College Crossings

90th Anniversary Parade Float

On Friday, June 24, RCTC participated in the Rochesterfest Grand Parade as float #54. The float featured a pick-up truck themed in 90th Anniversary graphics and a trailer with a 6' bee hive and yellowjackets. Approximately 35 students and staff walked the parade dressed in 90th Anniversary t-shirts or athletic uniforms. Parade viewers received Bit-O-Honey candy, 90th anniversary stickers, Sting tattoos and flyers highlighting this year’s events.

Many thanks go out to the following local businesses for their sponsorship which helped make the project a success!

- Adamson's Motors for loaning the Dodge Ram 1500 Big Horn Edition pick-up
- Valley Featherlite for loaning the 12' x 6' trailer
- Goodyear Tires for loaning the inflatable inner tubes to create part of the hive
- Pepsi for the banners

Special thanks and appreciation to the many people who have enthusiastically participated in building the float or loaned us tools, materials, and other resources! This would not have been possible without your help!

Jacob Petersen
Scott Krook
Barre Aden
Ashley Reuter
Ariel Duschanek-Myers
Florentin von Frankenberg
Carol Bailey
Judy and Art Gust

Don Supalla
Stan Cram
Jay Lee
Judy Kingsbury
Jenee McGurren
Jenny White and Britney Love
Roxy, Sammi and Tara Roadway
Delores Kiehne

Warren Beighley
Alex Boland
Margaret Mousel
Larry Tucker
Jerry Aselson
Pat Williamson
Tom St. Martin
Jeff Hart

The parade was broadcast "live" on KTTC starting at 6:15 pm, but unfortunately the station went to a commercial break before our float. However, many pictures were taken that (see page 2 for a sampling of the parade pictures). The remaining pictures are located in a folder on the "J Drive" and can be viewed anytime by opening theses folders: J:/Pictures/Events/90th Anniversary/2005 Float
Marketing Fact
According to the National Center for Educational Statistics: based on year-2000 data, Men, 25 years or older, who completed a bachelor's degree earned on average 64% more than those completing only a high school diploma. For women, the benefit was 53%.

Crossings Classifieds

USED EYE GLASSES DONATIONS: Individuals on the UCR campus may donate used eyeglasses to the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center by dropping them off in the RCTC Admissions and Records Office – Room SS115.


FOR SALE: Lockable truck bed tool box for small pick up truck, $25.00, Call Deb Schloegel at ext 7230 or 280-0932 after 5:30 p.m.


FOR SALE: Condo in Southwest Rochester - MUST SELL - moving. 5 miles from RCTC. 2 bedroom, 1 bath, dinette, covered deck, secure building, appliances included. Low association fees that cover water, sewer, trash, exterior insurance and maintenance, lawn care and snow removal. No pets. $74,500. Unit available August 1. Contact Dera Hanson at 292-5118 or derahanson@msn.com or dera.johnson@roch.edu.

90th Anniversary Parade Float - Continued
On Saturday, July 9, the RCTC truck and float was also in the Byron Good Neighbor Days Parade. To our delight, RCTC won the “First Place Unit” which included a trophy and posters to hang on the float. Many thanks to the volunteers that walked with the unit and distributed candy, flyers and t-shirts.

Some of the pictures from the Byron parade have been inserted below with the remaining pictures also located in a folder on the "J Drive". They can be also viewed by opening these folders: J:/Pictures/Events/90th Anniversary/2005 Byron Parade
Supalla’s Scribblings

Things in St. Paul have been about as steamy as the outside temps the last few weeks. Although it was iffy right up to the end, legislators finally wrapped up the 2005 session before a second partial state shutdown. The only noticeable impact on RCTC during the shutdown was a mandated moratorium on hiring that lead to a few search delays. All in all, higher education and RCTC fared quite well. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities will be appropriated $107 million in new money (much of it on the base appropriation) for the biennium. The Health Sciences project was fully-funded at $12,759,000 and some additional bonding money has been received for renovation of HB117 at Heintz Center and more than $250,000 for HEAPR projects. On the second-to-last day of the session, lawmakers worked out a tax bill compromise that included an $8 million extension for higher education facilities. In summary, the language reads…**Rochester local sales tax.** Allows the city of Rochester to extend its current local sales tax, authorized in 1998, to fund up to $40 million of transportation projects and education related facilities. The revenues from the tax must be used for the purposes listed in the original law and for regional highway improvements undertaken with Olmsted County. **Rochester local sales tax bonding authority.** Allows the city of Rochester and Olmsted County to bond for up to an additional $40 million for the uses listed in the previous section. The city must hold an election to issue their portion of the bonds although the election may be held with the election approving extension of the tax. **Rochester local sales tax termination.** States that the tax terminates at the later of December 31, 2009, or when revenues for the first $71.5 million of expenditures are raised unless an extension is approved by the voters at a general or special election in 2005 or 2006. If the referendum is successful, the tax expires when the additional $40 million in revenue is raised. If you’re interested in a summary of higher education legislation, please feel free to check out the MnSCU Web site or wait for a briefing as part of the August staff development day State of the College address.

UCR seems to be a favorite public relations site for politicians. On July 14, Steve Kelley kicked off his campaign for governor in the Atrium and on July 15 Governor Pawlenty used the Atrium as his backdrop to talk about higher education legislation. Not to be outdone by politicians, the Minnesota Vikings used the UCR football field as the site of their first Rochester Vikings Fan Fest! July 9 and 10, the Relay for Life cancer walk raised more than $135,000 in a fun-filled event hosted at UCR. Team RCTC, headed by **Ruth Siefert and Carol Naatz**, raised more than $6500 for cancer research.

Have you seen the awesome RCTC 90th Anniversary float that debuted in the Rochesterfest parade? Last weekend, the float won the first place trophy for “Best Parade Unit” at Byron’s Town and Country Days parade. The float is scheduled for upcoming parades in Hayfield, Lanesboro and Chatfield. Construction of the float was coordinated by **Roxy Roadway** and a large contingent of students and staff have participated in both the construction and parades. The float is pulled by a “Yellowjacket-detailed” customized Dodge pick-up donated by Adamson’s.

**Jessie Martinez**, economics instructor, has been selected by the Office of the Chancellor to participate in the 2005-06 Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Leadership Academy. This summer session will be held from July 31 through August 5 at the Riverwood Inn and Conference Center in Albertville. This past year, MnSCU selected three RCTC staff members to participate in the program…**Mike Mutschelknaus, Scott Sahs and Paula Theisen.** Congrats, Jessie!

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has published a list of the “Twenty Fastest Growing Occupations…2000-2010” that includes these jobs that require an Associate Degree or less…computer support specialists, desktop publishers, personal and home care aides, medical assistants, medical records and health information technicians, and fitness trainers and aerobics instructors. RCTC already provides several of these programs.
MnSCU Trustee Emeritus Bob Erickson rode to every campus last year to raise scholarship money for part-time students. Recently, the RCTC Foundation received an extra bonus share of the proceeds because we helped raise funds during last year’s ride. Bob will be riding from Riverland Community College to RCTC in September. I encourage you to give generously when the Foundation solicits contributions.

Mark your calendars right now so you don’t miss any of the fall 90th Anniversary celebrations. The “RCTC Community Extravaganza” is scheduled for Saturday, September 10; a party for current students and staff will be held on Wednesday, September 14; and the “90th Anniversary Dinner & Awards” will be Friday, September 16. Be there!

This edition’s thought was shared by a nontraditional male student at the Community College of Denver. “The staff at my campus...place the student first. It’s always the student, always.” Stay cool during the dog days. Don

Employee News

Condolences:
Condoelences to Bob Morris whose mother, Dixie Yvonne Morris, passed away on Thursday, June 23.
Condoelences to Carol Haug whose mother, Wilma Dorothy Haug, passed away on Friday, June 24.
Condoelences to Bonnie Hanson whose father, Conrad T. Peterson, passed away on Wednesday, July 6.
Condoelences to Kristi Ziegler whose mother, Elizabeth Tuttle, passed away on Thursday, July 14.
Our thoughts are with all these employees and their families.

Thank You:
My wife Linda and I would like to thank the friends and family of RCTC for the nice teddy bear and balloon that was sent to our home yesterday regarding the birth of our son Joshua. The kindness shown by the wonderful people at RCTC is greatly appreciated. - John and Linda Buchl

Dear University Center Rochester Friends:
Thanks to all of you for your kind words, cards and support during the recent loss of my mother, Helen Tallman. It was extremely difficult to lose my mother six weeks after the death of my father, and your kind words, cards and actions helped my through. The flower arrangement sent to the services was beautiful! - Carol Naatz

Thank you for thinking of me and my family at this time. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement of flowers. - Catherine Egenberger and family

It’s a BOY!:
It is my pleasure to announce a new addition to the RCTC Family. Joshua Buchl (son of John Buchl - Mathematics Instructor, and his wife Linda) arrived on Friday, July 1st, weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz, and 19 1/4th inches long. Congratulations!

LAST SUMMER CROSSINGS DATE:
August 15th