



# College Crossings

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## Attachments

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### Evening Administration

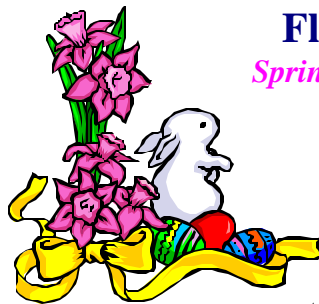
- March 11-14 - Dave Weber
- March 16-21 - Barb Mollberg
- March 23-26 - Jay Hesley
- March 27 - Gail Sauter

The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.

## REMINDER: Classes held on April 12

April 12th is a regular student contact day. Classes are scheduled as usual for that day. The spring Faculty Duty Days are scheduled for March 28th and 29th and there will be no classes. Please relay this information to your students. If you have questions regarding duty days and student contact days, please refer to the official academic calendar (distributed in December 2000) or go to the RCTC Website at:

[http://www.roch.edu/rctc/admissions/html/academic\\_calendar.html](http://www.roch.edu/rctc/admissions/html/academic_calendar.html)



## Flower Centerpieces for Easter

*Springtime Flowers, Containers, & Accessories*

**\$18.00 - Presale orders only**

Send all orders to Robin Fruth-Dugstad

Box 49 by Monday, March 18, 2002

Make Checks payable to RCTC

Arrangements are to be picked up at the Hort Lab (HA120) in the Heintz Center on Thursday, March 28 by 4pm

## Recipient for vacation donation program

Listed below is a new individual who has been approved as a recipient for the vacation donation to the sick leave account program. This individual may have already or will be exhausting all paid leave time and will be losing health insurance coverages. State employees may donate up to 12 hours (per recipient) per fiscal year to this individual or any other recipients on the sick leave account. More details regarding this individual and forms to donate leave are available from the human resources office.

*Jane Apman - Department of Administration*

*David Quant - Department of Transportation*

**Scholarships** are available now for RCTC Students for the 2002/2003 academic year. Contact the RCTC Foundation for more info at x7771.

Weekly funny...



*"Joe took the day off to go to the ball game.  
I'm his dog, I'll be sitting in for him until  
he gets back.*

**RCTC Chiropractic Clinic**

**LOCATION: HC211**

Appointments available on  
Monday and Thursdays from 2-6pm  
To set up an appointment,  
please call 529-2736

**CAB events – FREE!!!**

**Terry Farmer, Coffeehouse, Tuesday, March 12-11:00am to 1:00pm, Art Gallery/Quiet Lounge**  
Terry's music is a fusion of Folk, Classical and Rock & Roll all wrapped in a massive and sensitive heart. Recently, he spent 5 years studying classical guitar at the University of Denver and The Cleveland Institute of Music. You will enjoy and appreciate Terry's ever expanding integration of his formidable classical guitar technique with his song writing.

**Gilligan Loves MaryAnn, Coffeehouse, Tuesday, March 19-11:00am to 1:00pm, Art Gallery/Quiet Lounge**  
Gilligan Loves MaryAnn is comprised of Walt and Amy Fletcher. They perform tunes by such groups as the Dixie Chicks, Beach Boys, Santana, David Gray, Fleetwood Mac and Sheryl Crow. So, join them here at RCTC, you're sure to get a smile, from two singing castaways, more fun by far than Gilligan's Isle. *Everyone is encouraged to wear Tropical clothing!!*

**Student Art Exhibition**

There will be a spring student art exhibition open to all art students from April 3rd to May 8th in the University Center Rochester Art Gallery. A best of show cash award will be presented at the opening. Mark your calendars so you don't miss this unique showing!

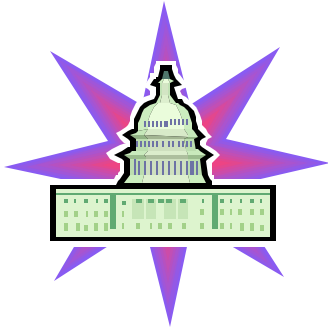
**Scholarships available – please announce**

**SCHOLARSHIP- Steele County Students:** Open to all Steele County residents who are pursuing study in a wide variety of medical fields. Applications are reviewed by an advisory panel comprised of Owatonna Clinic physicians, administrators and members of the community. **CRITERIA:** Academic record, demonstrated leadership and initiative, work experience and participation in school and community activities. Award amounts vary.

**DEADLINE:** April 1, 2002. Applications available at the UCR Counseling Office or RCTC Foundation Office - Heintz C-120.

**NURSING SCHOLARSHIP:** Chosen Valley Community Foundation Nursing Scholarship available to Students entering or pursuing a RN degree and who live in Chatfield, formerly lived in Chatfield, or graduated from Chatfield High School. **DEADLINE:** March 15, 2002. Application should be returned to the RCTC Foundation Office, C120. Contact Nursing Department for application form.

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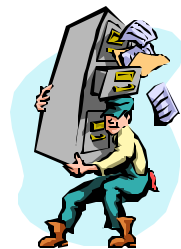


Spend some time at the Capitol and you’ll experience the frenzied pace of this year’s legislative session. Whether it’s the budget, bonding, or state employee contracts, it appears legislators are moving quickly to author, debate, and pass bills...whatever it takes to get out of St. Paul sooner rather than later. It might be driven by the desire to bring swift resolution to some very difficult issues, avert giving the press an extended opportunity to report on happenings, or get an early start on campaigning. The legislative override of the Governor’s veto of the budget bill only solves the short-term deficit. Higher education will make up \$50 million of the deficit; MnSCU’s share equals \$22.7 million. Time will tell if additional reductions from higher education come to pass as the legislators continue to grapple with economic forecasts that show the Minnesota economy recovering more slowly than projected. As we begin to plan on how RCTC might

address our estimated \$550,000 base funding reduction, we will need to consider a combination of expenditure cuts, revenue fund reductions, program suspensions, and tuition increases. With the exception of several hundred thousand dollars of HEAPR (roof and skylight repair) it doesn’t appear that UCR/RCTC will be included in the bonding bill. So, the new Health Sciences Building and Phase III Infrastructure projects will likely still be around when 2004 bonding projects are considered. I encourage you to continue to follow legislative activity in press reports and on the MnSCU web site. Don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding RCTC’s share of the budget reductions or want more information on our bonding projects.

#### Kudos to...

- Tim Gilsrud on his appointment to MnSCU’s Data Management Steering Committee!
- The UCR Social Committee for planning a great Beach Party. I’ve heard several requests for another staff social...and a rumor that the Social Committee is planning to satisfy those requests.
- Ron Chrisope, Suzanne Dinusson, Linda Dorschner, Anne Green, Lori Halvorson-Wente, Carol Haug, Jean Marconett, Paula Theisen, and Darlene Voeltz for participating in the Center for Teaching and Learning Spring Regional Conference. Special thanks to Ron Chrisope for serving on the conference planning committee.
- Our Maintenance Crew who spent much of spring break cleaning up after carpet layers and moving boxes of materials to faculty offices in the new Sports Center. The Phy Ed/Health faculty and staff are working hard to ready their offices and instructional space in the new facility for the return of students.



#### Did you know...

- Student needs have taken a back seat to the war in President Bush’s budget requests for fiscal year 2003. His budget means colleges and students will have to look to Congress, which produces the actual budget appropriations, to sustain the student aid gains of recent years. Bush has proposed to hold the maximum Pell grant next year at \$4,000. Other major programs that help community colleges and our students face zero increases in his requests. These include Work-Study, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), TRIO, Vocational Education State Grants, Adult Education, and Tech-Prep. Stay alert to federal budget discussions...a federal cut, on top of the State reduction, will be doubly difficult for colleges and students to deal with.
- Olmsted County recently released an economic impact study that reveals the county’s net contribution to state tax revenue is more than \$100.4 million. Olmsted County has an annual \$16 billion impact on the state, twice the impact one would expect given the county’s population. The key findings of the economic impact analysis lead to two major recommendations for State and County officials...(1) Work to diversify the economy through economic development programs, recruitment and expansion operations. (2) Carefully protect the economic interests of the high tech sector and the healthcare industry to help assure their continued operational stability and to maintain their important economic impact. In terms of employment and economic output, the structure of the Olmsted County economy is heavily concentrated in the healthcare, computer industry and food processing sectors. The top three employment sectors are healthcare, computers and related products, and restaurants.

- This semester, 403 K-12 students are enrolled in RCTC courses under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program. Two hundred twenty-six of these students are enrolled full-time; 177 part-time. The following schools send the most PSEOP students to RCTC...Rochester Mayo (66), Rochester JM (41), Rochester Century (39), Stewartville (30), Home Schooled (25), Kasson-Mantorville (25) and Byron (23).
- University of Wisconsin – Stout won the prestigious Baldrige Quality Award. Stout became the first university to win the award, considered America’s highest honor for performance excellence and quality achievement. To see a copy of UW-Stout’s 50-page application, or to learn more about the Baldrige Award, visit <http://www.uwstout.edu/mba>.

**Thought for the week...**

*”It doesn’t matter which side of the fence you get off on.*

*What matters most is getting off! You cannot make progress without making decisions.”*

- Jim Rohn

*Until next week...Don*

**Beat the Odds Scholarship fundraiser**

The second Beat the Odds Scholarship fundraiser was held on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kahler Grand Hotel. It was a wonderfully successful event with over 350 people attending. Four deserving students were selected to receive \$2000 scholarships with another four receiving scholarships valued at \$500. This community event rewards students who have overcome adversity in their lives and are pursuing post-secondary education. Each of this year’s recipients has triumphed over situations and ordeals that could derail others. Two of the candidates are current RCTC students while a third was a post-secondary option **and** Upward Bound student currently attending Minneapolis Community and Technical College. The fourth winner is a senior at Stewartville High School and plans to attend Iowa State University in the fall. RCTC will continue to be the home for this great community event with discussion already underway for next year’s event. One important aspect about this year’s effort was the incredible help from so many people here at RCTC. A special thanks to each and every one is definitely warranted. Robin Fruth Dugstad and her horticulture class created fabulous centerpieces for the tables that evening. Guy Hamernik filmed and edited the featured film of the night, capturing each student’s story in a compelling way. Kevin Dobbe and his talented students scored the underlying music to the video and Jamie Prasser’s technical savvy was there for the evening, running the film, photographing students and the setting, and providing technical support. Jack Denny and maintenance delivered all the centerpieces to the Kahler, John Helmers pitched in by picking up and delivering boxes of posters from St. Paul to RCTC, Dennis Kronebusch created a wonderful access database that tracked reservations, table assignments, corporate sponsors, meal preferences and more. Jason Dahl set up a workstation for me equipped with a printer and computer when my computer went down for 4 days prior to the event. Dave Weber lent his expertise in media relations for the event and each of the UCR institutions, RCTC, U of MN, Rochester and WSU – Rochester, generously sponsored table purchases and sent representatives. One must not forget Marilyn Etbauer and all the work and extra hours she lent to this event as well. It was a grand evening and I thank everyone involved for making it so.

**Minnesota State Deffered Compensation Plan**

NBI/OCHS representative, Mark Townsend will be on campus March 12 and March 13 to assist anyone with questions about starting a Deferred Compensation Plan or questions about an existing plan. Mark Townsend will be at the Heintz Center, **March 12 in room C-124 from 10:30AM to 3:00PM. On March 13 in room CF206 from 9:30AM to 3:00PM.** This plan has matching contributions from the State for AFSCME, MAPE, and MMA so it may be beneficial to stop by and visit with Mark.

## 2002-2003 Academic Calendar

Because of a Calendar Memorandum of Understanding with the Minnesota State College Faculty Association, the 2002-2003 Academic Calendar has been revised.

### Rochester Community and Technical College Academic Calendar 2002-2003

#### Fall Semester – 2002

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| New Faculty/Adjunct Orientation    | August 20-21, 2002           |
| Faculty Duty Days                  | August 22-23, 2002           |
| Classes begin                      | August 26, 2002              |
| Labor Day Holiday - No classes     | Sept. 2, 2002                |
| Veteran's Day Holiday - No classes | Nov. 11, 2002                |
| Career Day - No classes            | Nov. 12, 2002                |
| Thanksgiving - No classes          | Nov. 28-29, 2002             |
| Last Day to Withdraw from Classes  | Nov. 22, 2002                |
| Fall Semester ends                 | Dec. 20, 2002                |
| Winter Break                       | Dec. 23, 2002 - Jan 10, 2003 |

#### Spring Semester - 2003

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| New Faculty/Adjunct Orientation            | Jan. 10, 2003     |
| Classes begin                              | Jan. 13, 2003     |
| Martin Luther King Day Holiday- No Classes | Jan. 20, 2003     |
| Presidents Day Holiday - No Classes        | Feb. 17, 2003     |
| Faculty Duty Day - No Classes              | Feb. 18, 2003     |
| Faculty Duty Day - No Classes              | March 7, 2003     |
| Spring Break - No Classes                  | March 10-14, 2003 |
| Last Day to Withdraw from Classes          | April 17, 2003    |
| Spring Semester Ends/Graduation            | May 13, 2003      |
| Faculty Duty Day                           | May 14, 2003      |

#### Summer Session I - 2003

|                                       |               |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Classes begin                         | June 9, 2003  |
| Independence Day Holiday - No Classes | July 4, 2003  |
| Summer Session I Ends                 | July 11, 2003 |

#### Summer Session II - 2003

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Classes begin          | July 14, 2003   |
| Summer Session II Ends | August 14, 2003 |

The new 2002-2003 Calendar was placed in mailboxes the week of February 25th. Please discard the 10/16/01 version, and use the 2/20/02 version instead. It is also accessible through the intranet site at [http://www.adm.roch.edu/rctc/html/academic\\_calendar.html](http://www.adm.roch.edu/rctc/html/academic_calendar.html)

Please note this final version of the calendar was developed in consultation with faculty leadership and endorsed by the student senate.

## RCTC staffing update

### Administrative

- **Director of Nursing** (MnSCU Administrator). Position being re-posted/re-advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Director of Finance and Facilities** (MnSCU Administrator). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.

### Faculty

- **Instructor of Biology** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of Chemistry** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of Economics** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally.
- **Instructor of English (Composition)** (2 UFT; 1 TFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of English (Developmental Writing/Reading)** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of ESL** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of Mathematics** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of Physics** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Instructor of Speech** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Counselor** (FT for fall semester). Position will be posted/locally advertised.

### Unclassified Professional (MAPE)

- **Multicultural Grant Coordinator** (TFT unclassified MnSCU Program Director 1 – MAPE). Chad Wojchik appointed.
- **Job Coach – Healthcare and Human Services Grant** (TPT unclassified MnSCU Program Director 1 – MAPE). Position is temporary for period of the grant through 2/28/03. Position posted/advertised locally.
- **Academic Advisor – Upward Bound** (grant-funded unclassified MnSCU Program Director 1 – MAPE). Position posted. Search team has been appointed. Review of applications has begun.

### Classified Professional (MAPE)

- **ITS 2 – Server Technician** (UFT). Position posted/advertised. Review of applications has begun.

### Classified AFSCME

- **General Maint. Worker** (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
- **General Maint. Worker** (2 UFT positions). Positions have been posted.
- **General Maint. Worker** (2 UPT positions). Positions have been posted.
- **Customer Service Specialist** (UFT – Academic Affairs Work Area – CEWD). Position on hold.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125 or visit our website at <http://www.roch.edu/rctc/hr/>

**Thank you**  
 To RCTC Faculty, Staff and Administrators. Thank you for the plant.  
- The family of Becky Schunke