

NEWS & EVENTS

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Pre-Retirement Seminars Planned

Beginning March 1, RIT's Personnel Department is sponsoring a series of pre-retirement seminars for all Institute employees, 55 or older, and their spouses.

According to Leslie Berkowitz, training administrator, the workshops will be one afternoon a week from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Topics covered at the workshops will include housing, financial planning, health and recreation, leisure activities, myths and realities of aging, legal aspects of retirement and retirement benefit programs.

Berkowitz explains that the Institute's pre-retirement seminars help employees begin thinking about their plans for retirement. "So often," she says, "there's such an abrupt shift between working and retirement that people aren't prepared."

Several Rochester companies offer pre-retirement programs.

"There's a real need to have both spouses involved in planning for retirement," she says.

Letters of invitation will be sent to employees who are eligible to attend the seminars. Times, places and topics for each session will be listed in News & Events as well.

FREE HELP IN PREPARING YOUR TAX RETURN.

The VITA Program (Volunteers in Tax Assistance) is available on Tuesdays again this year for all faculty, staff and students. This service, staffed by student volunteers, has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

VITA will run from 2:15 to 5:15 each Tuesday through April 12 in the 1829 Room of the College Union.



Dr. Alan Nye accepts congratulations from Dr. Richard Kenyon, dean of the College of Engineering, for being selected as a recipient of the 1983 Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award. The award recognizes the nation's top engineering educators.

Nye Earns National Educators' Award

Dr. Alan H. Nye, assistant professor of mechanical engineering in the College of Science, has been named one of the nation's top engineering educators.

Nye was selected to be a recipient of the 1983 Ralph R. Teetor Educational Award by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). He and 25 other educators from schools and universities across the United States and Canada will be flown to Detroit from Feb. 28 to March 4 for the 1983 SAE International Congress and Exposition. The winners also will receive a plaque and free membership in SAE for two years. Nye is the only educator from Rochester and New York to be selected for the award.

The Teetor Award recognizes and honors educators who are successfully preparing and educating engineers to meet the challenges that face society.

In Detroit the award winners will participate in technical sessions, conferences with participating engineers and scientists in their field of interest and research

tours. The International Congress and Exposition will feature a talk by Lee Iacocca, chairman of the Chrysler Corp.

Nye, who has been at RIT since 1977, is a member of SAE (he is 1982-83 secretary of the Western New York Section) and faculty advisor of the RIT student chapter of SAE since 1978. He is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Astronomical Society and the Tau Beta Pi Advisory Board. Nye is the initiator and faculty advisor of RIT's successful involvement in the national Mini-Baja competition. In just three years the RIT team has finished in second place (1980-Delaware), first place (1981-Tennessee) and eighth place on the RIT campus in 1982.

He has had numerous papers published and presented on sunspots and solar energy and has been involved in numerous research projects on sunspots, including two for the United States Air Force.

Campus Safety Urges Caution

In view of two recent assaults on campus, RIT's Campus Safety Department is urging all students, faculty and staff to use extra caution on campus, particularly late at night and early in the morning.

A woman was assaulted on Feb. 1 and another on Feb. 15, it was reported to Campus Safety. Both incidents took place on the residence side of campus.

Campus Safety is working with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to solve these crimes. A description of the suspect has been given to the Sheriff's Department and that department is completing a composite drawing.

According to Leslie Scoville, director of Campus Safety, considering the size of the campus and the number of students and employees at RIT, such incidents are infrequent.

The Institute is always concerned with the safety and welfare of all students and employees on campus and provides an escort service and regular patrols. In addition, Victims Assistance, in conjunction with Campus Safety, provides educational programs on personal safety to any interested group on campus.

Further information on these programs can be obtained by calling Campus Safety, 2853.

Changes Made in Food Service Management

Jan Quitzau has been named manager of the Cellar/Corner Store according to James C. Bingham, director of the Food Service Department.

"Having been associated with Syracuse University and the University of Rochester," Bingham says, "Quitzau brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new position in RIT food service."

Richard Swartz, formerly assistant manager of production in the Dining Commons, is new manager of the College-Alumni Union Cafeteria.

Diane Gorski, former manager of the Cellar/Corner Store, has been promoted to assistant manager of production in the Dining Commons.



Peter Kasper (seated), president of Spectronics of Marietta, Ga., demonstrates operation of his company's quality control system to Miles Southworth, professor in RIT's School of Printing, and Carol Johnson, assistant to the dean of RIT's College of Graphic Arts and Photography. Spectronics donated the quality control system consisting of an HP 85 computer, a line printer, four-pen plotter and interfaced densitometer to RIT's School of Printing.

School of Printing Given Quality Control System

The School of Printing at RIT has received a quality control system from Spectronics of Marietta, Ga.

Peter Kasper, president of Spectronics, demonstrated the system that involves an HP 85 computer, a line printer, four-pen plotter and an interfaced densitometer.

According to Miles Southworth, professor in RIT's School of Printing, the Spectronics system gives press run readings that are used to analyze data and are compared to production standards.

The system is used heavily in gravure for swatching out color proofs and can be used in offset as well, Southworth says. He adds that front-end control systems, such as the one from Spectronics, are becoming more important to

printing industries because they take the guess work out of color reproduction.

He estimates that 50 percent of all income for commercial printers is from four-color work.

Engineering Tech Awaits State Approval

The new School of Engineering Technology program in computer technology has been approved by the RIT Board of Trustees and must now receive formal approval from the New York State Education Department. According to SET director, W. David Baker, pending that approval, the first computer technology students will enroll at RIT in September 1983.

Baker says approximately 40 freshmen are expected to enroll in the program which will be the first engineering technology program to admit freshmen. Approximately 30 transfer students also are expected.

Staff Training and Development

RIT's third annual seminar for secretaries, clerical staff and administrative assistants will be held April 6 and April 7. Invitations will arrive March 7.

Report Airs Thoughts of 2,000 Freshmen

If they haven't changed their minds since last fall, RIT freshmen feel they are "self-confident, socially reserved, strong in academic skills and above average in intellectual curiosity."

According to the Student Affairs Research Report, which presents the data garnered in the questioning of 2,000 new students, these same students (67 percent of them are male) have "high expectations for being satisfied with their education, of doing well academically at RIT and of going on to earn graduate degrees."

The students prefer learning opportunities at RIT that allow for more intense specialization in their chosen field and for learning outside the classroom. They also voiced the need for further development of computer skills.

Key factors influencing their choice of careers were: job openings in the field; a good chance of advancement; and their own intrinsic interest in the field.

Informal discussions with students and staff regarding the survey's findings are being held this month. More information about the questionnaire and the time and place of discussions may be obtained from Dr. Peter Hayman or Dr. Gaillard Ashley at the RIT Counseling Center.

\$10,000 Earned For Heart Causes

More than \$10,000 was raised by 22 teams from area colleges in the Jump Rope for Heart Skip-A-Thon RIT hosted Feb. 6 in Clark gymnasium.

Team X, one of 14 RIT teams in the contest, raised the most money, \$706.40 of the total \$10,193.10 pledged. Greg Moss, captain of the winning team, set a record by raising \$311 of the team's pledges. Moss is supervisor of the equipment cage in the Physical Education Department.

Three other colleges participated in the marathon: Monroe Community College, eight teams with Team #6, a faculty group, raising the second largest amount, \$657.60; Nazareth College, five teams, with Team #1 raising \$589.70; and University of Rochester, one team, \$303.20.



OH, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL LOVE DAY . . . Heart-shaped balloons, popcorn, hot cider, cookies, RIT students, children and elders transformed the Fireside Lounge into a Valentine. Community Services, under the direction of Joanne Humbert, celebrated the second annual Love Day Feb. 8. Children from Henrietta's Fyle Elementary School gave elderly patients from Monroe Community Hospital heart-shaped soap sculptures wrapped in red netting; the seniors gave the children kazoo's; and everyone, with the help of RIT students, took part in a musical fest. Dennis McGovern, left, and James McKenzie seriously examine a kazoo. Alleyne Bowman, left, enthusiastically converses with Meredith Maidman, center, and May McNamara.

RIT Performing Arts Grow With Light Opera Company

RIT's newest theater group, the Rochester Gilbert and Sullivan Company, is making its maiden voyage aboard the well-known opera, *H.M.S. Pinafore*.

"The founding of this company is part of a major effort to foster the growth of the performing arts at RIT," says Alan Fischler, the company's director and chairman for Humanities in the College of Continuing Education. Fischler notes "The Institute Creative Arts Committee has given us the kind of funding that should enable us to mount a first-class production." The theater group also is supported by supplementary grants from the College of Continuing Education and the Office of Complementary Education.

Fischler says that actors and singers from the Rochester community are invited to try out for the 30 places available for principals and chorus. Auditions will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, and from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, and Friday, Feb. 25, in Webb Auditorium in the James E. Booth Memorial Building.

Gwendolyn Hall, a graduate student in conducting at the Eastman School of Music, will serve as music director. She is assembling a 15-piece orchestra for the performances.

"The production will be dedicated to the late Ascher Temkin, founder of the New York Festival Orchestra and the RIT Philharmonia, who was to be our music director," says Fischler.

Performances are April 15-April 17 and April 22-24.

Anyone wishing more information may contact Fischler at his City Center office, 262-2747, or at home, 244-7128.

Selling Textbooks

Textbook buy-back hours at the RIT Bookstore are Tuesday, Feb. 22, 8:30-8 p.m.; Wednesday, Feb. 23, 8:30 to 7 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 24, 8:30-7 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 25, 8:30-4:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



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TAKING THE BUS is a new advertising approach by the College of Continuing Education. The green and yellow bus cards promoting registration for Spring Quarter CCE classes are on approximately 30 buses traveling Monroe county every day.

POLICY & INFORMATION

Policy Council Meeting, Feb. 9

Continued action on the proposed tenure draft, sections 6 through 7, C, iii.

A special meeting will be held Feb. 16 to continue this work.

Anyone wishing source or additional information, call 2527.

Want to Tour RIT?

The RIT tour schedule during exam week and the Spring Quarter break will include tours at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m., Feb. 21 through Feb. 25 and Feb. 28; March 1 through March 4 and March 7 through March 11.

NTID Offers Sign Language Courses For Spring Quarter

The Communication Training Department will offer sign language courses for faculty/staff (and intern) instruction during Spring Quarter, March 14 through May 6. Evaluation week is May 9 through 13.

Basic Manual Communication I: An introductory sign language course including background knowledge, linguistic features and core vocabulary consisting of 370 conversationally relevant signs. For persons with no previous skill, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Room 60/1510; 12 to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Room 60/2500

Basic Manual Communication II: Continuation of Basic I for core vocabulary, background, and linguistic features. Prerequisite: Basic I or equivalent, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Room 60/2450; 12 to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Room 60/1544

Basic Manual Communication III: Continuation of basic for core vocabulary, background, and linguistic features. Prerequisite: Basic I and II or equivalent, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Room 60/1530 Tuesday, Thursday and 60/2470 Wednesday, Friday; 12 to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Room 60/1530

Basic Simultaneous Communication: Refines and practices basic simultaneous communication skills. Practice simultaneous communication while reviewing, mastering core vocabulary. Clarity of sign production, rhythm and flow emphasized in speech and sign together, 10 to 11:30, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Room 60/2520; 2 to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Room 60/1480 Monday 60/1510 Tuesday, Thursday

Intermediate I: Basic fluency required. Includes secondary vocabulary, additional English synonyms for mastered

basic signs, receptive practice, and expressive practice of simultaneous communication, 11 to 12:30, Tuesday, Thursday, Room 60/2530

Intermediate II: Continues focus on secondary vocabulary, synonym acquisition and expressive and receptive practice and appropriate sign selection for English meaning during simultaneous communication drill. Prerequisite: Intermediate I or equivalent, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Room 60/1510

Intermediate III: Continues intermediate level skill areas. Prerequisite: Intermediate II or equivalent, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Room 60/2510

American Sign Language I: Fluency at the intermediate level. Prerequisite: completion of the intermediate level of instruction or equivalent skill. Expressive and receptive practice with ASL structure emphasized. Schedule interview to determine skill level before acceptance, 8:30 to 10 a.m., Tuesday, Thursday, Room 60/2500

American Sign Language II: Fluency at intermediate level assumed. Continuation of expressive and receptive practice of ASL vocabulary and structure stressed. Prerequisite: ASL I or equivalent, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Room 60/2500

American Sign Language III: Fluency at intermediate level assumed. Continuation of expressive and receptive practice of ASL vocabulary and structure stressed. Prerequisite: ASL II or equivalent, 11 to 12:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Room 60/2520

Class registration and questions should be directed to Karin Blood, 60/3139, 6497.

Registration ends March 4. Registrants will be notified of acceptance by March 9.