Thank You…

To everyone who participated and helped to make RCTC’s week-long anniversary celebration a success…thank you, your efforts really made RCTC shine!

Student Success Day

WELCOME ABOARD!

September 28, 2005

For more details see the attachment to this week’s Crossings.

Campus Security Act - Notification

Rochester Community and Technical College recognizes providing the safest environment possible is an integral element of the college's educational mission and annually publishes a Campus Security Report that is available to everyone. This report provides statements of policy for a broad range of safety and security programs including crime prevention programs, reporting procedures, personal safety, community relations, environmental safety, enforcement authority and response and a 3-year statistical review of designated crimes on campus. A printed copy of this report may be obtained, at no charge from Campus Security at 851 30th Avenue, SE, EA101 Rochester, MN 55904, phone: 507-529-2789.

The Campus Security Report for RCTC can be accessed at:
http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/overview.html

Additional information can be found at:
http://www.roch.edu/dept/security/html/crime.html and

Bob Morris
UCR Campus Security Officer
Weekly funny…

Snapshots at jasonlova.com

Barry, tell the class who Abraham Lincoln was.

I'm sorry, sir, he was before my time.

Marketing Fact

According to a recently released report by Noel-Levitz: at community colleges nationwide, the satisfaction indicator "Classes are scheduled at times that are convenient for me" scores significantly lower than at 4-year public and private institutions. At RCTC, however, this indicator received the 15th highest satisfaction score out of 70 indicators and scored almost equal with the national rating.

RCTC HOMECOMING 2005…

It’s H.O.T.T. . . . . . . . (Homecoming Over The Top)

Help pump up the spirit for the RCTC Yellowjackets by joining in the various homecoming activities planned during the week of September 26-October 1, 2005. Mark your calendars now! Additional details and sign-up information will be sent next week as well as a link to a new homecoming web site. Homecoming buttons will be sold for $10 which will enable each wearer to receive one "H.O.T.T. Cookout" meal on Saturday, as well as admittance to an athletic game scheduled during homecoming week. For a complete listing of events, see page 4.

Crossings Classifieds

Wanted: Donations of Platelets Wanted to Help the Hurricane Katrina Victims! When: Week of September 19 through September 23, 2005; From: 6:00am to 1:30pm; At: the Hilton Building (downtown). For further information or to make an appointment or donate blood, call 507-284-4475 or e-mail giveblood@mayo.edu

For Rent: Apartment for rent; 4-yr old duplex lower apt in quiet SE neighborhood close to the college. Spacious 2 bedroom, full bath, kitchen, living, washer/dryer, attached garage. All utilities include. Call Jane (507) 282-9330. Jean Musgjerd.

RCTC’s Learning Is ForEver Program

TAKE AN UPPER MISSISSIPPI STEAMBOATIN’ VACATION! St. Paul Roundtrip * 3 Nights/4 Days * August 18-21, 2006 - *Save 50% off the Regular Price - 2 Can Travel at the Price of One!*

Step aboard the grand American Queen, one of only three genuine overnight paddlewheel steamboats plying America’s rivers, for a journey brimming with fun and discovery. Come discover Steamboatin’s unique blend of American beauty and history, sumptuous cuisine, lively professional “showboat”-style entertainment, and the friendly, personal service of an all-American staff and crew. You'll explore the richness of riverside America during the late summer as you step ashore at the historic ports of call of Red Wing and Winona. The trip will be roundtrip from St. Paul. Fees include double occupancy rooms or single rooms and roundtrip coach bus from Rochester, MN. Gratuities, liquor, trip insurance and optional shore excursions are not included. Space is Limited. Call Chrisanne Pieper, RCTC Senior Program Director at 285-7453 for more information or email to chrisanne.pieper@roch.edu

Pioneer Quest: A Year in the Real West is Coming to Rochester on October 4th and 5th

Pioneer Quest: A Year in the Real West is the documentary history of two modern couples, Tim and Deanna and Frank and Alana, who spent a year authentically experiencing a Manitoba pioneer homesteader's way of life. Unless the producers had a time machine capable of transporting the modern pioneers back to Manitoba in the 1870s, it is quite inconceivable that a more realistic portrayal of homesteading life in Canada's western prairies could have been created. After viewing Pioneer Quest, it is impossible to travel anywhere within the prairie confines and not be moved by the accomplishments of our immigrant forebears.

Tim and Deanna Treadway became "living history" as they traveled back in time to 1875 and built a homestead just like our pioneer forefathers. They experienced tremendous "real-life" adversities of flood, fire, crop failures, sick animals, rotting food, relentless mosquitoes, poison ivy, wood ticks and 'no toilet paper', yet "stuck it out". They also experienced serenity, community, and hard-won successes. Come and hear about the Treadways' experience. Cosponsored with RCTC's Learning Is ForEver Program.

You can view Pioneer Quest on Channel 22 at 8 pm on Mondays, 3 pm on Wednesdays and 10 am on Saturdays. Call Community Education at 285-8646 to sign up. The presentation will be on Tuesday, October 4th for adults ($5/pp), 6:30-8:30 pm at Century High School Auditorium and on Wednesday, October 5th for families ($10/family) at Century High School Auditorium.
Supalla’s Scribblings

What a week of celebration this has been! By the time you read this, we’ll have celebrated the RCTC’s 90th Anniversary with a community Extravaganza, history wall unveiling and Recognition and Gala Banquet. If you missed any of these events, you missed a great time. The Extravaganza’s carnival, battle of the bands, Jesse Lang concert, and fireworks got rave reviews. The fireworks finale was so awesome that several spectators have noted it was better than those of the Fourth and have suggested the City move the Fourth of July fireworks to UCR. If you haven’t checked out the permanent history wall, just to the east of the Goddard Library main entrance, I encourage you to do so soon. Using a time line, photographs, display cases, and film footage, the wall displays the significant impact Minnesota’s oldest two-year college has on Rochester and Southeast Minnesota. More than 500 people made reservations to dine with colleagues and friends as they enjoyed an academy awards tribute to former and current stakeholders. In addition to premiering a historic video of RCTC happenings from 1915 to the present, it was a fun-filled evening of recalling memories, recognizing accomplishments, and honoring our past. Many thanks to everyone who had a role to play in making this weeklong celebration a tremendous success…especially Dave Weber, Michelle Messenger, and Jenee McGurren from Communications and Public Relations.

RCTC was featured in the latest Post-Bulletin Hot/Not Column…RCTC: The college is celebrating its 90th year with a splashy party featuring Jesse Lang, and enrollment is at a record high. Before long, maybe Rochester CAN by considered a college town. Before long??? Rochester already is a college town…it’s an RCTC town!

With most of the planned presentations and consultant report delivered, the Rochester Higher Education Development Committee will get down to the serious and difficult task of drafting recommendations to be delivered to the Governor by January 15, 2006. Already, the rhetoric between the Committee and some members of the community and area is beginning to escalate. I encourage you to continue to follow the work of the committee by attending their meetings, tracking activities in the press and keeping updated by regularly visiting the comprehensive Minnesota Higher Education Office web site dedicated to committee activities…http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/rochester/index.cfm.

Upcoming Events…

- The first fall presentation of the UCR Faculty Lecture Series is scheduled for Thursday, September 22, 1 p.m. in Hill Theatre. RCTC’s own Ginny Wright-Peterson will present “Arriving in Algiers Before McDonalds.” A reception in the Quiet Lounge follows the lecture.
- Student Success Day is just a few weeks away. Details regarding the event and a schedule of activities for September 28 have been distributed. This year there’ll be something for both day and evening students. I encourage you to begin promoting “Welcome Aboard!” activities immediately and using your creative genius in offering incentives that will entice students to attend. Success Day is intended to provide all students with useful information and strategies that will make them more successful students.
- You’re invited to an “End of Construction Celebration” on Saturday, October 1 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Miracle Mile Shopping Center. Lots of fun family activities are planned, music and entertainment, and a formal program is planned for noon. Go to http://www.roc52.com for more information on the completion of Highway 52 celebration.

- Linda Baer, MnSCU’s Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, has asked that each college and university begin to discuss a common term start date. The common term start date is critical for aligning several business practice issues and is key to creating a seamless environment for students. As a result, the Business Practice Alignment Committee has recommended that the alignment of term start dates begin in the fall of 2007. The committee has proposed that all MnSCU institutions begin classes on August 27, 2007 for fall semester and January 9, 2008 for spring semester. Similar common dates would apply for succeeding academic years. More information will be shared at upcoming Faculty Shared Governance Council meetings and AFSCME and MAPE meet and confer sessions. Stay tuned for more information and be willing to share your thoughts on this important matter.

A thought on customer service shared at the July National Association of School Financial Aid Administrators conference…“Utilizing the Disney Company’s quality service model makes a lot of sense for financial aid offices, because both of us provide something our customers want. In Disney’s case, it’s a vacation. In ours, it’s an education. Vacations and educations are both expensive, and our customers have choices besides us. And in both cases, a satisfied customer will come back again.” -- Charles Knepfle, Miami University

For all that helped make the 90th Anniversary activities a resounding success…THANK YOU!

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RCTC HOMECOMING 2005
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**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**
- Movie “Remember the Titans”
  2:00pm in Student TV Lounge

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**
- H.O.T.T. Fest
  10:00am-1:00pm in the circle drive in front of Atrium
  - KROC Music on Wheels
  - Free grilled lunch
  - Dunk tank
  - Face painting
  - Tarot cards
  - Caricatures
  - Air brush tattoos

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**
- Student Success Day
  - Information Sessions
  - Free Food
  - Prizes

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29**
- Tug of War Contests and prizes
  11:30am-1:00pm
  *Enter your team of seven pullers (at least three must be female) and show us your strength!*
- H.O.T.T. Decorating Displays
  *Show us how H.O.T.T. your office or department really is by decorating in the spirit! Judging will be based on creativity, originality, general appearance and best display of the Yellowjacket Spirit or H.O.T.T.ness!*
  - Awards and prizes announced Friday

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**
- Program/Class Exhibits/Tours
  9:00am and 10:00am
- Homecoming Parade
  11:15am in Circle Drive
  *Decorate a small, non-motorized 2 or 4-wheel conveyance (i.e. grocery cart, duplicating cart, pull behind wagon, etc.) in RCTC colors or theme and join us for some fun. Perhaps you wish to enter a choreographed unit of bookbags on wheels or book juggling ...use your imagination!*
- Pep Band - 11:30am in the Atrium
- Pep Fest (prizes, free popcorn/pop) - 11:45am in the Atrium
- Golf Tournament "BEST SHOT"/Awards & Cookout - 3:00pm-6:00pm
- Volleyball Game - 6:30pm in the Sports Center
- World Drum Ensemble at VB game - 7:00pm
- Bonfire (free food/music from Excalibur) - 8:30pm in the gravel parking near the Sports Center

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**
- Flag Football Game - 9:30am
- H.O.T.T. Cookout - 11:30am
- Volleyball Game - 12:00pm
- “COOL” Tailgate Party - 2:00pm
- Football Game - 3:00pm
- Halftime SHOW - 4:30pm
- POST GAME FESTIVITIES - 7:00pm - at Buffalo Wild Wings
  *All are invited to Buffalo Wild Wings at 3458 55th Street NW, following the game for post-game analysis and to connect with old friends. Bring your family and friends for exciting college football action and to reunite with friends, faculty, staff, and alumni of RCTC.*

This invitation is being sent to you from the RCTC "H.O.T.T." Homecoming Planning Committee.

*PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS IN YOUR CLASSES!*