A Look Back…

90 years ago this month…On August 13, 1915 “on motion by Dr. Charles Mayo, seconded by James Drake and unanimously carried the two first year’s university courses be given at Rochester High School.”

All-College Staff Development Day

Thursday, August 18, 2005

An agenda of the day’s activities is attached to this week’s Crossings.

RCTC Foundation Welcomes New Members

The RCTC Foundation has added five new board members for the upcoming year. All new members are alumni of the school, with four of the five also playing football for the Yellowjackets.

The new members are: Gordon Scudamore ’69, a representative with AXA-Equitable Life, married with four adult children. Lisa Baldus, class of ’86 and branch manager of First Alliance Credit Union. Lisa lives in Byron and has an 11 year old daughter. Dan Fitzpatrick, quarterback for the Yellowjackets in ’87 is president of Fitzpatrick Enterprises. Steve Prigge is in sales at Custom Printing and graduated from RCTC in 1977. Bob Maroo, ’76 is Site Operations Manager for IBM. Maroo has two adult children.

New officers this year are President Fritz Banfield, co-owner of Heartman Insurance. Vice-President Diane Osland, works at Gauthier Industries. Mike Malugani, Treasurer is a senior associate at Smith Schafer & Associates and Paul Skovbrotten, vice-president of The Affiliated Group serves as board Secretary. Barbara Swisher, with Patterson, Ostrem & Swisher is Past-President.

The RCTC Foundation is a driving force to grow resources to support students, academic programs, facilities and RCTC’s master/strategic plans. This year the Foundation’s goals will be to expand alumni outreach efforts, enhance communication opportunities to increase understanding and support for the college and foundation and attract private funding for programs and projects at RCTC.
Weekly funny…

Snapshots at jasonlove.com

Marketing Fact
The typical student in public 2-year schools (2003-04), receives $2,300 in subsidized loans, $2,700 in unsubsidized loans, and $5,600 in PLUS loans. The typical student in public 4-year-non-doctorate-granting schools receives $3,300 in subsidized loans, $3,600 in unsubsidized loans, and $6,600 in PLUS loans. (National Center for Educational Statistics)

GODDARD LIBRARY, LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CENTER, AND DIGITAL MEDIA CENTER HOURS FALL SEMESTER
August 22-December 17, 2005

Monday-Thursday 7:30 AM-10:00 PM
Friday 7:30 AM-4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM-5:00 PM*

*Digital Media Center closed Sundays
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(Hours are subject to change)

Take Time to Visit the SMART Garden
"Horticulture instructors, Vern Bushlack and Robin Fruth-Dugstad, encourage and welcome faculty and staff to visit the SMART Garden at the Heintz Center. Take a few minutes to experience the beauty and tranquility of the garden as it has progressed very nicely this spring and summer. Horticulture’s two interns, Matt Hoffman and Peter Dobbs, have been invaluable as they performed the necessary grounds maintenance tasks required."

Crossings Classifieds

FOR SALE: Eddie Bauer stroller. Dark green/tan in color. Very clean, like new. $60. Contact Michelle Messenger at 280-3178.


Employee News

Condolences to Jason Meier whose father-in-law, Vasile Pop, passed away on Friday, July 8. Our thoughts are with Jason and his family.

Congratulations to John Tacinelli who was married to Tammi Kennedy on Monday, July 25th. We wish you the best as you begin your life together!

I would like to thank my RCTC family for the lovely plant that was sent to my father's funeral. The cards and words of support were also greatly appreciated. I am very lucky to work with such caring people.

Bonnie Hanson

Congratulations to Alex and Amy Kromminga who welcomed a baby daughter into their family on Thursday, August 11th. Paige Sophia weighed in at 7 lb, 13 oz and is 20" long.
Supalla’s Scribblings

For those who’ve had some extended time off this summer…welcome back. It’s hard to believe that another summer’s behind us and a new academic year has arrived. Like mine, do your summers seem to fly by faster with each passing year? I hope each of you found some time for rest and relaxation and are eager to meet new students and colleagues. I’m pleased that it looks like RCTC’s enrollment might once again exceed the system average; agreements with AFSCME, MAPE and MSCF are pending employee approval; the sales tax extension referendum (including an additional $8 million for higher education) promotion is underway; renovation and construction project plans are being finalized; and the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee is continuing to deliberate the future of higher education in Rochester. There can’t be a more exciting and interesting place to experience higher education it than right here at UCR.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system was created through the merger of three existing higher education systems – the state university system, the community college system and the technical college system. The Minnesota legislature approved the merger in 1991 and it became effective July 1, 1995. Before the merger, there were 45 colleges and universities; today, consolidations and mergers have reduced the number of institutions to 32. As an RCTC employee, you’re part of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the state’s largest provider of post-secondary education. Did you know that the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities educate:

- More than half of the state’s new teaching graduates.
- 78 percent of the state’s new nursing students.
- 92 percent of the state’s law enforcement officers.
- 91 percent of the new graduates in the construction trades.
- 48 percent of the state’s new business graduates.
- 9,000 firefighters and emergency first responders each year.

More than 80 percent of MnSCU graduates stay in Minnesota to work or continue their education. In addition, the state colleges and universities:

- Serve 370,000 students each year in credit and noncredit courses.
- Produce 32,000 graduates each year.
- Serve more students of color than any other higher education provider in Minnesota (more than 25,000 in 2004).
- Provide career education to 6,000 employers and 141,000 employees each year.
- Offer more than 100 programs and 3,500 course sections completely or predominately online.
- Educate 62 percent of the state’s undergraduates.
- Return $6.14 to the state’s economy for every $1 of net state investment.
- Place more than 86 percent of graduates in jobs related to their field of study.

The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system is the seventh-largest system of two- and four-year colleges and universities in the country, based on student enrollment. All of the system’s two-year community and technical colleges have an open admissions policy, which means that anyone with a high school diploma or GED may enroll. Tuition at MnSCU is lower than tuition at private colleges, private trade schools or the University of Minnesota. More than 25,000 students took online courses during the 2003-04 academic year. Whenever you’re looking for information about Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, check it out at [http://www.mnscu.edu](http://www.mnscu.edu).

Congratulations to Len Goldfine, Director of Institutional Research, who has been selected by the Higher Learning Commission to serve as a peer reviewer for the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). Peer review is at the heart of the Commission’s accreditation process, and AQIP Reviewers serve as the appraisers, facilitators, panelists, and reviewers who facilitate accrediting processes and make recommendations for accreditation actions on AQIP institutions like RCTC.

Way to go Judy Harris! Mayor Brede bestowed the 2004 Mayor’s Medal of Honor to Judy in recognition for her efforts in behalf of schools and education. This much deserved recognition was a wonderful retirement tribute.

Thought for the week…To love what you do and feel that it matters: how could anything be more fun? Have a fun year!

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