Congratulations!

Congratulations to Jeff Sherman, sociology instructor, for receiving the Yellowjacket compliment. A student said that she was not looking forward to the sociology class because it is not a subject she found interesting, but Mr. Sherman changed her perspective concerning sociology. Mr. Sherman met with students in a group study session before an exam that helped many students understand the material better. Mr. Sherman is a “teacher” in the truest sense of the word.

Way to go, Jeff. The extra effort you put into helping your students succeed is appreciated.

“Jacket Jamboree”

New Student Orientation Day is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22, 2000, from 9:00am - 3:00pm. Starting at noon in the Courtyard, the “Jacket Jamboree “ will feature a Mini Fall Fest, which will include a FREE picnic along with a wide variety of fun activities. As usual, staff and faculty are invited to come and enjoy the afternoon, which concludes with an ice cream social at 2:30pm.

As part of the afternoon’s offerings, we are setting up student services and other college informational booths. We would like to invite any department that would like to set up such an informational booth to contact us ASAP! We feel this would be a good way to get your message out to our new students.

Thank you

The Commencement Planning Task Force would like to thank those who assisted in the planning and assembly of (as well as the participation in) the 2000 Rochester Community and Technical College Commencement Ceremony. A lot of time and effort is put into organizing the evening for our candidates, and the efforts, assistance, and attendance by the faculty, staff, and administration was greatly appreciated by those students and the Task Force members.

Summer shuttle service

Summer Shuttle service between the UCR site and Heintz Center will begin Monday, May 22, 2000 and end Friday, August 18, 2000.

We will leave the front atrium area at the UCR site half -past the hour and from the Heintz center at 45 minutes past the hour between 8:30 and 3:00 Monday through Friday.
Food Service, Taher, Inc.
May 12 – June 2, Fresh Selections

Taher will be offering food by advance ordering only from May 15 – June 2.

How does it work?

- Order from the selected menu by calling the food service at 285-7209 by 2:00pm the day before.
- Order by completing an order form available in the cafeteria.
- Your order will be ready for you to pick up at the time you requested between 12:00 – 1:00pm

When ordering, please leave your name, phone number and the time you are picking up your food.

Hot Sandwiches

¼ # Hamburger ...................................... $1.90
¼ # Cheeseburger ................................... $2.20
Roast Beef & Cheddar ........................... $2.95

Cold Sandwiches ................................. $2.65
(Choice of 1 meat and 1 cheese)
Smoked Ham or Turkey Breast
Natural Swiss or Aged Cheddar
White or Wheat Bread

Salads

Chef’s Salad...........................................$2.95
Tuna Salad/Mixed Greens & Fruit ........ $2.95
Choice of dressings: Ranch, French,
Low Fat Ranch, Italian Dressing

Limited Service, M – F 11:00am – 1:00pm
June 5 – August 22

Morning coffee and breakfast items will be available on an honor system
8:30 – 10:00am

Weekly funny...

Ms. Jennings...have you seen my “Organization is the Key to Success” Poster?

Summer food service program

RCTC Upward Bound is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all program participants without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Lunch will be provided at Rochester Community and Technical College from June 19 through July 21, 2000. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any USDA-related activity should write immediately to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410.

It’s a girl!

Congratulations to Rick and Michelle Yankowiak on the birth of their daughter. Kiley was born on May 4 and weighted in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 ½ inches long.

Thought for the week...

A life spent making mistakes is not only most honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing.

—Unknown
Supalla’s Scribblings

This week RCTC recognized eight retirees who have contributed 166 years of combined service to the college. Please take a few moments to tell them how much you appreciated their contributions. The 1999-2000 retirees are: Larry Dohse – Building Utilities Mechanic Instructor, Julie Goodman – Dean of Health Sciences, Steve Kereakos – Director of Student Life, Dallas Nelson – Building Utilities Mechanic Instructor, Lorna Schmidt – Practical Nursing Instructor and Program Leader, Evey Schmitt – AD Nursing Instructor and Director of Nursing, Dale Schwartz – Maintenance, and Don Strelow – Auto Mechanic Instructor. Thanks to each of you for making RCTC a better place to learn and work. Enjoy your retirement adventure!

On May 2, the Byron High School bands premiered two commissioned works by Kevin Dobbe, RCTC music instructor and TeachNet Fellow. Kevin’s compositions were arrangements of two traditional Chinese folk songs. Congratulations, Kevin!

Thanks to the very hard work of our legislative delegation; Vern Bushlack and his Horticulture Technology colleagues, students, and business partners; and Alison Good and the GRAUC Board of Directors, RCTC bonding projects fared very well in the Legislature. The big prize this session was full-funding, $4.5 million, for funds to design, construct, and equip new horticulture facilities at Heintz Center. The college’s request for $2 million in infrastructure funding was pared to $1.4 million. This appropriation should provide funds for the completion of the last segment of the intercampus road connecting UCR-Main and Heintz Center as well as resources to replace athletic fields lost in the road/Sports Center construction. This year’s funding, almost $6 million, supplements co-developed projects totaling more than $25 million appropriated during the 1998 session (Sports Center - $13.9 million, Technology Center - $9.237 million, Intercampus Road - $1.3 million, and more than $1 million for soccer/football fields). Special thanks to all that had a part in securing this funding and to those who are responsible for the planning and project management of these significant infrastructure improvements. The face of University Center will certainly change during the next 24 months. Enjoy the transformation!

ACT released some discouraging numbers regarding 1999 public colleges...

- Percent of two-year college freshmen not returning for their sophomore year = 47.5%
- Percent of two-year college students graduating within three years = 33.1%
- Percent of four-year college freshmen not returning for their sophomore year = 28.1%
- Percent of four-year college students graduating within five years = 42.2%

Please note that the State Primary Election is scheduled for September 12, 2000. EXCEPT FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASSES, STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC MEETINGS OR OTHER SCHOOL EVENTS BETWEEN 6 AND 8 P.M.

This week I had three students stop by and share some great news (the kind of visitors I love)! All three non-traditional students had attended other colleges and wanted me to know what a significantly better experience they’re having at RCTC. The students singled out the exceptional teaching of Robin Fruth-Dugstad, Dana Piens, and Kathy Peak. I really appreciate the quality work of the entire RCTC team….THANK YOU!

Thought for the Week...

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”
— William Butler Yeats

From the May 3 CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION – Most Americans now believe that there cannot be too many people going to college, a reversal from previous findings. The report, “Great Expectations,” states that 76 percent of U.S. adults surveyed said that there could not be too many people with education and training beyond high school. In 1993, as the United States was pulling out of a recession, 54 percent of those surveyed agreed that “too many people are going to college.” In other findings, the report says that 87 percent of Americans surveyed agreed that getting a college education has become as important as a high-school diploma used to be. “The shift in attitude toward college is really extraordinary,” said Deborah Wadsworth, president of Public Agenda. “The message of the importance of more education and better skills has really gotten through.”

I can’t think of more positive news to close out another academic year. Thanks very much for an exceptional year. Whether you’re working on or off campus this summer, ENJOY!

— Don
Summer session financial aid

Please remind students that Applications for Summer Session Financial Aid are now available in the Financial Aid Office on the UCR campus and at the Information Desk on the Heintz Center Campus. This application is required of all students requesting Summer funding - even those who have been receiving Financial Aid for Fall and/or Spring Semesters. The deadline to apply is June 16, 2000.

In addition, if you have not renewed your request for work-study students for the upcoming Summer Session and also for the 2000-01 school year, please do so as soon as possible. We want to advertise as many jobs as possible to students as they complete their Financial Aid files throughout the Summer. We hope this will aid in filling work-study positions earlier during Fall Semester, 2000.

Champa/Kereakos Golf Outing

6th Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing — June 9, 2000

Willow Creek Golf Course
1700 48th Street SW, Rochester

For information, call 507-285-7205

All proceeds support the Champa/Kereakos Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Summer hours

Duplicating

May 20th -August 20th, 2000
Monday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Saturday Closed

Goddard Library and Tech. Center
May 22-August 18, 2000
Monday-Friday, May 22-29 9 AM-4 PM
Saturday-Monday, May 27-29 CLOSED
Tuesday-Friday, May 30-June 2 9 AM-4 PM
June 5-August 18, 2000
Monday-Thursday 9 AM-8 PM
Friday 9 AM-4 PM
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM
Sunday CLOSED

CLOSED: May 27-29, June 3, July 4 (Holiday and Break Hours May Vary)

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