Pre-Commencement Reception
FACULTY-STAFF-ADMINISTRATORS — Please note this change!
The Pre-Commencement Reception will be held in the MAYO CIVIC CENTER
MCDONNELL SUITE. The McDonnell Suite is right across the hall from the
Theater where the graduates will be forming for the processional. This is on the
WEST side of the CIVIC CENTER building. Hope to see you there!

Congratulations!
Esther Omodt, AIS instructor, received the Yellowjacket Compliment this week.
She received a beautiful Easter card of thanks from a student. The student
appreciates her teaching skills and thanks her for helping students. RCTC thanks
you, Esther, for your good work with students.

Former faculty member and family create scholarship
Donald Lavine, retired pre-engineering and engineering technology instructor,
recently donated $20,000 to the Rochester Community and Technical College
Foundation. The Lavine Family Scholarship was created with this gift, awarding
two scholarships annually to students majoring in liberal arts. Two of Mr.
Lavine’s three children attended RCTC, both graduating as liberal arts majors.
Mark finished in 1972 and Ann is a ’75 graduate. Mark went on to earn his law
degree and currently practices in Atlanta, GA. Ann is a business owner residing in
Winona. Don taught at what was then, Rochester Junior College from 1958
until his retirement in May of 1985. Earning his degree from the University of
Minnesota in 1949, Don taught several years in Pueblo, Colorado, followed by
three years in Germany, teaching at the American High School. After his stint in
Germany, he began his career in Rochester. His wife, Eileen taught high
school. She passed away five years ago. Don currently resides in Mesa, Arizona. Staying active, he plays tennis five days a week. He also is involved in other activities, including volunteering at the Valley Lutheran Hospital. The Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation is grateful to Don and his family for their generosity and continued connection to our College and its students. They leave a legacy for the future, enriching our campus and our community.

Please join us.....
You are cordially invited to a reception for Rochester Community and Technical College’s 1999-2000 retirees on Wednesday, May 10 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in
CF206/208. A brief program will begin at 2:15 p.m. This year’s retirees are:
Loren L. Dohse — Julie A. Goodman — A. Steve Kerekos
Dallas G. Nelson — Dale H. Schwartz,
Lorna C. Schmidt — Evelyn R. Schmitt — Donald E. Strelow
Please join us as we recognize our retirees’ many years of dedication to RCTC
and our students.

Evening Administration
The evening administrator for May 6 is Susanne Sheehan and for May 8-11, Don Supalla. They can be reached at x7262.

UCR events
Attached to this week's College Crossings is the UCR schedule of events for May 8-12.

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!

Summer Crossings dates
The last academic year issue of Crossings will be May 15. Summer publication dates are as follows:
June 12; July 17; August 7; August 21. Deadline for submission will be
3:00pm the preceeding Thursday.

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UCR event schedule
Food Service, Taher, Inc.
May 12 – June 2, Fresh Selections

Taher will be offering food by advance ordering only from May 15 – June 2.

How does it work?

- Order from the selected menu by calling the food service at 285-7209 by 2:00pm the day before.
- Order by completing an order form available in the cafeteria.
- Your order will be ready for you to pick up at the time you requested between 12:00 – 1:00pm

When ordering, please leave your name, phone number and the time you are picking up your food.

Hot Sandwiches

¼ # Hamburger ...................................... $1.90
¼# Cheeseburger ................................... $2.20
Roast Beef & Cheddar ........................... $2.95

Cold Sandwiches .................................. $2.65
(Choice of 1 meat and 1 cheese)
Smoked Ham or Turkey Breast
Natural Swiss or Aged Cheddar
White or Wheat Bread

Salads

Chef’s Salad...........................................$2.95
Tuna Salad/Mixed Greens & Fruit .......... $2.95
Choice of dressings: Ranch, French, Low Fat Ranch, Italian Dressing

Limited Service, M – F 11:00am – 1:00pm
June 5 – August 22

Morning coffee and breakfast items will be available on an honor system
8:30 – 10:00am

Weekly funny...

“Go up to accounting and pick up the Randell file. You might want to take this. Those guys don’t fool around!”

Recipient for vacation donation program

Listed below is the 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.

Mary Lonee - Dakota County Technical College

Thank you

I would like to send a thank you out to RCTC for the balloon arrangement after the arrival of our Easter baby, Laurel Elene. Our older daughters enjoyed the gift as well as the baby. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

—Jeff, Kim, Lindy, Taylor, and Laurel Sherman

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic

During the summer RCTC Chiropractic Clinic will be open on Tuesday afternoons. We are committed to maintaining your health, therefore we will be picking up messages daily. If you have any emergency we will make special arrangements to accommodate your situation. If you have any questions or would like to set up appointments, please feel free to contact us at 529-2736. Have a great summer.

Thought for the week...

A friend might well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
Supalla’s Scribblings

With only a week to go before we put the lid on another academic year, things are really buzzing at the Yellowjacket hive. The last couple of weeks of any semester are always exciting (sometimes stressful), but this year seems even more so than usual. This past week saw the Foundation awarding more than 150 students in excess of $150,000 in scholarship awards for 2000-01. Tuesday evening the college recognized dozens of students for their academic accomplishments as well as their contributions as peer mentors, tutors, student leaders, newspaper contributors, and athletes. It’s obvious from the talents of these prospective students and current enrollees our future is secure.

Finally, it appears that there’s some movement in St. Paul. Apparently the House, Senate and Governor have agreed to a one-third split where each entity can decide how they will use their share. It looks like the House wants to spend their share on tax relief, the Senate on education and the Governor on pet projects like reduced car license fees. Although the bonding appropriation is likely to be finalized between $400-500 million (half of what was appropriated for bonding in 1998), details are still being worked out. Keep your fingers crossed that the two UCR/RCTC projects, greenhouse and infrastructure, survive the conference committee negotiations.

On May 3, RCTC garnered its fair share of proceeds at the Twelfth Annual Rotary - US Bank Holiday Classic Awards Luncheon. Colleen Landherr accepted a $1500 grant, which will help fund our Voyageurs Camp. The three-week summer camp for middle school students provides exploratory classes and enrichment opportunities for economically disadvantaged youth. Darin Yous, Century High School and RCTC Upward Bound and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options student, received a scholarship to attend med school at the University of Minnesota. Two other students, They Bui (Century HS) and Vanessa Reuter (JMHS), received Rotary Scholarships to attend RCTC in the fall. Congratulations all the award winners!

If you missed viewing MSNBC’s “Hardball with Governor Jesse Ventura” live from Winona State University last month and would like to see the much-talked about interview, see Judy Kingsbury for a copy of the videotape.

Mary Reif was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs. In addition to representing the profession of medical assisting and the interests of the Curriculum Review Board, Commissioner Reif (that has a nice ring to it, Mary) will participate in the establishment of policies and procedures for the governance of CAAHEP. Thanks to Lori Wright for serving on the Minnesota Business Educators Executive Board. MBEI is a professional organization that provides leadership and facilitates the successful accomplishment of the purposes of business education. I appreciate the extensive professional involvement of all our staff.

In November, 1999, the MnSCU Board of Trustees commissioned Lee Kerschner to review accomplishments, opportunities, and threats to the “system” for the purpose of providing potential chancellor candidates with pertinent information about MnSCU. Dr. Kerschner shared his report at the April Board meeting. The consultant highlighted several suggestions and these were noted in a management letter to the Board. I believe the four-page letter warrants your review and I’ve asked Jenee to scan it into this edition of CROSSINGS - click on the blue link above to view the letter. If you’re interested in a copy of Dr. Kerschner’s 19-page report, please contact Judy Kingsbury.

Please consider being an active participant in this week’s activities...come and help recognize the many contributions of our retirees, socialize at the Commencement reception, honor our graduates with your presence at Commencement and bring your family and relax at the staff picnic. See you there!

Throughout the summer and in the future, remember this Thought for the Week…

“The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist the opportunity in every difficulty.”
—Winston Churchill

Keep smiling...you can count the days left this semester on one hand.

—Don
TeachNet summer in-services calendar

**June 2000**
- 6th  Basic Skills  2-4 PM  SH 204
- 13th Groupwise 1  2-4 PM  SH204
- 20th Word 1  2-4 PM  SH204
- 27th PowerPoint  2-4 PM  SH204
- 29th Open/Lab Help Session  2-4 PM  SH204

**July 2000**
- 5th Excel 1  2-4 PM  SH204
- 11th Internet Skills  2-4 PM  SH204
- 18th Web Development I / Dreamweaver  2-4PM  SH204
- 25th Getting Mail From Home  2-4 PM  SH204
- 27th Open Lab/Help Session  2-4 PM  SH204

**August 2000**
- 1st Graphic Creation  2-4 PM  SH204
- 8th Web Development II / DreamWeaver  2-4 PM  SH204
- 15th Access I  2-4 PM  SH204
- 17th Open Lab/Help Session  2-4 PM  SH204

Summer session financial aid
Please remind students that Applications for Summer Session Financial Aid are now available in the Financial Aid Office on the UCR campus and at the Information Desk on the Heintz Center Campus. This application is required of all students requesting Summer funding - even those who have been receiving Financial Aid for Fall and/or Spring Semesters. The deadline to apply is June 16, 2000.

In addition, if you have not renewed your request for work-study students for the upcoming Summer Session and also for the 2000-01 school year, please do so as soon as possible. We want to advertise as many jobs as possible to students as they complete their Financial Aid files throughout the Summer. We hope this will aid in filling work-study positions earlier during Fall Semester, 2000.

Lost and found
It’s end of the year clean up and the Lost and Found box is overflowing. Stop and see what treasures have been accumulating this semester. See Darci at the UCR Welcome Desk or Margie at Heintz Center Information Desk before May 12.

First coffeehouse concert scheduled for Fall 2000
Todd Green will be returning to RCTC on Thursday, October 26, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Quiet Lounge/Art Gallery.

Todd has been writing and performing his own music professionally since the age of 15. He studied composition, arrangement and performance at Berklee College of Music in Boston and privately with Mick Goodrich, guitar jazz legend at New England Conservatory of Music; Pat Metheny, Grammy Award winning guitarist; and George Benson, international recording star. Todd has also taken master classes and workshops with classical guitar greats such as Christopher Parkening.

Skillfully combining improvisations with original compositions, Todd takes you on an exhilarating musical journey of classical, jazz, new age and world music. In addition to being an accomplished guitarist, Todd plays a variety of Eastern and Western flutes, string and percussion instruments.

Check Todd’s music site on the net at [www.toddgreen.com](http://www.toddgreen.com)

If you have any recommendations for Coffeehouse Concert performers, please let us know. Thanks.
Students excused
The following list of students are excused from classes on Friday, May 5th and Monday, May 8th due to their attendance on the Boundary Waters trip for class REC 2223.
Bradley Bauer, Michael Beck, Valerie Bedsted, Nicholas Boland, Brandon Byers, Vicki Dean, Darin Eisenman, Joshua Fenske, Joshua Fleming, Nick Freitag, Allen Glynn, Gavin Hinkley, Jacob Jackson, Ben Johnson, Peter Kelly, Adam Kopsidas, Daniel Korbel, Dustin Looman, Nicholas Maddix, Becky Nord, Christina Nord, David Novak, Nicholas Olp, Jeremi Priebe, Amy Roberts, Brent Rosenberg, James Storlie, Clint Thome, Katie Tune, Mark Winkels, James Withers, Jarrard Woodward, Joe Ties, Josh Dierson, Stevon Ray, Brian Parlin, Ben Meixl, Jason Oxly, Kristan Johnson

Library instruction
Revising your course syllabus? Why not check with the librarians at Goddard Library about including a module on library research? The World Wide Web has given us access to incredible amounts of information with just a few clicks of a mouse. How can you tell if the information is valid? What criteria can be used to evaluate the site? How do you access electronic databases? What about traditional library resources? Why not call 285-7233 to meet with a librarian or to schedule a library instruction session?

Did you know that many scholarly journals are indexed in electronic databases that can be accessed from the Goddard Library home page http://www.roch.edu/library? Subject areas include business, education, nursing, general academic and literature. Many of these databases offer the full-text of journal articles on-line, which can be printed or downloaded to an e-mail account. Articles in the full-text databases are identical to the text of print copies found in the original print version of the journal. Goddard Library pays annual subscriptions for access to these databases. Although Internet technology is used to access the databases, these databases are not “the Internet.” Internet search engines, such as Alta Vista or HotBot, or directories such as Yahoo, are not able to search in these databases. There is a wealth of information available when you search “the Internet” but there is no scholarly standard required for inclusion. If you would like additional information on doing research electronically, call 285-7233 or visit your friendly librarians at Goddard Library.

Parking permits available
Parking permits for Summer 2000 are now available for purchase in the Cashier’s office, SS124. Please purchase and display your permit by June 5. REMEMBER: Purchase price is calculated by the number of hours worked, or by the credit hours taught ($1.50/credit), with a maximum charge of $15.00.

Summer hours
Duplicating
May 20th -August 20th, 2000
Monday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Thursday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:00am - 4:30 pm
Saturday Closed

Goddard Library and Tech. Center
May 22-August 18, 2000
Monday-Thur 9 AM-8 PM
Friday 9 AM-4 PM
Saturday 10 AM-2 PM
Sunday CLOSED
CLOSED: May 20 & 21, May 27-29, July 4, August 19-20

Feeling stressed out?
We know you are! The recent Wellness survey indicated that many RCTC employees are interested in learning more about stress management. The Wellness/AOD committee is here to help!

Stop by the RCTC De-Stressing Zone any time during the designated times and receive information on signals of stress, a tool to measure how well you handle stress, and information on how you can de-stress your life. While you’re there, register to win one of the many de-stressing prizes we’ll be giving away.

The RCTC De-Stressing Zone
UCR - Health/Phy. Ed office area – CF122
Tuesday May 9, 2000
10:00 – 11:00; 12:30 – 1:30

Wednesday May 10, 2000
10:00 – 11:00; 12:30 – 1:30

Heintz Center – Academic Affairs area HC115
Tuesday May 9, 2000
10:00 – 11:00; after 2:30

Wednesday May 10, 2000
10:00 – 11:00; 12:30 – 1:30
Go global
As we are saying goodbye to another group of YFU students, plans are under way for next year’s group. In August, RCTC will welcome 11 new YFU Students. Lori Forbes was hired in February as our YFU coordinator. We’re excited to have Lori’s enthusiasm and background for the YFU program. She is beginning the host family search, and has the bios on our new students. Contact her in SS164 or at Tel: 529-2789 to find a great match for your home. She would also appreciate invitations to speak to your business, professional and church groups about hosting.

Silvia, Rosibel and Rita from Costa Rica visited Spanish classes on Monday. Students participated in the immersion style language instruction used at the Costa Rican Language Institute. Thanks Lillyam, Nicki and Alice for your cooperation and to Sharon Nichols and Bonnie Mercer for opening your homes to them for a night.

President Clinton recently announced a long overdue and much needed federal policy in support of international education. Some of the hi-lites of his announcement follow:

- Encouraging students from other countries to study in the United States
- Promoting study abroad by U.S. students
- Supporting the exchange of teachers, scholars, and citizens from all society levels
- Enhance U.S. institution programs that build international partnerships and expertise
- Expanding high-quality foreign language learning and in-depth knowledge of other cultures
- Preparing and supporting teachers in his or her efforts to interpret other countries and cultures for their students
- Advancing new technology that aids the spread of knowledge throughout the world

Upcoming visiting scholar events
The Visiting Scholar Committee is pleased to announce the current line-up of speakers for the next academic year. Several exciting programs are planned. Faculty are encouraged to incorporate the lecturers’ visits as part of your curriculum and expose your students to the knowledge and expertise that these visiting scholars bring to our campus.

The series kicks off on September 27\textsuperscript{th} with a rendition of the last days of Edgar Allen Poe.
Scott Keely re-creates Poe in his show entitled, “Goodbye, Mr. Poe”
Noon – 1:00 p.m.  Hill Theater

October – date to be announced. Tim Penny will be on campus to lecture on the current political scene, upcoming elections and talk about issues that impact us and drive the politicians.

November 15, 2000 – 10 a.m. Hill Theater
Former Ambassador Rozanne Ridgway will lecture on her stints as ambassador to the German Republic and Finland, her tenure in the State Department and service to every American president since Nixon. Ms. Ridgway is also an inductee in the National Women’s Hall of Fame along with other luminary women such as Madeline Albright, Maya Angelou, astronaut Dr. Shannon Lucid, Julia Ward Howe and many others. To learn more about Ridgway go to the Hall of Fame website: www.greatwomen.org and access the list of former inductees.

April 23 or 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2001 – Common Book Author, Maxine Hong Kingston
Hong Kingston was the winner of the National Book Critics Award for The Woman Warrior. The author blends myth, legend, history and autobiography to relate growing up in a Chinese immigrant family. In China her father was a scholar and her mother was a medical practitioner and midwife. In this country they became field hands and laundry workers. To learn more go to www.en.utexas.edu/~natasha

Plans are underway to schedule additional events if time, money and enthusiasm warrant. Please contact Judy Bird at the RCTC Foundation for more information.
Hmong video
A videotape of Hmong storyteller and comedian Tou Ger Xiong will be shown Tuesday, May 9th, 2:00-4:00 in Endicott 208. The primary audience is Speech 1125: Oral Interpretation students, but we have lots of extra room in the classroom and welcome visitors.

Tou Ger Xiong arrived in this country as a refugee at age 4 with his family and grew up in public housing in St. Paul’s Frogtown neighborhood. He observed many friends learning to act tough and joining gangs but followed his parents’ wishes and studied hard, earning enough in scholarship money to attend and graduate from Carleton College.

His program blends humor, traditional folklore, and rap music into a performance that educates and entertains. He has given over 400 performances to audiences of all professions and backgrounds, touring churches, libraries, colleges, and communities in 20 states. Recently he was identified as one of the most influential Hmong in America and was featured in the St. Paul Pioneer Press as “One of 98 Minnesotans to Look for in 1998.” He resides in St. Paul and is active in community programs, serving on the board of directors of the Hmong American Partnership.

Congratulations!
Marjorie Reif, PA-C, CMA was elected to the Board of Directors of the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) this past weekend at the annual meeting.

In addition to representing the profession of medical assisting and the interests of the Curriculum Review Board (CRB), Commissioner Reif will participate in the establishment of policies and procedures for the governance of CAAHEP.

Congratulations to Marj and thanks to the AAMA leadership, staff, and fellow board members who supported the proposal which created the opportunity for increased AAMA involvement within CAAHEP.

Champa/Kereakos Golf Outing
6th Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing — June 9, 2000

Willow Creek Golf Course
1700 48th Street SW, Rochester

- Put together your own foursome, or let us pair you up with a group.
- Join old teammates and friends for a fun outing.
- If you’re not a golfer, join us for the buffet and fellowship.
- Registration forms will be coming soon.
- Spread the word.
- For information, call 507-285-7205

All proceeds support the Champa/Kereakos Scholarship Endowment Fund.

Go Yellowjackets!!

Students excused
Please excuse the following students at 6:00am for a softball game on Friday, May 12:
Hallie Benike, Jennifer Nelson, Jill Broeckert, Krista Vogel, 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
The RCTC Administration
Invites you and your family to a...

Picnic Outing!

Friday, May 12, 2000 — 4:30 p.m.
Atrium Grounds (Grove of Trees)

Good Food...Fun Kids...
Come Join Us!!

The Administrators are cooking and will provide brats, burgers, buns, lemonade, cups, plates, napkins, and forks. Please bring a dish to pass.

RSVP to Judy Kingsbury by e-mail or phone (x7216) by May 9th with number attending.