Congratulations Men’s Basketball Team!
Congratulations to the men’s basketball team, its coaches and fans for a great season!!! Congratulations to Head Coach Brian LaPlante and Assistant Coaches Chris Fernholz, Jason Bonde, Steve Schroder and the entire Yellowjacket Team as they represented our college very well in the NJCAA DIII National Tourney in New York. Thursday, March 11, RCTC beat Sullivan (#2 in the nation), Friday RCTC beat Bergen (they were #1 and undefeated) and Saturday they came up a little short and eventually lost to Joliet. RCTC finishes the season as the State (MCAC) Champion, Region (XIII) Champion and the #2 team in the nation after winning those 2 huge games in the national tournament. Demetrius Williams was named to the All-Tournament Team.

~Brad LaPlante, Men’s Athletic Director

Welcome New Staff!
I’m very pleased to announce that Elizabeth Meixell has accepted the Teaching and Learning Support Staff position at the Sports Center. Her first day was on Monday, March 8th. This is a half time, year round position and she will typically be working in the morning. Elizabeth has over 20 years of experience organizing and coordinating office operations and is also enthusiastic about sports. Please join me in making her feel welcome.

~Deb Rogne, Dean of Career and Technical Education

New Director of the Regional Sports Complex
I am pleased to announce that Steve Flint has accepted the offer to serve as the Director of the Regional Sports Complex. Steve has been serving as Interim Director of the UCR Regional Sports Center since May 2009 and has been directly involved in the operations of both the UCR Regional Sports Center and the Rochester Regional Stadium. He served on the team that installed the “Bubble” Dome over the new stadium. He is a former RCTC Yellowjacket football player and was on the 2000 National championship team that won the Pepsi-Sigler Printing Bowl game in Cedar Falls, IA. He served his sports facilities internship at the Rochester Park and Recreation department while earning his degree. He has worked for RCTC in the sports facilities for the last four years. Steve will be responsible for managing both the sports center and the stadium venues. Steve’s office is in the sports center SC 114, and he can be reached at 280-2880 or steve.flint@roch.edu. Please join me in congratulating Steve, and I look forward to his continued contributions to RCTC.

~Marilyn Hansmann, Vice President of Finance and Facilities

Thought for the week...
“Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.” ~Lord Byron

MN Quality Award Follow Up Session
Thursday, March 25, 2010
9:00 a.m. to noon
Room CF206/208
RSVP your attendance to judy.kingsbury@roch.edu
More info on page 4!

AARP Article: Phony Census Workers?
Visit Guatemala and Earn College Credit!
**Chat with the President**

**Thursday, March 25, 2010**

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Heintz Center (HA104)

Please join President Supalla for the next Chat with the President session!

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**Calculus: The Musical!**

You are invited to a fantastic and funny musical performance Wednesday the 24th and Thursday the 25th. Think Extravaganza, RCTC, WSU, and Mu Alpha Theta present “Calculus: The Musical!” Three performances are scheduled: March 24 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. and March 25 at 10:00 a.m. Area high school calculus students have been invited to the day performances, which are free to students. The evening performance is a fund-raiser for Mu Alpha Theta, and tickets are $15. Mu Alpha Theta students are competing for a very expensive calculator with their ticket sales to the evening performance, but it hasn’t been going well. I told them to go up and down the hallways and knock on your doors. 😊 Seating is general admission. The show lasts one hour. Tickets are required for all performances. You don’t need to know calculus to appreciate the humor and music. Performers come from the Know Theatre in Cincinnati.

Contact ViAnn Olson for tickets. 507-285-7457 [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER]

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**RCTC Student President Election**

RCTC students will be electing the 2010-11 Student President on April 6. Candidates will be speaking beginning at 1:30 pm in the Atrium. The voting will take place following the speeches in Room ST112. Also on that day, student life will be holding a club fair in the Atrium from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Please feel free to stop by and show your support for our wonderful clubs and organizations. CLUB ADVISORS: Please notify me (507-285-7204 or carol.nurmi@roch.edu) if your club needs any additional accommodations in the Atrium during the club fair over and above a table and two chairs.

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**Congratulations to RCTC Table Tennis Players!**

Please join me in congratulating Brenda Nguyen, and Tu Nguyen for qualifying to compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association national tournament! Both players qualified for the national tournament because of their results in the ACUI Region 10 qualifying tournament held this past weekend at NDSU in Fargo, ND. Brenda was first in the Women’s division, and Tu placed in the top four of the Men’s division. They now advance to the Nation tournament in Milwaukee, WI, April 9-11 to represent RCTC and Region 10. Team Coach is Lai Nguyen and March Stanchfield is the club advisor.

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**Faculty Lecture Series**


Lynn Guenette, Sociology

Wed., March 24, 11 am

Lynn studied in China last summer through the Fulbright-Hays scholarship program.

Did you know that McDonald’s is the #1 choice for Chinese children’s birthday parties? That McDonald’s in China has delivery drivers (on bikes) and a take-out menu? That obesity is a growing (no pun intended) problem in China? And why do Chinese have trouble figuring out a “drive-thru”?

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**Common Book Event**

John Landretti to speak

Thursday, April 22

7 pm in CF 202


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**Special Guest Lecturer**

**Dr. Tyrone Hayes, Ph.D.**

Thursday, April 29

11 a.m. at Hill Theatre

Hayes will present “Silent Spring to Silent Night: A Tale of Toads and Men.” Hayes is a professor in the Dept. of Integrative Biology at the University of California at Berkeley.

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**UCR IS NOW TOBACCO FREE EFFECTIVE AS OF JANUARY 2010**
March 15 was a sad day for MnSCU and RCTC because that’s when the Governor uncapped his veto pen and red-lined more than $100 million in bonding projects for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, including $8.5 million for the collocated Workforce Center. The Governor did approve $52 million in HEAPR funding for the System, including over $800,000 to pay for the Green Pipe steam line connection to the UCR Sports Center and UCR Main. Also included in the final bill is more than $500,000 to renovate the vacated nursing labs in the Plaza Building into new Anatomy and Physiology labs. System Office reaction to the Governor’s line item veto decision included disappointment in the number of projects vetoed, the fact that final MnSCU funding was $8.5 million lower than the Governor’s own earlier recommendation, many of the projects were shovel ready and would have led to immediate employment, and many of the vetoed projects were for science facilities and space to accommodate strong student enrollments. I appreciated the strong legislative support for the collocated project and will continue to work to get this and the other vetoed projects approved.

Faculty, staff, and student excellence recognized...

- Lori Halverson-Wente’s Cambodia service project will be recognized as one of three national winners with the Community College National Center for Community Engagement’s 2010 Service Learning and Civic Engagement Collaborative Award. Lori will accept the International Service Learning award at the CCNCCE National Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. While at the conference, Lori will present a one-hour workshop where she’ll showcase RCTC’s Cambodia project for other service learning practitioners. Congratulations on this significant award, Lori!
- The RCTC men’s basketball team upset their opponents in both the opening and semi-final round of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III tournament in Delhi, New York. Those victories put them, for the first time in college history, in the national championship game against Joliet (Illinois) Community College. Trailering at half-time, Joliet was able to pull away in the second half to win the game and hand the Yellowjackets the second-place trophy. Congratulations to the team, coaches, trainers and all who made for a great season!
- RCTC faculty members Jean Marconett, Lynn Guenette, Carol Haug and Julie Rodakowski, along with other volunteers from a local church group were approached by a national news organization to participate in a live video stream on two Websites this week. Thanks for your good work and helping spread RCTC’s name around the world.
- Michelle Pyfferoen and her Business and Workforce Education team garnered two Minnesota Job Skills Partnership grants in the latest round of funding. RCTC was one of five MnSCU institutions to receive grants. The funds awarded to MnSCU in this grant round amounted to $1,146,324, or 89 percent of the total. Nice job, Michelle and colleagues!
- Counselor Janet Finlayson was quoted in a recent issue of Community College Times. It’s always a tribute to our quality employees and RCTC when they are cited in national publications. Way to go, Janet!
- Ivonne TjoeFat and the Asian Student Organization organized an amazing celebration, Fusion of Cultures 2010, last weekend. An energetic cast of performers showcased their history, culture and talent. The Asian Student Organization has a history of reaching out to help the community. Thank you for role modeling what community learning is all about.
- Congratulations to RCTC students Brenda Nguyen and Tu Nguyen for qualifying to compete in the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association national tournament! Brenda placed first in the women’s division and Tu placed in the top four of the men’s division. Both players qualified for the national tournament in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, during the Region 10 qualifying tournament at North Dakota State University in Fargo.

You’ll likely be seeing increasing signs of the 2010 Census on campus in the next few weeks. College students, particularly commuter students, can help secure Minnesota’s political and economic future by participating in the Census. By completing and returning the form, they will determine whether Minnesota receives its fair share of more than $400 billion in federal funding for colleges. Students might also help Minnesota retain its eight congressional seats in the House of Representatives. College students across Minnesota are heavily involved in organizing and sponsoring campus census awareness events and programs. Please assist them in this important work whenever possible.

The sequence in the acceptance of a new idea...

1. It’s a foolish idea and won’t work.
2. It’s not a bad idea, but the time isn’t ripe.
3. The time is ripe, but we couldn’t finance it.
4. I was always in favor of this idea.

- Edgar Dale

Don’t let time or money squelch a good idea. ~Don
MN QUALITY AWARD FOLLOW UP
Several members of the Minnesota Quality Council Site Team will be returning to the campus on March 25, 2010 to share the full feedback report and dialogue with faculty/staff about our next steps. Highlights of their exit presentation reflected:

There was evidence that: The senior leadership has created and systematically deployed the College’s mission, vision and values; The shared governance system has built strong partnerships; The College has developed systematic strategy procedures through the strategic planning and integrated planning process; and has well defined work systems (Level 1, 2, and 3 Processes); The balanced scorecard/dashboard is efficiently and effectively serving customers and allowing for transparency of our operations.

In addition, there was evidence that we still need to: Focus on results and create value by analyzing trend lines and taking actions where necessary; Execute plans systematically and effectively by reviewing and refining some department-level plans and developing individual work plans; Improve workforce development by analyzing the College needs to better accomplish our mission and vision; and tie personal work plans to college, division, and department goals; Enhance the College’s sharing and learning by documenting and transferring the workforce knowledge of senior staff and retirees.

The follow-up session is open to all employees, but may be especially beneficial for those that participated in one of the individual or group meetings scheduled with the site team. The session is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room: CF206/208. If you are interested in participating in the Minnesota Quality Award Follow-up Session, please RSVP your attendance to Judy Kingsbury (judy.kingsbury@roch.edu). Again, thank you for your work in our successes to-date and for assisting the College as we continue down on our improvement journey.

~Don Supalla, President

State Retirement Courses
The State Retirement Course will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27 and 28, 2010, at the St. Paul College Auditorium. This course is intended for those state employees who are within about five years of retirement. Description can be found here: http://www.admin.state.mn.us/mad/jdStateRetireSeminar.htm

The Pre-Planning for Retirement course will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25 and 26, 2010, at the Retirement Systems Building of Minnesota in St. Paul. This course is intended for younger state employees. Description can be found here: http://www.mad.state.mn.us/pre-retirement

BUM (Building Utilities Mechanics) Club Raffle
The BUM Club is having a raffle again this year to help fund our activities! Tickets are $5 and only 600 will be sold. The drawing will be held March 31 at noon in the Heintz Center Commons.

This year’s raffle includes:

- Provided by:
  - $500.00 cash
  - Viking Electric Supply

- $2 – 2 Minnesota Wild Tickets (4/02/2010)
  - Quality Life Golf Club

- 18 Hole golf Certificate
  - Applebee’s Marketplace Drive

- One hour Message
  - Viking Electric Supply

- 2- Gift Certificates Applebee’s
  - Johnstone Supply

- 2- I-Pod Shuffles
  - BUM Club

- Infrared Thermometer
  - BUM Club

- 2- Bum Club Jackets
  - BUM Club

- 2- Small refrigerators (reconditioned)
  - BUM Club

And more to be determined!! Checks should be made out to the RCTC Foundation. Anyone wanting a ticket, send me an e-mail (thomas.soltau@roch.edu) telling me how many tickets you would like, then send me the money (checks would be best) through internal mail (Tom Soltau, Box 49, Heintz Center) and I will mail you back the tickets (please give me your return mail address). If you are not comfortable with the internal mail, let me know how I can find you after 2:00 and I will stop by your office. People at Heintz Center can just stop by my office (HB 111) or I will stop by yours. Thank you for your support of the BUM club.

~Tom Soltau, BUM Club Advisor and BUM Instructor

Past RCTC Kicker Signs with Vikings
Source: Minnesota Vikings Web site

The Vikings have signed veteran NFL kickoff specialist Rhys Lloyd, who played his prep football at Eastview High School and kicked collegiately at the University of Minnesota following a pair of seasons at Rochester Community and Technical College.

Lloyd spent 2008 and 2009 with Carolina where he handled kickoff duties for the Panthers. In 2008 he led the NFL with a career-best 30 touchbacks, the most in the NFL since the move to the K-ball. Lloyd followed that with 21 touchbacks in 2009, tied for the 6th-most in the NFL.

In 2007, Lloyd was an All-NFL Europa selection while playing for the Frankfurt Galaxy when he led the league in scoring. Lloyd originally signed with Baltimore in 2005 as a rookie free agent. Lloyd played for the Gophers in 2003-04 after 2 seasons at RCTC.
Crossings Classifieds

**1998 Audi A4 Sedan**: V6 2.8 Liter engine, Quattro AWD, Automatic transmission, 139000 miles, Kelly Blue Book, $5200.00 asking $4250. Contact Jamie Prasser at 507-285-9824.

**Dreaming Golf?** Make plans now to attend this scholarship fund raiser by the Rochester Chapter of American Business Women’s Association (ABWA). All proceeds go to our local scholarship funds! Hole sponsors are $125.00 so please help us get hole sponsors sign-up along with as many teams as we can register! Half day work, half day play!! For RCTC teams registration, contact Rose Conway at 507-285-7260. [CLICK HERE FOR FLYER]

**Community Event**: The first annual “The Dress Event” (a benefit for the Gift of Life Transplant House) will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel on April 11, 2010 from 11am to 3:00pm. [CLICK HERE] for more information or contact Rose Conway at rose.conway@roch.edu or x7260.

**Retiree News**

Retired Music Instructor, Willard Johnson, competed in the Arizona Senior Olympics (Feb. 20-21) and won gold in the 80-84 age division in singles tennis and captured silver in the 80-84 division in men’s doubles tennis. Willard qualifies to compete in the 2011 National Senior Games in Houston next year. Willard taught at the College from 1958 until his retirement in 1985.

**Condolences**

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing away of Russell Howard Wahl, father of Rebecca Henderson (Nursing Instructor) on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in Cooperstown, North Dakota. Mr. Wahl was 95 years old.

Condolences are extended to Mary Olson and her family (BTECH/HIT Instructor) whose brother, Duane Firl, passed away on Saturday, March 6, 2010. Mr. Firl was 75 years old.

Condolences are also extended to Judy Savage whose grandmother, Genevieve M. Schleif, passed away on Monday, March 8, 2010. She was 93 years old.

Our thoughts are with these employees and their families.

**Thank You**

Thank you for the Nephytis plant in honor of Connie Larson’s (French Instructor) father, William O. Lewis. It was kind of you to remember Connie.

~ Mrs. William O. Lewis (Connie’s Mom)

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**Snapshots at jasonlove.com**

Mr. Johnson turned around uneasily. Did they really know the answer, or was he headed for another smart-aleck remark?

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**March is Women’s History Month**


**Car Repairs**

We are in need of vehicles not running correctly for our Auto Lab Students in the Auto II program. If you have a vehicle that does not run right or bucks, kicks, jerks, doesn’t start, or has a ses (service engine soon lamp) or check engine lamp on we want to fix it. Please email me with all the details including: year, make, model, description of the problem. Call 507-280-3165 or e-mail mike.staver@roch.edu

~Mike Staver, AMT