A Look Back...

Eighty-three years ago this month the football Yellowjackets won their first game in the history of the program 25-6 over Pillsbury Academy. Seventy-five years ago this month the team won its first outright conference championship under Jim Clark.

Continuous Improvement Website
College Relations and Effectiveness is proud to announce the launching of a Continuous Improvement website. The site contains diverse data and information including:

2. Higher Learning Commission and AQIP accreditation information
3. Access to data and information composing RCTC's Balanced Scorecard of performance measures
4. Survey results from student satisfaction survey and other major research studies
5. Access to Integrated Planning Process (IPP) information including the College's goals and strategies

To access the site go to: http://www.rctc.edu/ci. The site will be dynamic with continuous updates. As new data and information is added email notifications will be sent encouraging you to visit the site. You will be able to access the site through the department listing on the RCTC website. Thanks to Leonard Goldfine, Jon Benson, Darin Hoffman, Chris Dobbins and others involved in helping to create this site.

Flu Shots – Mark Your Calendar!
Flu shots for state employees will be available on Monday, November 21 from 12:00 - 4:00 in the Student Health Services (RG115). By bringing your State of MN Advantage health insurance ID card, you are able to receive a flu shot with no out-of-pocket cost to you. Without your ID card, the flu shot will cost $20.00 (cash only).

Chili-Cook-Off
There are now 7 contestants for the "Chili-Cook-Off" and one for hot and spicy nachos!! Support the Combined Charities Campaign on: Monday, Oct. 10th from 10:45-1:00pm in the Atrium.
Weekly funny...

Snapshots at jasonlove.com

“Bridges falling down, killer pumpkin eaters, blind mice with carving knives … I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!”

Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: Christmas in DisneyWorld. $1475 for a studio unit at BeachClub Villas Resort at EPCOT. Sleeps 4, microwave, frig, coffeemaker. Dec 25 for 5 nights. Save over 40% (Disney’s price $2559). Includes transportation to/from airport. Does not include park passes or airfare. Anne Benson 280-2809 Anne.Benson@roch.edu

For Sale: Spring Break in DisneyWorld. $1000 for studio unit at Boardwalk Villas Resort at EPCOT. Sleeps 4, microwave, frig, coffeemaker. March 12 for 5 nights. Save over 56% (Disney’s price $2313). Includes transportation to/from airport. Does not include park passes or airfare. Anne Benson 280-2809 Anne.Benson@roch.edu

Vacation Condo: available in Big Sky, Montana! For the week of Sunday, October 23rd through Sunday, October 30th. Check in on the 23rd at 5:00pm, check out on the 30th is 10:00am. 2 bedroom with loft, 2 baths, unit sleeps 6-8 and includes full kitchen, washer/dryer, VCR’s, fireplace, gas BBQ grill. Outdoor pool and jacuzzi. Visit the website at www.LakeatBigSky.com Asking $600 OBO. Contact Rachelle Speltsreiser at 285-7234 or cell 421-7525 (no later than October 20th).

For Sale: Wood-burning fireplace with triple-wall flue. All pipes included. Insulated to allow installation against wood surfaces. Never used. $500 OBO. Call Othelmo daSilva at (507)288-6359.

Marketing Fact

According to the 2005 Community College Survey of Student Engagement, RCTC students report they "made a class presentation" more frequently than average, but report that they "asked questions in class or contributed to class discussions" less frequently than average. (There was no significant change in RCTC's scores from 2003-2005)

Don Supalla Recognized in the Community!

President Don Supalla was surprised on Friday, September 16 during the Workforce Center, Inc. Annual Meeting in Hayfield with the Mary Lou Beckman Memorial 2005 Board Member of the Year Award. During the presentation, Don was honored for his outstanding support and service to the Board and Agency. It was also noted that Don's support and objective perspective on the needs of disadvantaged youth and adults were key in several initiative successes. The presenter specifically made note that "Don's dedication over the past year has helped to shape Workforce Development Inc into what it is today. He has shown great leadership and vision time and time again."

Congratulations, Don, on such a distinguished award/recognition.

Mark Your Calendars to Join Us…PTK Induction Ceremony!

The fall 2005 Induction Ceremony for new members of Phi Theta Kappa is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11 and will begin at 7:00 pm in the College Center cafeteria. Join us as we celebrate the academic achievements of these fine students. Rashmi Roy and Steve Bein (recipients of the 2005 Teacher of the Year Awards) will be the guest speakers. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

Phi Theta Kappa Inductees, Fall 2005: Gema Souto Adeva; Danelle Ahlstrom; Jackie Bakhiet; Nanette Bateman; Walter Berry; Jessica Clancy; Kimberly Devlin; Alyson Doughty; Robert Dowse; Shawn Drury; Christine Eidem; Simret Gebrehiwot; Marvin Grove; Amina Hassan; Desiree Hines; Brandi Joel; Autumn Johnson; Alyson Johnson; Carrie Jordan; Erica Keating; Boram Kim; Jessica Klavetter; Sara Kon; Dawna Krause; Megan Linbo; Rochelle Ludvig; Evan Manthei; Nicole Martin; Ahmed Mohamed; Mary Mollert; Pamela Mulee; Cassandra Paulson; Byron Pavelka; Crystal Pruett-Dolan; Lori Schmidt; Carissa Smith; Nichole Taswell; Angela Thomas; Jamie Thiem; Lisa VanOverbeke; Earl Voss; Emmy Winslow; Mark Wojahn; Philip Woodward and Michelle Zwiener.
Supalla’s Scribblings

A significant amount of effort went into helping make certain Tuesday’s sales tax extension, in which 72 percent of voters said “yes,” was the highest margin of success yet in the 22-year history of the local sales tax. A special thanks goes to Guy Hamernik and Dave Weber who volunteered to share their technical and marketing skills in developing the campaign. Rochester voters extended the sales tax by $40 million over an estimated five years. The current extension is expected to take effect in 2009 when the current $72 million extension expires. The City of Rochester and Olmsted County will each get $16 million to pay for roads, and higher education garnered $8 million for future community co-developed projects. Thanks to everyone who took the time to vote and for those who worked on the extension campaign. As the sales tax is collected and the debate on what higher education projects will benefit from the funds, future RCTC leaders will be at the table to assure the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities gets its fair share of the revenue… the College certainly did its fair share in making certain the money is available.

While watching the votes come in at the Government Center, City Clerk Judy Scherr and I had a conversation about using University Center as a future election polling site. With the city expanding to the east and the upcoming Eastwood development, the City is looking for a new voting location in the UCR vicinity. Judy and campus leadership will be meeting in the near future to discuss the logistics of making UCR a permanent polling site.

The Mayo Clinic Health Festival is coming to the UCR Sports Center next Tuesday, October 11. Mayo reps will be available to share information about career opportunities and have reserved from 2:30-4:30 p.m. for conversations with RCTC students and staff. I encourage faculty to urge students to take advantage of this special on-campus opportunity and to personally join students in visiting the festival and networking with Mayo employees.

Congratulations…

- The Accreditation Review Committee on Education in Surgical Technology congratulates RCTC’s program and students on their successful performance on the Program Assessment Exam. With more than 400 Surg Tech programs in the country, RCTC students scored in the top 20 programs on the Assessment Exam. Kudos to instructors Kathy Jacobson and Jane Kruger for the great job they did preparing our students.
- Each October during National Quality Month, the Rochester Area Quality Council presents the Karl Shursen Quality Award to an individual who is passionate about quality, focused on customer satisfaction and promotes continuous improvement educational opportunities. This year’s winner was Dave Weber! Dave has been the driving force behind RCTC’s #1 strategic goal to create a culture of accountability through assessment and continuous improvement. Way to go, Dave!
- Special thanks to Roxy Roadway for heading up the planning effort that resulted in RCTC’s best-ever homecoming celebration. The work of all involved helped make the week-long series of activities HOTT (Homecoming Over The Top)! Thanks, too, to the students who were enthused, involved and responsible.
- Jay Lee, a member of the Olmsted County Youth Commission, will be joining a delegation in Washington, DC in November to accept the Colin Powell America’s Promise Award naming Rochester and Olmsted County as one of the 100 Best Communities for Youth. Many thanks for volunteering to serve our area’s youth, Jay!
- Thanks to IBM who recognized RCTC for its 90 years of community service with a special $10,000 equipment grant.

Mark Your Calendar…

- October 11 Mayo Career Fair, UCR Sports Center, All Day (2:30-4:30 p.m. reserved for UCR participants)
- October 12-14 Global Connections Diversity Celebration, UCR
- October 26 (Also November 29) Mayo Blood Drive, AT301
- October 28 UoM President Bruinicks, IBM CEO Walt Ling and Mayo Exec Hugh Smith address the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee, 9 a.m., Edina Realty Office (Lower Level)
- November 2 Stephen Covey and other renowned authors present at a teleconference that will be down linked to UCR, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., CF206/208, registrations accepted at the Chamber of Commerce
- November 21 Flu shots, Noon-4 p.m., Student Health Services (RG115)

Thought for the Week

There is a correlation between successful schools and a few people who can make a profound difference. I’ve tried to shake that hypothesis. But it’s a fact that people – often just a few people – make the difference.

-- Scott Thomas, Associate Professor, University of Georgia

At RCTC, more than a few people make a profound difference. Keep up the good work!  

Don