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http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html

Welcome Week!
Your help is needed for greeting students and distributing handbooks during the first few days of classes on August 21, 22 & 23. If you are willing to spare an hour we would love to see you! Please contact Roxy Roadway at 7127 or roxy.roadway@roch.edu to sign up for a shift.

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Common Book Updates
As you prepare for this next year, we would like you to place on your calendar the following dates for the visit of Paul Loeb, the author of our 2006-2007 Common Book, The Impossible Will Take a Little While. The times are still being negotiated with him, but he will be on campus on Oct. 26 (tentatively a student lecture at 10:00 am and an evening workshop/pizza with Paul event for them as well - we are also planning a community event and a faculty and staff workshop in the afternoon - we need to confirm these with the author still, however) and March 21.

If you are using this book this year in your class and have a particular essay, poem or other selection that you will be focusing upon, could you please email that information to me soon. We are working on the Common Book Website and would add more resources for these particular selections if we know what they are. The site will be ready for fall semester and chapter study questions are being co-constructed by a great group Beth Heim de Bera and Kristin Buck assembled. As we will be completing the site next week, if you could email me the sections you are most interested in and any other information to me asap, that would be great.

Thanks all - and I will update you with the specific times at they are confirmed with Paul Loeb. We will also be planning a Common Book Break-Out Session at our upcoming Staff Development day, so if you have any other questions or resources to share, please pass them along and plan on attending our session :)

Lori Halverson-Wente
Weekly funny…

Snapshots at jasonlove.com

Who are these people, and what are they doing in my home?

Condoleses

Condoleses to Fan Shen whose mother Zairu Yu passed away on Monday, July 17th in Beijing.

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing away of Arlin Patrick (retired Physical Education/Health Instructor from 1976 to 1993) on Sunday, July 23 at his home in Plainview.

Condoleses to Kristi Ziegler (WSU-RC) whose brother, Clark A. Tuttle III, passed away on Monday, August 7th.

Our thoughts are with these employees, former employees and their families.

Marketing Fact


Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: 1998 Buick Park Avenue - great condition; clean/well-maintained - 116,000 miles; great tires; new battery last winter; 22mpg city/29-32mpg highway; $5,600/BO. Ann Whelan - 285-7515 (work) or 288-3869 (home) leave message.

For Sale: Couch/hide-a-bed for sale. Floral print on blue denim color background. 7’ long. $95. Contact Judy Savage at 281-4575.

Home for Rent: NW Rochester-4 bdrm, 2 bath home with a garage-close to John Adams-available Sept. 1st. $975 Contact Nikki 507-250-3051 or Rose Conway at 285-7260.

For Sale: 2000 Saturn LW1 (4 cylinder station wagon); Excellent Condition; 76K miles; Professionally Maintained $6,500/BO. Call MaryBeth Gay at 281-9396 after 6 pm.

Academic Accolades

We are delighted to announce the publishing of Where Did the Party Go? by Jeff Taylor, RCTC Librarian and Political Science instructor.

Where Did the Party Go? is a prodigious work of scholarship that converts extensive research into an accessible book. Taylor offers up a unique twelve-point model of Jefferson’s thought-as relevant to our time as to his-and uses it to appraise competing views of liberalism in the party during two key eras. Bypassing the well-worn assessments of high-profile Democratic presidents, he shows instead how liberalism from 1885 to 1925 was distinctly Jeffersonian as exemplified by the populism of William Jennings Bryan, while from 1938 to 1978 it became largely elitist under national leaders such as Hubert Humphrey who embraced a centralized state and economy, as well as imperial intervention abroad.

Copies of the book will soon be available for purchase at the RCTC Bookstore. Jeff will also be part of the UCR Faculty Lecture Series this fall. Watch for more information.

Congratulations, Jeff!
Supalla’s Scribblings

I’m preparing this edition while attending the 2006 Continuous Quality Improvement Network (CQIN) Summer Institute in Chicago with a broad-based team of RCTC faculty and staff. This year’s theme is “Breakthrough Learning – Creating Dramatic Improvements Through Innovation.” CQIN is the premier national organization for two-year colleges committed to the continuous quality improvement journey. This year’s conference business partners include IDEO (world famous design team), Steelcase (major manufacturer of educational furniture), Merchandise Mart, and Richland College (country’s first two-year college Baldrige winner). A more detailed summary of the conference will be shared later.

As we greet new employees arriving for orientation on August 14, welcome returning team members back from summer break and accommodate the last minute needs of returning students, let’s not forget to congratulate our colleagues for a variety of accomplishments…

- Fifty-one of 52 (98%) RCTC nursing students who took the second quarter State Board Exam passed the test. This impressive pass rate follows the 100 percent (50/50) students who passed the first quarter exam. Congratulations to students, faculty and staff on this impressive accomplishment!
- Kudos to Carol Naatz, Ruth Siefert, the Business Office team and all who played a role in making the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser held on campus in July a smashing success. The event raised $150,000+ for cancer research.
- College of Kids has completed another very successful 3-week run. This annual program for future RCTC students provides area gifted and talented elementary and middle school students a unique learning opportunity while introducing these young people and their parents to the higher education opportunities available on the UCR campus.
- Speaking of kids, RCTC has joined a number of other community agencies in sponsoring a new program aimed at getting young folks involved in the political process. Kids Voting Rochester, an affiliate of national and state programs, begins this fall. Once students return to school, teachers in Kids Voting school districts prepare and teach 6-8 lessons on democracy and voting. Part two is education that takes place outside the classroom, in the adult polling places on Election Day. In Kids Voting communities, the kids get to go to the official polling place with their parents and vote when their parents vote. It’s hands on, real life, real time education. Did you know that the City Council recently approved a resolution making the UCR Sports Center an official polling site? The first-ever voting on the UCR campus will occur on September 12 (classes are not in session due to a scheduled fall semester staff development day) when the city will hold primary elections.
- RCTC will be mentioned in an upcoming issue of the American Association of Community Colleges in an article about the increasing number of participants and articulation opportunities for students involved in the Peace Corps. The college was selected primarily because of the large number of RCTC faculty members who have served in the Peace Corps.
- Congratulations to Julie Rodakowski, Mike Bequette and a team of faculty that drafted a comprehensive learning center proposal that garnered a $126,300 grant from MnSCU. The project is expected to have a significant impact across the institution, serve more than 350 students the first year, and focus on student learning in reading, ESL, math and science. The project is based on the documented evidence of increasing levels of student needs and of unsatisfactory student learning outcomes in the targeted subject areas.
- Judy Gust was featured in a WCCO-TV Minnesota Online Feature Story as a pioneer in online education. Her involvement began with her representation on the MnSCU e-learning task force and has continued with her involvement as faculty rep and Executive Board member of the Minnesota Online Council. The July 6 story detailed Judy’s work in organizing the online Health Information Technology program and her collaborations with Mayo Clinic and Olmsted Medical Group.
- IBM’s Valerie Pace has invited Tim Gilrudy to participate in a conference call on the World Community Grid for higher education partners and prospects. RCTC is the higher education star, currently ranked number four in the world, in computer time contributed to the World Community Grid.

On July 20, federal legislative conferees reached an agreement to reauthorize the Carl Perkins Career and Technical Education Act for six years. The Perkins program had been eliminated in President Bush’s FY07 budget request. In addition to securing critical funding, the bill included changing the name from “vocational education” to “career and technical education.”

At the July MnSCU Board meeting, David Paskach of Marshall, Southwest Initiative Foundation Vice President, was named board chair; Clarence Hightower, Plymouth, vice chair; and Michael Boulton, student rep, treasurer.

Thought for the Week… Make each day your masterpiece. – Joshua Wooden, Father of John Wooden

Don
The Weight Watchers At Work Program brings meetings to you!

Wednesdays – 11:45 AM at RCTC
You’re welcome to come to a meeting FREE!
(See what we’re all about!)
For more location and other information contact:
Katie Swegarden
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Thank You
Dear RCTC Family,
Thank you very much for the teddy bear and balloon for our baby daughter, Camryn. She'll learn to cuddle it very soon, I'm sure. They grow so quickly! Thanks again.

Ben and Jean Hoth

To the Family at RCTC
We have lost someone very special . . . Thank you for sharing our grief.

The Family of Gladys Schattschneider

Employee News
Congratulations to Sara and Don Bunge on the birth of their daughter, Erin Louise, on Monday, July 24th at 7:19am. Erin weighed in at 7lbs, 9 ozs and was 20" long.

Congratulations to Rosemary Hicks who is the proud grandmother of a 6 lbs 6 oz baby girl. Addison Elizabeth was born to Rosemary's son, Mic, and his wife, Jill, on Friday August 4 at 11:55pm. She was 19" long.