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A Look Back...

50 years ago this month...275 students registered for fall quarter. Men outnumber women 191 to 84. Of this group 204 are Rochester residents.

Combined Charities Campaign

I had so much fun last year, I decided to volunteer to be the coordinator for UCR Campus for the 2005 Minnesota State Employees' Combined Charities Campaign this year! First I want to Thank Gary in Taher Food Services for the okay to do two food events to raise money for this campaign. Taher, (our food vendor), has waived the part in the contract which prohibits groups or clubs from selling food on campus. This is their contribution for this campaign being state-wide. Again, Thank You Gary. The Campaign runs from October 3rd-21st. We are "Kicking-Off" the campaign on Monday, October 3rd with a Bake Sale in the Atrium from 10:30-12:30 ( or until sold out). The second event will be Monday, October 10th with a "Chili Cook-Off" in the Atrium from 10:45-12:30 ( or until sold out). I am asking each of you to consider donating baked goods or a crock pot of chili for these events. Students enjoyed the food last year and pricing is kept affordable-staff and faculty enjoyed the food too! For the baked items, please wrap items (or zip-lock baggies) at home and please identify the food -some like to buy individually, some like a plate of a half-a-dozen-If you prefer to bring a pan of bars, please mark your pan and we can sell them individually (you will be responsible to pick your pan up in the Counseling Center at the end of the day)-if you want to bring pies, we can sell individually or sell by the whole pie-I will price them. For the chili, please bring in crock pots: Bring it HOT to the Atrium at 10:45 (most morning classes end at 10:50) and I will have bowls and spoons, plus napkins available to serve. Please be sure to bring a ladle to serve your chili. Your crock pots and ladles can be picked up in the Counseling Center in the p.m. WE have been given funding to keep this UCR campus growing and to get even better! My wish is to have all of us take part in these two events, and to give to the charity of your choice in this campaign. The campaign brochures will be in your mailboxes the last week of September.

- Rose Conway
Weekly funny…

SNAPSHOTS at jasonlove.com

"And tomorrow we will be having a surprise test."

RCTC Professional Development Series

Fulbright 101: the nuts and bolts of the process
Date: Thursday, September 8
Time: 2:15 -3:30
Place: CF 206/208
Presenters: Julie Rodakowski, Virginia Wright-Peterson, Lillyam Arroyave and Darlene Voeltz

If you have ever considered applying for a Fulbright or have ever wondered about the process this session is for YOU! Administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, the Fulbright Scholar Program is the nation’s premier academic exchange program. Come hear about the program, the application requirements, and the experiences from RCTC’s own Fulbright Scholars.

For further information, please contact Jessie Martinez, faculty development advocate 507-285-7552 or jessie.martinez@roch.edu

Marketing Fact
According to Time Magazine (Aug. 29, 2005) only 51% of incoming college freshmen are academically prepared for college-level social science courses according to their ACT scores. Only 26% are prepared for college-level biology.

Crossings Classifieds
For Sale: 2002 Keystone Cabana 2200 RV; stored indoors; 24.5 feet; tons of storage; sleeps 6-8 people; plus all options included; asking $10,000 OBO. Call Sara Soukup at 289-0843.

For Sale: Toolbox for small pickup truck, lockable, constructed of PVC type material, black color. Excellent condition, $50. Call Deb Schloegel at 280-0932 after 5 p.m. or ext. 7230.

Blood Drive on Campus
Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Program will hold Blood Drives on campus on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 27
Wednesday, October 26
Tuesday, November 29

Location: AT301 - Time: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Appointments: Call Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Program at 284-4475. Walk-ins are welcome! Please encourage students to attend. For more information check http://www.mayoclinic.org/donateblood

Thank You
The Family of Elroy Braa deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness in the gift of a generous plan in our father's memory. The sturdiness of a rubber tree certainly symbolizes the strength one receives when others reach out to encourage during difficult times like this. Thank you for thinking of us - your effort is appreciated.

Kathleen Sorensen (daughter)
Wayne Braa (son)

Condolences
Condolences to Nancy Hust whose mother, Virginia A. "Ginny" Twite, passed away on Sunday, September 4. Our thoughts are with Nancy and her family.
Supalla’s Scribblings

I suspect that you’ve begun to notice the flurry of media activity leading up to the week of 90th Anniversary activities that kickoff with the Extravaganza on Saturday, September 10. During the next few days you’ll experience a blitz of radio, television and newspaper promotional activities celebrating our history. I encourage you to look in the September 7 Post-Bulletin for a 24-page supplement noting many highlights of RCTC, Minnesota’s oldest two-year public college. Invite your neighbors and friends to join you at the Extravaganza for an afternoon and evening of food, fun, hot air balloon launch, music and fireworks. I hope you have reserved your ticket for a seat at the September 16 Gala...an evening to remember. The upcoming anniversary events will serve as a history lesson for those new RCTC family members…and a memory-jogger for us old-timers. Come one, come all!

As we approach the tenth day of the semester, enrollment numbers are probably pretty close to what will be reported in official MnSCU tenth day enrollment reports. We started Day 1 with 6060 students enrolled and registered for 66,564 credits. Enrollments peaked at 6137 students and 66,630 credits on Day 2. Since then, we’ve experienced a steady decline in headcount and credits sold as students dropped and added courses. Today, Day 8, we officially count 5996 students who are enrolled in 63,885 credits. For comparison purposes, tenth day numbers in 2004 saw 5810 enrollees taking 63,885 credits. So it looks like when all is said and done, RCTC fall semester headcounts will increase slightly and credits sold will be flat. Please do everything you can to help retain our student base.

Citizens who live within the Rochester city limits will have an opportunity October 4 to vote in a single-issue special election to extend the local sales tax. The question on the ballot...Shall the City of Rochester be authorized (a) to extend beyond December 31, 2009, the imposition of a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent and an excise tax of $20 per retail sale of a motor vehicle and (b) to issue additional general obligation bonds in an aggregate amount not exceeding $40 million above the amount authorized in 1998, plus the cost of issuing the bonds, to finance cost of acquisition and betterment of the following projects: 1) Transportation infrastructure improvements, including regional highway and airport improvements; 2) Improvements to the civic center complex; 3) A municipal water, sewer and storm sewer project to improve regional ground water quality; and, 4) Construction of a regional recreation and sports center and other higher education facilities available for both community and student use. The city will use the additional $40 million to provide $16 million to the City for transportation infrastructure improvements and $16 million to Olmsted County for transportation infrastructure improvements as specified in (1) above, and $8 million for higher education facilities as specified in (4) above. Two college/community forums have been scheduled on September 29...noon in the Charter Room and 3 p.m. at Heintz Center...to share information about the sales tax extension. I encourage you to attend one of the forums and learn more about the sales tax extension and its impact on transportation and higher education. A UCR voter registration drive will commence next week and a get-out-the-vote campaign will be conducted the week prior to the vote. Look for election and voter registration information that will be posted throughout the campus.

As we begin fall semester refreshed and invigorated, Beloit College once again released its annual Mind-Set List—a jarring reminder that, as we continue to age, most college freshmen will forever be 18. Most of this year’s entering class were born in 1987, a year in which Robert Bork’s Supreme Court nomination and Michael Jackson’s album Bad were big news, but not Al Qaeda, which was only just forming. Here’s a small sample of Beloit’s take on the freshman perspective:

- Andy Warhol, Liberace, Jackie Gleason, and Lee Marvin have always been dead.
- Al Qaeda has always existed with Osama bin Laden at its head.
- The federal budget has always been more than a trillion dollars.
- Dirty dancing has always been acceptable.
- American Motors has never existed.
- British Airways has always been privately owned.
- Biosphere 2 has always been trying to create a revolution in the life sciences.
- Ferdinand Marcos has never been in charge of the Philippines.

What a painful list...every year I read it and feel a whole lot older than the year before. Have a great year!

**Thought for the Week...**

An ideologue believes s/he knows the right approach. A pragmatist believes that whatever works is the right approach.

– Mark Shields, Syndicated Columnist and Moderator of the Capital Gang

Hope you had a safe and relaxing Labor Day Holiday to rest up in preparation for the 90th Celebration!  

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