Bob Erickson Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Marcia Connelly for entering the Bob Erickson Scholarship Bike Raffle and WINNING the bike! The value of the touring bike is $350! A Veterinary Tech student, Ramona Hale won the second prize, a gift bag from Erik’s Bike Shop. The bag contains a t-shirt, water bottle and $50 gift certificate.

Nearly $500 was raised on campus to support Bob Erickson in his quest to highlight the plight of part-time students who don’t qualify for financial aid. With tuition costs increasing, more and more students are forced to choose to go part-time to school and work more hours to meet financial burdens. Bob wants to support these students with scholarships.

MNSCU Trustee Emeritus Erickson along with Trustee and Board Chair David Paskach rolled onto campus on Tuesday after riding in blustery weather from Riverland College in Austin. After a brief sojourn here at UCR, they again mounted their bikes and rode 48 more miles to Winona campuses.

Thanks to all who supported this effort by entering the raffle or making a pledge. Bob will be back on campus again next year and we will be looking for your help in making the visit a highlight of his tour.

Campus Security Act - Notification

Rochester Community & Technical College recognizes providing the safest environment possible is an integral element of the college's educational mission and annually publishes a Campus Security Report that is available to everyone. This report provides statements of policy for a broad range of safety and security programs including crime prevention programs, reporting procedures, personal safety, community relations, environmental safety, enforcement authority and response and a 3-year statistical review of designated crimes on campus. A printed copy of this report may be obtained, at no charge from Campus Security at 851 30th Avenue, SE, EA101 Rochester, MN  55904, phone: 507-529-2789.

The Campus Security Report for Rochester Community & Technical College can be accessed at:


CRIME STATISTICS can be accessed at:

http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/overview.html

Additional information can be found at:

Weekly funny…

Snapshots at jasonlove.com

"Sorry I'm late, but I was somewhere else."

Marketing Fact

According to responses to the National Survey of First-Year Curricular Practices, students at community colleges are less likely to be required to meet face-to-face with an academic advisor during their first year of college than students at four-year institutions.


Academic Accolades

The bookstore has copies of the book by Jeff Taylor: Where Did the Party Go? that you read about here in Academic Accolades. They sell for $19.95, if you’re interested in purchasing a copy for your personal library.

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Where Did the Party Go?

Visiting Artist on Campus

Visiting Artist Guillermo Cuellar
Wheelthrown Pottery for the Table
Monday Oct 2, Ceramics Studio AH 200 from 9:00 - 3:00

Guillermo and his family recently relocated from Venezuela where he worked as a potter and wilderness trip guide. Guillermo currently works with Warren MacKenzie in Stillwater MN. Feel free to drop in and watch any part of the presentation that you have time for. This visit is sponsored by Student Life and the Art Club

- Robert Banker

Combined Charities Campaign

CHALLENGES for the 2006 Minnesota State Employees Combined Charities Campaign!

Challenge 1:
SILENT AUCTION:
Monday, October 2nd  Atrium 11:00-12:30 pm
"A TISKET A TASKET WE NEED MANY BASKETS"!

Please bring your basket or item to Rose in the Counseling Center the morning of the 2nd. See you in the Atrium to bid on your favorite baskets! Winners will be notified by 3:00 pm. Checks to be made out to United Way of Olmsted County or charity of your choice on list in your booklet, pg. 29

**Anyone that is teaching classes between 11:00-12:30 can bid Monday morning in the Counseling Center. I want to make it open to everyone to be fair.

Crossings Classifieds

Garage Sale: Multi-Family Garage Sale/For Sale: 1998 Stingray 220SX with trailer.excellent condition. 2006 Kid's ATV 90cc
"NEW" - Contact Joe at 507-272-8864, sofa, hide-abed sofa, entertainment center, misc. items 2-white flower girl (wedding) dresses never worn, size 4 & 12, children's clothes size 12 months to size 12; 1470 50th Ave SE (4 miles east of college on Hwy. 14E to 50th Ave SE, turn right and go 1.5 miles) Friday, Sept. 29th 3:00-6:30 pm and Saturday, Sept. 30th 7:30-3:00 pm.
*Coffee will be served- baked items for sale. Contact: Rose Conway, x7260.
On Wednesday, Chancellor McCormick opened the MnSCU Board of Trustees meeting with his annual State of the System address. His update included a listing of accomplishments, followed by a sharing of opportunities and challenges. Here’s a sampling from his lists. **Accomplishments:**

- For the first time in our system’s history, the Board added accountability measures to MnSCU’s strategic plan
- The 2006 Legislature approved a $191 million MnSCU bonding bill ($982 million since the 1995 MnSCU merger)
- Four Centers of Excellence, funded with a $10 million state appropriation, are up and running
- The System has developed a technology plan to modernize the system’s information technology infrastructure
- MnSCU launched the Friends Action Network (FAN) to build grassroots support at the Legislature
- Four new two-year presidents were appointed from large pools of candidates attracted to MnSCU from across the nation
- Minnesota Online experienced a forty percent increase in online enrollment for from 2005 to 2006
- Common semester start dates has been adopted for implementation in 2007
- Six Military and Veterans Affairs regional offices were established to assist veterans at all 32 colleges and universities

**Opportunities and Challenges:**

- The competition for state dollars will be tremendous and will require MnSCU to advocate aggressively
- At least 30 new legislators will be elected and will need an extensive MnSCU orientation during November and December
- MnSCU must find innovative ways of stretching state and tuition resources
- The System must identify best institutional practices and implement them system wide
- Institutions are expected to collaborate and partner with K-12 districts to better prepare students for college
- Initiatives need to be implemented to better serve diverse and disadvantaged populations
- The Twin Cities region will lose more than 350,000 highly skilled workers in the next 15 years

Printed copies of the Chancellor’s complete text are available in the Office of the President immediately and will be made available in a viewable format in the near future.

Several hundred dollars in scholarship funds were raised through pledges, contributions and the bike raffle in support of Trustee Emeritus Bob Erickson’s ride onto campus Tuesday. More than $300,000 has been raised by Erickson as he’s biked to each of MnSCU’s 53 campuses each of the last five years. If you haven’t contributed to Bob’s efforts, please send a check to the Foundation office today. All contributions are distributed to RCTC non-traditional students.

**Speaking of bikes...** The beginning of the college and university school year means lots of students (and staff) are riding their bikes to and from classes, jobs or after-school activities. Motorists and bicyclists are reminded of the “rules of the road” in Minnesota for bike safety:

- Bicyclists may ride on all Minnesota roads, except where specifically restricted (interstate freeways, posted roads, etc.)
- Bicyclists should ride on the road, and must ride in the same direction as traffic
- Motorists must maintain a three-foot clearance when passing a bicyclist
- Bicyclists must obey all traffic control signs and signals, just as motorists
- Motorists and bicycles must yield the right-of-way to each other
- Bicyclists should signal their turns and should ride in a predictable manner
- Lights and reflectors are required at night
- Bicyclists should always wear helmets

There were 965 bike crashes in Minnesota in 2005, resulting in 952 injuries and seven fatalities. Many bicycle crashes happen in September and October, months when students begin biking to school and the weather is still warm enough for recreational biking. Nighttime biking can also be more hazardous when days get shorter and bikers forget to use their lights. Please be especially watchful for bikers in the parking lots and construction areas on campus.

As co-chair of the MnSCU Leadership Council Technology Committee, I’m required to be in attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting this year. Although I missed Wednesday’s Student Success Day due to the first Board meeting of the year, I heard more than 800 students participated. Thanks to all who worked hard to plan this important event, actively participated in the day’s activities, and encouraged students to attend. You certainly “Went the Distance.”

Don’t miss Jeff Taylor’s UCR Faculty Lecture Series presentation on September 27, 1 p.m. in Hill Theatre. Jeff will be speaking on the topic and title of his recently published book, “Where Did the Party Go?”

**Thought for the Week...**

*The three factors that determine success are talent, hard work and likeability.*

– Tim Sanders, Yahoo! Exec

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