

Weekly Funny

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"As you can see by this pie chart, most of our expenses go to, well, pie."

Mark Your Calendars!

Horticulture Greenhouse at Heintz Center

May 1: 11am -2pm; May 2: 10-noon; May 5: 4 - 6pm; May 6: 11 - 2pm; May 7: 4 - 6pm; May 8: 11 - 2pm; May 9: 10 - noon; May 12: 2 - 4pm; May 13: 11 - 2pm and May 15: 11 - 1pm

~ Growing for you, Robin, Doug, & Hort Students



Circuits and Skins Concert

Monday, May 5th, Hill Theatre, 7PM

Free and open to the public!

You are cordially invited to attend the Digital Arts and Music department's "Circuits and Skins" Concert. This concert features the RCTC World Drum Ensemble under the direction of Denny McGuire and RCTC student original music compositions. The concert will also present a new composition by Kevin Dobbe. The ensemble of the work will feature: Carla Hanson, soprano; Teresa Tolmie, piano; Matt Hafar, Trombone; and John Paulson, Soprano Saxophone.



Academic Accolades



Congratulations to Paul Kinion, Mathematics Instructor, and all students enrolled in Calc I, II and III classes at RCTC. Student mathematicians from RCTC received high marks in the recent Student Mathematics League Competition sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges (AMATYC):

Round 1 of Competition

Top Teams in Central Region - Round 1 - RCTC 9th
 Top Individual Scores in Central Region - Round 1 - Tucker Ward
 RCTC - Tie for 7th

Round 2 of Competition

Top Team in Central Region - Round 2 - RCTC #1
 Top Individuals in Central Region - Round 2
 Mark Swatosh RCTC - 2nd
 Josh Hanson RCTC - 3rd
 Tucker Ward RCTC - 6th
 Anna Resman RCTC - tied for 11th

TOP AWARDS

Top Team in Central Region - Total - RCTC #2
 Top Individuals in Central Region (Total)
 Tucker Ward - RCTC 3rd
 Anna Resman - RCTC 7th
Top Team Overall - RCTC 20th (out of 179)

RCTC Equine Science Horse Show

Friday May 9th from 1-5 pm

The Stables Equestrian Center (college stables)
 6489 51st Street, N.E., Rochester

If you have any questions, contact Julie Christie.

Directions: Head east on Viola Road from Century High School for about 5 miles. Turn north (left) onto County Road 11. Take your first right turn onto 51st Street N.E. The Stable is the 4th driveway on the left - look for the red barn.



Supalla Scribblings



Work on resolving the biennial budget reduction continues to be the focus of discussion in St. Paul. Currently, the Legislature and Governor appear to be some distance apart. As the May 19th adjournment date draws near, the intensity of the rhetoric is likely to escalate.

What a week this has been at RCTC! Tuesday evening the internationally renowned Ragamala Dance and Theater Company put on a stellar performance in Hill Theatre. The performance concluded with an amazing drum/dance exhibit that drew a standing ovation. The diverse audience included students and staff, a

following who had seen Ragamala perform before, a broad-based sector of citizens from Rochester and Southeast Minnesota, a contingent of faculty and students from Luther College, and others. Many thanks to Catherine Egenberger who was instrumental in getting the troupe to University Center and to Barb Mollberg who raised the funds necessary to cover the cost of this outstanding performance. Without a doubt, it goes down as one of the finest entertainment events I've ever attended. Wednesday evening RCTC's Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (Minnesota's first chapter, celebrating its 80th Anniversary) inducted 87 new members. The inductees were honored by a packed-house of family members and friends. In addition to the induction of members, the evening included congratulatory remarks, an "Opportunities in Honors" presentation by Kristin Buck and honors students, an address by Regional PTK Coordinator Linda Tetzlaff, keynote by International Vice President Shamil Mirzoev and recognition of chapter officers. Special thanks to Allan O'Bryan, Omicron Chapter Advisor, for his leadership and planning of another great international honor society celebration. Thursday evening the RCTC Foundation hosted the annual "Scholarship Night Celebration." This year's event was moved to the UCR Sports Center to accommodate those in attendance to recognize the 170 awardees who received \$198,000 in scholarship disbursement. These awards, coupled with RCTC Foundation monies distributed earlier at the Beat the Odds Banquet and at area high school scholarship nights, will provide 2008-09 students with more than \$225,000 in financial assistance. You can best thank the Foundation Board, Foundation Executive Director Jean Jech, and Foundation Assistant Joni Gamm by making your personal undesignated contribution to the RCTC Foundation.

Campus Kudos...

- ViAnn Olson was recently elected President of the MinnMATYC professional association. She begins a four-year commitment to the organization (one year as president-elect, two-years as president, and one-year as past-president). MinnMATYC is the Minnesota Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges. ViAnn's colleagues join the rest of the College in congratulating her on her victory. She'll be an excellent RCTC representative.
- Speaking of math, congratulations to Paul Kinion and the RCTC students enrolled in Calculus I, II, and III. Student mathematicians from RCTC received high marks in the recent Student Mathematics League Competition sponsored by the American Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges. An RCTC team captured first place in Round 2 of the Central Region competition. Overall, RCTC placed #2 in the Central Region competition and #20 of 179 teams competing nationally. The competitive ranking of these mathematicians is a tribute to the high quality of RCTC's faculty and the dedication of Paul Kinion.
- The *Southern Humanities Review* will be publishing Kathleen Dahl's essay entitled "Yellow Medicine/Pejuhatazizi Kapi" in an upcoming issue. The lyrical essay reflects on some of our muddled stories of the prairie. The *Southern Humanities Review* publishes fiction, poetry, critical essays, and book reviews on the arts, literature, philosophy, religion, and history. Work published in *SHR* is considered for other awards and recognitions. Congratulations to Kathleen, whose work joins a rather long list of other English faculty members whose work has been published.
- MerryBeth Gay has shared the latest results of the Associate Degree nursing board exams...96.43 percent. Once again, the RCTC graduates scored better than graduates from most other programs. While a few programs noted a 100 percent passing rate, it should be noted that they often had only one individual sitting for the exam, while 56 RCTC students took the test. Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff. You make us proud!



What do millennials want from their employer? Here are the top five responses from a survey of more than 27,000 employees who work for *Fortune's* 100 Best Companies to Work For...

- #1 – There is a "family" or "team" feeling here.
 - #2 – I am treated as a full member here regardless of my position.
 - #3 – We're all in this together.
 - #4 – Management shows appreciation for good work and extra effort.
 - #5 (Tie) – Everyone has an opportunity to get special recognition.
- People look forward to coming to work here.

Thought for the week...*Compassion, understanding of people and fairness are important. I feel responsible not to let the people in the company down. There is a lot of pressure that comes with that. When you take it to heart, it becomes your life, not just your job.*
~ Andrea Jung, Avon Executive

Do you feel responsible not to let our students down?

Don

Rochester Community & Technical College



Please join us

You are invited to celebrate the 2008 Service Learning experiences and adventures.

Luncheon—1:00 PM—CF206-208

Opening Remarks—Mike Bequette

Learning Circles—Bret Fuller

Faculty Experiences

Roundtable Discussion with Community Service Learning Partners

Conclusion—Don Supalla

SERVICE LEARNING WORKSHOP

- * If you are involved with Service Learning—this will be valuable
- * If you want to explore adding Service Learning to your Fall curriculum, this will be valuable
- * If you enjoy good food and laughter—**You Can't Miss!!**

RSVP Required for proper planning.

Date: May 1, 2008—CF 206-208
Time: 1:00—4:00 PM

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Upcoming Events at the Regional Sport Center

May 2, 3 & 4 - MN/USA Greco-Roman State Championships
 May 8 - Habitat for Humanity-Digi Arts Club Concert
 May 10, 11 - Rochester Cup Volleyball Tournament
 May 15 - RCTC Graduation
 May 17 - NAMI, Walk for Research and Education
 May 18 - Rochester Youth Volleyball and Southern MN Volleyball Tournament

Crossings Classifieds

FOR SALE: 20 gal aquarium w/whisper filter, heater, light \$25. Stereo 3D slide projector \$100. 4ft Tubex plastic seedling tubes \$1 each. Honda 21" self-propelled mulching mower \$150. Free Floor Loom. Anne Benson 282-3669 anne.benson@roch.edu

FOR SALE: 4 Bdrm 2 bath home on 1/2 acre; 5 minutes to the college; 4 car garage parking; fenced back yard; \$231,000 - Call Joe at 507-272-8864 or Rose Conway x7260.

FOR SALE: Rochester Youth Baseball (RYBA) Discount Cards available \$20. Includes buy 1 get one round free at city golf courses. Discounts and free items from BB's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings, Green Mill, Beetles, Brothers, Whistle Binkies, and many more. Use it twice, and you're money ahead. Limited Supply. Contact guy.hamernik@roch.edu

You're Invited...

Reading In the Round: Student Poetry Under the Sky on April 30 from 11:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Outdoor Amphitheatre (between Health Sciences and the Sports Center). Bring your lunch or buy a snack at the Café, and spend some time in the sunshine listening to RCTC students read their poetry. Ten students from ENGL 2252, Writing Poetry, will be joined by Pushcart Prize nominee Jodeen Wink and class instructor Pam Whitfield as they read their original works. Students, staff and faculty are invited to attend this free event in honor of National Poetry Month. Questions? Email pam.whitfield@roch.edu

Faculty of the Year Reception

You're invited to the Faculty of the Year Reception, scheduled Tuesday April 29 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in CF 206/208. We want to acknowledge the teaching excellence of Lynn Guenette and Robin Fruth-Dugstad, RCTC's Faculty of the Year for 2007-2008.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Heather Sklenicka (chemistry instructor) and husband David on the birth of their daughter, Ivy Ru. Ivy was born on April 24th and is 6 lbs, 5 oz, 19 3/4 inches long.



You're Invited – Mark Your Calendar!



Please join us for our annual retirement reception in honor of this year's retirees many years of dedication to RCTC and our students. Retirees to be honored are: *Eugene Allen; William Bakken; Claryce Bany; Jack Denny; Earlene Hackenmiller; Katherine Jacobson; Warren Kemplin; William Knutson; Patricia Kraemer; Nancy Midler; Richard Miller; Marilyn Treder; Delores Wright.*

Thursday, May 8, 2008 from 2-4pm in CF206/208
Brief program at 2:30pm.

Martial Arts Club

Martial Arts Club meets Wednesdays from 8-10pm in the Wrestling Room (SC 108).

