

Sept. 26, 2003

DuckBytes

snack-size news

- **Thunderduck Hall** will be officially dedicated from 11 a.m. to 2 pm. on Sept. 26. Festivities include a parade, free lakeside lunch, dunk tank and sketch artist. The celebration culminates with a performance by **R. Carlos Nakai**, renowned Native American flutist, at 7 p.m. in Fannin Performance Hall. Call ext. 6326 for tickets.
- The **State Employee Charitable Campaign** begins today. To print out the form and make a donation, visit: <http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/ForCompanies/SECCHigher-EducationPledgeForm.pdf>.
- Check out "Pastiche" through Oct. 3 in the Brazos Gallery, C140. The exhibit features paintings and digital prints by **Gordon Young**, Humanities. Call ext. 6339 for information.
- The **Richland Chronicle** student newspaper wants your news tips, photos and other newsworthy info. Send items to rln8423@dcccd.edu, or "RLC ChronicleNews" for GroupWise users.

DUCK A LA CARTE



Photo by John Pollock

President Steve Mittelstet, left, pulls R. Mobius Thunderduck onto stage for some levity at Convocation 2003. For the photo essay from Convocation, see page 7.

DCCCD and Richland launch annual SECC Campaign

The Dallas County Community College District is once again participating in the **State Employee Charitable Campaign (SECC)**. The years campaign theme is Choosing to Care. The SECC campaign, scheduled from Sept. 26 to Nov. 3, is the only charitable contribution initiative authorized by the District.



SECC gives employees an opportunity to select from hundreds of charities, including DCCCD and Richland scholarship funds.

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Donations may be made through payroll deduction, check or cash.

Campus-wide workgroups are challenged to raise \$65,606. Richland's goal for this year. Last year, Richland not only met but exceeded its goal, and was recognized as giving the highest per capita gift for a Community, Junior or Technical College with 301 or More Employees.

The campaign begins when you receive your SECC contribution and ends at 5 p.m. on Nov. 7. Incentives are being offered again this year to help achieve workgroup goals.

Early Thunderbird Special: Workgroups who meet or exceed their goal with 75 percent full and limited full-time staff participation by Oct. 17, will receive matching funds plus a courtesy pizza lunch with door prizes.

Fifty percent matching funds: Workgroups who meet or exceed their goal with 75 percent full and limited full-time staff participation by the Nov. 7 deadline (50 percent matching funds means 50 percent of the total donation, not just the workgroup goal so the more a workgroup contributes, the more it receives!).

For information or if you have questions, e-mail or call Whitney Rosenbalm or Sharon Wright, Information Services, exts. 6023 or 6194. Or to donate online: visit

<http://www.unitedwaydallas.org/ForCompanies/SECCHigher-EducationPledgeForm.pdf>



Register for TOLI classes

The Thunderwater Organizational Learning Institute reminds you to visit the Professional Development Schedule online (<http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/thunderwater/>) and use the TEE-Reg system to register for Level 2A of the Intercultural Competence Series. This session is for all employees who have already attended levels 1A and 1B. Employees who have not yet attended level 1A and 1B will have the opportunity to do so during return week in January.



RTV to show highlights

For its September-October programming, **RTV (Richland Television)** will re-visit some communication high points of the last academic year including **Ann Faulkner, Ed Garcia and Kay Coder** addressing the DCCCD Conference Day attendees at Richland; Richland students discussing how the college welcomed their diverse backgrounds; last year's Excellence in Teaching winner, **Dru Bookout**, Humanities, captivating the graduation 2003 audience; and excerpts from the English faculty poetry readings by **John Barrett, Jerry McElveen** and **Steve Mittelstet**.



Carillon debuts Friday

After Thunderduck Hall is dedicated Friday, Richland College will unveil its new carillon, a digital instrument that makes bell tones reminiscent of the chimes on a town-square clock tower.

The instrument, made by Schulmerich Carillons Inc., will be sounded at the end of the building dedication ceremony and that evening after the performance by R. Carlos Nakai, renowned Native American flutist, which begins at 7 p.m. in Fannin Performance Hall.

Starting Monday, the carillon will chime on the quarter hour from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.



Traveling? Three new District rules to follow

If you travel for Richland or are responsible for budgets that include employee travel, please read the three items below. Richland began compliance with these procedures some time ago, but these items were officially in effect as of Sept. 1 districtwide.

- It will be necessary to demonstrate the lowest cost for travel within Texas (i.e., determining the cost of air travel compared to all costs associated with driving).

- The District will not reimburse employees for state taxes paid on in-state hotel rooms. Employees staying in hotels inside of Texas should bring a Hotel State Tax Exemption form and use it. Obtaining and taking the form is the responsibility of the employee. The form can be obtained in the Business Office.

- The District will withhold travel advances and travel pre-payments for anyone who is more than 30 days late in completing the reconciliation of prior travel. Travel advance and travel prepayment eligibility can be reinstated once an individual's travel reconciliation is complete and current.



RTV Cable Schedule

Mesquite and Dallas

Ch. 3B M-F 3:30 p.m.

Farmer's Branch

Ch. 75 M-F 3:30 p.m.

Plano

Ch. 14A M-F 10 p.m.

Richardson

Ch. 14A M-F 10 p.m.

Ch. 18A M-F 3:30 p.m.

Garland

Ch. 74 Tues. 7:30 p.m.

Ch. 75 M-F 3:30 p.m.

NEWS

Richland Thundervivors seeking other ducks to Race for the Cure

On your mark... get set... SAVE! Helping to find a cure for breast cancer can save lives and be a walk in the park —




NorthPark, that is. That's where this year's **Susan G. Komen Dallas Race for the Cure** begins on Saturday, Oct. 18, at 7:45 a.m.

The **Richland Thundervivors** Race for the Cure team has taken first place in the school category for the past two years, so the team is attempting to match and maintain its Thunderduck reputation again this year.

Entry forms can be completed in B014 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 26. The cost to register is \$20 per person; please make checks payable to Komen Dallas Race for the Cure. Please return all entry forms to **Susan Calhoun**, Richland team captain, room B001A. Race T-shirts and packets will be distributed the week before the race.

If you prefer, you may register online. Payment online requires either a Mastercard or Visa; there is an additional \$1.25 processing fee. The total charged to your credit card will be \$21.25. To register online for the Richland Thundervivors team go to: https://www.active.com/register/index.cfm?event_id=1071566.

You do not have to attend the Race to be counted as a Richland College team member. Simply register and you will help the Richland Thundervivors win the trophy for the largest School Team again this year.

For more information about the race, visit the Komen Dallas Affiliate website at www.komen-dallas.org and click on the link to Race Information. If you have any questions, call Susan at ext. 6215. 

September 2003 Outstanding Employee



Photo by John Pollock

Dan Briggs, Information Technology, right, accepts his plant and coveted Thunderduck mug from Tony Summers, vice president for Student Development, at his parade.

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 college leaders.

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

Photos of kids and grand kids are great to bring, too! Participants for the week are listed at the Outpost. Evening Outpost administrators can be reached from 5-10 p.m. in the Adjunct Faculty Office.

Week of Sept. 29-Oct. 3

No Outpost scheduled.

Evening Outpost

Monday, Sept. 29, **Marcia Hines-Parrish**, Career Services

Tuesday, Sept. 30, **Janet James**, Administration

Wednesday, Oct. 1, **Jeana Remington**, World Languages, Cultures and Communications

Thursday, Oct. 2, **Dwight Riley**, Accounting Services



PEOPLE

Speaking workshops

Answer these two questions: Would you like your own personal speaking coach? Would you like to get that coach for free?

When you join **Toastmasters**, that's exactly what you get — the opportunity to sharpen your speaking and listening skills as part of ongoing practice sessions from 1-2 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. You also get additional coaching time from fellow members when and where you need it, in preparation for a speech to the group or for any other speaking engagement.

For more details, contact **Tara Thompson**, at tdt8401@dccd.edu or ext. 6328.

With Deepest Sympathy

Jess E. Gooch, father of **Steve Gooch**, Humanities, and grandfather of **Stephanie Sarles** of Brookhaven College, died.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, a donation be made in Jess E. Gooch's name to the Seniors Ministry of Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75225.

Condolences are extended to **Susan Miller**, Math/Science/Behavioral Science. Her sister-in-law, Carolyn McMillan, 54, died of a heart attack on Sept. 7.

Sympathy is extended to **Randy Barnes**, Facilities., whose mother-in-law passed away Sept. 18.

ThunderBabies

Valenda Archer's daughter, Lisa Coppinger, gave birth to twin boys at 7:30 a.m. on Sept. 23. The babies, Christopher Thomas and Michael James, weighed almost 6 lbs. each and were doing very well despite being born a month early. Valenda, a recently retired Thunderduck, and her husband, Jim, got to kiss their grandbabies on the way to the newborn nursery.

Richland College's Fall 2003 Recital Schedule

Each week, the Humanities Division of Richland College presents its Recital Series. All performances are Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. in Fannin Performance Hall and are free to the general public.

For more information, call Joe Perea, director of Instrumental Music, at ext. 6254

Sept. 30	Jimin Tian (Chinese bamboo flute) and ensemble
Oct. 7	The Texas Voices
Oct. 14	Richland Choral and Instrumental Ensembles
Oct. 21	Richland Steel Band
Oct. 28	Early Brass
Nov. 4	Guitar Ensemble
Nov. 11	Sandip Burman, Indian Tabla virtuoso (co-sponsored by SPAR)
Nov. 18	Richland Symphonic Winds and Jazz Ensemble
Nov. 25	Richland Choral Groups
Dec. 2	Richland Music Student Recitals



ThunderFitness

Workout clothes woven with tiny threads of silver are now on the market to combat that after-workout sweaty smell.

Staff members at *Health* magazine recently tested a handful of products, including the Champion Silver Long Top, a pair of Pearl Izumi X-Static racing socks and a Hot Chillys System 2 bra with Biosilver. The workout duds smelled fine even after a week's worth of sweaty wear!

— *Health* magazine



PEOPLE



ThunderStars ThunderWelcome



When you see new Thunderducks on campus (you'll know them by their name tags surrounded by stars), greet them and welcome them to Richland College. Office and phone numbers will be published in this year's Quick Quack.



Michael Gutierrez
Faculty,
Humanities



Jada Hill
Visiting Scholar,
Math, Science,
Behavioral Sciences



Ye Luo
Faculty,
Math, Science,
Behavioral Sciences



Zhujun Li
Faculty,
Math, Science,
Behavioral Sciences



Steven Richards
Dean of Workforce
Development & Training,
Corporate Services



Raymond E. Sandoval
Faculty,
Humanities



Dee Hobson
Faculty,
Business & Professions



Janice Denise Jones-Bell
Department Assistant,
Student Programs and
Resources



Mario A. Rosales
Carpenter,
Facilities



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Liu Yan
Research Associate,
Institutional
Effectiveness



Austin Longacre
Groundskeeper,
Facilities



Desiree Lyle
Testing Coordinator,
Test Center



Liad Akronowitz
Interpreter,
Disability Services



Finney Varghese
Project Leader,
Accounting and
Corporate Services



Latrenda Thomas
Testing Assistant,
Test Center



Gustavo A. Bujanda
Instructional Specialist,
World Languages Cultures
& Communicatoins



Sara Cardona
Faculty,
Humanities



Eileen N. Drennan
Instructional Assistant,
Business & Professions



Alan Dyer
Director of Choral
Music,
Humanities



Angela Edwards
Faculty,
Business & Professions



Thales Georgiou
Visiting Scholar,
Human & Academic
Development



CONVOCATION 2003

Photos by John Pollock



Above, President Steve Mittelstet (Superman), right, introduces speaker Jane Roberts Wood.



Above, the ThunderDivas perform for their devoted fans.



Above, Mary Osentowski accepts the Excellence in Teaching award for full-time faculty.

Below, Michael Iachetta accepts the Excellence in Teaching award for others who teach.



Above, Superman Mittelstet cuts up with Moby Duck.

Right, new Chancellor Jesus "Jess" Carreon shares his vision with Richland.



Below, SuperSteve embraces his role as an everyday hero.



Above, Sam Showman, right, delivers Janet James from the nut house to give the campus construction update.

