development.

Rosa's own position is new. She was assistant to the director of residence life until July 1 when she was named to the coordinator's job.

Anne Kingston, an education counselor, is graduate intern. Her responsibilities include supervising the programming assistants, maintaining the Programming and Training Resource Center on the first floor of Sol Heumann Residence Hall, and producing *Program Notes*, a newsletter containing program ideas and a calendar of events for residence halls.

Rosa said the programming changes are intended to meet the evolving social, recreational, educational, and cultural needs of students and to bring together the hearing and hearing-impaired communities on campus.

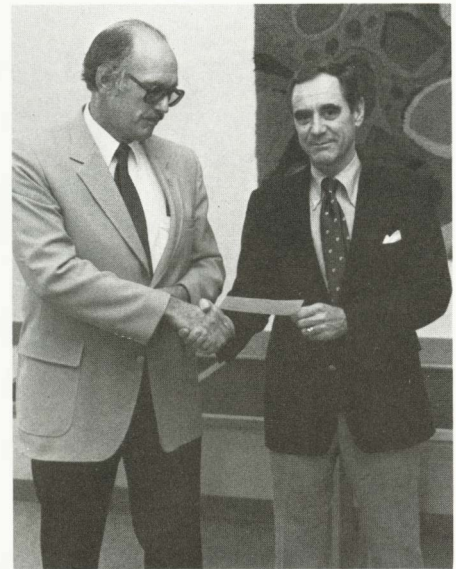
Another objective of the residence hall programs is to bring faculty and staff members and students together away from the academic setting. Rosa initiated the Faculty/Staff-In-Residence Program last year. One result of that experience was the development of a resource directory that lists faculty and staff members who are willing to share their expertise and interests with students in special programs. The in-residence program will be continued in the spring quarter.

Another feature of RIT residence living—special interest houses—has been most successful, Rosa said, and will be continued. There are nine such houses, which group students who share major fields of study or interests: Art House, Business House, Computer Science House, Engineering House, Image-makers, Photo House, Community Service Clubhouse (formerly Gleason E. Clubhouse), International House and Unity House, established to develop and foster awareness of black history and culture. Faculty and student advisors oversee programs for special interest houses.

Arrangements for balanced, interesting programs for RIT's resident students is Kingston's major responsibility. Kingston, who lives in Mark Ellingson Hall, will work with student PAs

Joe Dee, Baker/Colby/Gleason; Garry Dennis, Greek Area; Ruth Libbey, Nathaniel Rochester/Fish; Steve Lovi, Ellingson/Peterson/Bell; and John Myers, Sol Heumann/Gibson. PAs, also supervised by the area complex directors of their residence halls, serve as resources for resident advisors and area governments in planning programs.

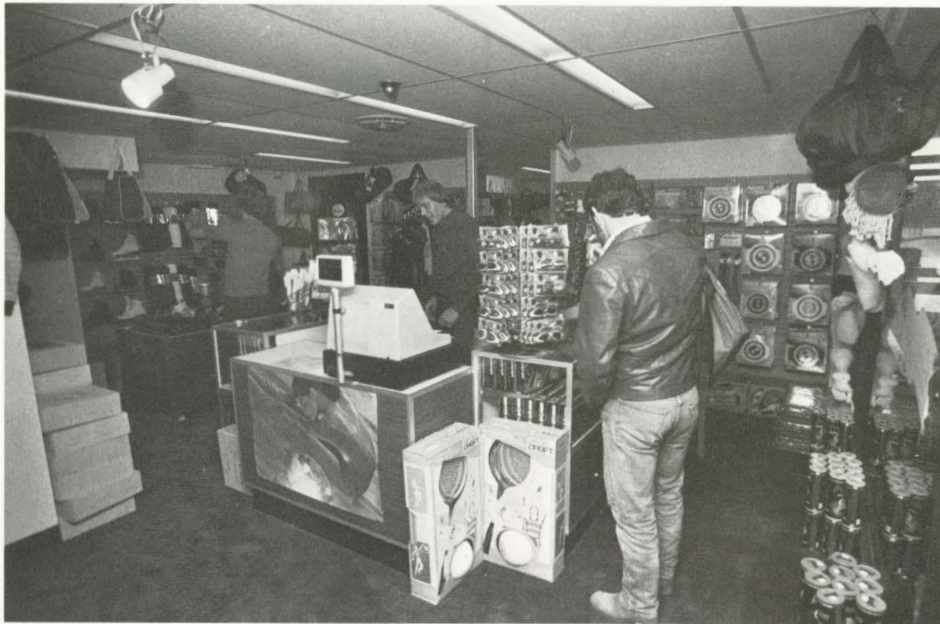
A graduate of Bates College, Maine, Kingston received her master's degree in educational counseling from the University of Rochester. Trained at the University of Rochester's Adult Counseling Center and the university's Career Services and Placement Center, she is still involved as a part-time counselor for the Health Association of Rochester and Monroe County.



An unrestricted alumni grant check recently was presented to RIT president, Dr. M. Richard Rose, by Donald H. Schmidt (left), manager, The Travelers Insurance Companies of Rochester. Currently 22 RIT graduates are employed nationwide by the Travelers Insurance Companies



William E. Sherman, vice president and general manager graphics markets division of Eastman Kodak Company (center) talks with (from left) Les Goda, consultant and member of RIT's Graphic Arts Industry Advisory Committee; Wilbur J. Prezzano, vice president and general manager U.S. Marketing for Eastman Kodak; Dr. Mark F. Guldin, dean of the college of Graphic Arts and Photography, and Dr. Russell Kraus, director of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Sherman, who was honored with the College of Graphic Arts and Photography's Distinguished Alumnus Award during Homecoming festivities, spoke to faculty and students Oct. 15. He is a 1950 graduate of the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences and serves as a member of RIT's Graphic Arts Industry Advisory Committee.



"People seem to like the idea of a sports shop conveniently located on campus," says Ron Kraft, retail supervisor of the newly opened RIT Sports Shop in the lobby of the ice rink. The shop features a wide range of sports items including tennis balls, sweatbands, sport bags, legwarmers, active wear and frisbees. Open from noon to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday and 10 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, the RIT Sports Shop is a department of the RIT Bookstore.



This year's RIT Deferred Giving Seminar included a talk by U.S. Representative Barber B. Conable on, "What Follows Chaos? - An Assessment of Taxes and Economic Conditions," and a panel discussion on, "Bereavement - Life Goes on After Death." Pictured from left to right, Barber Conable, Dr. Thelma A. Quicke, mental health consultant, Monroe County Department of Mental Health; Dr. Roland E. Stevens, and Alan R. Ziegler, chairman, RIT Deferred Giving Advisory Committee.



The RIT Research Corporation's "Chemical Hazards in the Work- and Market-Place" seminars attracted a wide variety of interested individuals. Pictured from left to right are: Dr. F. L. Scott, seminar director; Don Green, director of Manufacturing Services, Burroughs Corp.; Ralph Stearns, vice president, Productivity Division, Research Corp.; Dr. Edward Fugo, Rochester Gas and Electric Corp.; and Wade Eaton, Assistant State Attorney General, Department of Law.

TIME TO SWIM?

A new 24-hour telephone information service is now available for RIT's recreational facilities. To learn the hours of the swimming pool, gymnasium, weight room or wrestling room, call 6762. The information is updated daily.

YOU CAN QUIT!

The first in a series of Freedom from Smoking Recovery Clinic sessions begins this evening in Clark Dining Room, College-Alumni Union. The 6:30 to 8:30 sessions are conducted by the American Lung Association for RIT faculty, staff, and students. Other sessions are scheduled for Nov. 4, 11, 18.

Richard Morales, assistant director for field placement, School of Human Services, was recently honored by the United Way of Greater Rochester for his years of service on the planning committee. Morales will continue his association with the United Way as a member of the P.E.A. Division which oversees the work of the planning, evaluation, and allocations committees. He will be serving also on the executive committee of the United Way. As a member of the Hillside Children's board, he will be chairing the long-range planning committee and serving on the nominations committee.

Dr. Thomas Williams has been named chairman of the newly created department of Decision Sciences by College of Business Dean Walter McCanna.

Williams has served as professor of management science in the College of Business since 1977. Before that he served as associate professor of quantitative analysis at the University of Cincinnati.

A 1966 graduate of Clarkson College, Williams completed his graduate work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has published a number of books and articles on management science and statistics.

Dr. Richard D. Zakia, chairman of the Fine Arts Photography Department, recently gave a slide-talk presentation "Is Seeing Believing?" to the American Society for Engineering Education (St. Lawrence section) and the American Physical Science (New York State section).

WHEN THEY CALL: WILL YOU BE LISTED?

All departments should have received by now—and returned—a memo from RIT Communications requesting updated information for the RIT telephone directory. If you don't remember being asked for current information or having heard the directory discussed among the members of your department, it might be a good idea to ask the appropriate person in your office if the memo was indeed received and processed.

Also, if your office is being relocated but has not yet received new telephone numbers, call **Mary Jean Reinhart, Communications, 2340**, who will try to accommodate last-minute changes up to the last minute.

INSTITUTE HOLIDAY PARTY TO FEATURE FACULTY/STAFF VARIETY SHOW

If you can sing, dance, play a musical instrument, or just want to have a fun time, your talents are needed. This year a Faculty/Staff Variety Show will be one of the events of the Institute Holiday Party, Dec. 17.

There will be an informational meeting at 4 p.m. Nov. 4, in the A section of the Clark Dining Room. You do not have to try out, the director will take your word that you have talent. If you are unable to make the Nov. 4 meeting, but would still like to be part of the show, call **Betty Glasenapp, 2205, Lois Goodman, 2561, or Ed Steffens 2346.**

'Soft' Designs Are Big Success

Six years ago Rochester Institute of Technology alumna Cherie Klaus Thompson was, according to her own admission, "a little girl running around campus with no shoes on!" Today her handcrafted T-shirts sell for \$100, her hand-appliqued skirts sell for \$600, and her business, *Kirstikka*, brings \$20,000 profit each year.

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Cherie Klaus Thompson answered students' questions concerning marketing during recent visit to textile class.

Design Awards Earned by RIT Faculty, Staff

RIT was well represented this year in the annual Architectural Design Awards of the Rochester Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the related Art in Architecture Awards sponsored by Arts for Greater Rochester.

The Architectural Design Awards were based on well-considered solutions to an architectural problem including use of space, form and suitability to setting.

The Art in Architecture Awards, a new component in the competition, were developed to encourage and recognize excellence of design and to heighten public awareness of art in the man-made environment. Seventy-seven entries were submitted to the competition which recognizes Architecture Week.

A special commendation award in architectural design was presented to J.S. (Scott) Lawson, director of facilities and planning utilization at RIT and his associates at Lawson, Knapp & Pulver, for design of the Chautauqua Institution amphitheater renovations at Chautauqua. The award recognized the project's architectural compatibility with Chautauqua's 19th century hotels, cottages and rooming houses.

Macon-Chantreuil & Associates, designers of RIT's City Center renovation, the information booth and the Max Lowenthal Memorial Building, was awarded a special commendation for the group residence of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, 2180 Kings Highway, Irondequoit. The firm also received citations of merit for design of the Saphar Office Building at 185 Gibbs Street and the Biddle vacation home on Canandaigua Lake.

The firm of Starks, Wurzer-Patterson-Remeo received a citation of merit for its design of the Spartan Beverage Corp., 3165 Brighton Henrietta Townline Rd. The firm was commissioned by RIT for several projects including the RIT Bookstore, the ceramic and glass kilns outside the James E. Booth Memorial Building and the College-Alumni Union vestibule.

Awards of Excellence in Art in Architecture were presented to:

School for American Craftsmen professor Donald G. Bujnowski for the tapestry "A Forest Fantasy," located in the lobby of the Eisenhart Auditorium of the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

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computer literacy activities, and this program supports the continuing cooperation between the two.

Dr. Charles Plummer, RIT Faculty and Program Development, developed the project proposal with representatives from both school districts. He will serve as project director, responsible for planning, coordination, management, and evaluation of all aspects of the program.

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School for American Craftsmen associate professor Max L. Lenderman for "A Mysterious Landscape," a fiber-sculpture, hanging in the Max Lowenthal Memorial Building.

Former RIT professor and wood sculptor Wendell Castle for his entry "Walnut Staircase and Reception Desk" at Gannett World Headquarters in the Lincoln First Tower.

And former RIT associate professor Albert Paley for his "Portal Gates" of the New York State Senate Chamber. Paley won the 1982 Honor Recipient Award of Excellence and was given a \$1,000 commission by R.F. Communications. He is presently professor of art at the State University of New York at Brockport.

Five art and architecture professionals, including Dean Robert Johnston, College of Fine and Applied Arts, were asked to judge the two competitions.

Participation

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through the fast day is donated to charity. Proceeds will be divided between Bethany House, a home for battered women and children in Rochester, and Oxfam America which directs money to an agricultural development project in Nicaragua.

Resident students fasting during lunch and/or dinner may sign up at tables in the Grace Watson Dining Hall and the

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Thompson was one of associate professor Max L. Lenderman's first students in textiles in the School for American Craftsmen and when she wove rocks into her final project, he told her it was "as good a trash can liner as I've ever seen." Today she charges customers \$75 for a two-hour design session and shows and sells her work through galleries in New York and Boston.

In a recent visit to the RIT campus she told textile classes, "Six months after I graduated I was sorry I hadn't absorbed more in my classes," and that a business course she had added to her regular studies in the school had been most helpful. A junior year abroad in Finland taught her "to tie knots in my work . . . to finish things to the 'nth degree. The women, your peers, wouldn't accept it if you didn't."

Going into business for herself completed her lessons in discipline. "You have to have your act together, be organized, and very efficient in order to spend as little time as possible away from your textiles...which is so much fun to do."

Being disciplined means getting up at 6:30 six days a week in her farmhouse in Marcellus, N.Y., and working, with only three half-hour rests, until 11 at night. Since each motif on a skirt measures just two inches across, a skirt may require 100 hours work. "By organizing my time, I've gotten the work time on a skirt down from three weeks to a week," Thompson says.

Thompson's "soft designs for feminine people" have embroidered edges, French knots, feather stitching, "and lots of beads and old lace." Thompson dyes many of the materials she uses in a lobster pot on her kitchen stove and spends hours hunting the natural cotton and wool materials so necessary to the tops and skirts she designs.

Thompson insists she is the same person she was when she left RIT. "Dealing with people, casual or corporate, dealing with men since they run much of the fashion world, and dealing with gallery owners, I've become smarter, not harder." With a grin she told Lenderman, "Only . . . now my work is as neat on the inside as it is on the outside!"

Cherie Klaus Thompson's trash can liners are all in the past.



The 1982 Allied Health Career Day drew a record 650 Rochester-area high school students (a 200% increase over last year) to RIT's College-Alumni Union recently. Students came from schools as far away as Corning and Wellsville. The event is sponsored by the College of Science and allows interested high school juniors and seniors to talk with professionals about their trade. There were presentations and displays on 18 health careers, including the one led by Judy Newell, acting director of RIT's nuclear medicine technology program.