Retirement Reception
You are cordially invited to a reception for Rochester Community and Technical College's 2004-2005 retirees:

Kay Aune - Arlouene Bothun - Katherine Hickman - Delores Kiehne  
Pat Maloy - Ellen Nelson - Dennis Nervig - Terry Richardson  
Dianne Spitzer - Pam Tryggestad - Wayne Whynaught - Connie Wilson

Please join us as we recognize our retirees' many years of dedication to RCTC and our students

Monday, May 2, 2005
2:00 to 4:00pm - CF206/208.  
A brief program is scheduled to begin at 2:30pm.

Commencement – May 11, 2005
Make plans to attend RCTC's Commencement Ceremony on Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the UCR Regional Sports Center. This is an exciting milestone in the lives of our students and a realization of completed goals! We encourage you to give your support at the ceremony which would be much appreciated by the students.

Please join your colleagues (faculty, staff, and administration) in the celebration by walking in the processional. A gown is not necessary, but if you'd like to borrow one "gowns-to-loan" are available in the Office of the Vice President in SS202. Simply come by and pick one out.

Also, if you have a family member graduating from RCTC and would you like to present the diploma, please contact Stan Cram at 280-3133. This is a great way to expand the meaning of RCTC "family" by demonstrating pride in academic accomplishments and would bring a nice personal touch to the ceremony.

UCR Faculty Lecture Series
THURSDAY, APRIL 28 - 1:00 PM in the Hill Theatre.
Marketing Fact
According to [www.bestplaces.net](http://www.bestplaces.net), 12.9% of Rochester's population has a 2-year degree compared to 7.9% nationally and 8.2 in Minneapolis. 24.7% of Rochester's population has a 4-year degree compared to 17.3% nationally and 24.7% in Minneapolis. Finally 12.9% of Rochester's population has a Ph.D. compared to 8.5% nationally and 10.1% in Minneapolis. How reliable is this data?

According to their indicator on the number of Starbucks in the city: Rochester has none.

Employee News
Sara Soukup, Career and Technical Advisor in SSSP, was featured in a Post-Bulletin story about balancing motherhood and work. The article was in the family section of the April 8th edition.

Condolences
Condolences to Vern Bell whose brother Richard passed away on Sunday, April 10th at St. Mary's Hospital following a lengthy illness. Our thoughts are with Vern and his family.

Condolences to Marty Leonard whose father Donald passed away on Tuesday, April 19th. Our thoughts are with the Marty family.

It is with sorrow we announce the passing of Cort Frye. Cortlandt Frye was 81 years old and served as the Dean of Continuing Education and Community Services for the former Rochester Community College for twelve years. He retired from his position in 1982. There will be no funeral for Mr. Frye, but memorials are suggested to the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. PO Box 310, Tonkawa, Okla., 74653-0310 where they have established a scholarship for adult students.

Crossings Classifieds

For Sale: 3'x6' solid light color oak table with 4 drawers - $150.00; 3'x4' "sorting table" - $10.00; small work bench - $10.00. Audrey Lidke 288-8726 or x7469.

For Sale: 1999 Starcraft popup camper. Furnace, AC, sleeps 8, front storage, refrigerator, screen porch & awning. $5,500.00 OBO. Contact Shelly Peterson at x7474 or 507-932-4290.

Garage Sale: May 7th, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., 1339 Lonestone Ct, Chatfield. Antique furniture, area rugs, lamps, end tables, camera, prom dress, abercrombie & american eagle clothing, soccer cleats, great college stuff. Contact Jade Bakke for any questions on any items x2916.

Horse Farm For Sale: 12.68 acres, creek, outbuildings. 3 miles to RCTC on main road. Well kept older home. $265,000. Serious inquiries only. Call Karen Fredin at 507-288-0436/leave msg.


RCTC Bookstore
Clothing Sale

RCTC 90th Anniversary T-shirts $7.95!
Supalla’s Scribblings

As the Minnesota Legislature marches toward adjournment, the rhetoric continues to heat up. With the bonding bill successfully completed, the higher education focus now moves to the biennial budget. You may recall that MnSCU’s request for an enrollment adjustment and new initiatives funding totaled $197.3 million. The Governor recommended a $107.5 million increase for MnSCU, last week the House set a worst case scenario increase of $102.275 million, and this week the Senate budget recommended a $130.8 million increase. Overall, the Senate recommendation spends about a billion dollars more than the Governor proposed, with more than 80 percent of the additional money going to education. Budget bills will be debated in both House and Senate committees and ultimately be moved to the floor for approval. Then, a bi-partisan conference committee will work out the differences. We continue to track other legislation that impacts UCR and RCTC. Specifically, we’re interested in what happens with the sales tax language change, sales tax extension and genomics funding. Also important are potential revenue generation proposals that are being considered. Please continue to press legislators to invest in higher education.

Governor Pawlenty made a surprise visit to the MnSCU Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday and praised the work of system employees. The Governor spent slightly more than a half hour sharing his thoughts on such varied topics as change, pay for performance, centers of excellence, changing demographics and his legislative proposal to study higher education in Rochester. Many thanks to Dave Weber, Mike Bequette, and Superintendent Jerry Williams who joined me in a “Strategic Profile” presentation to the Educational Policy Committee of the MnSCU Board. A supporting cast in the audience included Dave MacLeod, Karen Williamson, Dale Amy, Jay Lee and Marilyn Hansmann. The presentation highlighted our 90-year history, University Center partnership, programs of distinction, K-12 collaborations, continuous improvement journey, master site plan and long-term goals. The presentation concluded with a slide sharing our “2015 Future Vision” which noted that “RCTC will…

- become the regional center for education, recreational, cultural and social activities.
- be a Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award winner.
- be a major e-learning provider for health-care education and training.
- continue to be recognized as part of a unique and futuristic University Center model.
- expand P-14 educational partnerships.
- reflect in students and staff the diversity of Southeast Minnesota.
- be a universal gateway to world class learning opportunities.

Congratulations to Ladi Grace D. Lumboy who was nominated by RCTC for the 2005 All-USA Academic Team presented by Phi Theta Kappa International. Last week, Grace was the only student panelist featured at the first-ever Minnesota Campus Compact Town Hall Forum on Community and Service Learning in St. Paul. Other panelists included such dignitaries as MnSCU’s Senior Vice Chancellor, the President of the University of Minnesota and President of the Private College and University Council. Stan Cram and Mike Bequette joined me at the forum and we were most proud of Grace and her on-air performance. The entire forum will be shown on public television several times next fall.

If you missed “Singin’ and Swingin’,” featuring music from The RCTC Jazz Band and Aires, shame on you. You missed one of the most fun-filled, energetic concerts I’ve attended in years. Congratulations to Chuck Blattner and his talented troupe of performers. Tickets for next week’s Spring Band and Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., April 27 and 28 in Hill Theatre are still available. I hope to see you there!

Congratulations to Colleen Landherr who accepted yet another $2,000 grant from the Community Education Advisory Board to help fund this summer’s “Get Up, Get Moving” camp!

I encourage you to consider applying for this summer’s “Educator in the Workplace Institute.” This annual three-day event (June 20-22) provides secondary and college faculty members a unique opportunity to build business connections and better understand your community. Contact Alex Kromminga for details.

I continue to hear good reports about the excellent work you’re doing. Remember…Every job is a self-portrait of the person who does it. Autograph your work with excellence.
Call for Entries – First Annual RCTC Homecoming Logo Contest

Rochester Community and Technical College is seeking a logo design to display on our 2005 "Homecoming" buttons and other homecoming publications. For additional details, please see the attachment to this publication or visit the website at: http://www.rctc.edu/homecoming/

The next UCR Blood Drive is:

Wednesday, April 27
8:30 - 3:30 in AT301

Appointments may be scheduled by calling the Mayo Clinic Blood Bank at 284-4475. Walk-ins are welcome!

Please encourage students to donate.

Pottery Sale
Art Club Fund-raiser

Tuesday May 3
from 10 AM to 2 PM
Art Hall 200 Ceramics Studio

Reasonable prices!
Come early for best selection.