

July 31, 2005

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- Financial Services will have a **Lost and Found Sale** from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 30 in Room C140. All items are sold "as is" and all sales are final. Local checks with a driver's license, or cash only. No credit cards.
- The **re-upholstering of seats in Fannin Performance Hall** is on schedule. The project is expected to be done before Convocation on Aug. 26.
- Join the **Spanish lunchers** from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Employee Lounge. Call Jamie Walters at ext. 6816 for info.
- **Discounted tickets to Six Flags Over Texas** are available at the cashier window in Thunderduck Hall. One-day passes to Six Flags cost \$25, season passes are \$64.49. Six Flags is open daily through Aug. 28.
- **No more public Planetarium shows.** After 12 years, volunteers at the Texas Astronomical Society have decided to stop doing public shows at RLC.
- Starting in September, the *ThunderBridge* will go to its **fall production schedule**. See page 4 for more info.

SUMMER DAZE



Photo by John Pollock

A Thunderduck ponders the hot weather at the Horticulture fountain.

Proposed RLC High School news

Richland College's Charter School application has been selected from among initial applicants for finalist consideration by the State Board of Education.

Applicants needed to score 75 percent or higher to go forward; Richland's application scored 90 percent, receiving 180 out of a possible 200 points.

DCCC Board Chair Prater, Richland President **Steve Mittelstet**, and Richland Vice President for Institutional Advancement **David Canine** will make a presentation to the State Board's Committee on Planning on Sept. 8. The committee will vote on applications on Sept. 15 before the Board meeting on Sept. 16.

To garner support, RLC is soliciting letters from community members, parents of potential students, and other interested parties to be submitted prior to the Sept. 8 meeting.

Letters are coming to the college addressed to assorted entities such as the "Texas Board of Education," "Richland Collegiate High School," and other terms of endearment. Since these entities are not known in our mail system, these letters may end up on your desk. Please send them to David Canine in A222. Send your own letter of support to David as well, if you choose.

Strategic Planning Priorities for Student Learning


Response to Community


Student Success


Employee Success


Institutional Effectiveness

NEWS

Pres. Mittelstet attends Baldrige awards

Representing Richland College as the only accredited higher education institution to have received the Texas Award for Performance Excellence and the only community college in the nation to have received a Consensus Review in the national Baldrige competition, President **Steve Mittelstet**, upon invitation from Vice President Dick Cheney's office, attended the 2004 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award ceremony in Washington, D.C.


Texas Nameplate, of Dallas (one of Richland's "out-of-industry" benchmark institutions for performance excellence) received the Malcolm Baldrige Award for the second time, and the Montfort College of Business, Colorado, received the award for education.

Of the 1,000 applicants since 1988, only 59 organizations have received the award of which recipients only five have been educational institutions. 

Elevators across campus under repair

RLC's Facilities Services reports that work on the two elevators in Fannin Hall is going well and nearing completion.


The Bonham Hall elevator was taken out of service in late July for a major renovation. By starting this project early, chances of having the elevator back in service before the start of the Fall semester are increased greatly.

Renovation of the Sabine Hall elevator also was scheduled for late July. This should allow completion of the work by Aug. 23. These projects are made possible by District Maintenance Tax Note funds. 


Auditions for singers

Be a part of singing groups at RLC! Auditions for Chamber Singers and Jazz Singers for Fall 2005 will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Aug. 23, and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 24. Both auditions will be in Room F176 of Fannin Hall.

Singers need to have a song prepared to perform and be ready to vocalize and sight-read. An accompanist will be provided or CD accompaniment will be accepted.

For more information, contact **Michael Crawford** at ext. 6284 or via e-mail at mcrawford@dcccd.edu. 

HSCR asks for materials


The High School and Community Relations staff is currently preparing notebooks of resource materials for our feeder high schools. If you would like for us to include brochures/flyers/informational sheets about your programs or offerings, please bring 75 of each promotional piece to **Al Davis**, Room C150A, by 12 p.m. on Aug. 3. 

Volunteer with Emeritus


Did you know that the Emeritus Program offers volunteer opportunities in tutoring?

- For opportunities in tutoring in major subjects including math, accounting, English writing, history, science, call **Chris Sanders** at 972-761-6743.

- Join Conversation Partners and help multicultural students practice speaking English from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Call **Dee Ann Benson** at 972-761-6734.

For information about Emeritus Program, visit Room C120 or call ext. 6393. 

ThunderTip

When outside vendors come to campus to cater food, sell products, hold performances, etc., it is important that the campus obtain a certificate of liability insurance from the vendor and a copy of the vendor's health certificate if serving food. 

Examples of some problems that have arisen in the past:

- A caterer is suspected of serving contaminated food to guests resulting in numerous guests becoming ill.
- Guests of vendors being injured in an accident while on campus.
- Vendors damaging District property.

Obtaining a liability certificate of insurance from vendors before allowing them to come onto the campus may allow the District and others who may suffer injuries or damages some recourse from the responsible party.

If help is needed interpreting the certificates of insurance, please contact John King in Risk Management at the District Service Center at 972-860-4036.

— RLC Business Office

Send your professional and personal information for the *ThunderBridge* to jgilmer@dcccd.edu. 

PROFESSIONAL

Thanks, Thunderducks

To: **Richland College**

From: **Irene Swindell**, Upward Bound

I want to take this time to thank everyone at Richland for your concern and support to me (death of Irene's husband). Thank you for the calls of concern, encouragement and support, many cards, and especially to my Upward Bound team for flowers, cards and coming en masse to my home. Again, thanks to everyone – you are the best!

To: **Gail Donaldson**, Horticulture

From: **Kimberly Mims** and **Nicole Reed**, Corporate Services

A special thank you to Gail for making up beautiful green plant baskets for our grant clients Lennox Industries, Dallas County, Air Liquide, Avnet, General Dynamics and Kraft Foods. They each appreciated the personal “thanks and congratulations” upon successful completion of their contracts.

To: **Whitney Rosenbalm** and **Dianna Kozlowski**, Information Services

From: **Elva Perez**, Adelante

Muchas, muchas gracias to Whitney Rosenbalm and Dianna Kozlowski for their superb efforts in helping to bring about the first ever RLC Spanish-language brochure! It's an eye-catching and appealing piece that was developed specifically for recruiting Spanish-dominant adult learners. With bright splashes of color, wonderful photographs and a direct message, this brochure will be a pleasure to distribute to our target audience. Muchísimas gracias!



Letters

Dear **John Carmichael**, (Academic Advising)

Our special adults, and their parents as well, thoroughly enjoyed your juggling and life lessons. They were all entranced. Thank you so much. May we call on you again? Perhaps for our fall potluck which will be held at the Richardson YMCA on Saturday, Nov. 12? I will try to find some of the juggling balls like you had for the next time so we can have some for more winners. You are a special person doing something which I feel sure is personally rewarding while helping so many others less fortunate than you. Many, many thanks again!

Rowena (Ro) Freefield, President
Parents and Advocates of Slower Learners

Dear **John Carmichael**, (Academic Advising)

I'm one of the “moms” who enjoyed your juggling program at the Richardson YMCA. I was amazed how well you figured out our young people! No doubt, your experience in teaching prepared you well. Richland is fortunate to have you – I know your students gain much more than “book knowledge” from you. Our young folks rarely have opportunity to perform – and be applauded and appreciated. You made that possible. Thank you so very much.

JoAnne Campbell

Dear **Marcia Hines Parrish**, (Career Services/Workforce Training)

We had a great time with the students and thank you very much for letting us visit Richland College. You have a beautiful campus and we look forward to coming back. Again, Thank you.

Trent Gash
Careerbuilder.com

Dear **Jamie Hardy**, **Latressia Stalling** and **Sharon O'Brien** (Administration),

Thank you for assisting me on March 15. I do appreciate the help each of you offered for my son, Micah Schattle. Please let whomever your supervisors are know that y'all did a fantastic job. You were helpful, kind, considerate and quick. Thank you very much.

Gloria Schattle

Professor Neal:

Dear **Bill Neal** (Physical Education),

I have wanted to you to know how much I appreciate you and the wonderful Emeritus class you teach. I was a mess when I started your class. Completely deconditioned, crippled by the fear of injuring my back, still painful from recent surgery. Thoughts of damaging tender joints also weighed heavily on my mind. You seemed to think I could do the deal. The up front confidence you have in your classes ability to perform instilled in me the confidence I needed. Your understanding of the physical problems experienced by seniors allowed me the comfort to try, to stretch beyond my limits; or at least what I perceived as “my limitations.” Today I have more flexibility, more strength, and more endurance than I would have ever thought possible; and we have just begun. I am experiencing muscle growth, great joy in a body I had almost left for dead. Thank you for being a pivotal part of the Emeritus Program and being there for me.

D. Dove



PROFESSIONAL

- Congratulations to **Roy Bond**, Employee Services, who became the first recipient of the newly created Bill Tucker Award for Outstanding Leader. Roy participated in Leadership DCCCD during this past year and provided excellent leadership to the legacy project for the class of 2005. Roy was voted by his fellow classmates of the program to receive this award. The Bill Tucker Award for Outstanding Leader will now be given each year to one distinguished graduate of the Leadership DCCCD Program.

- A research proposal by **Artist Thornton**, Humanities, was accepted for conference presentation at the next Association for the Study of Higher Education Conference in Philadelphia this November.

- Michael Gutierrez, Humanities, is leaving RLC in August to be the executive dean at Mountain View College.

- Congratulations to **Latrenda Thomas**, Testing Center, on receiving the Outstanding Job Performance By a Testing Professional award from Richland College.

- Facilities professional development round up: **Eddie Hueston** attended the

DFW APPA Quarterly Meeting on May 5; **Eddie Hueston, Raymond Choice, Jose Resenes, Silvano Saucedo** and **Austin Longacre** attended the Plant Trials Field Day at the Dallas Arboretum on June 29; **Tim Willingham** attended Schlage Cylinder & Lock Service training on July 13-14; **Kenneth Hart** attended a "Re-Think Cleaning" seminar hosted by Cleancare on March 22; **Jerry Owens** attended a seminar on "Managing Projects & Priorities" on March 24; **Sonny McDonald** and **Austin Longacre** attended the 2005 Spring Pest Management Seminar on March 29.

- **Tyrone Hollins, Jobickson Modi, Jean Carter, Delores Elder-Jones, Donna Crenshaw** and **Myron Laster** attended the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education 32nd Annual State Conference 2005 in April.

- Congratulations to **Patricia Benter** and **Suzy Hogue**, Information Services, they recently won awards from the Texas Administrators for Continuing Education. Suzy won first place for Special Promotions of the Carnival of Steel, which consisted of a poster, programs, tickets, t-shirts, postcards and flyer. Patricia won second place for Continuing Education Fall 2004 schedule.



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Publication Schedule

Upcoming issues:

<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Aug. 26
<i>Thunder E-Bridge</i>	Fri., Aug. 26
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Sept. 2
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Sept. 16
<i>Thunder E-Bridge</i>	Fri., Sept. 30
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Oct. 7
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Oct. 21
<i>Thunder E-Bridge</i>	Fri., Oct. 28
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Nov. 4
<i>Thunder E-Bridge</i>	Fri., Nov. 18
<i>ThunderBridge</i>	Fri., Dec. 2
<i>Thunder E-Bridge</i>	Fri., Dec. 16

RTV features highlights on Summer 2005 edition

Don't miss the Summer 2005 edition of RTV, Richland Television.

- Success stories from our TRI (Total Re-Integration) program
- Interviews with Richland Wall of Honor winners
- Lehman Marks, Adjunct Faculty, recipient of the DCCC Excellence in Teaching award
- Excerpts from dynamic guest presentations: Dr. Jocelyn Elders, Derek Ashlang and Steve Lund

RTV CABLE SCHEDULE

Farmers Branch	M-F 3:30 p.m.	Ch. 75
Plano and Richardson	Mon. 7:30 p.m.	Ch. 14A
	Tues. 1:30 p.m.	Ch. 14A
	Wed. 9:30 p.m.	Ch. 14A
	Thurs. 3:30 p.m.	Ch. 14A
	Fri. 5:30 p.m.	Ch. 14A
	Sat. 11:30 a.m.	Ch. 14A
Richardson	M-F 3:30 p.m.	Ch. 18A
Mesquite and Dallas	M-F 3:30 p.m.	Ch. 3B
Garland	Tues. 7:30 p.m.	Ch. 74
	M-F 3:30 p.m.	Ch. 75

GroupWise Tip

Okay, so you've opened the really important e-mail from the boss and you need to reply back to it later today.

But you've opened it and it's no longer distinguishable from the thousands of other email you've already opened.

Go to ACTIONS up at the top of the e-mail and click on READ LATER (or hit CTRL + R for you keyboard fanatics). This will "reseal" the e-mail and it will appear as if you haven't opened it yet.



— Carolyn Lindeman, WLCC



PEOPLE

With Deepest Sympathy

• M/S/BS adjunct faculty member **Ted Resetar** collapsed and died July 18 of an apparent heart attack as he was leaving the campus. He was 66.

Ted taught as an adjunct in Chemistry at Richland for five years. For the past 11 years his full-time position was as an instructor at Ursuline Academy. He grew up in Albany, La., and taught high school in Louisiana for 28 years before attending graduate school at the University of Southern Mississippi. Ted was buried in Louisiana.

- The father of **Rose Pope**, Facilities, passed away in June. He lived in Chicago.
- Edward. G. Gutierrez, father of **Michael Gutierrez**, Humanities, died in May. Services were in San Antonio.
- Glen Swindell, husband of **Irene Swindell**, Upward Bound, died in June.

ThunderEngagement

Whitney Draft, Continuing Education, got a big surprise at a recent Texas Rangers baseball game: A marriage proposal! Her boyfriend, Ruben, popped the question in the 5th inning while the Rangers were playing the New York Yankees on July 19. The big moment was shown on the JumboTron at Ameritrust Field. The happy couple have not set a date yet.

ThunderDucklings

- Josephine Starr Stevenson was born to **Morningstar Stevenson**, WLCC, and her husband on July 11. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 21 inches long.
- Dylan Kyle and Cameron Neal Bond were delivered to proud parents **Roy Bond**, Employee Services, and his wife, B. J., (and proud big sisters Katrina and Milena!) at 8:03 and 8:04 a.m., respectively, on July 16. Dylan weighed 5 lbs. 9 1/2 ozs., and Cameron weighed 6 lbs. 15 ozs.
- Phillip Joseph Perea was born to **Joe Perea**, Humanities, and wife, Elise, on July 6. Phillip weighed 7 lbs., 13 ounces and measured 21 inches long.
- Ali Alexander Miller Saidane, was born on May 21 to **Cynthia Miller**, WLCC, and Habib Saidane. She also was welcomed by big sister, Leila.

Parenting Tip

Ten Ways to Spend More Time with Your Kids:



1. Limit Kids' Activities: Just say no to overscheduling.
2. Limit Yourself: Scale back to one evening out during the week.
3. Kill the TV: Or at least dismember it, especially during meals.
4. Candlelight Dinners: Agreed at a standing family mealtime.
5. Brunch: Make brunch for your bunch every Sunday.
6. A Reading Tree: Find a tree, bring a book, instant story time.
7. Cook Double: Save time and trouble. Makes mealtimes a snap.
8. Pick Your Own: Go apple-picking with your family (or any fruit or veggie).
9. Catch Some Winks: When you feel rested, you feel calm.
10. TGIF Fun Night: Order pizza, hang out together doing whatever.



— Dear Oaks

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. Evening Outpost participants can be reached from 5-9 p.m. in Adjunct Faculty, A110.

Evening Outpost

Monday, Aug. 1

Tom McLaughlin, Adjunct Faculty.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Thomas Adams, WLCC.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Jeana Remington, WLCC.

Thursday, Aug. 4

Stan Kohan, ETEP

Monday, Aug. 8

Cindy Berry, Admission/EP

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Joel Battle, Library.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Michael Iachetta, Adjunct Faculty.

Thursday, Aug. 11

Peggy Borchardt, ETEP



Be an RLC ambassador!

Did you know Richland has lots of great new programs? Tell your family, friends and neighbors!

- Richland's African American/Black Studies Program: Broaden your understanding of people of African descent and their role in the shaping of America.
- Journalism Field of Study Degrees: Three new Field of Study Associate Degrees in Mass Communication: Print Journalism, Broadcast Journalism and Advertising/Public Relations.
- Mexican American/Latino Studies Program: Earn transferable credit and learn more about the Mexican American/Latino experience and culture.
- Health Professions: Richland offers 10 healthcare certificate programs to prepare job-ready individuals who fulfill the needs of healthcare employers in our community.

ATTACHMENT

Richland College Fall 2005 Foundation Cooperative Learning Schedule

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.

Part 1	Tues, Aug. 23	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Part 2	Wed, Aug. 24	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Part 3	Thurs, Aug. 25	12:30p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

If you'd like to participate in the Fall 2005 Foundation Cooperative Learning Workshop series, please contact Becki Williams at ext. 6362 or bwilliams@dccd.edu.

Cooperative Learning Facilitators

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