Best Bee of the Month

Congratulations to Dr. Barb Mollberg for being selected as the Best Bee of the Month for November.

Here's what Barb's nominator had to say:

Dr. Mollberg willingly listens and quickly responds with decisions that are based on logic. She is admired for her fairness, empathy, and good sense of humor. She is organized, takes responsibility for her actions, and relates well to both faculty and students, while overseeing the largest academic department on campus.

Barb has consistently demonstrated leadership in college affairs. She has worked with faculty in delivering programs of study through alternate delivery methods from ITV to distance education in order to meet emerging student needs. Her leadership has brought recognition to the college in areas beyond distance education. The Mathematics Department is one of Dr. Mollberg’s responsibilities. In the past few years, RCTC students have placed nationally in competitive mathematics competitions. Barb consistently shows initiative and creativity in her work. Dr. Mollberg has organized and leads the Phi Theta Kappa program at RCTC and her work with the program is not only appreciated locally, but admired throughout the region.

Thank you Barb and congratulations on being named the “Best Bee of the Month”! Barb will receive the “up front” parking space for the month of November at the UCR campus.

Marketing Fact

Student parking remains the area of least satisfaction for RCTC students, according to the 2004 Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory. But it's not just us: the same holds true for a national sample. Also, female students report significantly greater dissatisfaction with parking than male students.
Weekly Funny

SNAPSHOTS by jenawave.com

I'm gonna need a bigger brain.

Rochester Reads
The goal of Rochester Reads is to encourage literacy, discussion, family reading, and community interaction by promoting the reading of one book and hosting discussions and events about the book. You are encouraged to vote for one of the following books for the community to read and discuss in February 2005. (See attachment.)

For more information, see http://www.RochesterReads.org

White Lilacs by Carolyn Meyer
The Giver by Lois Lowry
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
The Land by Mildred D. Taylor

Deadline for voting is November 8. You can vote via ballot at the Rochester Public Library reserve desk or online at http://www.RochesterReads.org.

Thank You
The following message was received following the recent UCR Blood Drive.

On behalf of the thousands of patients at the Mayo Clinic, thank you for your recent hosting of a blood drive. At your drive we collected 31 units of blood and had 13 first time donors!

The Mayo Clinic Blood Bank draws 120 pints of blood every day and about 350 blood products are transfused every day. Every six minutes, a patient at Mayo Clinic receives a transfusion of blood or blood products. The donations collected at your drive could sustain a premature baby's life for two weeks...it might help a trauma victim who needs 40 units of blood or more...it could help a leukemia patient who needs up to six units of platelets daily during treatment.

The reward for your quiet efforts is the assurance that you have helped restore hope and life to a stranger. On behalf of the recipients, thank you for giving so that others can go on living.

Highest regards,

Laura A. Archbold
Recruitment Coordinator
Mayo Clinic Blood Donor Program
Rochester, MN 55905

Mark your calendars! The next UCR Blood Drive is November 30, 2005.

CROSSINGS CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: For sale Kimball Organ with a lot of music, used, not scratched, double keyboard. Asking 200.00 or best offer. Maureen Welder - call 285-7441.
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The countdown to Election Day 2004 is down to single digits…and the media campaign blitz is in full swing. I suspect that candidate Kerry will be the last of the national politicians to visit Rochester. What a difference being a “swing state” makes in the number of candidate visits. Please use these last few days leading up to November 2 to review the higher education positions of national, state and local candidates and then be sure to vote on Tuesday. I’ve been very impressed with the involvement of our students in the election process and thank each of you for the professional way you’ve handled the campus visits and campaigns of all the candidates. Don’t forget to vote!

For the first time in six years, enrollment at the 32 MnSCU institutions has dipped slightly, and system officials say that recent double-digit tuition increases may be a factor. This fall, 893 fewer students enrolled in classes than in the 2003 fall semester. Although the headcount enrollment drop is statistically small, MnSCU officials say they are concerned that four years of double-digit tuition increases may be having a negative impact on the number of students attending classes. Tuition at the state colleges and universities, including RCTC, has increased nearly 60 percent over the past four years. While fewer students are enrolled this fall, the number of course credits sold is projected to increase slightly. The full-year-equivalent enrollment in credit classes is projected to increase by .5 percent for the current year. RCTC’s headcount and FYE enrollments increased significantly more than the average enrollments at other two-year colleges.

Lillyam Arroyave and I received a packet of wonderful letters regarding the recent Global Connection Days from Rochester Central Lutheran School fourth graders. Teacher Dori Robbins wrote…I would like to thank you and your staff for the marvelous experience that our children had on Friday, October 8th in connection with your Global Connection Days. We experienced ethnic food, dancing, music, and crafts. The staff introduced our students to words and environments of various cultures as well. The dragon head craft corresponds with our literature story, and the acceptance and awareness of diversity fits into our daily curriculum. We are looking forward to attending next year as well. Some of the students wrote (in their words and spelling)…

- Dear Mr. President of R.C.T.C. – I loved when the people pass out the lunches. I liked the tucans (tacos). I love the necklaces when decorate them. I loved everything there at R.C.T.C. P.S. Do this every year for fourth Grade.
- Dear R.C.T.C. - Thank you for letting us take a field trip to your school. I liked the arts and crafts. The lunch was good too. RCTC WAS GREAT – YA!
- Dear R.C.T.C. friends – On Friday I liked listening to the singing and watch the dancing best. You guys are so thoughtful to think of R.C.L.S. first. I hope to go to R.C.T.C. when I get older.
- Dear R.C.T.C. friends. Thank you for teaching us about countries. I liked the tacos, nachos and dancing. It was fun.
- Dear RCTC friends. Thank you for taking time to do the fun day. I really liked the cool stuff and projects about cultures. It was so fun! P.S. Please do it again next year. I loved it!

The fall issue of Garden, Deck & Landscape provided some interesting information about “The Great Pumpkin.” Did you know…

- 90 = the percentage of a pumpkin that is water
- 1,385 = the number of pounds the world’s largest pumpkin weighed
- 350 = the number of pounds the world’s largest pumpkin pie weighed
- 36 = the number of pounds of sugar in that pie
- 6 = the number of hours it took to bake that pie
- 6 = the number of pumpkin color choices (orange, red, yellow, white, green and blue)

The tradition of carving a pumpkin actually started with a turnip. According to Irish myth, “Stingy Jack fooled the devil, and the devil condemned his spirit to roam the Earth with only a piece of burning coal to guide his way. Jack put the piece of coal in a carved turnip and has been wandering ever since. Today, thankfully, pumpkins have replaced turnips because they are both larger and more impressive-looking than turnips. The Irish referred to Jack’s ghost as Jack o’ the lantern, hence the American name, jack-o’-lantern.

Thought for the week…

The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings;
the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of misery.

-- Winston Churchill

Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night and enjoy the extra hour of sleep. 