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COLLEGE *Crossings*

ROCHESTER COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE...EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.

Thought for the week...

Everyone must take time to sit and watch the leaves turn.

~Elizabeth Lawrence

Banterings – AQIP Edition

A .pdf copy is attached to this week's *Crossings*. Please take some time to review this document prior to our visit October 29-31. This special edition will be printed next week and if you would like a hard copy, you can pick one up in the UCR or Heintz Center mailroom by Wednesday, October 22. If there are not copies left and you need one/some, please send a request to jenee.mcgurren@roch.edu.

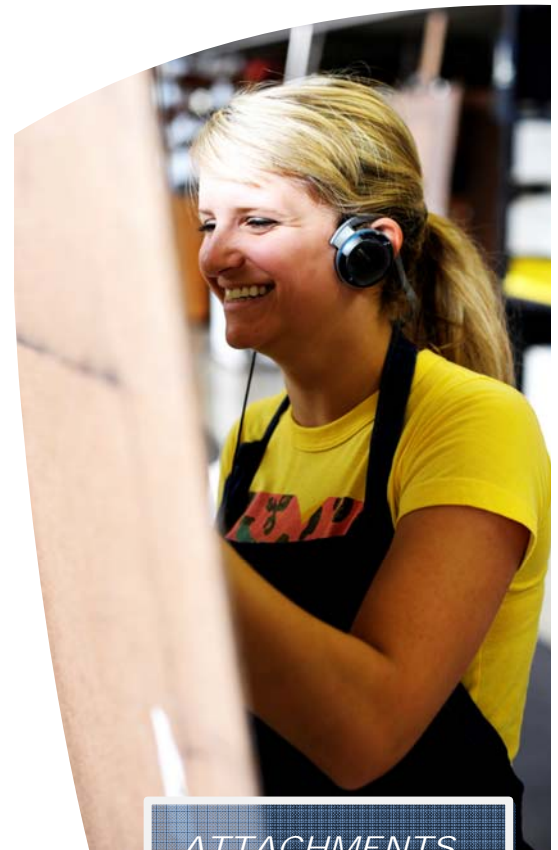
Suits to Self-Sufficiency

The RCTC Retail Merchandising Program and the Salvation Army are coordinating a "Suits to Self-Sufficiency" event for underprivileged men and women. A flier with information on how you can help is attached to this week's *Crossings*.

Upcoming Open Forums

You are all invited to meet the Chief Information Officer candidates during open forums which are now scheduled as follows: Monday, October 27; Wednesday, November 5; Monday, November 17; Wednesday, November 19; Thursday, November 20 and Friday, November 21. The forums are all in CF 202 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Candidates will answer three questions provided to them in advance, and there will be 20-30 minutes for you to ask questions. All those who attend will be encouraged to fill out a short assessment of the candidates; the search committee will use these assessments in its deliberations. Please mark your calendars.



ATTACHMENTS

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Banterings – AQIP Edition

Fall Fundraiser Bazaar

Suits to Self-Sufficiency



SPORTS CENTER

Upcoming Events at the Regional Sport Center

October 25, Brain Tumor Awareness Walk 8am-Noon
October 26, Rochester Youth Cheerleading Association
Yearend Performance 4pm

Upcoming Events at the Rochester Regional Stadium

October 24, RCTC Soccer Region XIII Tournament
October 25, RCTC Football Game 6pm



Walk to School Day

RCTC FOOTBALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATE IN WALK TO SCHOOL DAY. Eight RCTC football players showed students at Elton Hills and Hoover Elementary Schools the value of exercise and keeping in shape as they walked together and tossed around a football. Thank you for participating in the community wide event and being positive role models for these young people.

~ Colleen Landherr Maddox



FALL PLAY

Get ready for a fun time! I have taken a rarely performed Moliere play (Moliere was a French playwright from the 1600s who is thought of as being the father of modern comedy.) and I have placed it in a university setting in modern times. Play dates are: 10/30, 10/31, 11/1, 11/7, 11/8 at 8:00pm and 11/2 at 2:00pm. Click [HERE](#) for more information and how to get tickets.

~ Jerry Casper

TRICK OR TREAT!

we are going to be visited by the Daycare tots to trick or treat our RCTC family on October 31st. There are approximately 26 (figure 30) we can plan for the visit in the Atrium around 10:00 and then proceed down the hall to student services areas. I was told by Rochelle, the Child Care Coordinator, that we are their main source of trick or treating, so join in the fun of lining up with your treats to share with them and also sharing fun time with your co-workers!! Remember: **No gum - No peanuts -No hard candy.**



Horticulture Workshops

The Horticulture club is offering two floral workshops this fall. Please contact Robin Fruth-Dugstad if you are interested to have your name to the list. Payment can be sent via intercampus mail or pay the evening of the workshop. We do need everyone to sign-up in advance to plan for supplies needed. The first workshop will feature a fall/Halloween arrangement on Thursday, October 23 and the second will be on Thursday, November 20 and feature a winter/holiday wreath.

RENT-AN-ATHLETE PROGRAM

Why do the cleaning yourself? Why not Rent-An-Athlete to help you do your fall clean-up? This program is available for the next two weekends: October 25 & 26 and November 1 & 2. Click [HERE](#) for all the details!



SUPALLA'S SCRIBBLINGS

On October 10, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities released the official 30th day fall semester enrollment numbers. The data indicates that enrollment at the System's 32 two- and four-year institutions increased by nearly three percent. Growing numbers of students of color and high school students taking college courses helped boost enrollment over last year's numbers. This fall, the state college and university system has 186,150 students, an increase of 5,302 students from last fall's enrollment of 180,848. The number of students of color this fall grew by 8.6 percent, while enrollment of white students was up 2.6 percent. Enrollment of high school students in college courses grew by 4.5 percent. The number of students taking online courses, which includes credit and noncredit courses, grew by 16 percent to 39,250

this fall. The system offers about 200 programs completely or predominantly online through Minnesota Online, the largest provider of online education in the state. Full-year equivalent enrollment (FYE) is projected to increase by almost one percent for the current year. The official fall semester enrollment numbers for RCTC show that we've enrolled 5,977 students, up from 5,901 a year ago. Full year equivalent enrollments grew by one percent, from 4,270 in 2007 to 4,314 in 2008. Two-year college headcounts increased 3.7 percent for the system and FYEs increased by 1 percent. Central Lakes College experienced the largest percentage headcount gain at 15.6 percent, while Rainy River Community College experienced the largest decline at 19.9 percent. Many thanks to all who contributed to RCTC's enrollment growth.

Campus kudos...

- There are 19 Associate Degree nursing programs in the state and only 9 are accredited. There are 23 Practical Nursing programs in the state and only four are accredited. There are 17 BSN programs in the state and all are accredited. RCTC's AD and PN programs are both nationally accredited. Besides RCTC, the only other two-year MnSCU institutions with accredited programs are Anoka-Ramsey (AD), Inver Hills/Century College (AD), Minneapolis Community and Technical College (AD & PN), Normandale Community College (AD), North Hennepin Community College (AD), Ridgewater College (AD & PN), Riverland Community College (AD), and St. Paul College (PN). Kudos to the faculty and staff who work hard to retain our quality programming and maintain our national accreditation status.
- RCTC, along with Taher Foods, Inc., and Byron Public Schools were named Employers of the Year by the Rochester Ability Building Center. Marilyn Hansmann and Gary Peterson joined me in accepting the beautiful awards that were presented at last Thursday's "Grow With Us" ABC Employee Recognition Banquet. We were honored to have the entire ABC crew that works on campus join us for the celebration and photo opportunity.
- Saturday evening RCTC joined with the Inter Mutual Assistance Association (IMAA) in "Celebrating Achievement," the 2008 Nursing Career Academy Graduation. Merry Beth Gay, Amy Sands, Bonnie Mercer, and Abby Pinsky joined me in recognizing the significant accomplishment of these eight RCTC students: Abdikani Aden, Mohamed Aden, Alie Ahmed, Khadija Dhiblawe, Gawa Eldabas, Omar Gedi, Hibo Kassim, and Alhusine Koroma. It was a wonderful evening of song, celebration, recognition, and good food. Orrin Hatch once said, "There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises.' Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." Graduating as nursing assistants, these students saw Saturday's celebration as the beginning of productive careers and further education.
- Steve Monson and Terry Knight are scheduled to deliver, "Will Your Life and Property Protection System Work When You Need Them?" at the State Safety and Loss Control Conference on October 21. Please help me recognize Steve, Terry, and the many other faculty and staff who frequently share their knowledge and expertise beyond RCTC.

Did you know...

- ❖ Every nine seconds in America a student becomes a dropout. An estimated 3.8 million youth ages 18-24 are neither employed nor in school. Dropouts cost our nation more than \$260 billion in lost wages, lost taxes and lost productivity over their lifetimes. Between 2010 and 2025 up to 95 million baby boomers will leave the workforce or change work focus. Forty million Gen X'ers and Y'ers will be available to replace them. Ninety percent of the fastest growing jobs will require an education beyond high school. -- *Techniques*, October 2008
- ❖ A recent study by the NPD Group, a research firm in Rosemont, Illinois, found that brown-bag meals are on the rise. The average American consumed 38 brown-bag lunches in 2007, compared to 33 in 2003. In all, about 8.5 billion brown-bag meals were eaten last year. Cost was the top reason for bringing lunch from home, according to *What's in the Bag and Why Is It in There*, followed by health and nutrition concerns, convenience, taste, diet, quality, and environmental concerns. -- David Shadovitz
- ❖ Twenty-five percent of full-time employees do not feel loyal to their current employer, and 20 percent say they are likely to leave their current position to change jobs in a year or less. Source: Harris Interactive, Rochester, NY for Career Builder.com, Chicago
- ❖ In the *Steelcase Workplace Index Survey* of 700 white-collar workers, 46 percent say their companies allow them to telecommute, but only 32 percent say they take advantage of the option, largely due to perceptions that working from home will hinder their chances for promotion. -- Source: Steelcase, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- ❖ According to the *Taking the Pulse: Tuition Assistance Survey* of 493 HR Executives, 81 percent of organizations provide tuition-assistance programs for employees, but only 5 percent track their program's effectiveness. -- Institute of Corporate Productivity, Seattle, Washington.

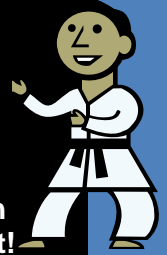
Thought for the week...*Vision without action is a dream. Action without vision is simply passing the time. Action with vision is making a positive difference.* -- Joel Barker

Thanks to all who penned notes, sent e-mails, or left a congratulatory phone message on my receipt of the "More Than You Know" award. I'm celebrating by enjoying a three-day weekend at the cabin. I hope that you'll find some time for rest and relaxation, too. Enjoy the peak fall colors, take in an athletic event, and enjoy the crisp fall air.

~ Don

Martial Arts Club

RCTC Martial Arts Club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in SC108 (the Wrestling Room). Learn kickboxing, jiu-jitsu, and more. No experience needed. Come train with us for a month and get a FREE t-shirt!



Snapshots at jasonlove.com



A gym that doesn't need Stairmasters.

Ganza Event

Please attend (or encourage others to attend) the next Think Academic Extravaganza Event on Wednesday, Oct 22 at 12:00 pm in Heath Science 128. Eric Shoars will be discussing the topic "Women Under Glass".

Will glass ceilings be an invisible part of your future?

Eric Shoars' forthcoming book *Women Under Glass* focuses on the causes of glass ceilings in the United States. Shoars believes that everything we've been told about glass ceilings is wrong and that ceilings are about more than gender. Shoars' presentation will enlighten both women and men about the past, present, and future of glass ceilings. Eric Shoars completed his Ph.D. at Capella, and his book is a result of his dissertation, but it also grew from his mother's occupational experiences and from his 21 years of experience in the radio industry. During that time, he has been an on-air personality, assistant news director, sports play-by-play commentator, and program manager. Shoars was also the head of the Radio Department at Riverland Community College, and he served on the board of directors of the Minnesota Broadcasters Association.

<http://www.womenunderglass.com> If you have any question please feel free to contact Annie Clement.

*~Annie Clement and Julie Rodakowski
Co-Coordinators of the UCR Learning Center*

Learning Center Rotating Exhibition

It's time to check out the rotating exhibition wall (on the right as you enter) again in the **UCR Learning Center**. You may recall that we have had a couple of wonderful student art exhibitions on that wall, and now, **thanks to the great work of BEN HAIN (theater department)**, we have a new exhibition:

A THEATER RETROSPECTIVE.

On this exhibition wall, you will find pictures from many past theater productions at RCTC, going way back to 1923! Pictures are arranged in groupings of set, costumes, make-up, props, production, lighting, actors – you name it, it's there!

Thanks so much for your efforts, Ben, and everyone else, stop in and see the theater wall!

~ Julie Rodakowski

FLU SHOTS

Mark your calendar! Flu vaccinations will be available at **UCR Cafeteria on Wednesday November 5, 11:00 – 3:00**. The Flu vaccine will be available on a "walk-in" basis. No appointments are necessary. Please bring your Minnesota Advantage Health Plan member ID card with you to the clinic. If you do not bring a valid card, the cost is \$23.00 for the flu shot and \$32.00 for the nasal spray flu vaccine*.

FREE – Women's Self-Defense Class

Sponsored by RCTC's Martial Arts Club, this four-week class will make you feel safe, confident, and in control. We meet Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 in SC 202 starting on October 12. Sorry guys, this is for women only. We ask a \$5 donation, 100% of which will go to a local women's shelter. The dates are 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, and 11/2. Questions? E-mail Dr. Steve Bein at steve.bein@roch.edu.