ENS C gives students ‘rewarding career(s)’

By Casey Hunter
Student Reporter

Students who are interested in the future should be interested in environmental science, said Environmental Science professor Daniel Ratcliff.

Pollution, change in climate and overpopulation are all issues concerning the science of our environment, Ratcliff said. “Students earning a degree in environmental science will have opportunities to have a rewarding career with competitive salaries,” he said. “Rose State College is one of the few two-year institutions that offers a degree in Environmental Science.”

RSC offers three areas that students can specialize in: “natural resource, quality/safety and science and analytical,” he said.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, “The median annual wage for environmental scientists and specialists was $63,570 in May 2012.”

...and people with problem-solving skills often become the most successful.

“Any field that focuses on solving anthropogenic problems would be considered a ‘green’ field,” Ratcliff said.

Students should be interested in these career fields because the ability to fix these problems are within reach, and the sustainability of the environment is something we should be “passionate about rectifying,” he said.

Ratcliff said he has observed difficulties throughout his life that have given him a “desire to fix those problems.” According to CNN.com, President Barack Obama said, “I think we’ve always known—or at least in the 20th century we’ve understood—that environment has an impact on public health.”

Ratcliff said environmental science examines the difficulty of sustainability and attempts to introduce solutions that “help us down the right path.”

“I believe humankind is currently at a crossroads. One way could lead us on the path of sustainability, (while) the other path is not so bright,” Ratcliff said.

“I have witnessed massive fish kills in Oklahoma’s streams and rivers, and I have seen firsthand the detrimental effects of deforestation of pristine environments. This is fascinating to me (how we affect the environment),” he said.

“I love the science. Environmental science is the study of the environment with the human factor at the forefront,” Ratcliff said. “Coincidently, my birthday is known as Earth Day, April 22.”

For more information, contact Environmental Science technician, Don Blankenship at 733-7378 or visit rose.edu/environmental-science-programs.

The Village moves forward

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

The Village, RSC’s student housing in the style of two bedrooms, two bathrooms or four bedrooms, two bathrooms apartments, is expected to be move-in ready in August.

Every apartment will have a kitchen with a stove, oven and refrigerator, and will be fully furnished, Dr. Tommy Klepper, director of Student Conduct, said.

Every bedroom will have a full-size bed, desk and chair, he said. All apartments will be accessed from the outside with no interior hallways.

A clubhouse will also be located in The Village and it will hold pool and Ping-Pong tables, a computer lab, laundry room, security, restrooms and a safe room for severe weather.

There will “likely be a courtyard,” Construction Manager Mike Cox said, with a gazebo and grass volleyball court, Klepper said.

Students have begun signing contracts to commit to living at The Village. For the application and more information, visit rose.edu/residence-life.

In addition, any student interested in volunteer work can “gain valuable experience by participating in our monthly groundwater monitoring program,” Ratcliff said.

According to environmentalscience.org, careers in this field vary, so it can sometimes be difficult to put them all under the same field of study.

Most of these careers are research-heavy, requires a “good deal of dead time” and is more focused on “environmental data,” he said.

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The next home series will be against Conners State College at 2 and 4 p.m. on April 14.

Springfest events announced
Student Senate will host Springfest from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. April 15-16. April 15 the band DJ McCool will perform, food provided by Big Truck Tacos and elections for Student Senate executives will be held. April 16 will feature a Bubble Soccer Tournament and the Ballpark Bash event. Softball and baseball games will be played on both days and there will be an Instagram event for students attending.

Professor speaks at FOL event
RSC history professor Dr. Matthew DeSpain will be a guest speaker at the Friends of the Library’s spring event at 2 p.m. April 14 in Room 109/110 of the Learning Resources Center. DeSpain will speak on the controversy surrounding Little Red, the former mascot of the University of Oklahoma.

Correction: In our March 27 issue, we incorrectly listed Dr. Lisa Seale’s title. Seale is the Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management.

Get a Taste of Midwest City
The annual Taste of Midwest City will be held at 6 p.m. April 13 at the Reed Center in Midwest City. The event will feature numerous local restaurants and a silent auction. Items up for auction include Oklahoma City Thunder memorabilia, tablets and Firelake Grand Casino tickets. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. Contact Alyssa Loveless at aloveless@rose.edu, Andrea Xeriland at axeriland@rose.edu, or Alicia McCullar at amccullar@rose.edu for more info.

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Newly arranged computer lab in ET
Room 118 in the Engineering Technology building began as a workshop when Oscar Rose Junior College opened in 1970; it has recently been transformed into an area for engineering and science students to learn.

Donald Blankenship, lab assistant in the Engineering and Science division, wrote in an email that there are eight computers for engineering and science students to use “to learn or practice their craft” while Engineering Coordinator Steven Fowler is near by.

Room 118 currently doubles as a classroom and computer lab.
“Eventually a wall will separate the lecture portion with the lab allowing full-time access to the lab while classes are in session,” Blankenship said.
Letters to the Editor: Weekday events are inconvenient

Hello, my name is Kacye Johnson. I am a student here at Rose State College and I also work in the darkroom in the Communications Center. It is always exciting when the school hosts a public event.

This is my first spring semester working here, and we have been so lucky to be a part of the dance competitions that take place here just about every Thursday through Sunday. However, the competitors and their parents are not very polite. They set up changing tents in the middle of the hallway and use what is left of the hallway as their personal practice stage. It is a struggle to get in and out of the hallway, and I am willing to bet that the Fire Marshall would have a meltdown over the hazardous conditions.

To add insult to injury, politely saying, “excuse me” gets you nowhere. Our visitors stare at you as if you do not exist. I am hoping 15th Street News can shed some light on the issue so that the employees here in the Communications Center can coexist with our weekly visitors.

Submitted by Kacye Johnson

I am writing in regards to events being held in the dining hall area of the Student Center building. As a student and an employee of Java Rose, I believe closing off the dining hall during school hours is very inconvenient. When the students can’t eat in the dining hall, they get upset and ask me where they should sit instead. Up until this past week, no one has been able to eat outside due to the cold weather. I suggest that they check the old Java Rose and see if there is open seating in there, but that is usually where the game club meets and no one cleans up in there.

Many people have suggested hosting events in the Communications Center since the room is much larger and would probably be more convenient for not only faculty and staff, but visitors as well. The Student Center is a resource for the students and faculty alike. Closing off the only designated place for them to enjoy their meal only adds more stress to their already hectic lives.

From a Chartwell’s employee point of view, I can almost understand hosting catering events in the dining hall since it is right next to the kitchen. They frequently have events in other buildings around campus, such as the President’s Office. Hosting events in other buildings affects how the catering staff goes about preparing for the event; it takes more preparation and assistance from other kitchen members.

On the other hand, we have hot boxes, large carts and a large van to accommodate many people. Marissa Caban

Submitted by Rebecca Jones
Students who met at RSC return

By Jessica Phillips
Editor-in-Chief

Thom Engel and Lanni Johnson, former RSC students who met at the college, returned for a visit on April 7.

“We met and we decided we liked each other,” Johnson said.

“Some of the best classes I've had in college I had at this school,” Johnson said.

Johnson was the editor of the 15th Street News at the time and Engel was a reporter.

“I went here for almost 10 years … It was fun,” Engel said.

“I went here for almost 10 years,” Engel agreed.

“The couple met on April 7, 2015. (Photo by Jessica Phillips)

Happy B-day Shakespeare

By Christian Tabak
Volunteer Reporter

The RSC Theatre Department will celebrate William Shakespeare’s birthday with a performance of The Tempest at the H.B. Atkinson Theatre.

USAToday hosts college photo contest

By Marisa Caban
Chief Photographer

USAToday is hosting a contest for the cover photo of their sixth annual College Guide, which will be available in September.

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