A Look Back...

Forty-five years ago this month RJC lost one of its giant figures with the passing of Charles Singley. Charlie taught Chemistry at the college for 37 years. He led the College to its first Southern Minnesota Basketball championship in 1925 and was a mentor to many faculty. The Booster Cup award, given by the College to a student most exemplifying college spirit, was renamed the Charles Singley Booster Cup. Singley served in both world wars and held the rank of Lieutenant Commander. The Singley Building was named in his honor.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found box is OVERFLOWING. Lots of items have been collected since the beginning of Fall semester. If you’ve checked before, stop again between 8AM and 4PM. Items will be available through December 16. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity. Lost and Found is located at the Atrium Information Desk.

Marketing Fact

About 33% of seniors at 4-year colleges took at least one course at another postsecondary institution since first enrolling at their current college. 58% of those students took the majority of the concurrent courses at a vocational-technical school or at a community or junior college. (Chronicle of Higher Education, 11/11/05, p.A37)

Holiday Reception

Mark your calendars for the annual University Center Rochester Holiday Reception!

Wednesday, December 14, 2005
2:00pm-4:00pm
Heintz Center Commons
Sponsored by the Administration

The Teddy Bear Drive tradition will continue. Once again, UCR employees will be collecting teddy bears and donating them to the local law enforcement agencies this holiday season. These teddy bears are used by officers to comfort children during difficult situations. If you are interested in participating in this worthy cause, you may bring your bear to the Holiday Reception and place under the "Teddy Bear Tree."
December 12, 2005

Weekly funny...

Snapshots at jasonlovo.com

"Like to read, huh? Me, too. I'm a big reader. I just finished a book by Brown. You know Dan Brown? Great writer…"

Horticulture Holiday Sale

Poinsettias
4.5" pot 1 stem/pot for $6.00
7" pot 3 stems/pot for $13.00

Fraser Fir Wreaths for $16.00
Boxwood trees $20.00 (available 12/1)
Kissing balls $10.00 (available 12/6)
Centerpieces $15.00 (available 12/13)

Holiday Hours
Mon. Nov. 28: 2-4pm
Tues. Nov. 29: 8-10:50am
Wed. Nov. 30: 2-4pm
Thurs. Dec. 1: 10-12noon
Mon. Dec. 5: 2-4pm
Tues. Dec. 6: 8-10am
Wed. Dec. 7: 2-4pm
Thurs. Dec. 8: 10-12noon
Mon. Dec. 12 & Wed. Dec. 14: 2-4pm

All sales are in the Horticulture Technology Center at the Heintz Center

Growing for you,
Robin, Vern, & Hort Students

GODDARD LIBRARY, LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER HOURS

December 17, 2005 through January 2, 2006

December 17 9 AM-5 PM
December 18 CLOSED
December 19-21 8:00 AM-8:00 PM
December 22 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
December 23, 2005 through January 2, 2006 CLOSED

(Hours are subject to change)

Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: Baby bed with mattress, darker color wood; men’s and women’s downhill skis with bindings (call for sizes); kitchen fluorescent light, 4 Ft. long, with wood trim. Call Marilyn Etbauer at 289-9541.

Thank You

Dear RCTC Friends,
Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent to my father's funeral. Also, for the cards, phone calls and e-mails of comforting words. Your caring and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

-Patty Stevens

Pottery Sale

An Art Club fund-raising event!
Tuesday December 13 from 10:00am to 1:00pm in AH200 Ceramics Studio.
Supalla’s Scribblings

The Rochester Higher Education Development Committee met on December 8 and heard from economic development consultant Simon Tripp. Mr. Tripp has completed economic development studies for Mayo and other Minnesota entities. The focus of his presentation centered around the community economic impact of a higher education research institution, risks to the state if they fail to make an enhanced investment in Rochester, and factors that must be considered when conducting an impact study. During the presentation, Mr. Tripp noted that “Integrating the Community and Technical College into the model will be critical.” A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is available at http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/rochester. The Committee also saw an outline draft of the recommendation report from consultant Louellen Essex. The deadline for submission of the report has been extended until mid-February to give the committee more time to develop its recommendations. The committee meeting scheduled from 7-10 a.m., Friday, December 16 will begin with small group work with the public portion of the meeting convening at 8:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, the MnSCU Board of Trustees passed a resolution that requires colleges and universities to implement Governor Pawlenty’s Executive Order 05-16. The Governor has issued an extensive energy conservation order that requires all state agencies to reduce energy usage by 10 percent over the next year; reduce temperatures from 68-70 degrees in all occupied areas and lower for lobby, corridor, restrooms, entrances, etc.; pursue long term energy conservation measures; and adopt prudent energy procurement strategies. More details regarding University Center implementation will be shared following receipt of specific directions from MnSCU.

The CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION recently published a special section on “What Presidents Think About Higher Education, Their Jobs, and Their Lives.” Some of the interesting findings include…

- 25% of college presidents say that campuses are less open to diverse points of view than in the past
- 80% of college presidents came from posts at other institutions
- 82% of public-college presidents say that institutions should be held more accountable for their students’ educational outcomes
- 53% of presidents say they work on fund raising at least daily but only 9% deal with alumni relations every day
- The biggest faculty issue for presidents is inadequate salaries and racial and ethnic diversity
- 41% of college presidents say they were “very well prepared” for their first presidential job
- 18% say fund raising is what they were most unprepared for in their job

Can you name the high schools that sent 20 percent or more of their 2004 graduates to RCTC?

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The November Budget Forecast for Minnesota was released and projects a $701 million surplus for fiscal year 2006-07. The $701 million can be broken down as follows: $188 million from income tax, $173 million from sales tax, $165 million from corporate tax, and $176 million from other. The other consists of predominantly one large estate tax payment. According to current law, the surplus is to be used to address past financial compromises by using the funds for K-12 school shift buyback. As the March 1 legislative session convenes, the dialogue on how to spend the money will heat up.

President Bush and Commerce Secretary Gutierrez announced that six organizations will receive the 2005 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. For the first time, a community technical college…Richland College, Dallas, Texas…has won the award! Sunny Fresh Foods, Inc., Monticello, Minnesota, was named a repeat winner.

Please plan to celebrate the holidays, wind down the semester and accept a much-deserved thank you by attending the December 14 UCR Holiday Reception in the Commons at Heintz Center Wednesday afternoon. And, don’t forget to put your favorite teddy bear under the Caring Tree. The bears will be delivered to local and area law enforcement agencies and used to comfort youngsters who find themselves in stressful situations.

Thought for the Week…

*Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.*

Keep laughing!  Don