PTK Spring Induction Ceremony

Please mark your calendars and join us ... You are cordially invited to the Spring 2005 Induction Ceremony for new members of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. This program is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 7:00 pm and will be held in the South Room/3rd Floor College Center. Mike Mutschelknaus will provide the keynote address, "A Few Thoughts on Academic Excellence."

Join us to celebrate the academic achievements of RCTC students. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize students and to meet their parents and family members. I hope you will extend your personal congratulations to these fine students.

NEW Resource Room

Educational Technology Unveils NEW Resource Room - available beginning March 21. A place for compiling and sharing ideas for using technology in the workplace and classroom. Everything from movie tutorials to articles to classroom examples. Watch for an email with details on how to "enroll."

What’s New at Goddard Library

We have short trial subscriptions to several article databases.

- MLA International Bibliography – Contains citations (no full-text) to books and articles on modern languages and literatures, linguistics, folklore, and other related topics. Coverage includes literature from all over the world - Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe and North and South America. The Modern Language Association (MLA) International Bibliography covers more than 4,400 academic journals, indexing more than 65,000 books and articles annually for a total of more than 1.6 million records.

We have trials to the MLA International Bibliography from 3 different vendors. Let us know which one you prefer.

MLA International Bibliography – CSA (Expires: 3-28-05)
MLA International Bibliography – Ebscohost (Expires: 3-26-05)
MLA International Bibliography – Proquest (Expires: 3-26-05)

To access these databases, go to the Trials page from the Library’s homepage (http://www.roch.edu/library), and follow the instructions.
Marketing Fact
When asked how many hours per week you spend preparing for class, on a scale of 0-5 (0=none, 1=one to five, 2=six to ten) RCTC students reported a mean score of 2.21 in 2002 and 2.07 in 2003. This is slightly above the national mean for "medium colleges" which scored 1.94 and 1.82 respectively. [Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE)]

Congratulations!
The Goethe-Institut in Atlanta awarded Laurel Panser with an all-expenses paid study/travel seminar in Germany for the summer 2005. (Institut is the German spelling of Institute.)

Thank You
My sincere thank you to everyone who gave memorials, and sent cards to my family and me at the time of the death of my mother-in-law. Your thoughts and expressions of concern were very much appreciated.
Suzanne Dinusson

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Tony Wolf whose father, John Clements "Sonny" Wolf, Jr. passed away on Tuesday, March 2005.

Condolences are also extended to Sue Bunton whose father, Frank Palombi passed away on March 12th.

Our condolences to Sue Finck whose step-father, Leo Laverne Scott, passed away on Saturday, March 5th.

Our thoughts are with these employees and their families.

Peace Corps Project
Upward Bound students are collecting money to send supplies to the Ebukuya School for the Deaf in Luanda, Kenya. The students will have a table in the Atrium March 28th - 31st from 10:00 - 1:00 each day. Please stop by the table to learn more about the Ebukuya School and to make a donation toward this global community service project. For more information see the attachment to this week’s Crossings.

Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: Violin - brand new-never been used as lessons fell through. See at SS130 or call Jan Stephenson at 285-7148 and make an offer.

Home for sale: St.Charles; 2 (possible 3) bedroom rambler; hardwood floors; large family room; fenced in yard; 2 ½ car garage. $112,900. Call Renea Mohler at 507-533-8819.

For Sale: Beautiful dining room light fixture, new condition, all glass, eight sided. Man's size small Wilson leather bomber jacket with zip out lining, new condition. Call Marilyn Etbauer at 289-9541 (H) or 281-7771 (W).

For Sale: 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe (LT – leather interior, loaded with options); 4WD; 4-door; dk blue; 104,000 miles. $9,000/OBO. For more information, E-mail Jenee McGurren or 289-1610.

Weekly funny…

SNAPSHOTS at jinjlene.com

Got off that couch, young man. You're not going to find a job watching TV.
Supalla’s Scribblings

While some of you were enjoying time away from campus, several of us were spending time in St. Paul continuing to visit with legislators to make certain they are informed of our positions relative to the biennial budget, bonding project and four-year university in Rochester proposal. Thanks very much to Gregg Wright and students Kaleb Lindsey and Laticia Christensen who joined me as we traveled between the State Office Building and Capitol visiting with each member of the Rochester legislative delegation. It was most helpful and effective to have both a faculty representative and students participating in the visits. As you have opportunities to communicate and visit with representatives and senators, please continue to stress how important it is for the Legislature to fund the $130 million MnSCU enrollment adjustment, fully fund ($12.7 million) the UCR Health Sciences project, and make certain that RCTC continues to be the provider of lower division undergraduate offerings in Rochester.

On Tuesday afternoon, after significant discussion and some minor amendments, the Governor’s university in Rochester proposal passed its first Senate committee hearing. The proposal provides for a planning committee that will make recommendations on how we can build on current academic programming to expand baccalaureate and graduate programming and applied research. The proposal calls for the creation of an 11-member planning committee made up of representatives from MnSCU, University of Minnesota, Rochester-area, Commissioner of Finance, and persons with postsecondary expertise in finance and academic programming. The Senate Higher Education Committee struck the exemption for the open meeting law language, eliminated that establishment of an endowment account and retained the proposed $200,000 in funding for the committee’s operation. The Committee did not include an implementation appropriation, leaving that discussion to the Senate Higher Education Finance Committee.

On Wednesday, the MnSCU Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Judith Ramaley the next president of Winona State University. Dr. Ramaley is a visiting senior scientist at the National Academy of Sciences and has served as president of the University of Vermont and Portland State University. Immediately following the Board meeting, receptions in Rochester and Winona welcomed her to UCR and the WSU campus. Judith is excited about coming to Minnesota, energetic, enthusiastic, experienced and a joy to be around. I welcome her to Minnesota, MnSCU, WSU, UCR and look forward to working with her as we continue to expand on RCTC/WSU collaborations.

Kudos…

- Congratulations to Colleen Landherr who picked up a $2,000 grant from UCare to help support the “Get Up, Get Moving, Get Healthy, GET THERE” summer program! Colleen has collaborated with several Rochester organizations to promote this summer’s academic and athletic youth programs and camps. Included in this year’s offerings are opportunities in academics, theatre, music, invention, sports, and staying healthy.

- The Korean translation of Fan Shen’s book has been so well received that a Korean television station is coming to RCTC from March 31 – April 6 to video tape several of Fan’s presentations. Please look for opportunities for students and staff to participate in these presentations while the film crew is on campus.

- Another of RCTC’s stellar faculty members…Julie Radakowski…as been awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to India.

- Thanks to Darlene Voeltz for the terrific job she did describing her Fulbright Scholarship experience. Darlene’s was the perfect presentation to inaugurate a long-overdue forum highlighting the talents of UCR faculty. You’re invited to attend the second lecture, by Dr. Ruth Casper, “Come Laugh with Me: The Effects of Humor on Mood,” scheduled for March 24, 1 p.m. in Hill Theatre.

- On January 27, the RCTC Foundation celebrated the Fifth Annual Beat the Odds Fundraising banquet. The event raised $45,000 for scholarships and other RCTC needs. Nearly 300 people attended the dinner and program, including the awarding of $15,000 in scholarships. Many thanks to Judy Bird and Marilyn Etbauer, Foundation staff, and to major sponsors Wells Fargo and the Rochester Post-Bulletin for making this another Beat the Odds success.

- The student staff of the Echo walked away from the Associated Collegiate Press “Best of the Midwest” convention with six awards. The RCTC student newspaper took three third place awards (editorial writing, news photography and arts and literature) and three honorable mentions (news writing, editorial writing, and best overall newspaper). The individual awards were selected against competition from both two- and four-year institutions. Congratulations!
RCTC hosted the 2005 Rochester Regional Science Fair at the Sport Center on March 3 & 4. The Fair showcased 41 student research papers and 386 science projects from Southeast Minnesota middle and high school students. A highlight of the event was a presentation by Dr. Leon Lederman, Nobel prize-winning physicist. Many thanks to Nirmala Kotagal for serving as RCTC’s representative on the planning committee and official host for the annual event.

Thought for the Week…
If you treat an individual as he is, he will stay as he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be can could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be. -- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

May the snowstorm that’s predicted not materialize…

instead, may it be replaced by warm southerly winds and sunny days.

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January 10-May 13, 2005

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Friday           7:30 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday        9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday          1:00 PM-5:00 PM*

*Digital Media Center closed Sundays

CLOSED: January 17, March 12-13, and March 19-20

(Hours are subject to change)