Official Student Communication

There is an expanding dependence on electronic communication among students, faculty, and staff at RCTC. This is motivated by the convenience, speed, cost-effectiveness, and environmental advantages of using email rather than printed communication. Because of this increasing dependence and acceptance of electronic communication, RCTC approved an Official Student Communication Policy and Procedures over the summer. The intent of the new policy is to utilize electronic mail as a means to communicate important information to our students in a timely manner. All students enrolled in credit bearing coursework are assigned an official RCTC e-mail account, and official college communication shall be sent to these accounts.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services is the keyholder of the official student e-mail addresses. All items for student wide distribution must be submitted to Roxy Roadway according to the guidelines listed below. The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services has the right to deny requests based on these guidelines.

Guidelines:
* Items must be submitted to Roxy Roadway in electronic format with contact name and phone number.
* The use of attachments is discouraged.
* The use of web links will be strongly encouraged.
* Requests must be received at least ten working days prior to the intended e-mail distribution date.

Examples of Appropriate Student Wide Distribution:
* Communicating Student Life Activities and information
* Communicating important deadlines (drop/add, payments due date, last days to withdrawal, etc.)
* Surveys that are sanctioned for UCR/RCTC purposes.

Examples of Inappropriate Student Wide Distribution:
* Information unrelated to UCR/RCTC business
* Solicitation
* Promoting political viewpoints
* Messages containing confidential information such as grades, financial aid awards, etc.
* Emails that violate the Official Student Communication Policy.

The Official Student Communication Policy is attached. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roxy Roadway at 285-7127.

Food Service Hours

Yellow Jacket Cafe (3rd floor cafeteria) is open Monday - Friday 7:30am to 1:30pm. Cafe Express (First floor, by old Rockenbach Gym) will open AUGUST 30TH and will be open 8:30am to 6:15pm. Heintz Center Cafe (located in the commons area) is open Monday - Friday 8:00 to 1:00pm.
All-College Committees

The RCTC All-College Committees are recruiting memberships for the 2004-2005 academic year. Memberships are determined annually and include faculty, staff, and student representatives. Please visit the RCTC Intranet web site at: http://www.rctc.edu/intra/all-college_committees.html for more information on each of the committees:

General College Committees:
- Facilities, Grounds, Safety, and Security Committee (although a contractual committee, membership is expanded to include representatives throughout UCR)
- Fiscal Committee
- Employee Relations Committee

Faculty/Academic Committees:
- Assessment/Institutional Effectiveness Committee
- Academic Standards Committee
- Technology/Distance Education Committee
- International Studies/ESL Committee

PARTICIPATION IN ALL-COLLEGE COMMITTEES: Non-faculty members interested in serving on one or more of these committees should contact Judy Kingsbury. Faculty members interested in serving on one or more of these committees should submit their names through Gregg Wright.

Athletic Meetings
Women's Basketball Meeting, September 1, 2004 in Sports Center 204 at 4:30. This is for anyone wishing to tryout or serve as managers for the RCTC Women's Basketball team for the 2004-05 season. Contact Steve Hucke, Head Coach at 507-529-6298 or steve.hucke@roch.edu with more details.

Baseball Meeting, September 1, 2004 in Sports Center 204 at 5:30. This is for anyone who wishes to tryout for the 2004-05 baseball team. Practice starts September 13, 2004 from 4-6PM. Contact Steve Hucke, Head Coach at 507-529-6298 or steve.hucke@roch.edu for more details.

GO YELLOWJACKETS!!!!!!!

Parking Permits
Fall Semester and Annual Permits are available for purchase in the Cashier's Office.

Student Handbook
The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services annually publishes a Student Handbook to familiarize students with College policies, procedures, and other important information. The handbook can be downloaded directly from our website at:


A copy may be also obtained from Enrollment Services while supplies last.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Although I had hoped to be able report that RCTC had broken the 6,000 student headcount threshold, the first-day numbers came up just short. It appears that last Monday about 5,925 students show up for classes, a 2.7 percent increase over last fall. Enrollment data shows that students are enrolling in more credits, so it’s projected that full-year equivalent (FYE) numbers will be up approximately 3.25 percent. Since summer session enrollments were up significantly, it appears that, overall, we remain on track to meet our five percent enrollment increase. I’ll keep you posted on tenth and thirtieth day enrollment data. Now that we have the students on campus, let’s work together to assure we do everything we can to retain them.

Thanks very much to each and every one of you who helped prepare for the arrival of this fall’s students. Several staff members worked throughout the weekend to make certain the rooms and grounds were ready for Monday’s start. Your efforts paid off as I heard many positive kudos from students, parents, and staff.

This week I received the following note from Marni Harris, Chair of the Relay for Life…Thank you so much for everything you and your staff do for the Relay for Life. The UCR is such an excellent facility and everyone enjoys being out there for the event. I am sorry I did not thank you personally at the event, I was actually in labor. The entire committee thanks you for all your support to make the Relay such a success. Thanks again.

Special thanks to Carol Naatz for her contributions to the planning committee which helps assure a successful Relay.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has gone beyond the conventional paradigm for educational honor societies during the last 40 years of its 86-year history. The honor society has launched dozens of pioneering programs that first recognize the academic excellence within the corridors of community colleges, and then seek to develop students through community service initiatives and leadership opportunities. During the 86th International Convention in Minneapolis this summer, PTK announced the Society’s commitment to join the national efforts to promote civic engagement in higher education. To inaugurate PTK’s civic engagement initiative the organization has introduced three programs that advance the civic mission of higher education. During this election year, Project Vote Smart is a timely program that promotes voter registration, awareness, and participation to engage students in the practice of voting. The Community College Readership Program promotes civic engagement through newspaper readership. Recently, the Peace Corps began actively recruiting community college graduates to explore Peace Corps Service. Please contact Barb Mollberg, RCTC Omicron Chapter Advisor, if you’d like more information on any or all of these new programs. Please congratulate Barb and the RCTC Chapter officers on receipt of PTK’s Pinnacle Award.

Peter Erspamer sent me the following note this week…It might interest you to know that several RCTC faculty (and a few Rochester Junior College faculty from years of yore) are profiled in a publication called Catalog of Authors Past and Present with Rochester Connections by Carol Johnson Fosdick and distributed by the Olmsted County History Center. We do, indeed, have a talented staff of writers. Congratulations to all employees who’ve been published…keep putting the pen to paper and making us proud.

Community Colleges are getting some great press in recent months. President Bush has made several speeches highlighting the value of a two-year education and the topic is frequently finding its way into political ads. The most recent publication to tout the advantages of community colleges was last weekend’s edition of American Profile. The article by Marti Attoun revealed…Community colleges are flexible and quick to respond to emerging technology and to immediate demands in the community. The lure of a ready-made job, plus bargain tuition, which averages $1,600 a year nationwide, has created a surge in community college enrollment. Eleven million students, or about 45 percent of all undergraduates, attend community colleges. Another 5 million attend noncredit classes. Customized job training is a mission of community colleges today, but that wasn’t the role when the first, Joliet Junior College, opened in 1901. In those early years, community colleges emphasized general liberal-arts classes. During the Depression, community colleges began offering job training. Community colleges flourished after World War II as veterans took advantage of higher education through the GI Bill and employers needed a large number of skilled workers. These community-minded, job-training schools have been growing in
size and enrollment ever since. The faculty are there to teach, not to do research. Community colleges are more personal with smaller classes. They tend to offer individual attention. Responding to individual needs...of both students and communities...is what community colleges are all about.

Thought for the Week…

The greatest lesson in life is to know that even fools are right sometimes.

– Winston Churchill

Thanks very much for contributing to a very success start to the new year. I appreciate your efforts!

Don

Crossings Classifieds

FOR SALE: Craftsman weedwacker 17" $20.00; webbed rocker chair $5.00; 2 large dog (labrador size) crates $25.00 each; 4x6 metal dump trailer, has flat tire..free; used refrigerator 17 cu ft., free before Thursday; child work bench 30x48 2 drawers and bin for wood $20.00; kitchen ceiling light fixture 4' long, new $10.00..didn't work in our kitchen (has bulbs included). Audrey Lidke 288-8726..5 minutes from campus.

GODDARD LIBRARY, LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER

September 4-6, 2004

Saturday  9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday    1:00 PM-5:00 PM*
Monday    CLOSED (Labor Day Holiday)

*Digital Media Center closed
(Hours are subject to change)

You’re invited!

President Charles Hill presided over Rochester Junior College, Rochester State Junior College, and Rochester Community College from 1953-1982, and we are delighted to announce he will be turning 90 years old next month. To all those that know him, President Hill is extending an invitation to his 90th Birthday:

- Open House -

Sunday, September 12, 2004
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Charter House - Cultural Arts Room (1st Floor)

Entertainment will be presented by Les Fields and the Turkey River All-Stars. Refreshments will be provided, but President Hill has requested no gifts.