

RCTC Report February 2005

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- During Term III, our Auto Cad instructor accepted a fulltime position that interfered with his availability to teach in the evenings. Fortunately, we were able to secure another instructor without interruption of classes.
- We had a number of requests for the Enhanced Emissions Inspector Training. This 16 ½ hour course began February 17th with Dave Michalak as instructor. This is the third time we have offered this course since the new emissions regulations went into effect in January 2004.
- Data compiled from the first three terms of classes this year has revealed the majority of our students are self-paying, (79%). We were under the assumption more of them were employer-paid. This information can be useful in determining where to advertise.
- We have met, and are in discussions with the director of GECAC's, (Greater Erie Community Action Committee), Reentry program. This is a pilot project serving individuals under the age of 35 who have been released from state correctional institutions, serving parole in their communities. This is a three-phase program and eligible individuals are targeted while still in the institution. The goal of the Reentry program is to reduce the recidivism rate by providing a variety of services this population needs. One such service is job training. There are schools in Erie already integrating the Reentry clients into their training programs. However, there is no training currently available in culinary arts/kitchen services and building maintenance/custodial care; areas of interest to some. This could be an opportunity to provide a needed service and make greater use of the building.

New Choices/New Options.

- The current NC/NO group is meeting at Bethany Lutheran Church through February 24th. On March 1, we will begin an outreach program in Corry.
- Pennsylvania Women Work! is holding a Board retreat in Milesburg PA on February 24 and 25. The agenda includes, among other items, developing a timeline to advocate for funding of NC/NO in the State Budget, discussion of alternate funding options, and preparation of our annual "Leadership Day / Pay Equity Day" in Harrisburg on April 19.

