

NEWS & EVENTS

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Kilian Schmitts Give Interfaith Center Gift

RIT has received a gift of \$750,000 for the construction of an Interfaith Center on the campus. Specific building details and costs will be announced at a later date.

The gift was given to RIT by Mr. and Mrs. Kilian J. Schmitt, of Rochester and Boca Raton, Fla., long-time friends of the Institute.

"This generous gift permits RIT to take a most significant leap toward meeting a long felt need on campus for a building devoted to the various religious beliefs of all our students," said President Dr. M. Richard Rose in announcing the gift.

Kilian J. Schmitt's affiliation with RIT goes back to the 1930s when he studied at RIT's predecessor, the Mechanics Institute. Schmitt graduated in 1933. The gift for an Interfaith Center commemorates his 50th Anniversary. He is the retired president of United Schmitt Corp. and chairman of the board of New York Allright Parking.

In 1967 the Schmitts became charter members of RIT's Nathaniel Rochester Society. Through the years, they have endowed a major scholarship fund for international students at RIT and in 1979 funded creation of a hand-crafted map showing the countries of origin of RIT students.

"RIT, like other institutions in the Rochester area, has benefitted from the Schmitts' humanitarian concerns," commented Hugh Cumming, chairman of the Institutional Advancement Committee of RIT's Board of Trustees. The Schmitts have funded scholarships at other area colleges in addition to those



Mr. and Mrs. Kilian J. Schmitt, who have given a substantial gift toward an Interfaith Center at RIT, are pictured in the College-Alumni Union in front of handcrafted International student map, which they also gave the Institute. The map illustrates their interest in, and support of, international students.

at RIT. Schmitt, an active Rotarian, has supported the Rotary Sunshine Camp through various donations, including a gift of 50 acres of property. He also has played leadership roles in the Steuben Society of America, Wurzburg-Rochester Sister-City Committee, Federation of German-American Societies, and the National Parking Association among others.

"I wish to add my own words of deep appreciation for this gift from the Schmitts," said Mrs. Julian Fitch, chairman of the Student Life Committee of the RIT Board "We have studied the enhancement of student life at RIT for some time and this building is pivotal in our plans."

Institute officials expect remaining monies to be raised from individuals who have a special interest in this project.

"Needless to say, the Department of Campus Ministries is absolutely delighted at the prospect of an Interfaith Center," said Father Gerald J. Appelby, RIT chaplain. "At the present time, 19 full-time and part-time chaplains serve on the RIT campus. This building will afford us the opportunity to offer a focal point for our many thriving activities."

The Institute hopes to begin construction of the center later this year after the remaining funds are raised.

SEE RIT CHAMPS TODAY!
Hockey Victory Celebration
Hosted by Student Directorate
8 to 12 p.m.,
College Alumni-Union Cafeteria
Thursday, March 31
VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS

Three Receive Baldwin Biology Scholarships

The 1983 David M. Baldwin Memorial Scholarship in Biology, given annually to outstanding biology students, was presented to Marc J. Dumas, Sherry L. Phippen and Thomas M. Wengenack of the College of Science.

Dumas, a third-year biology major, Phippen, a second-year biology major and treasurer of the Biology Club, and Wengenack, also a biology major, will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship and certificate.

The Baldwin Scholarship, now in its third year, provides \$3,000 annually to be divided among a maximum of three students majoring in biology. It is provided by the proceeds of an estate willed to RIT following the death of Professor Baldwin in 1975. Baldwin taught biology at RIT from 1945-1975, and his desire to help students obtain an education is perpetuated by this scholarship fund.

Students are eligible to apply for the scholarship provided they have completed three quarters of full-time study at RIT and achieved a minimum grade point average of 3.4 in College of Science courses. Also considered in the evaluation process is service to the Department of Biology, the College of Science, the Institute and the community.



The Department of Biology in the College of Science has announced the 1983 David M. Baldwin Memorial Scholarships. Pictured, left to right, are Susan Sheble, senior co-chairman of the Biology Club; Marc J. Dumas, scholarship recipient; Sherry L. Phippen, scholarship recipient and treasurer of the Biology Club; Thomas M. Wengenack, scholarship recipient; Dr. Paul A. Haefner, head of the Department of Biology; and Dr. Robert Baybutt, recipient of the 1983 Outstanding Biology Alumnus Award and 1970 graduate of the Department of Biology.

City Center Bus to be Discontinued

The experimental shuttle bus service between City Center and the main campus will be discontinued effective April 1, according to H. Donald Scott, vice president for finance and administration.

According to Scott, "Ridership, especially during mid-day hours was not heavy enough to justify continuing the service." Mileage reimbursement for travel to and from City Center will be reinstated.

PLEASE, NOTE

Friends and colleagues of R. Roger Remington, professor of graphic design in the College of Fine and Applied Arts, wishing to make contributions in memory of his wife may send them to:

East-West Foundation
Post Office Box 850
Brookline, Mass. 02147
Donna Remington passed away
Monday, March 28.

Barbara Letvin Receives Senior Fulbright Award for Achievement

Barbara Letvin, director, Office of International Student Affairs, is the recipient of a Senior Fulbright Award for substantial professional achievement in foreign student advisement and admissions.

Letvin, one of 20 persons in the United States to be selected, said the award is in the form of a grant that will allow her to visit Germany April 21 to May 15 to take part in conferences on various aspects of study abroad. The grant is awarded by the Council on International Exchange of Scholars, affiliated with the American Council of Education.

When Letvin joined the RIT staff in 1980, her assignment was to establish the Office of International Student Affairs, which she now directs.

She came to RIT after working as coordinator of the Indochinese Refugee Resettlement Program of the Catholic Family Center. As a Peace Corps volunteer from 1964-1966, she served in Nonburi, Thailand, teaching English as a second language and conducting teacher training programs for Thai elementary and secondary school teachers. While earning her bachelor's



BARBARA LETVIN

degree from Ohio State University, she studied in Mexico for a Winter Quarter.

Besides Mexico and Thailand, she has visited Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Russia, Eastern and Western Europe.

They Serve Children Through the United Way

A love of children. That's what prompts Gerry Krenzer and her husband to participate in Community Partners for Youth.

The program involves adult volunteers in providing children with guidance and companionship on a one-to-one basis, and it is one of 148 United Way supported human service agencies provided in a five county area.

Gerry Krenzer, secretary to RIT's Faculty Council, learned about Community Partners for Youth through a friend at RIT; she has been part of it for three years now.

"We lacked contact and communication with children now that our four kids have grown up and moved away," says Krenzer. "This program fills that need, and we enjoy it very much. You get very attached and involved with the kids."

Most of the children in Community Partners for Youth are from single-parent families. Each adult volunteer is matched with a child for at least one year and counselors from Community Partners for Youth keep in close contact with the volunteers.

The Krenzlers are involved with a brother and sister, six-year-old Venester, "Nessa," and eight-year-old Fitzroy, "Junior."

"We do things with them that we have done with our own kids . . . take them fishing, swimming, shopping, to the movies and out to eat in restaurants," says Krenzer. "We average three hours a week with them."

At the end of February, Community Partners for Youth had an active caseload of 212 children. However, 180 children are on a waiting list; some of

RIT's Nelson, ICAC Coach of Year

RIT's Bill Nelson has been named Independent College Athletic Conference basketball coach of the year.

Nelson led the Tigers to their first ICAC championship this season. The Tigers, who joined the ICAC in 1970-71, tied Ithaca College for the league title with a 10-2 record. RIT's overall record of 15-11 was its best since a 19-7 season three years ago.

Senior forward Paul Clune was the lone RIT player to make the A11-ICAC first team. Clune averaged 12 points and six assists while shooting 51 percent.

The Tigers placed their senior backcourt of Ron Thorpe and Tim Angeline on the second team.



The home of Gerry and Dick Krenzer is full of activity when their "kids" from Community Partners for Youth visit. Pictured from left to right are Venester, Dick, Mort the family dog, Gerry and Fitzroy.

them have been on the list for a year. The program is much in demand, and needs volunteers according to Kash Caravetta, a program coordinator and counselor. Community Partners for Youth is keeping a close eye on this year's United Way campaign because it receives 72 percent of its funding from United Way.

"Programs like this are very necessary and a great benefit to everyone participating," explains Krenzer. "There is a need for volunteers and I urge people with a little spare time to participate. It has been no inconvenience to our lives. I can see myself volunteering for many years."

RIT's United Way campaign will be held April 4 through April 8. According to campaign chairman Richard Fuller, by increasing participation in the cam-

paign, a goal of \$54,000, an eight percent increase over last year, can be reached. The increase is in line with the Rochester-area United Way goal and represents a five percent increase for existing services and a three percent increase for the emergency fund. Last year 171 RIT employees benefitted directly from United Way funds.

Next Week . . . Computer Sale!

RIT community, remember . . . April 4-8 will be "DEC Advantage Week," the grand opening of the sale of Digital Equipment Corp. (DEC) computers on campus. There will be demonstrations of DEC equipment in the College-Alumni Union and companies selling software for DEC computers will also be there. Hours are noon to 7 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. Dr. Thomas Plough, vice president for Academic Affairs, and DEC's Joel Schwartz, marketing vice president, Personal Computer Group, will make brief remarks at an opening ceremony Monday, April 4. There also will be a drawing for a DEC personal computer.

Lawyers, Gardeners Speak in Last of Retirement Series

The next sessions in the pre-retirement seminar series will deal with estate planning, health concerns and making the most of work and leisure time.

RIT employees, 55 years old or older, may attend the seminars organized by Personnel's staff training and develop-

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Pulitzer Prize Poet Snyder Here

Gary Snyder, recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1975, will present public talks and readings as well as a series of events for the RIT community during his visit here April 4-6.

Two evening lectures open to the public are scheduled: a slide-illustrated talk, "The Resettlement of Rural America and Appropriate Technology" at 8 p.m., Monday, April 4, Room A 100, Wallace Memorial Library; poetry reading, 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, in the auditorium, Visual Studies Workshop, 31 Prince St.; poetry reading 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, in Webb Auditorium, College of Fine and Applied Arts.

Reservations are needed to attend the events scheduled for the RIT community April 4, 5 and 6. For information, call Sam Abrams, assistant professor, College of Liberal Arts, 2475 or 2444.

Retirement

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ment office. All seminars begin at 2:30 p.m. in Room A201, College of Liberal Arts.

Attorney Thomas W. Petrillo, of Johnson, Mullan, Brundage, Keigher, P.C., will focus on legal readiness and estate planning at today's session.

Myths and realities of aging and health will be the seminar topic April 7. Presentations will be by Jessie James, program consultant for RIT's College of Continuing Education, and Charlyn Feeney, R.N., health education coordinator for RIT's Student Health Services.

How to make the most of your leisure time during retirement will be the subject of the final session in the series April 14. Scheduled to participate in the panel discussion are Doc and Katy Abraham, local television personalities and gardening columnists; Bud Lewis, a retired Eastman Kodak Co. vice president, and his wife, Gladys, a registered nurse.



RIT President M. Richard Rose, center, and hockey coach Brian Mason, right, receive plaque from George Bergantz of the Rochester Americans during Rochester-Moncton hockey game at the Rochester War Memorial last Sunday. The hockey team was greeted by a standing ovation from more than 6,000 fans in recognition of winning the NCAA Division II hockey championship. The Amerks presented the plaque to the Institute for its national achievement.

Institute Forum to Present Sociologist, Business Consultant

Dr. Amitai Etzioni, sociology professor at George Washington University and founder and director of the Center for Policy Research, will speak at RIT's Institute Forum series.

The educator, also a consultant to business and government and a commentator on society, will discuss "Values in an Age of Reindustrialization" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, April 7, in Ingle Auditorium. Admission is \$1.

Etzioni developed organizational analysis and was the first to use the word, "reindustrialization." Author of 12 books, his "Modern Organizations" is widely used as a textbook. He is best known for "The Active Society." He served as senior advisor to the White House in 1979-80 and to other administrations and federal agencies.

Before joining the faculty of George Washington University in 1980, he taught at Columbia University. He serves as research associate of the Institute of War and Peace and was named a Guggenheim Fellow, a fellow of the Social Science Research Council Faculty and of the Center for Advanced Study in Behavioral Science.

Born in Germany in 1929, he received his bachelor's degree from Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Both his master's and doctoral degrees were earned at the University of California at Berkeley. He has contributed numerous articles to professional journals and was on the editorial board of "Science."