

Dateline: RIT — Episode 6 (Nov. 9, 2006)

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ANNCR: Welcome to Dateline: RIT with Mike Saffran

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RIT psychology professor Jennifer Lukomski was quoted in a McClatchy Newspapers wire-service story that appeared on Halloween in numerous papers—including The Miami Herald, the Philadelphia Daily News, The Kansas City Star and many others—about the trustworthiness of trick-or-treaters facing the temptation of unmonitored bowls of candy, along with supervised versus unsupervised trick-or-treating.

ACTUALITY: JENNIFER LUKOMSKI: There are a lot of parents who supervise their children when they are taking the trick-or-treaters around. So the parents would be there watching their child go up to the door, ring the doorbell, take the candy, and then the child goes back and meets the parent. And then there are parents who don't supervise at all. Those parents who are actually supervising their children would probably feel comfortable with that because they would be watching how much candy the child actually took.

HOST: And what about that strange tradition of Halloween trick-or-treating?

LUKOMSKI: There's some anxiety and fear all around that whole concept. People who don't normally let their child out unsupervised in the backyard once a year are asked to let that same child ring the doorbell to strangers and ask for candy.

HOST: That's RIT psychology professor Jennifer Lukomski, recently quoted by the McClatchy Newspapers wire service.

The potential of wind power as an alternative energy source was the topic of a recent United Press International wire-service story quoting RIT public policy professor James Winebrake. Here's Dr. Winebrake on what's holding wind power back.

ACTUALITY: JAMES WINEBRAKE: Wind will have a noticeable, but probably probably not dominant, position in energy production markets in the coming few decades, and there's a number of reasons for this, including resource availability, capital costs of wind equipment, some environmental concerns that have been raised and, in particular, competition with low-priced fossil fuels; and those fossil fuels, such as oil, natural gas and coal, currently aren't priced to take into consideration the environmental impacts—the negative environmental impacts—that they have on the global environment.

HOST: That's RIT public policy professor James Winebrake, quoted by UPI about wind

power.

ACTUALITY: KELLY DOWNS: This is Kelly Downs, University News beat reporter covering RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences. Films produced by award-winning students from RIT's School of Film and Animation are featured in this year's High Falls Film Festival, an international event in Rochester that showcases women filmmakers. The students' films are animations and live-action works that range from documentaries to fictional to experimental. The student filmmakers were recently highlighted by R News (Channel 9) in its "Hot Tickets" segment. The High Falls Film festival has also been featured in the Democrat and Chronicle and City Newspaper. This is the sixth consecutive year that RIT's School of Film and Animation has been invited to be part of the festival. This is Kelly Downs.

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HOST: On the RIT campus this week . . . Chief Communications Officer Bob Finnerty on new members of the RIT Board of Trustees and inductees to the RIT Sports Hall of Fame . . . and News & Events Managing Editor Vienna Carvalho returns once again with this week's top stories.

SEGMENT: BOB FINNERTY: This is Bob Finnerty. Two local business leaders have joined the RIT Board of Trustees. RIT alumna Susan J. Riley, a class of '81 business administration and accounting major, is a senior vice president and chief financial officer of The Children's Place. She is joined by E. Philip Saunders, for whom the College of Business was named this summer. Riley has served as the chief financial officer for Abercrombie & Fitch, The Mount Sinai Medical Center and Dial Corp. Saunders, founder of the TravelCenters of America, announced a \$13 million gift to the university's academic business program in July. The Board of Trustees now has 53 active members, of which 24 are alumni. . . . Congratulations to the newest inductees into RIT's Sports Hall of Fame. The 2006 inductees are: Kira Alling Fauvell, swimming, 1981 to '84; Kenneth Hale, basketball, 1952 to 1956 (he was a member of the undefeated team); Ritchie Herbert, from hockey, 1982 to 1985; Neil Kromer, basketball, 1971 to '75 (Neil now works at RIT's CIMS); Edward Purcell, lacrosse, 1982 to '85; Andre Schmid, soccer/lacrosse, 1982 to '86; Thomas Sill, lacrosse, 1982 to '85; and a well-known wrestler at Tufts University, Albert Simone, RIT's eighth president. For more on RIT sports, visit ritathletics.com. . . . This is Bob Finnerty on the RIT campus.

SEGMENT: VIENNA CARVALHO: This is News & Events Managing Editor Vienna Carvalho. In the current issue of News & Events . . . Hey, did you hear the latest gossip? An inquiring mind wants to know. RIT professor and researcher Nicholas DiFonzo has studied the origins of rumors and gossip and unveils his findings in his latest book, *Rumor Psychology: Social and Organizational Approaches*. The book also includes studies about why people believe rumors and recommends methods for managing them. . . . Also in the current issue of News & Events, read about several grants acquired by RIT departments, including \$1.1 million to create a regional education and training institute to provide high-skill training in the food and beverage

manufacturing industry; and a \$2.7 million U.S. Department of Energy grant to explore improving automotive fuel-cell performance. . . . And, we provide a synopsis of 11 short films created by RIT students and an alumna that will debut at the High Falls Film Festival Nov. 11th. . . . Read more about these stories and other RIT news in the Nov. 2nd issue of News & Events. This is Vienna Carvalho on the RIT campus.

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HOST: This has been Dateline: RIT, Nov. 9, 2006. On account of the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be no Dateline: RIT on Nov. 23rd. The next Dateline: RIT podcast will be on Dec. 14. I'm Mike Saffran on the RIT campus. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

ANNCR: For more on these stories and other RIT news, visit www.rit.edu/news.
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