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Public Affairs
FROM: Karen Indeck
Gallery 400

RE: Press Release

The following is the information for a press release which needs to go out as soon as possible.

Feint/Faint is a project by artists Leslie Bellavance (Wisconsin), Phil Berkman (Illinois), Michiko Itatani (Illinois), and Paul Krainak (West Virginia) which consists of a collaboratively conceived merger of aesthetic and civic interests. Feint/Faint questions the conditions of identity that circulate within communities which claim to serve everyone impartially.

The installation at Gallery 400 involves artifacts, documents and events that consolidate the ritual space of cultural judgement and the opportunity for civic action. As part of this project the artists have invited UIC's Blood Bank to conduct a blood drive at Gallery 400 during the exhibition. The blood drive becomes the literal and figurative manifestation of the commonality and independence of organizations and of the individual with regard to social contact and a social contract.

Feint/Faint investigates reciprocity among social arenas and between community and subject. The efficient and anonymous (or realistically selective and strategic) circulation of blood via the blood bank is seen in relation to the subject's trafficking of identity in negotiating various communities demands for allegiance.

Exhibition dates: June 9 - July 14, 1995
Opening Reception: Friday, June 9, 1995 from 5-7 p.m.
Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday 9-5

Blood Drive: Friday, June 16, 1995 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
To pledge a donation or to ask for more information call the gallery at 312-996-6114.