

Jan. 28, 2005

DuckBites

snack-size news

- **Star shows for February:** First Friday star shows at 7 p.m., 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 4. Public telescope observing from 7:30-11 p.m. On Feb. 12 and 19, "More Than Meets the Eye" at 2 p.m; and "Richland Skies." The planetarium is in Room S116. Call ext. 6013 for information.
- Next **Crime Prevention meeting** will be at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 18 in E076. Call Warren McNurlen at ext. 6174 for info.
- Join the **Spanish lunchers!** Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Employee Lounge by the cafeteria. Spanish speakers and non-speakers get together for lunch (bring your own), and speak only Spanish. Or join the e-mail group called 8Espanol for Spanish learners and would-be-learners. Call Scarlett Hill at ext. 6159 for more information.
- **Heart Healthy Week** at Richland: Feb. 15-16. From 9:30-10:50 a.m. on Feb. 15, there will be a presentation on prevention and symptoms of heart disease, and women and heart disease. From 11:15 a.m. -12:10 p.m. on Feb. 16, there will be a presentation on heart healthy nutrition. Both events are in E070. Call the Health Center at ext. 6135.
- The **ATM in Thunderduck Hall** is working again. Thanks for your patience.

FISH TALES



Photo by John Pollock

A Facilities crew works quickly to pull a large net in from Lake Thunderduck. The crew caught a few fish and placed them in temporary tanks while the lake is being drained. See below for more information.

Lake Thunderduck drained to repair erosion; "interesting" items found in lake, officials say

The DCCCD Board of Trustees sold Maintenance Tax Notes valued at \$50 million for the purpose of maintaining DCCCD property already owned. As a result of the sale of these notes, Richland is receiving funding for 31 projects totaling \$4.96 million and is continuing to move forward with many of the much-needed maintenance projects this semester.

One such project is to repair and reinforce the eroding gabion-basket retaining walls around upper and lower Lake Thunderduck. To accomplish this work, the lake has been almost completely drained.

College officials say two billfolds, a butcher knife, a pick axe, a golf club and several golf balls were among the "interesting" items found in the lake.

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After draining the lake, the stone-filled wire baskets surrounding the lake will be wrapped. Replacement wire mesh will be vinyl coated to be more resistant to corrosion and UV ray deterioration, extending the life of the repairs. Some of the gabion baskets will be reshaped and stone will be added where needed. A few trees on the east shoreline near Guadalupe Hall will need to be removed to accommodate construction access and will be replaced upon project completion.

The contractor and a consultant are working closely with Texas Parks and Wildlife on the relocation of waterfowl and fish and the eventual restocking of the waterfowl and fish upon completion of the project.

College officials say that is two fish relocations, about 13 bass and five dozen brim were captured. Officials said that the water level will not go much lower than it currently is, so the fish remaining in the lake will be safe until the project is completed.

The project is slated to be completed by April 15 in order for the grounds to be in proper shape for our graduation ceremonies on May 6 and May 7.

Please do not go in or near the lake bed during the project. In order to provide access for necessary equipment, the contractor will create temporary roads around the lake on both sides of the campus.

Please observe all construction signs, fences, and cordoned-off areas redirecting pedestrian traffic to paths safe from the construction site.

Thank you for your cooperation during this temporary inconvenience and for adhering to all posted and published safety instructions in place during this Maintenance Tax Notes project.



HAVE A SEAT



Photo by John Pollock

New chairs line Brazos Gallery before the winter break, awaiting new homes all across campus. Many people from Richland's Facilities Services worked almost every day during the winter break, rather than take time off, to install over \$1 million in furnishings prior to employee's and students' return, mostly in classrooms.



Excellence in Teaching nominees wanted

Feb. 15 is the deadline to nominate instructors for the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Nominations must be submitted on a ballot to the SPAR office, E040. A standardized nomination form is available in the class schedule, on the Richland College website at www.rlc.dcccd.edu/nominate.pdf.

Forms also will be available from the Student Government Association (SGA) table/booth to be scheduled by SPAR as well as at the *Richland Chronicle*.



Art shows at Richland

Richland College presents new paintings by Dallas artist Lane Banks in the Brazos

Gallery, Room C140. "Lane Banks: Black, White, and Aluminum Paintings" goes on view Monday, Jan. 24 and continues through Thursday, Feb. 24.

The closing reception will be from 12-1 p.m. on Feb. 24 in the Brazos Gallery.

For more information, contact **Randall Garrett** at ext. 6339, or visit the artist's website at <http://www.lanebanksart.com>.

Also, Richland's fine arts program presents "Library," featuring artists Lance Letscher and Justin Quinn and curated by Takako Tanabe.

"Library" will be on display through Thursday, Feb. 24 in the Lago Vista Gallery. An opening reception will be from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 26.

For information, contact **Randall Garrett** at ext. 6339.



NEWS/PROFESSIONAL

SGA to aid tsunami victims

The Richland Student Government Association (SGA) officers, as concerned global citizens, have launched a tsunami relief fund at Richland to aid the affected South Asian countries and victims.

The goal of the student group is to encourage Richland students, faculty, and staff to raise \$2,500 during the first two weeks of the spring semester. The SGA will donate the money to the American Red Cross relief efforts. Call the SGA at ext. 6983 for more information. 🌿

Relax with the Yoga Club

January is more than half over, but it is not too late to renew those New Year's Resolutions. If you resolved to live a healthier and/or more relaxed lifestyle this year, then yoga might be just what you are looking for.

The RLC Yoga Club continues to offer free yoga and mediation classes every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in Room E076.

Call **Amy Ferguson** at ext. 6112 for information. ⭐

Colleague training

There will be a Basic Colleague System training session from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31 in Room D270. If you'd like to attend this session, please register by e-mailing Josie Regnault or by registering online at <http://helpdesk.dccd.edu>. 🌿

Free HIV testing available

Richland's Health Center and the UT Southwestern Medical School: AIDS Prevention Project will offer free HIV Testing in the Health Center for students and employees from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 and Feb. 24, and from 1-4 p.m. on March 10.

All testing will be offered confidentially or

2004-2005 Jean Sharon Griffith Award



Photo by Andy Tubbs

Fred Sweet, Humanities, (left) received the Jean Sharon Griffith Student Development Leadership Award from Steve Mittelstet on Jan. 13. ⭐

2004-2005 Innovation of the Year



Photo by Andy Tubbs

The 2004-2005 Innovation of the Year award went to the Special Texas Edition authors: Bruce Bayless, Robert Boyle, David Buice, Steve Butler, Jeff Carlisle, June Cheatham, Timothy Grammer, Dennis Gray, Jane Guzman, Valerie Hinton, Clive Siegle, Patrick Simpson, and Palmer Venable. ⭐

anonymously. No records will be maintained by the Health Center.

Test results will be given in person at the Health Center on the following test date. For an appointment, call 214-645-7300. Walk-in appointments are available, but on a limited basis. 🌿

Send your professional and personal news for the *ThunderBridge* to jjensmith@dccd.edu.

NEWS/SERVICES

Response positive to RLC charter high school

About 75 people attended a public hearing on Jan. 20 to inform the community about the proposed Richland Collegiate High School.

Response from those present was positive as **President Steve Mittelstet** outlined the proposed plans for the high school, which would be located at Richland College, Richland Collegiate High School of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering will offer dual-credit college classes to students in the 11th and 12th grades.

At its January meeting, the DCCCD Board of Trustees approved an application to the State Board of Education for a charter to operate the Richland Collegiate High School of Mathematics, Science, and Engineering.

A student of the high school would be able to complete high school graduation requirements while earning as many as 66 college credits, receiving an AA degree at the same time.

If approved, the high school will open in August 2006, when 200 qualified high school juniors will begin classes. Students will receive free tuition and textbooks and use of a laptop computer during their enrollment.

For more information, please contact **David Canine** at ext. 6919. 🙌

Line Dancing starts soon

Do you like to dance or would you like to learn? Line dancing may be the answer for you. New wellness line dance lessons for this semester begins on Monday, Jan. 31 from 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays in the small gym (Room G140).

Classes will start promptly at 12:15

p.m., so please adjust your time to get to the gym early – especially if you're a new line dancer. You don't need a partner and you don't have to have any dancing ability to participate.

Line dancers might want to wear comfortable clothing and slick-soled shoes. Call **Kay Coder** at ext. 6294 for info. 🌟

African-American Read-In

Richland College's African-American Read-in is fast approaching. You are invited to read or perform a piece (song, poem, excerpt from a novel, short story or play) written by an American author of African descent.

To sign up or for more information, stop by the SPAR office or call **Gerald Leavell** at ext 6915.

If you'd rather not read or perform, please attend the event because your presence will enhance the experience.

The Read-In will be from 12:15-2 p.m. on Feb. 23 in the Lago Vista Gallery. 🙌

Financial Aid info.

In case you encounter questions pertaining to when students will receive their financial aid payments, initial payments will end on Jan. 27.

Remainder balances will begin to be released Feb. 7. Students who have elected to receive their payments via the E Chase card, will be notified by e-mail that the funds have been deposited. This method is the fastest method to be paid.

For students who elected to receive a paper check, the DSC will process as many checks as possible daily.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office and ext. 6188, ext. 6187 or ext. 3437. 🙌



Publication Schedule

Upcoming issues:

Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., Jan. 28
ThunderBridge	Fri., Feb. 4
ThunderBridge	Fri., Feb. 18
Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., Feb. 25
ThunderBridge	Fri., Mar. 4
ThunderBridge	Fri., Mar. 17
Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., Mar. 24
ThunderBridge	Fri., Apr. 1
ThunderBridge	Fri., Apr. 15
Thunder E-Bridge	Fri., Apr. 29

Listening Outpost

The Listening Outpost provides opportunities throughout the semester for staff and students to visit informally with Richland's president, vice presidents and other leaders.

You are invited to bring your ideas, dreams, concerns and plans to the Outpost located in El Paso Hall near the cafeteria.

Participants for the week are listed at the Outpost. Administrators for the Evening Outpost can be reached from 5-9 p.m. in the Adjunct Faculty Office.

Evening Outpost

Monday, Jan. 31

Tom McLaughlin, Adjunct Faculty.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Jim Weinstein, Testing Center.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Joyce Williams, Technical Education.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Fred Wittel, M/S/BS.

Monday, Feb. 7

Martha Vines, HAD.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Thomas Adams, WLCC.

Wednesday, Feb. 9

Dorian Barton, Business & Professions.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Roy Bond, Employee Services. 🙌



Cooperative Learning Spring 2005 Foundation Series

Richland College is pleased to offer a series of workshops with strategies and practical hands-on experience in utilizing cooperative learning, a paradigm for teaching, learning and community building in which individuals are active participants in their learning process.

The Cooperative Learning initiative at Richland College was developed to provide faculty, staff and administrators with the theory and practice to incorporate cooperative learning principles and activities in the classroom and other learning environments.

All Richland staff, administrators and faculty are eligible to participate. Former participants in cooperative learning workshops are encouraged to attend this series.

Foundation Workshops, Saturday 2005 series

Part 1	Saturday, 2/12/05	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Room E070
Part 2	Saturday, 2/26/05	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Room E070
Part 3	Saturday, 4/2/05	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Room E070
Part 4	Saturday, 4/16/05	8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Room E070

Cooperative Learning Facilitators

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Melissa Rankin	ext. 6140	mbr8401@dcccd.edu
Becki Williams	ext. 6362	rsw8460@dcccd.edu

To register for workshops, call or e-mail **Becki Williams**, or use TEE Reg.

Fifteen hours of Thunderwater Professional Development credit are awarded for completion of the series.