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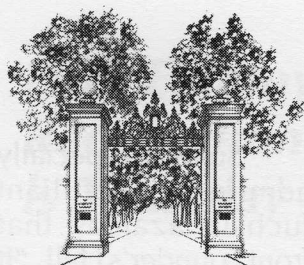
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News & Notes

Media Resource Service Center turns 80

Visitors to the university find its motto, "For the Benefit of Humankind," emblazoned for all to see. Rockefeller's Media Resource Service Center has a motto, too, and though you won't see it up on a plaque, Ray Aldrete, Director, will be glad to tell you about it. It is: "To make the complex understandable."

"Our primary role is to assist university scientists with the preparation of scientific and educational visual materials for publication or presentation," said Aldrete.

To that end, the department provides a wide array of services, many of which were displayed at Tuesday's open house at MRSC. The open house was designed as a follow-the-numbers tour of the department's capabilities, which have blossomed since the MRSC was founded by illustrator and photographer Louis Schmidt in 1910.

Just as Schmidt turned to photography when it became an important form of scientific illustration (he was founder of the Biological Photographic Association), MRSC has turned heavily toward computerization in the last few years. For example, most of the artwork now produced by MRSC is done by artists using computers. This creates visuals with a consistent

style and allows for an electronic filing system so updates or changes can be made with a minimal investment of time and expense.

"Scientists bring us their data in different ways. Sometimes it's a sketch on a yellow pad and other times files on a computer disk," said Don Guzy, Computer Graphics Coordinator. "Either way we work with researchers to

make sure the visual is saying what they mean."

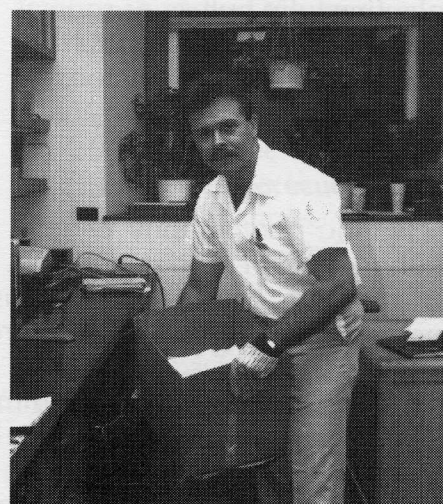
MRSC's Art/Computer-graphic Services creates publication-quality scientific illustrations, charts, graphs and poster titles that can be output to high-quality paper copy or computer-generated slides. Likewise, Photographic Services provides

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Recycling "town meeting" will be held Wednesday

Recycling—what our university community does to reduce its wastes, and why—will be the topic at a "town meeting" Wednesday, December 5, at 1:00 p.m. in Caspary 1B.

The meeting will bring together all university staff responsible for seeing that our wastes, which amount to nearly 5 tons a day, are disposed of properly and safely, and that recyclable materials are separated and sold. Those staff members are James Metalios, Facilities Director; Tom Mineo, Custodial Supervisor; Ed Gershney, Lab Safety Director; Cindy Rosenberg, consultant to the Facilities Department; and Dan Gearon, Superintendent of Operations.



Shari Diamond

Peter Cassidy—the man who keeps "clean paper" on the recycling track.

The purpose of the meeting is to hear suggestions and answer questions from those interested

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Preparing for winter, preparing for spring

Now, as the warm tones of the autumn foliage succumb to the chill of winter and the landscape turns desolate, we can take heart by looking ahead a few months to the burst of color that will be ours on campus this spring. Those who have seen the campus in previous years know that it becomes resplendent in April and remains so throughout the warm months, from the first crocus blossom to the last of the coleuses in late autumn.

Credit for this annual transformation belongs to James Sullivan, Supervisor of the Grounds Department, and his staff of three. These groundskeepers began preparations for spring earlier this month by planting tulip bulbs. As soon as the weather gets warmer, they will prepare the soil by loosening



James Sullivan plants tulip bulbs

ing it with a pitchfork, fertilizing it, and covering it with peat moss to make sure it retains moisture. This is done for the annuals—impatiens, begonias, salvia, marigolds and coleuses—that will be planted once the tulips are removed in mid-May. Azaleas, crocuses and daffodils remain in the ground throughout the year.

grass.

Weather permitting, Sullivan believes we can expect the first signs of spring during the month of April. Watch for purple, yellow and white crocuses along the drive leading to Founder's Hall. Once they arrive, it won't be long before the flower beds all across campus are bursting with the full spectrum of colors!

—by Sharon Russo

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scientific photography of gels, autoradiographs and animals for publication or documentation. They provide transparencies of original art, charts, graphs, illustrations and typewritten copy for presentation. Also available are slide duplicates and "one hour" polachrome slides.

"We are a team of biocommunications and media specialists," Aldrete said. "Our job is to make it easy, in a reliable and professional manner, for RU scientists to get the visuals they need. By working with them over time, we try to understand their communication needs so we can help them save time."

The open house also highlighted some of the other services provided by MRSC, including high-speed document copying, binding and folding, and a full range of offset printing services. The festive event ended with the awarding of five door prizes—one 20" x 24" aerial photograph of the university and four pencil sketches of the university gate.

For more information about how the Media Resource Service Center can help with your work, contact Aldrete at x8990. ➡➡

Holiday Dance is Friday

The Rockefeller University Holiday Dinner-Dance will be held next Friday, December 7 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. on the 17th floor of the Tower Building. The \$25 ticket price covers a buffet dinner and open bar.

Tickets will not be sold at the door, so buy them now at the Faculty and Students' Club, the Mail Room and the Purchasing Department.

Fifth Employee Recognition Day is Thursday

The Fifth Annual Employee Recognition Program to honor employees who have attained ten or more years of university service will take place on Thursday, December 6, in Caspary Auditorium.

This year, the program, which begins at 4:00, will honor 27 employees who have reached their ten- or twenty-year anniversaries as of July 1, 1990. Employees who have over ten years of service are invited to attend the program and the reception that follows. →→

Singers are still needed

Sandi Walsh is still looking for people interested in joining a singing group to perform informally at this year's Holiday Festival on December 13 from 3:00 to 5:00. Call x8072.

Symposium will honor Kaiser

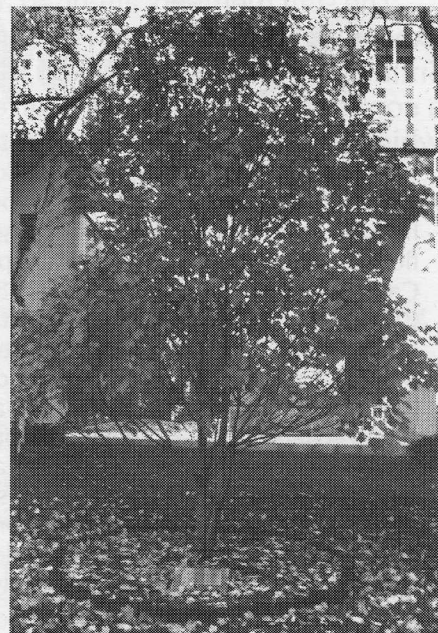
Emil Thomas Kaiser, a specialist in protein research, created the Laboratory of Bioorganic Chemistry and Biochemistry in 1982. A scientist of tremendous originality and creativity, he was also a friend and mentor to those who worked with him.

Kaiser's sudden and premature death in 1988 at the age of 50 was a blow to the Rockefeller community. Soon after his death, a red maple tree was planted in front of Caspary Hall to serve as a living tribute to his memory.

On Monday, December 3, the tree will grace the path to a symposium held in Kaiser's honor, entitled "Proteins: Design and Function." The day-long event will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Caspary Auditorium. A reception will follow at 4:30 p.m. in the Abby Aldrich Lounge.

The symposium will bring together six of the most innovative scientists in protein research, in order to stimulate further discussion and development of designed biomimetic catalysts, Kaiser's special field of interest.

The speakers are David

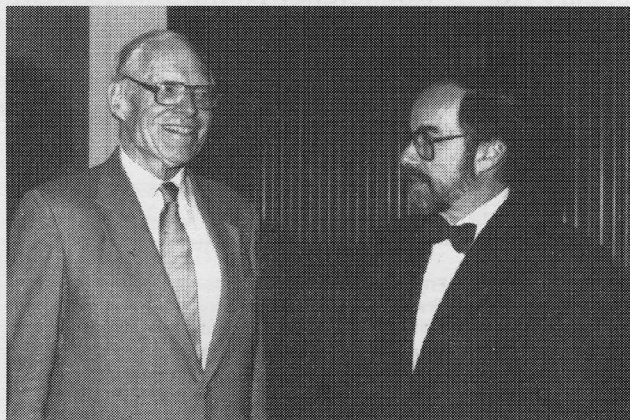


Eisenberg, William N. Lipscomb, James Rothman, Angela M. Gronenborn, William F. DeGrado and Donald Hilvert.

All members of the community are welcome to attend the symposium and the ceremony at 12:20 p.m., in which Assistant Professor John Taylor will dedicate the memorial plaque in front of the tree that symbolizes Emil Kaiser's enduring presence on campus.

—by Susan Blum

Archive Council Meets



Shari Diamond

At left, William O. Baker and David Baltimore attended the November 15 meeting of the Rockefeller Archive Center Governing Council. The meeting was Baker's last (he has been a charter member since 1974) and Baltimore's first.

RU community helps feed hungry

Before Thanksgiving, members of the university contributed 310 cans of food to a "well" set up in Tower lobby for needy families. The goods helped the Yorkville Common Pantry feed 3,000 persons on Thanksgiving. At the same time, the Children's School held a drive for canned yams and cranberry sauce also for the Pantry. →→

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in the university's recycling program.

The staff members attended a meeting last Wednesday called by Executive Vice President Fred Bohen. Also attending were Marilyn Smith and Alfred Kildow from the President's staff. At that meeting, a comprehensive review of current recycling efforts was presented, which made the following points:

- 13 cubic yards of white paper and computer paper ("clean" paper) are recycled weekly from 104 recycling sites throughout the campus. Kildow reported that he had received complaints that at some sites the recycling boxes were overflowing and needed more frequent pickups. Mineo suggested that he or Peter Cassidy be notified at x8117 or x8118 so additional containers can be provided. Cassidy is the custodian who collects recycled white paper.
- The university's recycling efforts are complicated by federal, state and city laws that regulate disposal of medical and laboratory wastes. In recent weeks, the university has arranged for the city sanitation department to pick up shredded, sanitized lab wastes. However, city budgets and priorities have delayed pickups.
- Pickups at the loading dock have also been handicapped by crowded conditions at the adjacent construction site. Bohen is working out a solution with the contractors for the new laboratory building.
- The market for recycled waste in New York City is nil, because private haulers who monopolize the field are closely intertwined and do not compete.

Meanwhile, several graduate fellows initiated a petition urging the University Administration to take action in several recycling areas, specifically:

1. Increasing the number of sites for recycling clean paper.
2. Adding sites for newspaper recycling.
3. Increasing the number of recycled products available from Purchasing.
4. Increasing the number of photocopying machines able to copy on both sides.
5. Adding aluminum, plastic and glass to the recycling program. (A petition signer suggested eliminating use of styrofoam cups and plates.)

The staff members considered those suggestions briefly and agreed to address them at the public meeting next week. Members of the university community are invited to attend. →→

Trio performs at Tri-Institutional Recital today

Clarinetist Todd Palmer, Pianist Carol Archer and Bassoonist Robert Wagner will perform at today's Tri-Institutional Noon Recital at Sloan House, 1233 York Avenue.

Works of Debussy, Ives, Poulenc, Mayer and Horowitz will be featured on the program, which is free and begins at 12:00. →→

Williams presents thesis December 4

Graduate Fellow Mary Williams will present her thesis at 3:45 on Tuesday in Caspary Auditorium. The title is "Developmentally Regulated Plant Genes: Definition of Activating Elements." A tea will precede the presentation at 3:15. →→

Robert Duvall stars in George Lucas' THX1138

George Lucas' 1971 film *THX 1138* will be shown on Sunday night, December 2, beginning at 7:30 in Caspary Auditorium. Admission is free to members of the Rockefeller, MSKCC and Cornell communities.

The film is set in a futuristic world of vast underground cities in which humans are force-fed drugs to increase their productivity and dull their emotions. (Sets were provided by San Francisco's BART subway system, then under construction.) Robert Duvall and Maggie McOmie star as citizens THX 1138 and LUH 3417, who cut down on their drug rations and discover they are in love. →→

Women's group holds reception

The Rockefeller University Women's Association invites all women of the Rockefeller community for coffee, tea and conversation. The reception will be held 8:00-9:30 p.m. Monday, December 10, in Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Hall, rooms 1A and 1B. Faculty, staff, students and wives are welcome. →→



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