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Will winter ever end? This trillium was photographed last spring along the nature trail on campus, and, in spite of what always seems to be an unrelenting spell of cold and snow, it and other indications of a lighter season will reappear, even before Spring Weekend, April 30-May 2.

Volunteers Sought to Create Campus Spring Renaissance

The campus will celebrate spring and the rebirth of arts, literature and learning during RIT's Spring Weekend, April 30-May 2.

An early rundown of events includes:

A torchlight parade, 8:30 p.m., Friday, April 30, beginning at Southtown Plaza. Several student organizations, including the RIT Tiger Band, are already considering student-built, horsedrawn floats.

Performing groups, games of chance, refreshments and music will transform the ice arena into a Venetian Marketplace, Friday evening at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, beginning at noon, the Venetian Marketplace will reopen,

featuring athletic events—perhaps a croquet tournament—straw sculpturing and a variety of entertainment that will recall the Renaissance period and the rebirth of the arts.

RIT's International Students Association will host a dinner in the College-Alumni Union.

Carl Dengler's Orchestra will provide the music for a Renaissance Ball in the ice arena.

Additional weekend activities will be announced. In the meantime, students who would like to participate in the events as volunteer workers are invited to contact Jan Baader, 6417, or Julie Cammeron, 6937.

'Overwhelming' Faculty Response To Workshop

An overwhelming number of faculty have applied for the Faculty Computer Workshop program this summer. The program, announced by Dr. Robert Quinn, vice president for Academic Affairs, on Teaching Effectiveness Day early last month, has drawn 280 applications.

"The overwhelming response is a very positive indicator of the faculty's support for the Institute's seven academic computing objectives. Activities like the workshop program are an essential first step in achieving those objectives, which are, I believe, unique in American higher education," Quinn says.

The academic computing objectives specify that, among other things, a substantial majority of full-time faculty in each RIT program will possess a level of basic computer literacy; that every program will have a sufficient number of faculty with the expertise to offer instruction in computer applications appropriate for that field; and that every program at RIT will have courses or segments of instruction that specifically represent computer applications appropriate for that field.

The workshop program was initiated by Quinn to assist faculty in developing a fuller understanding of and appreciation for computing.

Gordon Goodman, Office of Instructional Development, who is coordinating the workshop program, says the curriculum will consist of hands-on experience, topical seminars and self-paced learning. The workshops have been designed to promote close and supportive interaction between and among participants and facilitators. Workshops will be held on the Rochester campus in June and at Eisenhower in July and August. A number of social and recreational events also are planned for participants.

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Women's Council Art Show and Sale

Women's Council of RIT is planning a spring art show and sale that, for the first time on campus, will display only the works of RIT alumni and faculty.

The show, "Artists of RIT," will take place April 30 through May 2 in the Fireside Lounge, College-Alumni Union.

Works of RIT artists and craftsmen from throughout the United States will be exhibited in the juried show. More than 300 artists responded to invitations to display their works.

Mrs. Robert Weinberg, show chair, said the exhibit will be an opportunity for the Rochester community "to view RIT as an important influence in the art world as well as a major technical university." The show is expected to attract visitors from the Buffalo and Syracuse areas as well.

Invited guests only will attend the gala opening April 30, highlighted by a reception and gourmet dinner. The show will be open to the public May 1 and 2.

Among the alumni and faculty who have committed their work are Donald Bujnowski, Kathleen Calderwood, Hans Christensen, Robert Conge, Leo Kaplan, Max Lenderman, John Menihan, Edith Small, Lilly Wildenhain, and Carl Zollo.

Assisting Mrs. Weinberg are Mrs. Frederick Mulford, assistant chair; Mrs. Edward T. Meagher, art chair; and Mrs. Stephen Toadvine, arrangements.

Student Costs Compared

RIT recently announced undergraduate costs for the next academic year (1982-1983) that will bring tuition, room, board and fees to \$8,088, an overall increase of 13.9 percent. The increases will meet energy costs and help RIT maintain quality in faculty and improvements in equipment and facilities.

A survey of competing institutions shows overall costs increasing from 12 to 18.5 percent. Actual costs for tuition, room, board and fees for five competing institutions range from \$9,170 to \$10,490.

"We have planned our increases to meet RIT's increased costs and to maintain the quality of an RIT education; at the same time we are keeping our overall costs competitive with other major institutions that have similar academic standards," says H. Donald Scott, RIT vice president for Finance and Administration.



Don Bujnowski adds color to one of the 30 silk panels that will be on display.

Bevier to Feature Bujnowski's Work

A 25-year retrospective of the work of Don Bujnowski, professor of textiles in the School for American Craftsmen, will open at Bevier Gallery on March 14.

Encompassing an enormous variety of fiber techniques, the Bujnowski show will include some 70 pieces ranging from tapestry, batik, and ikat to new screened silk panels. Eight models will appear in custom clothing created from lengths of the silk at the opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. The handmade dresses will be displayed during the course of the exhibit, which runs through March 31.

SEMINAR FOR SECRETARIES

The Staff Training and Development office will present a one-day Seminar for Secretaries (for secretaries, administrative assistants and clerical staff). Seminar sessions will be held on March 29, 30, and 31.

The purpose of this seminar is to encourage and contribute to the development of behavior skills for life and work. Those who have not received an invitation but would like to attend should contact the Staff Training and Development Office at 6124 or 6956.

CLARIFICATION

Regarding nominations for the Dr. Robert Frisina Award (*News & Events*, Feb. 25), given to "an outstanding RIT student," it should be understood that this includes both hearing and non-hearing students.

Quinn to Address Institute Forum

Dr. Robert Quinn, vice president for Academic Affairs, will present the Institute Forum lecture next Thursday, March 18. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in Ingle Auditorium.

Dr. Quinn will describe how RIT's \$4.2 million computer purchase will position the Institute as a leader in academic computing and as an institution with computer literacy and competency goals—believed to be the most comprehensive in the nation—for students and faculty.

Dr. Helen Caldicott, originally scheduled to speak March 18 on "Nuclear Madness," cancelled her appearance. She was president of the now-defunct Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Partners' Project Forced to End

Government budget cutbacks have forced an internship program offered through RIT's Career Education Division and the New York State Division for Youth (DFY) to come to an end.

The Partners Project had allowed RIT students to spend one quarter teaching visual arts skills to DFY students, either at the State School at Industry or in one of the DFY group homes in the area.

The experience also aimed at providing the interns with a chance to test their skills outside of a conventional classroom setting and to act as career-oriented role models for the DFY students.

The program, started in the summer of 1978, ended this quarter with an exhibit at City Center of all the students' work.

According to Edward Lind, coordinator of the Partners Project, a total of 103 RIT students and 294 DFY students have taken part in the program.

UPDATE FROM THE PERSONNEL OFFICE

Two benefits frequently overlooked are short-term disability and worker's compensation insurance. All employees (including student employees) are affected by both insurances.

Worker's compensation benefits are available for all work-related accidents and injuries. Whenever an accident or injury occurs in the course of employment, the employee should immediately notify his or her immediate supervisor, who is responsible for completing RIT's Accident Report Form and forwarding it to the Personnel Office. Campus Safety also should be notified promptly so that an accident investigation may be made.

Notification should be made whenever there is any possibility of a claim ensuing, since employees may be eligible for benefits under circumstances that may not at first be considered job-related. (For example, under some circumstances, if an employee is injured in a fall in the parking lot on the way to or from work, he/she may make a claim.)

Worker's compensation provides the employee with two-thirds of weekly salary to a weekly maximum of \$215. Medical expenses directly related to the injury are fully covered. Supplemental

benefits may also be available as determined by the Personnel director.

Short-term disability insurance provides protection for employees who are unable to work due to illness or injury that is not directly work-related. Up to 26 weeks coverage is provided for any disability, including maternity.

At the onset of the disability, the employee uses accumulated sick leave for the first five working days. On the eighth consecutive day of illness the department or employee notifies the Personnel Office (2428) and a form is mailed to the employee's home for completion by the attending physician. The employee may continue to use accumulated sick leave for the duration of the disability. Once sick leave is exhausted, vacation also may be applied to maintain pay. After vacation and sick leave are consumed, salary is continued for the balance of the disability (to a total of 26 weeks) at half the normal rate to a maximum of \$95 weekly.

RIT bears the full cost of providing both worker's compensation and short-term disability protection for its employees.

RIT United Way Campaign Seeks Increased Participation

Hoping to beat last year's goal, the annual United Way campaign at RIT will be held this year during the week of April 5-9. "The Institute's 1982 campaign goal is \$46,000, a 10 percent increase over last year," says Carole Lacentra, chairperson of the RIT United Way campaign.

In 1981, \$41,774 was raised, which was 10 percent more than the goal; 1,163 faculty and staff contributed to the campaign, an almost 17 percent increase over 1980; the average donation was up 4 percent; and the total RIT participation ratio was 55 percent.

The RIT United Way Steering Committee actually has two goals this year: to increase both participation and the per capita donation. The Steering Committee, formed by President Rose to advise and provide leadership for the RIT campaign, is headed by William Simpson, RIT Bookstore, and also includes Kathy Carcaci, Personnel Office;

Jeanne Ferranti, Residence Life; Edward Scouten, NTID; Cheryl Herdklotz, Instructional Media Services; Richard Fuller, Admissions Office and vice-chairman of the campaign; and Lacentra, Personnel Office and ex-officio member.

The Rochester-area United Way, which funds more than 160 human service agencies in five counties, served 666,000 people last year. It is one of the most cost-effective in the nation: last year it spent only 8.5 cents of each contributed dollar on operating expenses.

United Way funds agencies that fall within five broad categories: health services; individual and family life services; social adjustment and development services; mental health, retardation and rehabilitation services; and community planning and neighborhood development services.

DANCE AEROBICS

What:	Dance Aerobics
When:	Tuesdays & Thursdays, noon-1 p.m.
Where:	Auxiliary Gym
Who:	RIT faculty/staff women
Cost:	\$15 for 10 weeks
Instructor:	Maddy Rubens

Next quarter's classes begin Tuesday, March 16. To participate, bring yourself and suitable clothing.

RIT-Eisenhower Connection Lauded

Dr. Paul Lin, director of the Center for Asian Studies at McGill University, Montreal, gave the keynote speech at Eisenhower College's International Festival last weekend (March 5-7). Included in his talk were the following comments:

"I would like to express my admiration for the vision, courage, and decisiveness of Dr. Rose and his colleagues in attaching to the great institution of RIT this college (Eisenhower) of humanities and social sciences. In my belief, humanities and social sciences, for the next two decades until the end of the century, will not become less important but rather more important.

"Our problems from the technological leap that is coming will essentially be...social and political....Those of us engaged in scientific and technological activity will find ourselves lost and perhaps doing things not appropriate to our own welfare, if we are not conscious of the social implications involved. The thrust of Eisenhower College within the context of RIT is an extremely hopeful and praiseworthy approach."

POLICY & INFORMATION

Policy Council Agenda—March 17, 1982

1. Report on Utilization of Summer Quarter
2. Report on Master Plan Update
3. Report on Eisenhower College Initiatives

Anyone wishing the source or additional information on any of the above, call 2527.



In RIT's second year of Division II hockey—recently concluded—and first year of eligibility for the Division II play-offs, the Tigers ended their season with a 21-10-1 overall record. Making it to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Division II semi-finals, the team defeated Norwich, 5-4, in the opening game, but later lost to North Adams State, 5-3.

Faculty Response

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Because of the enthusiastic response to the workshops and the limited number of places, other programs to enhance faculty computer literacy are being planned for 1982-83 and the summer of 1983.

Meanwhile, the Feb. 2 Teaching Effectiveness Day, "Computing at RIT Here, Now and Tomorrow," was rated the most worthwhile, enjoyable and interesting of any that have been evaluated. Evaluation data show that Quinn's opening address on the place of computing technology in society, science and the economy was well received.

Workshop sessions on graphics, DAVID, writing systems and simulation also were highly rated and well attended.

The Institute Committee on Effective Teaching, which plans and coordinates Teaching Effectiveness Day, is planning to offer follow-up workshops this quarter.

NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

When members of the American Heart Association had their annual meeting in Dallas in December, they viewed an animated film demonstrating measurement of volume of the left ventricle of the heart.

The film was produced by **Erik Timmerman**, assistant professor in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences. Timmerman's film accompanied a presentation by **Amitabha Ghosh**, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, and University of Rochester associate professor of medicine, Dr. Navin Nanda.

Ghosh and Nanda have developed a non-invasive technique for determining volume of output of the heart's left ventricle, a critical factor in learning the effects of heart disease on cardiac function.

FACULTY COUNCIL SEMINAR

The topic of the first Faculty Council Seminar of spring quarter will be long-range planning. Presenting an overview of planning strategies used by the Institute and two of its colleges will be guest panelists Dr. M. Richard Rose, Dr. Dennis Nystrom and Dr. Walter McCanna. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 4-5:30 p.m., in the College-Alumni Union, 1829 Room.