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Ice Fishing Contest

The BUM Club is planning an ice fishing contest on Lake Zumbro, Saturday February 23rd from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 for admission, there will be four categories of fish each having 3 prizes awarded. There will be two accesses to the contest, one at Fisherman's Inn and one behind Grandpa's Bar at the Ponderosa. All proceeds from the event will be going half to Marty Leonard - Heintz Center maintenance worker and the other half to the Dan Chick Memorial Scholarship fund for tools for a deserving BUM student. If you can't make the event but would like to contribute, please send me the money.



~ Tom Soltau, BUM Club Advisor

Heintz Re-Grand Opening

You're invited to attend the Re-Grand Opening of the Heintz Center and also Career and Technical Education Month on Wednesday, February 27th from 4 pm - 7 pm. In addition to showcasing the updated Heintz Center facilities, several programs will be highlighted. These include: Automobile Mechanic, Building Utilities Mechanic, Carpentry, Computer Aided Drafting, Equine Science, Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Horticulture Technology, Veterinary Technology and Surgical Technology. Tours, demonstrations and refreshments will be provided. For more information, please contact Michelle Messenger at 280-3178.



All the statistics in the world can't measure the warmth of a smile.
~Chris Hart

Weekly Funny

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Oh, a drug test. That's a relief. I thought you were going to test my ethics."

Faculty Lecture Series

Our next faculty lecture will be presented by RCTC's Robin Fruth-Dugstad (if you haven't taken advantage of her horticultural offerings, this is your chance to meet the woman who's growing for you!). She will be presenting *Ethnobotany: The Complex Relationships between Plants and Humans*. She has introduced her students to several exciting places and people, including the Mayans, tribes of the Amazon, and native Hawaiians; now she is offering to share her experiences with all of us.

The lecture will be held Tuesday, February 26 at 1:00pm in Hill Theatre, with a reception to follow in the Quiet Lounge. If you have a class that would benefit from the topic, please bring the entire class. Also, ALL of the past lectures are on our website (<http://www.roch.edu/facultylectureseries>), and Robin's presentation will be online as well.

Attached to this week's Crossings is a with more information and to share.

~ Ruth Casper, Lecture Series co-chair
 ~ Julie Rodakowski, Lecture Series co-chair



Way to Go CAD Students!

The RCTC CAD II class collaborated with ValleyCraft of Lake City to provide them with a complete SolidWorks model and set of drawings for one of their products. RCTC CAD II students reversed engineered an existing Hand Track cart for the company. The collaboration was with a former student employed at ValleyCraft. Below is a photo of the employees with the cart and a thank you from the company showing their appreciation for the student's hard work.

~ Pam Benson, CAD Technology



Mike Wersal, Josh Rodewald, Leslie Schmitz, Sean Gnotke, Char Schaechterle, Ben Skibsted, Josh Smith, Phil Salvo, Joe Reinhardt, Rod Brommer, & Denny Baader. Not pictured: Jeff Sommerfield

Crossings Classifieds

FOR SALE: Little Tikes table & 2 chairs, white/pink - \$10.00; Little Tikes doll house with furniture - \$25.00; My First LeapPad with original book plus 2 other books/game cartridges - \$25.00. Shelly Peterson x7474 or 932-4290 or email at michelle.peterson@roch.edu

Teaching and Learning Info Session

You are invited to attend the next Teaching and Learning Information Session! Come and learn more about what is happening in Teaching and Learning at RCTC on Monday, February 25th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the UCR Charter Room.

Physics Demonstration

We are doing two public physics demonstration shows at RCTC this spring, Saturday March 1 at 7 pm and Sunday March 2 at 2 pm, with the shows lasting about an hour and twenty minutes. The location is Hill Theater. Admission is \$5 for anyone, tickets for sale at the door starting 45 minutes before the show. Students in the Physics and Engineering Club along with yours truly will be the presenters. Spread the word to others you know, especially kids. There will be some fire, high voltage, etc - no equations! Attached is poster that you may print and distribute as you see fit.

~ Rod Milbrandt

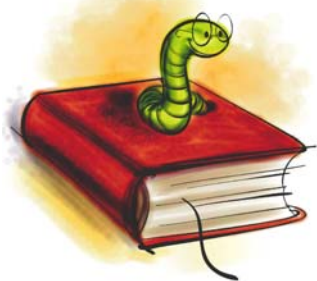
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What appears to be a very contentious legislative session is underway. The night before the session convened, I joined almost 2,000 Chamber members from around the state for their annual legislative preview banquet. It was obvious from the Governor's opening remarks, that he was throwing down the veto gauntlet. After dinner, the House and Senate majority and minority leaders traded barbs and seemed at odds over the budget deficit, health care reform, transportation, and even capital bonding. Governor Pawlenty continued his veto theme on Wednesday's State of the State Address from St. Cloud. The legislators are moving at lightening speed, have already moved several bills out of committee, and passed legislation that doesn't require the Governor's signature. RCTC reps are working hard to help move three bonding projects forward...the Workforce/CTECH Center project at Heintz, the Regional Public Safety Training Center, and the Green Pipe Project that would fund a steam line connection from the Olmsted County Waste to Energy Facility to the Sports Center and UCR Main. This year, the Minnesota Legislature, for the first time, will begin statewide, over-the-air broadcasting of legislative television coverage live from the Minnesota State Capitol. Coverage will be provided Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended evening and weekend coverage available for debates on high-profile issues. The coverage will be carried by the six public television stations around the state, including KSMQ, Channel 15.4, Austin. In addition, RCTC will carry the coverage on our Public Access Channel 20.



Campus Kudos...

- Congratulations to **Bonnie Flaig** who, for the second time, was named Best Personal Columnist by the Minnesota Association of Free Papers. Bonnie writes a twice-monthly column in the *Fillmore County Journal*.
- In a very rare move, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, have selected two professors from the same institution for the same study abroad program. Both **Darlene Voeltz and Laurel Panser** have been awarded Fulbright's to study in Morocco this summer. Please congratulate RCTC's two scholarship recipients on this significant accomplishment.
- Everyone who's seen **Jerry Casper's** latest creation, "Oleanna," raves about the in-the-round production! Compliments to faculty member **Bob Sanborn** and student **Helena Osswald** on their powerful performances. Whether its theatre, music, or sports, nobody does it better than the RCTC faculty, staff, and students.
- Way to go **Yellowjacket women hoopsters!** This talented team of basketball players, currently ranked #3 in the nation, clinched at least a share of the Southern Division title of the Minnesota Community College Conference.
- It was my pleasure to join Alice Seagren, Minnesota Commissioner of Education; Kate Rubin, Minnesota High Tech Association President; and Audrey Groteboer, Chair of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce Board, as we welcomed more than 300 7-12 grade students to the first-ever Southeast Minnesota Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Forum held in the UCR Field House on Thursday. Almost 200 students were unable to attend as inclement weather south and east of Rochester closed schools. More than 40 business and industry and higher education providers (including several RCTC exhibits) organized interactive learning experiences for participants. Thanks to all who helped organize and exhibit at the event. Organizers would like to do it again next year.



College freshmen are more concerned about academic quality and affordability than they have been in decades, according to an annual survey conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles. Sixty-three percent of students said academic reputation was a very important factor in selecting a college, an increase of 5.6 percentage points from 2006. Thirty-nine percent cited financial aid offers as key to their college selection, a rise of 5.1 percentage points. And 52 percent lists "graduates get good jobs" as a top reason for their college choices, up 2.6 percentage points. All those figures are the highest they've been in 35 years. One preoccupation for this year's freshmen: going green. Nearly 27 percent of students said they believed it was essential or very important to participate in cleaning up the environment, an increase from 22.2 percent last year and the highest level in a decade. In a rather surprising survey finding, many students lack an appetite for sound information. Although three-quarters of students frequently use the Internet for research or homework, for instance, just 39 percent said they frequently evaluate the quality or reliability of information they obtain.

Community college education, long viewed as an affordable alternative to a four-year degree, became more expensive in 2007. Despite tuition hikes across all sectors of higher education, a pair of reports from the nonprofit College Board says, two-year institutions remain a bargain compared with their university counterparts.

Thought for the week...

Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out.

~ Robert Collier, Best-selling Author

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RCTC IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) Team Wins both Reserve Champion and Champion Team Titles at Crookston Competition

The RCTC IHSA Western Team returned home from a competition held at the University of Minnesota at Crookston this past weekend. With 7 riders competing, all seven were in the ribbons both days! On Saturday the RCTC team finished with enough points to earn the Reserve High Point Team title. Coming back on Sunday, with a fierce determination, the team showed even better resolve besting their placings from the day before and earned the High Point Team title. This is a major feat. RCTC was one of only two junior colleges showing, and had one of the smallest teams competing. With this being the first full year of RCTC's IHSA Team, this is an impressive victory. Other schools competing were, The University of Minnesota at Crookston, North Dakota State University, South Dakota State University, Saint Cloud State University, University of Wisconsin River Falls, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Gustavus Adolphus, South East Community College Beatrice Nebraska and University of Nebraska Lincoln. Well done to all the competitors and to coach Jonathon Holland, who volunteers his time to coach this team!



Pictured front row, l to r, Sarah Nienow, Maxine Bach, Jessica Kohn and Angie Carroll. Back row, l to r, Coach Jonathon Holland, Hannah Haug, Jacole Drinkall and Mary Hurley.

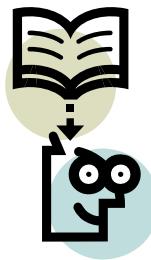
The IHSA Hunt Seat Team is traveling to Madison this coming weekend for another competition. Good luck!
 ~Julie Christie, Program Leader

Taher Lunch Specials

UCR Grand Cafe: Chicken Cordon Bleu Panini Griller, \$4.89 and Lebanese Chicken Shawarma, \$4.99.

Heintz Center Cafe: Grilled Turkey Reuben Sandwich \$4.89.

Academic Accolades



We are delighted to announce that Pat Kraemer (Art Instructor) placed first in the Swarovski Create-Your-Style competition. The first place prize is a trip to Wattens, Austria, home of Swarovski and a tour of Swarovski Crystal Worlds and Innsbruck (\$10,000. value). Presentation of awards was at Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa, Tucson, Arizona on February 8,

2008. For more information and to view Pat's work, go to: http://www.create-your-style.com/website.php?id=events_fairs/events/design_contest2007/slideshow.htm and click on "Gallery Finalists" under the Amateur category. Congratulations, Pat!

Chad Israelson and Kendal Rasnake were interviewed for the KTTC-TV News that aired on 2/13/08. Israelson spoke about Governor Pawlenty and Rasnake about the future of the newspaper industry.

Fitness Center Weekend Hours

The Fitness Center will be open weekends again except for Spring Break weekends of March 15-16 & March 22-23. The hours will be modified just a little and will be as follows: Saturday 11 am - 4pm and Sunday 12pm - 5pm.

Dorothy Leeds on Campus

The Learning Center's Ganza is cooperating with RCTC Student Life and Winona State University to host two presentations by Dorothy Leeds on Monday, February 25th at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m. Both presentations will be held in Hill Theater. Please encourage students to attend: Market Yourself: The Ultimate Job Seeker's Guide on Monday, February 25th, 12:00-1:00 pm, at Hill Theater AND Good Lessons from Bad Women (in History): A Theatrical Adventure on Monday, February 25th, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Hill Theater.

Winter Music Concert

Tickets are now available for the RCTC Winter Concert, "Cabin Fever", featuring the RCTC Concert Band and Choir, along with special guests, "Three Sticks". The concerts will be held Wednesday and Thursday, February 27 and 28 at 7:30pm in Hill Theatre. If winter has got you down, maybe a night of good music and fun will lift your spirits! **Reserved ticket seating at a cost of \$5 each (RCTC/WSU students receive one free ticket with valid ID.)** Light refreshments served at intermission. Contact Rhonda Jenson at x7200 for ticket information.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Deb Knaup (Business Office) on the birth of her first grandchild! Genavieve Ann Knaup was born to Kyle and Audra Knaup on February 13 (*Grandma Knaup's 50th birthday... what a great present*) at 9:39 p.m. Genavieve weighed in at 8 lbs and was 21 inches long.