Congratulations!
The Yellowjacket has just landed on Marj Reif’s desk! Congratulations to Marj, Medical Assisting instructor, who has been selected to receive the honor of the Compliment Award. A colleague stated that she would have “sunk” a long time ago if it wasn’t for her patience, knowledge of the system, encouragement, and skills. She appreciates getting to know Marj as a professional and as a friend. Thank you, Marj.

Baldrige Banterings
We have started to map RCTC key systems and processes. The nine key RCTC processes that we have identified are Teaching and Learning, Resource and Development Management, Student Life, Image and Enrollment Management, Human Resources, Fiscal and Facilities Management, Performance Information, and Global and Community Interactions. This roadmap to quality begins by identifying the processes within each of these key systems and then determining how these processes are related to each other. In addition, we need to determine what kind of indicators or measures should be used to evaluate these processes. Thank you for participating in the All-College Staff Development Day activities last Friday.

Visiting Scholar Series
The Future of Technology - A lecture by Dr. William Pulleyblank
Tuesday, April 25, 2000 - 9:00am - Hill Theatre, UCR Campus
As technology continues its rapid development it affects many aspects of our lives. Some of the biggest advancements in computer technology could come from determining how to shed some light on complex problems and uncover patterns in mountains of data. IBM researchers, led by Dr. Pulleyblank, are turning their attention to extraordinarily complicated tasks facing experts in many fields, from agricultural researchers, to archeologists, to CEO’s in major corporations. IBM is helping with software applications and systems are uncovering motherloads of insightful information. See attached flier.

You’re invited
All faculty and staff are invited to the nursing graduates’ pinning ceremony on May 11, 2000 at 2:00pm in the Hill Theatre. Come and help celebrate these students achievements!
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REGULAR HOURS

DINING ROOM - UCR Commons
HEINTZ CENTER SNACK BAR - Heintz Ctr.
Mondays - Fridays: 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

SPECIALS THIS WEEK!!

* Panini - Ham and three cheese
* Wrap - Sliced turkey/cranberry cream cheese
* Grill - Chicken cordon blue

UCR Dining Room

** Monday**
Breaded pork chop, potatoes, veggie, roll
Minestrone Soup

** Tuesday**
Grilled chicken/tortellini salad, greens, roll
Spicy bean and ham soup

** Wednesday**
Primavera pasta/veggie, garlic bread stick
Vegetarian vegetable soup

** Thursday**
Roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggie, roll
Corn and potato chowder

** Friday**
Pollack/sauce, potato, veggie, roll
Clam chowder

Bedding plant sale

RCTC’s Bedding Plant Sale starts Tuesday, April 25 with the following hours:

11am to 2pm Tuesday, April 25
3pm to 5pm Wednesday, April 26
11am to 4pm Thursday, April 27

All plants are located in the RCTC Greenhouse, behind Heintz Center.

Please bring your own boxes or flats. We will be charging a $1 for each of OUR flats leaving the greenhouse.

Growing for you,
Robin, Vern, & Hort Students

Weekly funny...

"Yeah, the cat and I get along great... frankly, it’s you that we don’t care for!"

Thank you

To the RCTC Staff: Thank you for the beautiful plant and helping us to celebrate Mary Kay. It means so much to the family to have the support of the RCTC community.

Dave Weber

Digital Arts Music Concerts!

The Digital Arts (Music Technology) Program will be presenting two concerts free to the public:

**Technology Concert One:**
Wednesday, April 26. 7:00 in Hill Theatre. Two student bands (“Descending Peasants” and “Discontinuity”) will perform. Both bands are comprised of RCTC students and the sound will be handled as a class project for the Audio Production II students. The concert will last about one hour and twenty minutes. The concert is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there!!

**Technology Concert Two:**
Monday, May 8. 6:00 in Hill Theatre. Electronic compositions by students in the Electronic Music Synthesis Course will be featured. The concert is free and open to the public. Come hear what RCTC students are doing with original compositions and electronic music instruments.

Thought for the week...

Success is a journey, not a destination.

—Unknown
Supalla’s Scribblings

Disagreements over how much money is available to spend and how to spend the budget surplus have led to governmental impasse. The House and Senate have agreed to an extended Passover/Easter break and members have gone home. When legislators return on Tuesday they must grapple with the fact that the constitutional time clock limiting the number of days available to forge compromises, pass bills and get them to the Governor is ticking. Maybe a long weekend is just what the Legislature needs to break the gridlock! Representative Bishop, chair of the Ways and Means Committee and bonding conferee, continues to negotiate with the Department of Finance in an attempt to reach agreement on targets that must be set before final decisions can be made. Good luck, Dave!

This week the MnSCU Board of Trustees unanimously approved the schematic design for the new UCR Technology Center. This is the final Board action required before design documents are drafted, bids are let and construction begins. If everything goes as planned, some demolition work will begin this summer. Work on the project will continue throughout the next academic year. Tim Gilsrud, chair of the Planning Committee, will be scheduling open forums in the next couple of weeks to share information on the project and answer questions. Ankeny Kell Architects has completed design documents for the Sports Center and bids go out on April 21. Sports Center bids will be opened the end of May and if they come in under budget, construction should begin in July. Completion of the Sports Center is tentatively scheduled for January 2002. Work on the intercampus road and 23rd Avenue project is nearing completion. Curb and gutter and final surface should be applied in the next several weeks with completion scheduled for mid-June. Please forgive the inconvenience caused by the numerous projects that are changing the face of the campus…the finished projects will be worth the hassle.

Congratulations to Gary Swenson, Ruth Siefert and the entire Business Office Team! The MnSCU Office of the Internal Auditor presented a report to the Board this week that revealed only 19 of 36 MnSCU colleges and universities have reconciled bank statements through February…RCTC is one of the 19! In addition, the auditor reported no unresolved audit findings for RCTC.

Special thanks to the following employees who continue to make RCTC a great place to learn and work…

- Michelle Messenger and the RCTC reps who staffed the UCR booth at a very successful “Career Fair 2000”
- Katie Swegarden and the Wellness Task Force who organized a great “Third Annual RCTC Wellness Fair”
- Charles Liu and a team of RCTC support staff who hosted the World Tai Chi & Qigong celebration at UCR 
- Colleen Landherr who garnered a $1500 Rotary grant to help support this summer’s Voyageurs Camp
- Larry Mytten, Bryan Carlin and the CE/CTS staff who were lauded in the April issue of the “Rochester Area Quality Council Bulletin” for the classes and training offered to employees of Gauthier Industries
- Dave Weber for a feature story in the April issue of “Rochester Business” highlighting RCTC’s innovative design and continuous improvement initiative
- Judy Gust and the AIS faculty who continue to expand RCTC’s offerings in Scottsdale, Arizona. This summer and fall, Mayo-Scottsdale employee and RCTC adjunct faculty member Brian Dessoy, will teach and live in Arizona. Brian’s never been in Minnesota…how about inviting Brian to deliver an ITV class live from Rochester (in January).
- Jay Lee for developing a “Fast Track AA Degree” program option that will be offered beginning Fall Semester
- Susanne Sheehan and the Staff Development Task Force for organizing a great “It Doesn’t Hurt to Smile” staff development workshop

Did you know that RCTC golfers Greg Snider, SherRhonda Gibbs and the RCTC Women’s Golf Team were selected to the Minnesota Community College Conference All-Academic Team? Nice going, golfers!

Thought for the Week…“Quality is not an act. It is a habit.” – Aristotle

Happy Passover/Easter!

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Student life news

Sophomore Leaders
Please encourage students to apply for Sophomore Leader positions. Applications are available in the Student Life Office, CC401, or Heintz Center Information Desk. Students are needed to help with the Orientation Day, Tuesday, August 22, 2000. We will meet three days during the month of August.

Volunteer Opportunities
Representatives from several agencies will be on campus on Tuesday, April 25, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Atrium to share information with students about volunteer opportunities for the summer. Please encourage students to talk with the representatives and find that great summer opportunity to learn and help others in the community.

Third Annual Classic Cars on Campus
The Third Annual Classic Cars on Campus will be on Wednesday, May 3, Heintz Center, North Side, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Free Car Care Seminar presented by Automotive Students in HB127, 10:30 am. Find out the answer to why your car makes that “squeaky” sound! There will also be a free picnic from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, North side of the Heintz Center. In case of rain, cars will not be shown; however, the Car Care Seminar and free picnic will be held. If you have a car or truck you want to show, call 285-7204.

TeachNet offerings

Getting your mail from home
May 1, 2000
2-3PM
SH206
This class will teach you how to retrieve your email account from home.

Getting your mail from home
May 4, 2000
2-3PM
SH204
This class will teach you how to retrieve your email account from home.

Please contact sarah.prigge@roch.edu or ext. 2924 to register.

Upward Bound news
Spring marks the mid-year point for our 1999-2000 year. Our students have chosen their high school classes for next year, and students applying for Post Secondary have done so. All seven UB seniors have applied and been accepted to the college of their choice. For the UB program it means that our mid-year Performance Report is due to the Department of Education in Washington DC. Why is this report important? The mid-year Performance Report must demonstrate our current year progress in meeting the program objectives that guide our program. It is also the determining factor to see if we will be funded for next year.

RCTC UB objectives include:
- serving 50 students
- the number of students completing their current grade level
- the number of students achieving a minimum 2.5 grade point average
- students’ improvement on standardized tests
- the number of UB students graduating from high school
- UB seniors being accepted into college and number of UB alumni who graduate from college.

As you can see, RCTC Upward Bound is more than tutoring, Saturday and summer sessions, it is providing our students with an incredible opportunity for success.

Grades into the millennium
Four Upward Bound students achieved perfect 4.0 Grade Point Averages (GPAs) at their high schools for the second quarter of the 1999-2000 school year. They are: Svetlana Abramova, Phala Din, Ha Luu and Sang See. In addition, 12 students at Century High School, 6 students at John Marshall High School, 6 students at Mayo High School and 5 students at St. Charles High School earned a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Students excused
Please excuse the following students at 9:00am for a softball game on Thursday, April 27:
Hallie Benike, Jennifer Nelson, Jill Broeckert, Krista Voge, Shelley Boettcher, Mandi Jo Wolff, Michelle Schmoll, Katie Krammer, Jacki Banitt, Teri Ziegler, Kim Framsted, Brooke Oeltjen, Katie VanDeWalker, Regina Budd, Erika Vreeman, Brianna Harmening, Bridget Gabrielson