College Crossings

Congratulations!
Instead of a single Yellow Jacket award we have a hive-full! Congratulations to the following staff members for compliments from the past several months.

Ivonne Tjoe Fat
A student stated that Ms. Tjoe Fat should be commended for her expertise. The student has never had a more competent instructor and has not learned as much in the previous 14 years as s/he did in Ms. Tjoe Fat’s class. The student is very appreciative. Way to go, Ivonne!

Judy Gust
A student praised Ms. Gust by saying that she has a sense of humor that makes learning fun and easy. The student went on to say that she is a great teacher and that she learned a lot. Judy, Keep up the good work.

Hien Zilz
A staff member said that many students would not still be enrolled at RCTC without Hien’s professional dedication and support. Hien goes the extra mile for her students and does it with unfailing good humor. Students appreciate your help, Hien!

Mary Kay Broehl
"An outstanding problem solver" is how Mary Kay is described by a staff member. Mary Kay has continued to go out of her way to get information and resolve payroll issues and always in a friendly manner. Keep smiling, Mary Kay.

Karen Machlica
This spring a faculty member brought an emotionally drained and needy student to see Karen and she dropped everything to help her. By doing this, Karen sent a message to the student that someone at RCTC cared. Students come first with Karen.

Jenee McGurren
Jenee has been complimented by a staff person who stated that Jenee is unfailingly great to work with. She usually has suggestions to make announcements or projects more visually attractive and always seems to be able to squeeze time in her busy schedule to help meet someone's deadline. We don't often see Jenee because she is working like a "busy bee" behind the scenes at RCTC but we see the results of her efforts.

Again, congratulations to the six people above. You set examples for all of us to follow. Thank you.
Weekly funny…

"It says here that you were Executive in Charge of the distribution of elongated potato products for a national company with millions of clients. Let me guess-- your were on fries at Burger Hut."

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 coverage. 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.

Rachel Tschida – Children/Families/Learning

TWO ON TUESDAY: WEB GRADING AND CLASS LISTS
Two sessions have been scheduled to demonstrate the new web class list and grade data entry functions for faculty. An overview of the spring Web Grade Data Entry Pilot Project will be presented, as well as how to access the web registration system and the necessary screens, how to view class lists and enter grades, where to direct questions or problems, and other grade or class list-related issues. The sessions will be at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25 and Tuesday, August 1, 2000. Locations will be announced. To register, please contact Nancy Shumaker at 285-7461 or by e-mail Nancy.Shumaker@roch.edu.

It’s a BOY…it’s a BOY…and it’s another BOY!!!!

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Shelly Peterson and husband Todd who are the proud parents of a new little boy!

Tucker was born on May 25th and was 7lbs, 7oz. – 19” long.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Darin and Amy Hoffman on the birth of a baby boy.

Garrett was born May 30 and was 8 lbs., 6 oz. – 21” long.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Bob and Teresa Brown on the birth of a baby boy.

Nicholas was born May 31 and was 10 lbs., 14 oz.
Congratulations!
The CHOICES Displaced Homemaker Program, located at the Heintz Center was recently presented with a “Working Class Hero” award by the JOBS NOW Coalition, a statewide employment policy research and advocacy network of 108 organizations.

The award, presented by JOBS NOW Executive Director Kris Jacobs recognizes CHOICES, as well as the other 11 displaced Homemaker Programs for their “outstanding service, persistence and results in pursuit of the economic advancement and well being of displaced homemakers, their families and communities throughout Minnesota.”

“CHOICES provides intensive community-based pre-employment services customized to meet complex individual and circumstantial barriers encountered by a population that is often isolated from the world of competitive employment,” said Jacobs. CHOICES is celebrating its tenth anniversary as a provider of services to displaced homemakers in the 11 counties of southeast Minnesota.

TeachNet Summer InServices

June 2000

6th Basic Skills I 2-4PM SH204
13th GroupWise I 2-4PM SH204
20th Word I 2-4PM SH204
27th PowerPoint I 2-4PM SH204
29th Open Lab 2-4PM SH204

Staff thank you notes

Thank you
We would like to thank all RCTC faculty, staff, and administration for the balloons and stuffed toy sent to us at the hospital for the birth of our son Garrett! Thanks also to the Marketing/Communications dept. for the card and gift, Garret will enjoy them. Garrett can be seen at (http://www.adm.roch.edu/dhoffman/baby.html)

-Darin, Amy, and Garrett Hoffman

Thank you
I would like to thank RCTC for the wonderful plant in memory of my father. I would also like to thank those whose thoughts were with me and my family. It was greatly appreciated.

-Mary Kay Broehl

Thank you
Please convey to the staff and faculty my sincere thanks for the fruit basket and balloon. We’ve enjoyed both so much. It’s amazing how much the show of support can lessen the discomfort of surgery!

-Alison Good

Thank you
The Winona State University Rochester Center staff would like to send our sincere appreciation to all those who helped to make our first ever Graduate Commencement Ceremony at UCR a huge success! Thank you to all the departments that helped, from administration to staff and faculty to maintenance, AV and duplicating. We couldn’t have done it without you!

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RCTC staffing update

Administrative
• **Dean of Health Sciences** *(MnSCU Administrator)*. Interviews in process.
• **Director of Nursing** *(MnSCU Administrator)*. Interviews in process.

Unlimited Full-Time Faculty
• **English** - Developmental Writing. Employment offer pending.
• **English** – Composition. Bonnie Flaig appointed.
• **PE/Coach** – Search suspended.
• **Librarian** – Jeff Taylor appointed.
• **Sociology/Anthropology** – Jean Hoth appointed.
• **Auto Mechanics Instructor** – David MaLeod appointed.
• **Nursing** – Michelle Willihnganz appointed.

Temporary Full-Time Faculty
• **Art** – Carissa Johnson appointed.
• **English** – Composition. Employment offer pending.
• **Librarian** – Jennifer Boone appointed.
• **Mathematics** – David Atwood appointed.
• **Psychology** – Carol Bailey appointed.
• **Reading/Study Skills** – Developmental Reading, college-level reading and study skills. Currently on-hold; no qualified applicants.

Temporary Part-Time Faculty
• **Dental Assistant Instructor** – (.77 FTE). Interviews in process.

Unclassified Professional/Supervisory
• **MnSCU Program Director 1 – College Recruiter Option** *(FT unclassified MAPE)*. Debra Hanson appointed.
• **Custom Training Rep. (Client Relations Manager)** *(FT unclassified MAPE)*. Kathy Miller appointed.
• **Customer Training Representative (Computer Training Specialist)** *(FT unclassified MAPE)*. Search in process.
• **MnSCU Program Director 1 – Admissions Officer/Information Specialist** *(UFT; afternoon/evening schedule; four, ten-hour days Monday-Thursday)*. Position being posted/advertised.

Classified MAPE
• **ITS1 (Helpdesk)** (UFT). Posted/advertised.
• **ITS2 (Help Desk Lead)** (UFT). Posted/advertised.
• **College Center Program Coordinator 2** (UFT). Director of Student Life. Position being posted/advertised.

Classified AFSCME
• **General Maint. Workers** (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
• **General Maint. Worker – Campus-wide Work Area** *(UFT 2nd shift)*. Position being posted.
• **Office and Administrative Specialist – Student Affairs (Health Service) Work Area** *(seasonal part-time)*. Search on hold.
• **Office and Administrative Specialist – Academic Affairs Work Area** *(Faculty Secretary @ Heintz Center)* (unlimited PT, 2 positions). Nancy Midler and Pam Tryggestad have been appointed.
• **Customer Service Specialist, Senior (Financial Aid Assistant) – Student Affairs Work Area** (UFT). Position being posted.
• **Office and Administrative Assistant – Student Affairs Work Area (Admissions & Records Office)** (UFT). Position being posted.
• **Customer Service Specialist – Academic Affairs Work Area (Healthcare Workforce Development Grant)**. UFT. Position being posted.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125.
Supalla’s Scribblings

You know summer is flying by when the copy deadline for the first summer edition of CROSSINGS approaches! Lots of positive things continue to happen on campus. Be sure to find time this summer for rest, recreation, and relaxation. Before you know it, the campus will be buzzing with students and staff preparing for fall semester.

If you haven’t been by the campus lately, you’ve missed some changes. The internal campus roads and 23rd Avenue are about to be blacktopped, the flood control ponds have filled with water, the seven soccer and six football fields being constructed by the City are greening up, UCR-Main is aglow with new lights, the first phase of the Technology Center project is being bid, bids are in and about to be let on the new $15 million Regional Sports Complex, leveling and seeding of the softball/baseball/soccer/football area is about to begin, and the architect is being selected for the Horticulture Technology project. All these projects mean a lot of additional work for staff. Thanks to all of you who’ve had a role to play in making these campus enhancements a reality. Drive by and check out the campus.

Let the good news roll…

“Karin Wilking has been assisting me the past week on a special needs issue, and I want to let you know how helpful she has been. I never expected such careful consideration and detailed assistance when I made the initial call to RCTC. I am grateful to Ms. Wilking for her time and effort.”

“The reason I am writing this letter, is that I wanted you to know about one of my experience’s this past year at RCTC. Because I was a “non-traditional” student and had been out of school for a while, I was apprehensive about returning to a college setting. By some stroke of fate, I ended up in David Atwood’s math class. After just a few weeks in his class, I found myself understanding and even enjoying math (something I never thought I would say)!! I scheduled my spring semester class around when I could take College Algebra from Mr. Atwood. I feel Mr. Atwood is a wonderful asset to the RCTC organization and wanted you to know what a positive impact he has made in my college studies and when I talk to students currently enrolled at RCTC and perspective students, I highly recommend taking courses with Mr. Atwood.”

“I apologize for the data you received yesterday, but with any new system, there are glitches. Thanks to help from Rochester College (Deb Rogne and Troy Tynsky), we think the “problem” has been found.”

“We (Winona State University - Rochester Center administrators) would like to take this opportunity to commend several elements of your institution that were invaluable in enabling WSU to successfully stage the first ever commencement in Rochester. Without their enthusiasm and willing assistance this event would not have been possible. The entire Maintenance Staff, AV Services and Duplicating Services did an absolute commendable service in assisting WSU – Rochester Center staff in pulling together this ceremony. Several individuals should be recognized for their assistance and are truly reflective of the spirit of collaboration and cooperation that makes our endeavor at University Center Rochester a reality. Those individuals are: Jack Denny and the entire evening maintenance crew, Maureen Welder, Dave Carr, Jamie Prasser, and Kim Sin.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make Commencement a great success. Special recognition goes to the Planning Task Force, Father Nick, John Wade, AV/Media staff, Duplicating Department, Horticulture Tech and Digital Arts Programs, PTK host and hostesses, sign language interpreters, faculty marshals, faculty and staff who participated, and certainly to the graduates. Echoing words from our Alma Mater…May memories of these days remain eternally.

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Did you know…

- On Sunday, May 7, 22 new Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society members were inducted. Thanks to all who participated in a great induction program and special thanks to Karin Wilking who served as this year’s PTK adviser.
- The JOBS NOW Coalition presented this year’s “Working Class Hero Award” to CHOICES of Southeast Minnesota.
- Tammy Lee’s Zumbro FY01 Tech Prep Application and allocation of $31,685 was approved.
- The U.S. Department of Education increased the FY01 Upward Bound grant to $248,760.
- Chuck Siefert joined me in receiving a “Hometown Hero Award” from the Rochester Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- Gauthier Industries praised RCTC in the May issue of ROCHESTER BUSINESS for help in offering employee orientation, basic math, basic blueprint, ESL, basic computer skills, and AutoCAD training.

On the MnSCU scene…

- As of July 1, Moorhead State University is Minnesota State University Moorhead.
- The MnSCU Board appointed Dr. Wilson Bradshaw president of Metropolitan State University and Dr. Roy Hirofumi Saigo president of St. Cloud State University. Interim Metro President Dr. Dennis Nielsen takes over the interim reins at Southwest State University.

Into each life some rain must fall…usually when your car windows are down.

Have a sunny summer!

Alcohol/drug survey
Attached to Crossings is a copy of the results from the student alcohol and other drug survey from Spring Semester, 2000. Thank you to the many faculty who volunteered to administer this in their classes which resulted in 423 student responses. The survey provides information for a required federal report, but just as importantly, it gives RCTC more information about our students so that we can provide appropriate student services. Thanks again for participating in this effort!

-Bonnie Mercer

Notes from Goddard Library
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 online, 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.