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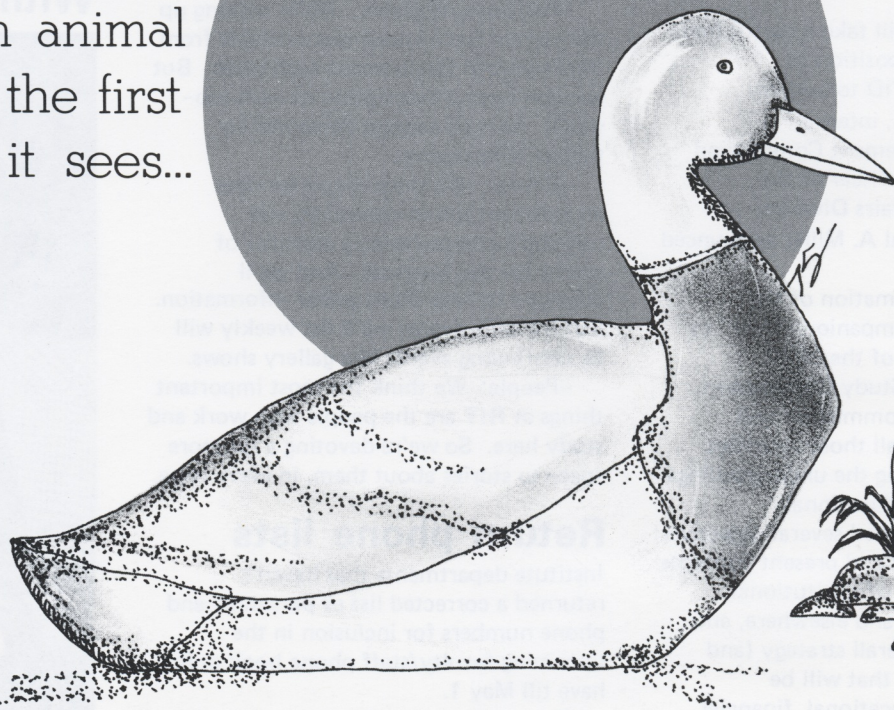
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Are you my mother?

Imprinting is the fixation an animal develops to the first objects it sees...



A two-day old duckling which tried to crawl under a cold rubber decoy vividly demonstrated to some of Margaret D'Ambruso's students the biological phenomenon of imprinting.

Danny Girton and Winifred Neunzig chose as their project in Mrs. D'Ambruso's vertebrate zoology animal behavior class an experiment in imprinting.

Imprinting is the fixation an animal develops to the first object it sees. Normally that's the mother, but when the mother is removed from the situation, the object is likely to be anything, the students concluded.

"I know it would have worked with a kleenex box," said Danny, who chose the decoy because he had one around.

The duckling was hatched on a Friday. Danny and Winifred were prepared with a big, dark box in which they kept the duckling for 48 hours. For 20 minutes on Saturday and again on Sunday, they put the duckling into the box with the decoy.

The duckling was presented to the class when it met that week. It would have nothing to do with other objects, even a live duck of its same species

(Muscovy) which had been brought in. But it followed the decoy around and tried to crawl beneath it.

The students and their teacher are reluctant to draw any conclusions about human beings as a result of their experiment.

"Recent research shows imprinting occurs much more widely than was once thought," Mrs. D'Ambruso said, "but how much it relates to human beings is not certain."

Public Affairs plan



Frisina

Dr. Robert Frisina will take a partial leave of absence from his position as Vice-President of NTID to become chairman of a special, internal Institutional Advancement Commission and acting effective officer of the Institute's Public Affairs Division.

RIT President Paul A. Miller announced the move last week.

Dr. Miller said formation of the Commission is a "Companion effort" to his earlier formation of the 1974 Institute Economic Study Commission.

He said the new commission will "concern itself with all those activities necessary to advancing the understandings and support of our educational objectives," and outlined several objectives:

--to study the past and present concepts, methods, and results of institutional advancement at RIT and elsewhere, and to recommend an overall strategy (and options if necessary) that will be responsive to the educational, financial, personnel, and leadership realities of the eighties.

--to study RIT as a resource for serving unmet needs, creating new markets for itself, and thereby increasing the usefulness and place of RIT as an independent institution of higher education.

--to actively reinforce the 150th Anniversary Campaign, to occasionally evaluate its progress, and to suggest ways and means for its continuous vitalization until the goal is met.

--to advise the President of RIT, at such time as the Commission is prepared to do so, as to how best to organize the Division of Public Affairs and related functions, all pursuant to moving toward an enlightened program of institutional advancement which is capable of great distinction.

Dr. Miller said the full commission should be appointed by July 1, 1975, and should make its final report no later than March 1, 1977.

We've changed

You're holding the first issue of the new "News & Events."

We've redesigned it with the idea to better serve everybody at RIT.

These are the changes you'll notice:

--Deadline: we've changed our deadline to noon on Monday and our publishing date to Monday morning. Which means that to have something included in News & Events on Monday, you'll need to get it to Communications Services the Monday before.

--Positions Available: We're picking up the current list of positions available from the Personnel Department each week. But we won't run a description of each job--you'll have to contact Personnel for further information.

--Events: We think Reporter does an excellent job of compiling and running a comprehensive calendar of events for the Institute. And we'll continue to help them gather information. But the only events we'll list weekly will be continuing events like gallery shows.

--People: We think the most important things at RIT are the people who work and study here. So we're devoting a lot more space to stories about them, in every issue.

Return phone lists

Institute departments that haven't returned a corrected list of personnel and phone numbers for inclusion in the upcoming faculty/staff phone book only have till May 1.

Departments that don't return the lists will be included with last year's phone numbers and personnel not listed last year will be left out.

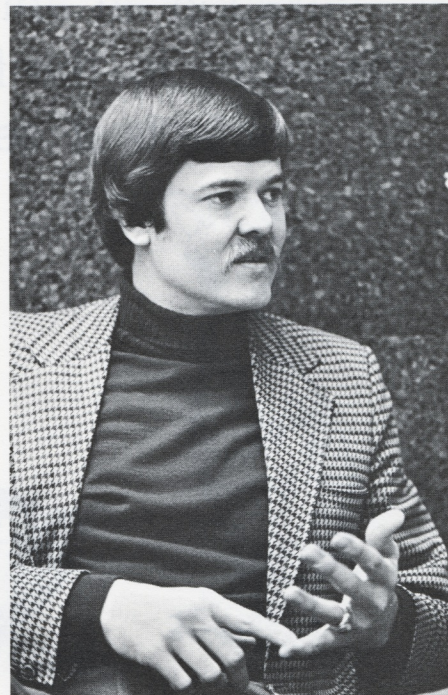
Further information about the phone directory is available from Communications Services at 464-2330.

Watch that parking

Institute Protective Services Officer Stephen N. Gulack reminds faculty and staff of the following: As most members of the Institute have probably already

noticed, a lot more traffic tickets (citations) have been written recently and more cars have been towed. This is being done in response to a large volume of complaints about blocked roadways, filled Medical Disability areas and a tremendous amount of property damage done by motor vehicles. Two full-time security officers have been assigned to this program. Henrietta Fire Marshall Mike Cassin also requests your help in keeping fire lanes clear. If you, the members of the Institute community, help us and yourselves by parking legally, all of us may benefit. The Fire Marshall has the authority to remove any vehicle he finds blocking a roadway, and the owner/operator will have to pay \$50. To prevent the need for such drastic action, Protective Services will be stepping up its towing over the next few weeks into May. If your car is towed by RIT, the cost is usually only \$12.50. If you have any questions about this policy, please call us, 464-2853.

Witmeyer to Science



Witmeyer

Bob Witmeyer will leave the Office of Admission July 1 to become an assistant dean in the College of Science.

He will assume many of the administrative functions of the college, especially relating to its relationship with high schools.

His responsibilities will include:

--Participating in and coordinating the careers in science and math programs with high school guidance counselors;
--Coordinating faculty visits to high school science and math classes;

--Coordinating workshops for high school science and math teachers, both on site and on campus;

--Developing and coordinating industrial on-site courses;

--Participating in and coordinating faculty activities in developing Co-op positions;

--Assisting faculty and administrators in seeking external funds for research and program development;

--Coordinating routine administrative functions with hospitals and other health care facilities with initial attention to developing and maintaining the student internship portion of health programs.

Witmeyer's function will not duplicate or replace the work of the Office of Admission, according to Dr. Thomas P. Wallace, dean of the College of Science.

"We have had extensive discussions with John Humphries (dean of Admission). Bob will support, not duplicate his efforts," Dr. Wallace said. "We need someone to talk specifically about the details of science programs to high school counselors and students. Because of RIT's character, science programs tend to be obliterated by the programs RIT is noted for. This is one way of solving the College of Science's having a low visibility."

A second reason for the appointment, Dr. Wallace said, was that the faculty

load in the college is "getting to be unbearable." Witmeyer will relieve faculty members of some non-academic responsibilities.

Dr. Wallace said he has been impressed with Witmeyer's success as an admission counselor.

Continuing events

Christian Science Organization - College Union, Rm. M-2, 7:30 p.m.-Regular Meetings. Counselling from 1-2 p.m., Conf. Rm B, College Union. Contact Ron Clarke at 4359. (Every Tuesday)

Outing Club - 7:30 p.m. NRH South Lounge. Trips every weekend, movies, speakers. (Every Wednesday)

F'O.R.I.T. - Meeting in Kate Gleason South Lounge. 7:30 p.m. (Every Tuesday)

MFA Gallery - Photographs by Elaine Mayes. 3rd Floor Photo Bldg. (April 27-May 10)
BFA Photo-class exhibit - (May 11-17)

Wallace Memorial Library Gallery - View of Japan; photos by the father of the late Yasuko Tojo, for whom RIT's Japanese garden will be dedicated on May 9. (May 1-11, daily)

International Museum of Photography - an exhibition of 40 early photographs by Alfred Stieglitz from the collection of Wade Newlin. Brackett Clark Gallery. (through May 30)

Nature Display - College Union., by Charles Fuhr. (April 27-May 9)

Food Administration Luncheon - Henry Lomb Room. 12:00 noon. Menu: Lasagne, Olive & Carrot Plate, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread Sticks, Tropical Orange Dessert with Whipped Cream. Call 2351 for Reservation before 2 p.m. weekdays. (May 13)

Positions available

Listed below are the current openings RIT/NTID as of 4/25/75. For further information please call Personnel at 464-2424.

Full Time General & Hourly

Admissions Specialists - Admissions - Level 5
Senior Secretary - Bookstore - Level 4
Office Assistant - Bookstore - Level 4
Sales Clerk (2) Bookstore - Level 4

Part Time General & Hourly

Secretary - Curriculum Dev. & Evaluation/NTID - Level 5
Secretary - Technical Science/NTID - Level 5

Full/Part Time Administrative

Registrar - Records and Institutional Research
Admission Counselor - Admission
Assistant Director - Alumni Relations - Public Affairs Division
Nursery Teacher - Horton Child Care
Media Specialist - Curriculum Dev. & Evaluation NTID
Retrieval Analyst/Programmer - NTID
Manufacturing Processes Laboratory Technician - Engineering Tech./NTID
Resident Director - Residence Halls/Food Services
Coordinator of Residential Life & Programming - Residence Halls/Food Service
Coordinator of Administrative Services - Residence Halls/Food Service
Resident Director of the Greek Area - Residence Halls/Food Service

Full/Part Time Faculty

Chairperson - College of Business/NTID
Department Chairperson - Computer Applications Curriculum, Dev. & Eval./NTID
Faculty - Business Technologies - NTID
Developmental Education Specialists (2)
Technical Ed./NTID
Occupational Research Associate - Technical Education - NTID
Instructor - (Biology/Chemistry) - Technical Science/NTID
Associate Educational Specialist - Fine & Applied Arts/NTID
Lecturer (Part Time) - College of Fine & Applied Arts
Assistant Professor Interior Design - Dept. of Environmental Design/Fine & App. Arts
Research Associates (2) Advanced Programs/NTID
Associate Educational Specialists - Pre-professional Programs Engineering/Computer Science/NTID
Instructor of Photo-Processing - Visual Comm./NTID
Instructors (2) Engineering Technologies/NTID
Coordinator Audiology Services - Communications Center/NTID
Clinical Audiologist (Part Time) - Communications Center/NTID
Research Associate - Manual Language Service Section Comm. Center/NTID

Alumnus Avery's view of RIT on display



Ever wonder what RIT used to look like? A recent watercolor (above) by RIT alumnus and noted artist, Ralph Avery, offers a rare glimpse of life at RIT before the days of the new Henrietta campus. The winter composition featuring the Clark Building and the men's dormitory of the old campus with the Rochester skyline of earlier days in the background, will be exhibited May 5-16 in the College Alumni Union. Avery, AD '28, painted the watercolor for the 1975 Alumni Fund. Reproductions of the painting are given to donors who contribute \$50 or more to the fund. Plans call for an Avery painting to be made available each year through 1979, RIT's 150th Anniversary.

**"I have looked out at the quad for six years---
and I still think it's lovely."**



Sarah Collins

When Sarah Collins began teaching at RIT, the campus was still downtown and so close to the busline nearest her home she could "roll out of bed and into class." That was seven years ago. Though she liked the proximity of the old campus, she finds things to like in the new also. "I know some people don't care for the architecture here, she says,

"but I love it--at least the corner that I see out my window." From her office in the general studies building Ms. Collins can see the western quadrangle and the deRivera sculpture. Late in the afternoon the sun slides between the science and engineering buildings and picks out the silver moebius strip sculpture with a final flash. "I have looked out at the quad for six years... and I still think it's lovely."

As one of the few women professors on campus, Ms. Collins teaches literature (Myth and Literature and Literature of the Bible), writing and a course in Women's Studies that is offered off and on. Both men and women can and do enroll in the Women's Studies course, which came about as a result of the stirrings of the now defunct Women's Caucus. There seemed to be a need for such a course, so Ms. Collins and another professor put one together and they alternate teaching it.

Sarah Collins was born and raised in Harlan, Ky, and graduated from Centre College of Kentucky with a major in English and a minor in music and drama. She went on to graduate work in theatre at the University of Texas, hated it and quit. She then taught all 12 grades music for two years in a school in Lynch, Ky., a coal mining camp. Graduate work at Indiana University followed, after which she went back and taught at the alma mater, Centre College. She and her husband moved to Rochester in 1967, and she was granted a doctorate from Indiana in 1970.

While not fond of sports or the outdoors ("my idea of camping out is opening the window at night"), she does play organ and piano and teaches piano to her children, ages 6, 9 and 11. "My one great leisure time activity is breadmaking," she says. "I have just recently learned to make decent bread. It's really my only exercise."

(This article was originally written by Judy Glading for the newsletter of the Professional Businesswomen's Association at RIT.)