Best Bee Awards for November

**Team Award: Human Resources Department:** Congratulations to the Human Resources Department for being named RCTC’s Best Bee Team of the month for November, 2006!!!! Here is what the nominator had to say: Beth Arntson and her team consistently promote the interests of RCTC through the work they do both with current and with prospective employees. It is especially fitting, as a new school year is successfully launched, to recognize the efforts of this talented group to manage the myriad tasks that go on behind the scenes of such a launch. Congratulations, Human Resources Department. They will be treated with a Pizza Party for their recognition!

**Best Bee Individual Award: Terri Hill:** Congratulations to Dr. Teri Hill for being selected as the Best Bee for November. Here is some of what Teri’s nominator had to say: Teri provides knowledgeable and informed expertise to all those around her. Not only is she helpful but, she consistently shares her knowledge with all those around. She strived to make RCTC, a better place to work and helps to enable colleagues to be fully informed about procedures, responsibilities, and rights. Teri will receive an "up front" parking spot at UCR for the month of November. Thanks, Teri, for helping make RCTC great!

**General Election Day**

General Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Per Minnesota Statute, colleges and universities are prohibited from scheduling events, other than regularly scheduled classes, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Classes regularly scheduled during those hours may be held as usual. *Information provided by MnSCU Office of General Counsel.*

**Martial Arts Club**
Martial Arts Club meets 8-10pm in SC108 on Mon., 11/6
Martial Arts Club meets 7-9pm in SC108 on Wed., 11/8

**Circle of Friends**
RCTC’s GLBT group, meets 12-1pm in EA235 on Wed., 11/8
**Marketing Fact**

54% of community college faculty say that they would definitely still choose to be a college professor if they were to begin their career again. [Source: By Any Measure [Electronic Version]. (2005, October 28). The Chronicle of Higher Education Community College News, 52(10), Page B10. http://chronicle.com/weekly/v52/i10/10b01001.htm]

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**Faculty Lecture Series**

It's time to mark your calendar for the last faculty lecture in the fall UCR Faculty Lecture Series. **It's coming up at 11:00, Tuesday, November 28, Hill Theater, with a reception following in the Quiet Lounge.**

This one will be presented by **Dr. Diane Forsyth of the WSU nursing division.** Her topic is *Families and the Life Transition of First-Time Mental Illness: Swept Along on the Waves.* It will be especially relevant for nursing and psychology students, but Diane also indicated that it will be relevant for sociology as well. Please plan ahead and consider bringing your classes or recommending that your students attend.

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**PTK Induction Ceremony… You’re Invited!**

Join us for the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society Fall Induction Ceremony - Honoring New Members. All are Welcome! Thursday, November 9th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. University Center Rochester - College Center Cafeteria

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**Offices Closed for Veteran’s Day Holiday**

The following offices will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of the Veteran’s Day Holiday:

- Admissions and Records
- Bookstore
- Enrollment Services
- Financial Aid
- Mailroom
- Student Life
- Upward Bound
- Vice President for Student Development and Services

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**Crossings Classifieds**

**For Sale:** Floral-Victorian couch, good condition, $750.00. Contact Rose Conway at 289-5464.
Hang on just a bit longer, Election Day is just around the corner! It appears to be an advertising media blitz to the finish. If you haven’t brushed up on where the candidates stand on higher education, why not use some weekend time to learn more about their positions. Then, exercise your right to vote by finding time to stop at your polling location between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., Tuesday, November 7. The UCR Sports Center will see an influx of traffic on Tuesday as it serves as a polling site to two Rochester precincts. You might want to leave for the campus just a bit earlier than usual to allow for heavier than usual voter traffic on area roads and in the campus parking lot. Please serve as a good host should you find voters wandering the campus in search of Rockenbach Gym, restrooms or a lift from the parking lot to the polling place.

Recently an on-site team of Office of Civil Rights evaluators spent three days on campus assessing our implementation of Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and ADA compliance. A major focus of this visit was on whether or not our facilities are accessible to people with disabilities. The consultant verbally shared a significant list of strengths and a rather short list of opportunities for improvement. We anticipate a preliminary written report in a couple of weeks and will share the details with you then. Special thanks to Beth Arntson who coordinated the visit and to all the faculty, staff and students who met with the evaluators. We can all be proud of the facility and service accommodations that make RCTC/UCR a great place to learn and work.

Campus Compliments…

- Sister Janet Crumb, for the Sisters of St. Francis, wrote a note to thank RCTC for organizing Global Connection Days. Several of the sisters attended events and were surprised that the campus is hosting such stimulating and educational presenters like Eric LeCompte. She wrote to especially thank Lillyam Arroyave for her efforts in bringing cultural awareness and understanding to our students and the citizens of Rochester. Keep up the good work, Lillyam!
- The Practical Nursing passing rate for RCTC graduates for the third quarter license exam has risen to an impressive 96.43 percent! Congratulations to the students, faculty and staff.
- “I have never written a letter in response to a newspaper article, however, I was compelled to take the time to comment on the Tuesday PB article which highlighted your work for the Salvation Army. I must compliment you on your choice of projects and I commend your students for all their time and hard work. What a marvelous service you have performed for our community and for all those individuals you helped.” -- Jan Qualey-Fisher
- The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system has received a 2006 Tekne Award for developing Minnesota Online, the system’s gateway to more than 4700 course sections and 150 programs offered via the Internet. The Tekne Awards recognize Minnesota’s technology users and developers in innovation, development, education, commercialization and management of technology in Minnesota. The awards are presented each year by the Minnesota High Tech Association and Minnesota Technology, Inc., in partnership with LifeScience Alley. Minnesota Online is the state’s largest provider of online education and is growing rapidly. In 2005-06, nearly 42,000 students took Minnesota Online courses.
- Several RCTC administrative and faculty representatives joined me at a recent Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Regional Forum. We joined other local education and business leaders to help the Minnesota Department of Education brainstorm ways to prepare the state for a more competitive global future. The ultimate goal of this regional forum, one of several held around the state, was to find ways to encourage more students to enroll in STEM courses, consider careers in STEM fields and entice them to stay and work in Minnesota.
- Ted Gunnarson, 30-year retired RCC faculty member, was featured on the first page of the Post-Bulletin’s Sports Section this week. Ted was recognized for his volunteer football statistician work. Ted started keeping football stats in 1968 and has been doing so continuously for 39 years. Thanks, Ted. Your dedication to the task is very much appreciated.
- RACE, an exhibit about understanding race and human variation, is scheduled to run from January 10 – May 6, 2007. Deb Rogne is working with Museum staff and volunteers to help organize a Rochester Day at the RACE exhibit.
- Tim Gilsrud was the featured speaker on a nationwide conference call to entice other higher education providers to consider joining the IBM World Community Grid. From all reports, Tim was stellar and recruits are signing on.

Thought for the Week…

Eighty percent of success is showing up.
~Woody Allen

Wouldn’t if be great if 80 percent of eligible Minnesota voters showed up to vote next Tuesday!

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UCR Polling Site for General Election
With the upcoming fall election season, UCR is again experiencing an increase in politically-related activities on campus. Please remember:

1) College websites may not include links to a weblog or website maintained by a political candidate, party, or committee.
2) Employees are prohibited from soliciting or receiving funds for political purposes, directly or indirectly, during hours of employment.
3) Employees may not use their official authority or influence to compel another person to apply for membership in or become a member of a political organization.
4) Employees may arrange for absence from work for certain political or election activities, including time off to vote during the morning of the day of a scheduled general election. Consult the language of the pertinent statute for information about each activity, (Minnesota Statutes section 202A. 135; 202A.19; 204C.04; and 211B.10, Subd. 2)

Furthermore, it is the civic responsibility of UCR, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2005, 204B.16, Subd. 6, to make available our facilities, including parking, for the holding of city, county, school district, state, and federal elections. As a polling place, political badges, political buttons or other political insignia may not be distributed or worn within 100 feet of the polling place (UCR Regional Sports Center) on the day of the election (November 7, 2006).

GET OUT AND VOTE!

International Food Tasting Event
The International Students will be offering an International Food tasting event in the Atrium on Nov. 14th from 11:00 -12:30. We hope to have over 15 different countries represented. We are using this as a fund raising event for the UNICEF program of the UN. We chose UNICEF because we actually have a student who did volunteer work in his country for UNICEF. Our goal is to raise $200. We thank you for your support over the past years and hope you enjoy an international treat.

National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month
November is National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. This month began at the turn of the century as a commemorative day set aside to recognize American Indians for the significant contributions they made to the development and growth of our country. In 1976, the President proclaimed the week of October 10-16, 1976, as "Native American Awareness Week." The commemorative weeks changed a number of times over the years, until August 3, 1990, when a Joint Resolution was approved by President Bush designating November as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

See the DOER Website for more information:
http://www.doer.state.mn.us/odeo-ada/history%20months/nativeamericanmonth/nativeamericanmonth.htm

~ Ricki Walters
Regional Diversity Trainer/Investigator

Fall Music Concerts
Tickets to the Fall Music Concerts are on sale. The concert will feature the Concert Band, Concert Choir, Aires and Jazz Band. You will hear a wide variety of music ranging from concert overtures to sacred to jazz to pop. There's sure to be something for everyone. Concerts will be held November 8 and 9 in Hill Theatre at 7:30pm. Tickets are $5.00 each and refreshments served at intermission. RCTC/WSU students receive one free ticket with valid ID. To obtain tickets, contact Rhonda at 285-7200.
Combined Charities SPOOK-tacular Campaign Finale!
The Combined Charities Campaign wrapped on Halloween with a costume vote. It was a close vote-by one, and Ruth Siefert is the winner of the Halloween Finale best costume. Dale Amy was second runner-up, with Patti Stevens third! Everyone looked great and had FUN! $10.00 was raised on votes. Below are pictures from the event.