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## Welcome!

Please join us in congratulating Steve Bein for being selected the Best Bee for the month for March. Steve's nominators shared the following commendations.

"Steve had presented breakout sessions on Self Defense for Women at the October 2007 staff development day, but then he went above and beyond by taking the initiative to offer six additional sessions in the fall of 2007 that he opened up to the faculty, staff, students and even friends and family. All of the sessions were very well received by participants. Steve is also one of those people who will just show up in your offer and offer you a cookie for not reason! He also serves as the advisor to the Martial Arts Club, and has led international trips." Thank you and congratulations Steve on being selected RCTC Best Bee for March. As Employee of the Month, Steve will be awarded the employee parking space in March.



## What happened in 1948?

- NASCAR was incorporated;
- The United States Supreme Court ruled that religious instruction in public schools violates the constitution;
- Milton Berle hosted the debut of Texaco Star Theatre;
- The New York International Airport officially opened (now known as JFK International Airport);
- Candid Camera made its television debut after being on radio for a year as Candid Microphone;
- Harry S. Truman defeated Thomas E. Dewey for the US Presidency;
- *And Mrs. Supalla's little boy Donny was born!*



Start the day off right by joining us in the President's Office  
**Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.**  
for coffee and treats and sharing your wishes to President Supalla for a Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.  
~Hal Borland

Weekly Funny

Snapshots at [jasonlove.com](http://jasonlove.com)



**Crossings Classifieds**

**FOR SALE:** Need a Chocolate fix? World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bars - \$1; proceeds benefit school program – contact Brooke Kosok x7160/ [Brooke.Kosok@roch.edu](mailto:Brooke.Kosok@roch.edu)

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Day of Care for 55+ caregivers on Saturday, April 12th at Zumbro Lutheran Church located at 624 3rd Ave SW, Rochester from 9:30a to 3:00pm. On-site respite and free of charge. When caring for someone, be it a spouse, parent, grandparent, neighbor or friend, we sometimes forget to "take care" of ourselves. Please RSVP to Elder Network by April 4th. Phone: 507-285-5272.

**News from Equine Science**

Last weekend, equine science program leader Julie Christie co-presented a workshop for firefighters about responding to emergencies involving horses. This was offered at the University of Minnesota's new Leatherdale Equine Center (nicknamed the "Mayo clinic for horses"). Firefighters learned about horse behavior, handling, and emergencies involving large animals. The workshop was well received and requests for repeat workshops throughout the state have already been received.

RCTC's IHSA (Intercollegiate Horse Show Association) team has three students who have qualified for regional championships- Jacole Drinkall, Angela Carroll, and Sarah Nienow will be traveling to South Dakota on March 8th to compete. If successful, they will proceed to Texas for semi-finals! The Western team is coached by RCTC equine instructor Jonathon Holland.

**Ping Pong Tournament!**

The Student Life Clubs MSA and ISC will host an Table Tennis (ping pong) tournament in the South Room on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

- 10:00 1<sup>st</sup> Tournament: What is Ping pong? Amateurs VS Advisors.
- 11:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Tournament: I think I know how to play. Open to all comers.
- 12:00 3<sup>rd</sup> Tournament: Show up or Shut up. Library Slammers VS Faculty.
- 1:00 4<sup>th</sup> /Final: I know how to Play! Open to all comers.

All players will win at least a consolation prize. However...a grand prize for the person who really KNOWS how to play will be a RCTC Hooded Sweat shirt!

**Tournament rules:**

- 1) To win a prize other than consolation prize you must win a match. A match consists of three games against at least two different opponents.
- 2) This will be a singles tournament no doubles.
- 3) Game is won by first to reach at least 11 points and must win by two points.
- 4) After two points have been earned the serve will change.
- 5) Circumstances needing final decisions will resolved by the ISC or MSA official.



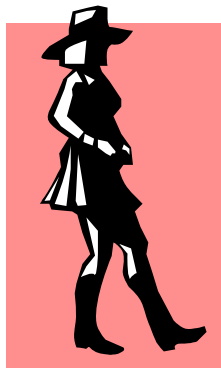
**Lunch Menus**

**Heintz Center:** Mexican Grill, featuring Tacos, Burritos and Chicken Quesadillas, \$1.69 to \$4.99. **UCR Grand Café:** Pasta with Grilled Chicken and Basil Pesto Sauce, \$4.99

**Club Meeting – NEW DAY/TIME!**

Martial Arts Club meets Wednesdays from 8-10pm in SC108.

**You're Invited!**



"Midnight Cowgirl" will perform in the Quiet Lounge on Tuesday, March 4 at high noon (that's 12:00 for you city folks). Come relax, listen, and laugh as this hometown group from the English Department performs stories, poems, songs and original music. Drop by if you can, and stay as long as you like. This event is part of Women's History Month and the THINK Academic Extravaganza; it is free and open to the public.

# Supalla Scribblings



Just a couple of weeks into the session and things in St. Paul have really heated up. The MnSCU capital bonding request has been heard in both the House and Senate Higher Education Committees. House Higher Education and Workforce Chair Tom Rukavina, presented the higher education bonding recommendations to the Capital Investment Committee. Chair Rukavina and the Higher Education and Workforce Committee recommended the full MnSCU bonding request. The House and Senate passed a transportation bill which Governor Pawlenty vetoed, citing, in large part, the increase in taxes. Both the House and Senate voted, for the first time during Pawlenty’s rein, to override his veto. If you haven’t joined the MnSCU Friends Action Network, I urge you to click on the link below and become a FAN...it’s free! <http://www.fan.mnscu.edu/>

Late on February 25, the U.S. House of Representatives approved House Resolution 930, recognizing February as national “Career and Technical Education Month.” The resolution was approved by a vote of 380-0. The resolution resolves that the House of Representatives supports the goals and ideas of Career and Technical Education Month; recognizes the importance of career and technical education in preparing a well-educated and skilled workforce in America; and encourages educators, counselors, and administrators to promote career and technical education as an option to students. This is the first time in recent history that Congress has recognized the annual CTE celebration.

## Campus Kudos...

- Congratulations to the Yellowjacket women’s basketball team who won the State Tournament and move on to compete in the Region XIII Tourney in Madison this weekend. The Yellowjacket men wrapped up a very successful season with a fourth place finish in the State Tournament. Seven Yellowjacket wrestlers qualified for the NJCAA National Championships and earned a third place trophy and two All-American honors. For the tenth straight year, the national championship matches were held at the UCR Sports Center.
- Hill Theatre has been a mighty busy place recently with performances by the Vecchione/Erdahl Duo, Faculty Lecture Series (Robin Fruth-Dugstad), Dorothy Leeds lecture, winter concert and the talented Family Fund performers. I encourage all of you to juggle your schedules to take in all or a few of the many interesting events hosted on campus. There’s something for everyone and the cost is minimal (often times free).
- RCTC hosted the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rochester Science Fair. This annual event has found a home at the UCR Sports Center and this year more than 30 previous Science Fair winners came back to celebrate the Golden Anniversary. Many thanks to Merry Beth Gay who served as our liaison to the event.
- Laura King, MnSCU Vice Chancellor and CFO sent a letter of thanks to Marilyn Hansmann and Steve Monson who presented an informative and thought-provoking presentation, *Heintz Center Asbestos Abatement: The Project from “H”* during the recent Chief Financial and Facilities Officers Conference.

In January, the CollegeBoard released a Report of the National Commission on Community Colleges, *Winning the Skills Race and Strengthening America’s Middle Class: An Action Agenda for Community Colleges*. The report noted that: *American community colleges are the nation’s overlooked asset. As the United States confronts the challenges of globalization, two-year institutions are indispensable to the American future. They are the Ellis Island of American higher education, the crossroads at which K-12 education meets colleges and universities, and the institutions that give many students the tools to navigate the modern world. Community colleges have become the largest single sector of American higher education, with nearly 1200 regionally accredited two-year colleges enrolling 6.5 million students annually for credit (nearly half of all American undergraduates) and another 5 million for noncredit courses. Community colleges:*



- Certify nearly 80 percent of first responders in the United States (police officers, firefighters, EMTs)
- Produce more than 50 percent of new nurses and other health-care workers
- Account for nearly 40 percent of all foreign undergraduates on American campuses
- Enroll 46 percent of all U.S. undergraduates
- Award more than 800,000 associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates annually
- Prepare significant numbers of students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities where they complete bachelor’s degrees. Nationally, half of all baccalaureate degree recipients have attended a community college.

## Thought for the week from Dan Sullivan...

*In every society, there are “human benchmarks” – certain individuals whose behavior becomes a model for everyone else – shining examples that others admire and emulate. We call these individuals “class acts.”*

Be a class act! **Don**

**Welcome!**

Admissions and Records is pleased to welcome Ciara Carter, our new CSS in Registration, who is replacing Clarcye Bany. Ciara has been a work study in counseling and served as a temporary employee in the business office. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. Please join us in officially welcoming her to our team. Also, Admissions and Records is pleased to have Paula Carlsen, RCTC Women's athletic director, assisting in the enrollment services area in a limited capacity for the remainder of the semester. She brings a strong passion for helping students --especially ones new to the process to enroll at RCTC. We're pleased to have her join our team.

**March is Women's History Month**

Women's History Month began in the U.S. in 1978 when Sonoma County, California declared the week of March 8 as Women's History Week. They chose this week because International Woman's Day is celebrated on March 8. Three years later, Congress established National Women's History Week, and then in 1987, Congress expanded the week long celebration to a month. This commemoration was established to help ensure that the impact women have had on our history is part of our children's education. You can find more information about Women's History Month and some wonderful women's biographies at

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html> or at <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/history.php>.

*~ Ricki Walters, Regional Diversity Trainer/Investigator*



**Thank You**

On behalf of the BUM Club, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the "First Annual Dan Chick Memorial Ice Fishing Contest". The day was beautiful and everyone had fun. Dan's son Nate came out and fished and so did Marty and his family, both of them expressed their thanks to all who donated. Through your donations and participation we raised (so far) \$530, half going to Marty Leonard and the other half going to a memorial scholarships for BUM students. If you would still like to donate to the cause just send me a donation (Box 49, Heintz Center), I will hold the final tally for a few days. Mark your calendars for the last Saturday in February next year as we are already planning for the "2nd Annual". Again, thank you for participating!

*~Tom Soltau*