

NEWS & EVENTS

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Recreation Center Fund Campaign Takes Off

The campaign to finance the proposed RIT Campus Recreation Center is off to a flying start, according to results of the first report meeting of the full fund-raising committee.

The Class of '82, during the first week of the appeal for funds to graduating students, had already raised \$11,000 in pledges. During the meeting President Rose handed his pledge to Richard H. Eisenhart, former Board of Trustees chairman and general campaign co-chair, who presided.

Greg Coffey, chairman of the Class of '82 appeal, reported his class's support and then challenged Jon Wohlfert, Student Directorate chairman, to match that support next year when Wohlfert and Gerald Dennis, SD vice chairman, head the student appeal.

Dr. Fred Smith, vice president of Student Affairs, applauded the campaign for the new campus center.

"I'm enthused about the facility because of the need for it, and I'm also enthused about the campaign because people from diverse areas are coming together to make the center happen, to make RIT a better place. The more community spirit we have as a result of these efforts, the better RIT will be for it."

The appeal to the Class of '82 began May 4 with a "RRRoaring for RR-Recreation Day" following student receipt of campaign brochures. Class support came after a phonathon follow-up.

Scott Lawson, director of facilities planning and utilization, reviewed the general plan for the center. Explaining that the plan is geared to the \$4 million budget, he said the center will have three multipurpose courts, eight racquetball courts, an indoor jogging track, a weight center, a multipurpose room for activities such as aerobics, and a meeting room, in addition to locker, shower, and toilet facilities; storage and laundry rooms, and an injury care center.



Gratified with the initial response to the Recreation Center finance campaign, (from left) Richard Eisenhart; William Brunk, senior development officer; Greg Coffey; and Frank Cicha, president, RIT National Alumni Council, pledge their joint efforts toward the campaign's success.

Where to Find Mini-Baja Action

RIT is defending its Mini-Baja championship today and tomorrow, May 13 and 14, against competition from 18 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada. The schedule of events:

May 13, Parking lot H

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| 9:00 a.m. | Weigh-in, roll-cage test, acceleration, maximum speed, braking, draw-bar pull |
| 1:40 p.m. | Faculty advisors' race |
| 2:00 p.m. | Land maneuverability, followed by judging in Frank Ritter Memorial Ice Arena |

May 14, Liberty Hill, Lehigh Station Rd.

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| 9:00 a.m. | Water maneuverability |
| 2:00 p.m. | 12-mile endurance race |



Dr. Roman Vishniac (second from left), this spring's Reedy lecturer, and his wife Edith (second from right) talk with School of Photographic Arts and Sciences faculty members William Shoemaker (left) and David Engdahl (right). The Vishniacs had a chance to meet faculty members, RIT officials and Eastman Kodak representatives at a reception in their honor last Wednesday afternoon on campus. The following evening Dr. Vishniac delivered the William A. Reedy Memorial Lecture in Photography to an overflow crowd in the NTID Auditorium. Telling his audience that "photography is what you put into it," Vishniac discussed his philosophy of photography and of life and showed slides of his photographs.

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAR?

RIT faculty and staff members who have suggestions for speakers for the 1982-83 Institute Forum lecture series should get in touch with Elaine Spaul, director of Complementary Education, at 2268. Theme of the series is "Technology and Values."

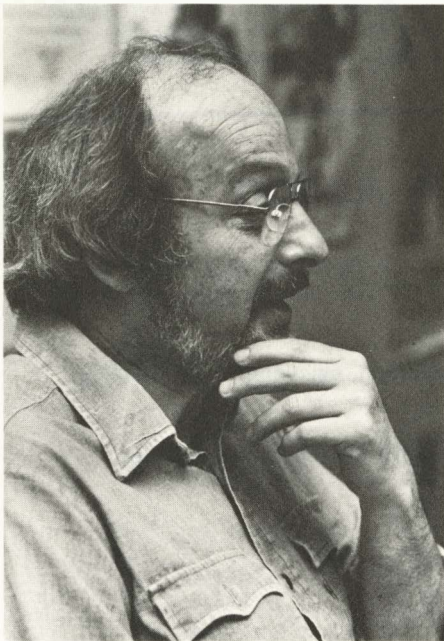
Chinese Scholar To Visit RIT

An educator/physicist from Shanghai, People's Republic of China, will visit RIT next week, May 19-21.

Qiu (pronounced chew) Jinquan, deputy director of Shanghai Institute for the Study of Sciences, is seeking new and better methods to disseminate technical knowledge to spur economic growth. He will come to RIT from Montreal, after a visit to McGill University's Center for East Asian Studies.

Dr. John Humphries, Faculty and Program Development Division, will coordinate Jinquan's meetings with faculty on conceptual approaches for integrating science, economics, technology, and society.

Author Discusses Creative Process and Fiction



E.L. DOCTOROW

"Trust the creative power of the unconscious," was the advice given by author E.L. Doctorow to his capacity audience at RIT recently.

Describing the personal aspects of his writing experience in his talk, Doctorow explained that "the great discipline is to trust that instinct (creative unconscious)—the muse—to articulate a principle."

"However, every time I sit down to write I admit I have to relearn that discipline."

Doctorow, author of *Book of Daniel*, College of General Studies required reading, came to RIT under the sponsorship of the Institute Creative Arts Committee and the College of General Studies. Sam Abrams, General Studies lecturer, and Joe Jaroff, School of American Craftsmen metals student, arranged the two-day visit of the award-winning writer.

Doctorow also conducted a workshop dealing with the creative process for students in literature, fine arts and photography.

In his public address, Doctorow talked about the definition of fiction, 'a craft

as old as juggling," but with its own language, often a mixture of fact and what is imagined.

"Fiction, historically, is based on facts, but the writers of fiction don't make a distinction between what is imagined and what is real," he commented.

Some of the controversy about *Book of Daniel*, published in 1971, involved his own mixture of fact and fiction, Doctorow revealed. The book is based on the story of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were convicted and executed for delivering the secret of the atom bomb to the Russians in the 1950s.

"The book is not about the Rosenbergs, but about what happened to them," Doctorow explained. He described the '50s as a time of "political hysteria" when one could be "blacklisted" for attending political meetings, when there was "definite compromise of our constitution."

Doctorow, who received the National Book Critics Circle Award for *Ragtime*, said the film was "not one I would have made" in response to a question from the audience.

A SILENT WEEKEND: RETREAT

The Communication Training Department of NTID will sponsor a sign language retreat at Eisenhower College on July 30-August 1. The purpose of this training retreat is to provide individuals with the opportunity to improve their expressive and receptive sign skills. **SIGN ONLY** will be the required communication mode except during specified periods of time when simultaneous communication will be permitted.

Enrollment will require residing on the campus for the duration of the retreat. Cost of the retreat will be approximately \$100 per person for room, board and travel. (Participants are encouraged to discuss reimbursement possibilities with their department chairperson.)

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED, and only those who have completed Basic Manual Communication III, or equivalent, are eligible. Those interested should respond immediately; the final deadline for registering is May 21. For more information call Karin Blood, 6497.

LOCKER NOTICE

All lockers must be cleaned out by Friday, May 21. In order to receive your \$5 refund, bring your towel and lock to Greg Moss, at the Equipment Cage, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. only. Those who wish to keep their lockers through the summer must re-register at the Equipment Cage. All other lockers will be cleaned out.

ART EXHIBIT

Artwork created by NTID students is on display at the NTID Gallery now through July 23. The show represents the best of student work in both the applied and fine arts, according to Kathy Voelkl, coordinator of the display. The gallery, on the second floor of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Building, is open to the public from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



In Sun City, Ariz., recently, Dick Eisenhart, chairman emeritus of the Board of Trustees, and wife Ginnie visited several RIT retirees. Said Eisenhart, "We always look forward to a visit, and they are always eager to hear about what's new at RIT." Pictured (left to right) are Kate Vernon; Ada Vernon, daughter of Kate and former secretary to President Emeritus Mark Ellingson; Mary and Leo Smith, vice president emeritus of RIT; Ginnie Eisenhart; and Edith Neblette, former secretary to the dean of the College of Graphic Arts and Photography and widow of Carroll B. Neblette, first dean of that college and one of the two original instructors, in 1931, in RIT's photography program.

POLICY & INFORMATION

Faculty Council Meeting

1. Election of officers: Jean McKernan Smith, chairperson; Rodney Bailey, vice chairperson; Larry Quinsland, operations; David Dickinson, communications; William H. Wallace, treasurer. 2. Received report from the Faculty Status Committee by Pat Coyle. 3. Received report from the Faculty Status and Task Force for Educational Development Faculty by Ruth Lunt and Joe Nassar.

Special Services Students Honored

The Office of Special Services will honor RIT students in the program who will graduate this year at its seventh annual awards program Saturday, May 15, in Clark Dining Room.

Marie A. Giardino, Special Services counselor, said the office was the first at RIT to arrange an awards presentation event for graduates enrolled in special programs.

This year, in addition to recognition of its 22 graduates, community/Institute awards will be presented to RIT students and staff and to Wegman's Food Markets for the food chain's leadership in helping disabled people.

Honor Society Adds Members

Fifteen RIT students have been elected to membership to Alpha Sigma Lambda Honorary Society. Chosen for maintaining high grade point averages and for outstanding service to RIT, the students were honored at a formal dinner May 6 at Liberty Hill, the home of President and Mrs. M. Richard Rose.

The society encourages student participation in activities, high goals in scholarship, and responsible leadership. Of 950 applicants for membership into the society, founded in 1964, only 158 have been accepted for membership.

Honored students this year are: Shane P. Brogan and Scott C. Cornish, Graphic Arts and Photography; Linda M. Iannone, College of Science; Joseph Jaroff, Karen G. Pere, Barbara M. Trzcinski, Julia A. Wyant and Rebecca J. Leer, College of Fine and Applied Arts; Jeanne M. McFee, Catherine M. Stutzman, and Joanne M. Moyer, College of Business; Thomas E. Newberry and Robert K. Sterr, College of Engineering; and William H. O'Brien and Gary St. John, College of General Studies.

Names of the new members will be engraved on plaques in the Fireside Lounge, College-Alumni Union.



NEWS & NEWSMAKERS

Bruce A. Austin, assistant professor in the College of General Studies, is the senior author of an article published in *Film Quarterly*.

Austin, with co-authors Marck J. Nicolich and Thomas Simonent, analyzed the financial "success ratios" of the four movie rating symbols (G-PG-R-X) from 1969-1979 and report their findings in "M.P.A.A. Ratings and the Box Office: Some Tantalizing Statistics," *Film Quarterly* (Winter 1981-82, pp. 28-30).

Andy Bessette, Physical Plant, has been named to the advisory board of the Nova Vita Institute/Hemlock Lake Health Center.

Recreation Center

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Lawson added that provision is being made for easy expansion of the Center as needed. Site will be south of the quarter-mile.

Set Sail at Eisenhower

Again this summer the Eisenhower College summer sailing courses will be offered to RIT faculty and staff. The 18-hour sailing courses cost \$75; payment should accompany registration, and it should be made out to EC Sailing School. Course dates and times follow:

Course #101, Sailing

Section	1A	1-4 p.m.	June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, Mon.-Wed.
	1B	6-9 p.m.	June 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, Mon.-Wed.
Section	2A	1-4 p.m.	July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, Mon.-Wed.
	2B	6-9 p.m.	July 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, Mon.-Wed.
Section	3A	1-4 p.m.	Aug. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, Mon.-Wed.
	3B	6-9 p.m.	Aug. 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, Mon.-Wed.

Inquiries may be directed to Dixie D. Widmer, (315) 568-7129, or Frank Widmer 568-7123/7181.

Shut-Down to Affect Services

SHUT-DOWN

A shut-down of the Applied Science (Building 09) heating plant will occur at midnight, Saturday, May 22, until 8 a.m., Saturday, May 29 for major repairs. The services affected will be the air-conditioning/heating, hot water and steam in the following buildings:

Building

05-Library
06-General Studies
07A-Fine and Applied Arts
07B-Graphic Arts and Photography
08-College of Science
09-College of Engineering
12-General Classroom Building

Services Shut-down

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If there are any questions call 2852.



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ON A THANKFUL NOTE...

The RIT Women's Council got more than they bargained for when the men in Tau Kappa Epsilon helped out during the recent faculty/alumni art show and sale on campus. Grateful that the fraternity would lend a hand in the coatroom on the evening of the opening and gala dinner, Women's Council members found that, in addition and on their own, Tau Kappa Epsilon showed up a day early to uncrate all the art, later helped take down all the panels on which the works had been hung, and then carried all the recreated pieces off to be mailed. "We couldn't have been more impressed by their helpfulness and good humor," said Mrs. Dancy Duffus, Women's Council president.