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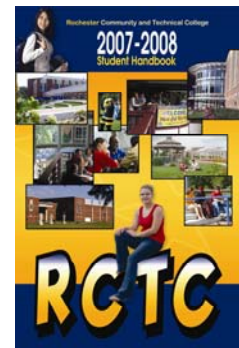
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Student Handbook

The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services annually publishes a Student Handbook to familiarize students with important information regarding services available to students, College policies/procedures, and a planning calendar.

The Student Handbook can be downloaded directly from the RCTC website at:

http://www.rctc.edu/publications/html/student_handbook.html



Football Discount Cards

RCTC football players will be raising funds for their program by selling discount cards for \$10...there are over 20 businesses on them. Please contact any player or Coach Brad LaPlante via email if you are interested in a card.

New Admissions Director

Please join Student Development and Services in welcoming Holly Bigelow to RCTC. Holly has accepted the position of Director of Admissions and her first day was August 23, 2007. Holly comes to RCTC from Hibbing Community College where she was Director of Enrollment and Admissions Representative since August 2004. She joined the staff there after spending a year teaching social studies in Hill City, MN. Her educational background includes a Bachelor of Science degree from Minnesota State University-Moorhead and an Associate of Arts degree from Hibbing Community College. During her college education, Holly worked as an intern in editorial and advertising for The Daily Tribune, a newspaper in Hibbing. In her free time, Holly enjoys biking, skiing (downhill and cross country), playing cards and doing sudoku. Welcome Holly!

You're Invited

You are cordially invited
to attend a Retirement Reception for

Tim Gilsrud
Chief Information Officer
Rochester Community and Technical College

Thursday, August 30, 2007
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - CF206/208
(UCR Coffman Center Bldg - 2nd Floor)

Mark Your Calendar!

The Regional
Stadium Kick-off will
be held at 11:30 am
on Saturday, Sept. 8th
outside of the Sports
Center. RCTC staff,
faculty and students
are welcome.

Weekly funny!

Snapshots at jasonlove.com



"Think he'll ever spring for a bowl?"

Crossings Classifieds

Community Event: IMAA Community Open House – Friday, September 7th – Click [HERE](#) for more details.

Red Cross Information: The American Red Cross stands ready to turn your compassion into action in response to the recent flooding in southeast Minnesota. Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross, SE MN Chapter, 310 14th St. SE, Rochester, MN 55904 or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013. Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting <http://www.redcross.org>.

Volunteers Needed: The United Way is coordinating flood volunteer opportunities. They currently have 1,340 volunteer opportunities between Monday, August 27 and Sunday, September 9, 2007. To volunteer call their main office at **507.287.2000**.

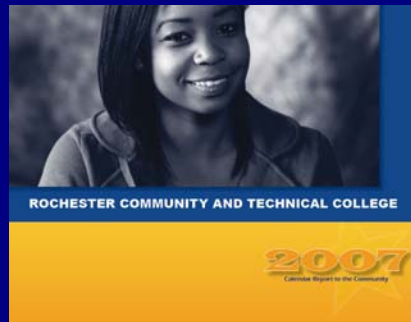
Thank You

RCTC Family: It really meant a lot to receive flowers from the College. It was a comfort. After the funeral I shared them with dad's roommate. He was dad's age and they were pals. They would sit side by side in their chairs.

~ Sincerely, Carol Bailey

Marketing Corner

RCTC's annual calendar report to the community was distributed at Friday's staff development day. If you were unable to attend or did not receive a copy, please pick one up from either the mailroom at Heintz or UCR beginning on Tuesday of this week.



Workshop Opportunity

Who are your students? It's so important to find out each and every semester. Sometimes it's tempting just to dive right into the meat of your class without taking the time to know who you're serving. Avoid the temptation. Get to know your students.

Beth Heim de Bera will be offering a workshop this Tuesday to help give you ideas on how to do just that. Good teaching requires more than being a master of your discipline. It requires getting to know who you're teaching.

*August 28, Tuesday, noon-1:00 p.m. -- Room CC-412
Workshop -- Creating Community in the Classroom
Facilitator: Beth Heim de Bera*

Flood Relief

BUM Students / BUM Club would like to help any staff member, or any relation of a staff member, or friend, or friend of a friend, or anyone you know, in the checking out of any flooded equipment such as furnaces, water heaters, freezers, and dehumidifiers. To help you or anyone we need to know: name, address, telephone number, what equipment was flooded and how deep the water was.

Once we inspect the equipment on site, we will determine what actions are required for the repair. Some equipment may be brought back to the BUM Labs for cleaning and repair or further diagnoses. The only cost for the repairs will be the price of the parts, labor will be donated. We will work on this project for the next few weeks as time allows.

Tom Soltau and Warren Beighley BUM Instructors

Supalla Scribblings



Before each fall semester, Beloit College (Wisconsin) takes time to remind employees that even though they might be getting long in the tooth, the new class of freshmen arrives at the same relatively inexperienced age, typically 18 years old. The majority of this year's new batch of freshmen were born in 1989...wow, do I feel old! Some excerpts from this year's list of how incoming freshman might see the world include:

- Rap music has always been mainstream
- Pete Rose has never played baseball
- Fox has always been a major network
- They have never "rolled down" a car window
- They have grown up with bottled water
- General Motors has always been working on an electric car
- Nelson Mandela has always been free and a force in South Africa
- Women have always been police chiefs in major cities
- Wal-Mart has always been a larger retailer than Sears and employed more workers than GM
- Wolf Blitzer has always been serving up the news on CNN
- Multigrain chips have always provided healthful junk food
- American rock groups have always appeared in Moscow
- The "Blue Man Group" has always been everywhere
- Being a latchkey kid has never been a big deal
- High definition television has always been available
- The purchase of ivory has always been banned
- The space program has never really caught their attention except in disasters
- They will encounter roughly equal numbers of female and male professors in the classroom
- They never saw Johnny Carson live on television
- The World Wide Web has been an online tool since they were born
- Food packaging has always included nutritional labeling

If you're not feeling old enough yet, or want to know more about this year's 18-year old freshman, feel free to check out the entire list at <http://www.beloit.edu/~pubaff/mindset/>.

Did you know...

- FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) set up its flood assessment regional coordinating office in the East Building on Wednesday, August 22. Nine damage assessment teams fanned out across the flood damaged area to set up local offices.
- RCTC will partner with the Rochester Convention and Visitors Bureau to host the 2008 Hot Rod Magazine Power Tour. The Hot Rod Power Tour will make its only Minnesota stop at UCR on June 12, 2008. Thousands of spectators are expected to come to the campus to view some of the country's finest hot rods and buy from equipment vendors. The Hot Rod Power Tour will allow RCTC a 10 by 20 foot booth space in the Performance Marketplace at the venue during Cruise Night. This will be the first ever Hot Rod Power Tour event held in Rochester or Southeast Minnesota.
- RCTC continues to be the #1 provider of computing time on the World Community Grid. In recognition for Tim Gilsrud's contributions to the program and his willingness to share our involvement with other potential higher education institutions around the world, IBM is making a technology grant to RCTC to honor Tim's leadership and support. Thanks, Tim and IBM!
- The Senate Higher Education Committee will be visiting RCTC on Thursday, October 4. They are expected to arrive at 10 a.m. for a briefing, tour and then will have lunch here before moving on to visit other organizations.
- Congratulations to Stan Cram who has been selected to join this year's cohort of the Chamber's Leadership Greater Rochester program. This year the Chamber received more applications than it had slots available.



Thought for the new year...

Talent is cheaper than table salt. What separates the talented individual from the successful one is a lot of hard work.

~ Stephen King

Work hard and have a great year! **Don**

Official Student Communication

There is an expanding dependence on electronic communication among students, faculty, and staff at RCTC. This is motivated by the convenience, speed, cost-effectiveness, and environmental advantages of using email rather than printed communication. Because of this increasing dependence and acceptance of electronic communication, RCTC has an Official Student Communication Policy and Procedures. The intent of the policy is to utilize electronic mail as a means to communicate important information to our students in a timely manner. All students enrolled in credit bearing course work are assigned an official RCTC e-mail account, and official college communication shall be sent to these accounts.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services is the keyholder of the official student e-mail addresses. All items for student wide distribution must be submitted to Roxy Roadway according to the guidelines listed below. The Office of the Vice President of Student Development and Services has the right to deny requests based on these guidelines.

Guidelines:

- * Items must be submitted to Roxy Roadway in **electronic** format.
- * The use of attachments is discouraged.
- * The use of web links is strongly encouraged.
- * Requests must be received at least ten working days prior to the intended e-mail distribution date.

Examples of Appropriate Student Wide Distribution:

- * Communicating Student Life Activities and information
- * Communicating important deadlines (drop/add, payments due date, last days to withdrawal, etc.)
- * Surveys that are sanctioned for UCR/RCTC purposes.

Examples of Inappropriate Student Wide Distribution:

- * Information unrelated to UCR/RCTC business
- * Solicitation
- * Promoting political viewpoints
- * Messages containing confidential information such as grades, financial aid awards, etc.
- * Emails that violate the Official Student Communication Policy.

The Official Student Communication Policy is attached.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Roxy Roadway at 285-7127.

Condolences

Condolences to Ken Neuvirth (Nursing Instructor) whose mother, Gertrude, passed away on Saturday, August 18th.

It is with sorrow that we announce the passing away of Michael Murphy (son of Jan Murphy, retired Job Service Officer) on Monday, August 20. Although Jan officially worked for the Minnesota Job Services, she was housed at the campus and assisted many of our students in obtaining employment. Mr. Murphy was 48 years old and passed away from cancer.

Condolences to Alex and Amy Kromminga whose nephew, Braden Dean Vreeman, passed away on Tuesday, August 21. Braden was born 16 weeks premature.

Our thoughts are with Ken, Jan, Alex, Amy and their families.

Egypt Information Session

An Egypt information session will be held on Saturday, September 29th from 11:00am – 1:00pm in CF 202.

This is the trip you have (always) dreamed about! Come join us on a 10-day trip to the Egyptian Kingdom during Spring Break 2008. Visits to Cairo, Memphis, Giza, Luxor, the 3,800 meter long Aswan High Dam, 4 days on a Nile Cruise and much more.

~ *ViAnn Olson & Ivonne TjoeFat (group leaders)*

