**Foundation Scholarships**

Please inform and encourage students to apply for RCTC Foundation scholarships: RCTC Foundation Scholarship Application forms for Academic Year 2005-06 are available in the UCR Counseling Center, the RCTC Foundation Office at the Heintz Center in HC 109, or on the web at [www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html](http://www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html). The RCTC Foundation has a variety of awards available based on various criteria- something for everyone! Applications are for new students, returning students, or graduating students continuing their education at a four year college or university. Deadline to apply is March 10, 2005.

**Call for Proposals**

The Assessment for Student Learning call for proposals grant application is attached to this week’s Crossings. This application is also on our web site [http://www.roch.edu/dept/asl/](http://www.roch.edu/dept/asl/).

**Crossings Classifieds**

**GIVE AWAY:** Kimball organ with music 35 " x 39", free in good shape. Call Maureen Welder at x7441.

**FOR SALE:** Terry Redlin framed and numbered print "Winter Haven" #434/500. Asking $550.00. Call Pam Tryggestad 289-0134.

**FOR RENT:** Like new 2 bedroom, 1 ½ baths duplex in Kasson; available April or May 1; 1060 sq. ft.; single attached garage w opener; five appliances inc.: 2 decks; C. A.; lawn & snow removal provided. Call Shirley Wilson 285-7511 or 634-7695.

**MOVING SALE:** two shelf wood bookcase $1.00; wood bookcase corner grouping $1.00; gas weed trimmer $10.00; refrigerator (good condition) $10.00; 8’ wood bookcase $1.00; TV/stereo stand $1.00; pole tree trimmer $20.00; dog house (insulated) $50.00; walnut twin head/foot board, matching night stand and desk $10.00 (maple); twin head board $35.00 (oak) carpet 5/5’ x 12’ (blue tweed) $15.00. Please call Sue 507-421-2833 or 507-285-7441.

**Marketing Fact**

How well does Minnesota pay its Public 4-year, other 4-year and 2-year college faculty compared to other states? In 1990-91 Minnesota ranked 5th highest. In 2001-2002, Minnesota ranked 3rd highest. (NEA Advocate, Winter 2003 Special Issue)
Supalla’s Scribblings

Considering we’re several weeks into the legislative session, this last week has to be considered one of the best. In recent days, the House passed a bonding bill that includes $10,945,000 for the UCR Health Sciences project, the joint bonding conference committee was named and includes Rochester Senator Dave Senjem, and University of Minnesota President Bruinick’s spoke in Rochester and reiterated that financial constraints make this an inappropriate time to consider opening a “South Bank” coordinated campus. By the time you read this, it’s expected that Governor Pawlenty will have released his proposed legislation relative to the university in Rochester. The February state budget forecast was released this week and shows the projected budget shortfall for fiscal years 2006-07 is $466 million. Though still in the red, it’s a $234 million improvement over November’s estimate. I encourage you to follow happenings in St. Paul daily as legislation impacting higher education, especially UCR and RCTC, can develop quickly.

If you weren’t able to attend the March 1 GRAUC community forum on the Governor’s proclamation for a “University in Rochester,” I urge you to get informed by sitting through one of the two remaining UCR sessions. The next opportunity to participate is at 9 or 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 9 in CF206/208. Not only will you be able to see and hear what a GRAUC task force is recommending, but you’ll also be able to ask questions and share your thoughts. Don’t miss it!

Colleen Landherr Maddox got a double-dose of good news recently! Last week the RCTC Summer Youth Program was awarded a $500 grant from the Kiwanis/Wells Fargo Hockey Tournament proceeds. This week the summer program was notified that on March 10, the Rotary/First Bank Holiday Basketball Classic will be awarding RCTC a $1000 grant for youth programming. These grant awards are evidence of the high quality summer programming available on the UCR campus.

A recently released survey of K-12 students shows local students spend little time doing homework, but generally feel good about themselves. Results from the 2004 Minnesota Student Survey, grouped by county, show sixth-graders are more likely to be happier at school than seniors. Most students said they do not smoke, use drugs or engage in sexual activity. Complete results from the survey are available at http://www.mnschoolhealth.com/resources.html?ac=data.

This week, the MnSCU Board of Trustees appointed Ann Valentine president of Minnesota State Community and Technical College. Minnesota State Community and Technical College serves more than 4,500 students in credit course annually and provides a variety of educational programs and delivery options at its four campuses in Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Moorhead and Wadena. Dr. Valentine has served as vice president and provost at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha, Wisconsin, since 2000. As chief executive officer, she provided leadership in instruction, curriculum, student services, information technology, enrollment management and campus growth. Before serving at Gateway, she was the dean for instructional services at Independence Community College in Kansas.

If you don’t constantly assess what you are doing and how you are doing it, you run the risk of extermination, according to author and change expert Robert Kriegel. Kriegel, who opened the Association for Career and Technical Education Annual Conference, shared his insights into change and how educators might respond. “The business world is changing dramatically and it will continue to change,” said Kriegel, who wrote If it Ain’t Broke…Break It, a book that implores its readers to look for ways to change. “Companies that continue to play by yesterday’s rules will find themselves extinct, just like the dinosaurs,” he added. “Companies can’t play by yesterday’s rules if they want to survive,” said Kriegel. The same case can be made for career and technical education. “The students of today learn differently and you need to be up to date,” Kriegel told the audience. “To get your students relevant, you can’t use yesterday’s thinking. If you do, you won’t succeed. The students of today need to learn new skills for today’s workplace and for tomorrow’s,” said Kriegel. “And you are the ones to provide it.” Kriegel left the audience with the following challenges:

- Change your old way of thinking.
- Never solve a program at the level it exists…always seek out the root cause.
- Look outside education for new ideas.
- Keep changing…keep searching for new opportunities.
- Don’t douse innovation…keep stoking, not soaking, the fire of change and innovation.

Thought for the Week…

*Teachers open the door, but students must enter by themselves.*

– Anonymous

Keep stoking the fire of change and opening the door of opportunity. Have a great spring (or winter) break.