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❖ Spring Recognition

Evening Administration
March 30 - Barb Mollberg
April 1-4 - Tim Gilsrud
April 6-11 - Jay Lee

The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
2001-2002 Retirees Receptions
Tuesday, April 30, 2002 from 2:00-4:00pm
More details to be announced.

RRTC’s Shining Stars – Spring Recognition
At last Thursday’s Staff Development Day, special recognition was given to
RRTC’s Shining Stars. We commend these individuals and departments for
their outstanding good work and accomplishments. Attached to this week’s
Crossings is a listing of our Stars.

Administrative Professionals’ Week
Administrative Professionals' Week (formerly known as Secretaries' Week)
is April 21-27. Order something special from the Floral Design Class. FREE
delivery on campus. ALL deliveries will be made on Wed. April 24 between
2-4pm.

Mixed Flowers in a Bud vase for $5.00
Mixed Flower Arrangement for $10.00
10” Dish Garden for $15.00

Order Deadline is Thursday April 11, 2002
Make checks payable to RCTC
Send order & payment to Robin Fruth-Dugstad at Box 49

Information required:
Deliver to: Name:_________________Office #:_________________

Growing for you,
Robin, Vern, & Hort Students

Just announced
Mayo’s Blood Donor Program will hold a mobile blood drive here at UCR!
The dates for the blood drive are April 23rd and 24th. Watch for more
information about the blood drive and to how to schedule an appointment.
Weekly funny…

For Frank, the first few days after he quit eating junk food was the hardest.

Students excused
The following students will be attending the MNLA Commercial Greenhouse Tour on Wednesday, April 3 from 7am to 6pm. Please excuse them from classes: Emy Koeth, Ryan Hegland, Amanda Deck, Amanda Finzen and Jessica Schaffner.

Campus Activity Board events – FREE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Chris Cunningham, Coffeehouse, Tuesday, April 2, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm - Art Gallery/ Quiet Lounge
Chris performed at RCTC with Justin Roth last April and they gave a great performance. (Justin performed solo at RCTC October 2, 2001). Chris is a fluid, open-minded songwriter. He draws his lyrics from many familiar sources and presents them with a perception and understanding that makes an immediate connection with his listeners. His professional career began in the mid-80’s when he joined up with his friend Johnny Hermanson to form a duo that lasted over a decade. (Chris and Johnny, and later Storyhill). Highlights of their touring include opening for Greg Brown and David Wilcox, and receiving a rave review in Billboard Magazine. Chris finds meaning and joy in all places and walks of life and loves to get out the door and down the road with his words and music.

BOOK FAIR, Wednesday, April 10, Atrium, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Here’s another chance to buy great books at great discount prices (they were here in October and December).

RCTC’S WORLD DRUM ENSEMBLE, Tuesday, April 23
South Room (3rd Floor Cafeteria), 12:15 pm – approx. 12:45 pm
Enjoy a return engagement by the RCTC World Drum Ensemble, MUSC 1340 students, directed by Denny McGuire. You’ll hear authentic ethnic percussion music styles of Samba, Salsa, West African, Caribbean and South American.

Mark Your Calendars NOW for the
Eighth Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing

Friday, June 14, 2002
Willow Creek Golf Course
1700 48th Street SW – Rochester, MN 55902

• Put together your own foursome, or let us pair you up with a group.
• Join old teammates and friends for a fun outing.
• If you’re not a golfer, join us for the buffet and fellowship.
• Registration forms will be coming soon.
• Spread the word! For information, call 507-285-7204

All proceeds support the Champa/Kereakos Scholarship Endowment Fund
Go Yellowjackets!!
Supalla’s Scribblings

Not quite! While both legislators and observers predicted an early end to the session, maybe even this week, it didn’t happen. Bi-partisan conference committees will now work out language differences between the House and the Senate bills. Conference committees are struggling, mostly behind closed doors, to work out language differences in most major bills impacting MnSCU and state employees—budget, contract moratorium, bonding, state employee contracts. Hopefully, before the end of next week, conference committees will resolve language differences, the full House and Senate will approve, and legislators will go home, many to begin campaigning for fall elections.

Congratulations to Kathy Peak who was selected as the Minnesota Mathematical Association of Two Year Colleges 2002 Instructor of the Year. Nominees must be a current classroom teacher in a public or private two-year college in Minnesota, have at least five years of teaching experience in mathematics, be widely recognized as extraordinarily successful in teaching, foster curiosity and generate excitement about mathematics, and demonstrate professional activity and development. Kathy is most deserving of this special honor. Way to go, Kathy!

In an earlier Scribblings, I failed to recognize two RCTC staff members, Mary Ito Dennison and Jennifer Boone, who presented at the League for Innovation Conference on Information Technology. They presented two offerings—“Library Online Tutorial or In-Person Course? A Case Study” and “New Make and Model: Evaluation of a Library’s Website.” Mary and Jennifer are two of RCTC’s most progressive and technologically competent staff members. Sorry for the omission, Mary and Jennifer. Your contributions to RCTC and the League are appreciated.

Jenee McGurren, Michelle Messenger, and Dave Weber were honored at last week’s national conference for higher education marketing and public relations staff. RCTC’s folder entry was the only college/university in the Midwest to win a gold award. In addition, the college won a bronze award for our print ad series. Nice going!

Thanks to Anne Niccolai, Tammy Lee, and Judy Harris who represented RCTC very well at this week’s Higher Learning Commission (NCA) annual meeting in Chicago. They presented a great program, Building Strength on Strength: Life After the Site Visit, documenting our continuous quality improvement journey. Chancellor McCormick attended the session and congratulated the team on a great presentation. RCTC was also recognized as one of Minnesota’s higher education quality leaders during, A Tactical Forum: Extending the Quality Conversation, presented by several of MnSCU’s quality leaders. Anne and Tammy have also been invited to share their assessment presentation at the American Association for Higher Education conference this summer in Boston.

Compare the numbers in a recently released MnSCU FY2001 Instructional Cost Study and you’ll find that RCTC was the second most cost effective consolidated college in the system. The fully allocated cost per FYE report indicates that Lake Superior College delivers education at $6250 per FYE, RCTC at $6276. This compares with the most costly consolidate college costing almost $8,700 per FYE. RCTC ranks #1 in direct cost per FYE at just $2,968; compared to $4521 per FYE at the least efficient college. Thanks to all who work so hard to deliver quality education at an affordable price. Special thanks to the academic team for your efforts. Keep up the good work!

Education fared well in an Ipsos-Reid Poll conducted January 21-23, 2002. When asked what government programs should be considered for budget cuts, education came in dead last. Only 6% of those polled indicated education as their first or second choice for a budget reduction; 70% identified the space program. When asked if it was necessary to run a federal budget deficit, only “increase spending for war on terrorism and on military and defense” scored higher (78%) to “increase spending on education for students from K – college” (67%). Setting aside federal spending on the military and homeland security and just thinking about other federal spending, education ranked as the #1 federal spending priority this year. Eighty-five percent of those polled thought now is a very good or fairly good time
to increase spending on education for students from K – college. And, 88% of respondents thought that federal spending on higher education must be increased so that students from low-income families can have access to the opportunities that education provides. It’s clear that education remains a high priority to most Americans.

**Thoughts for the Week…**

“Good habits are as addictive as bad habits, and a lot more rewarding.”

– Harvey Mackay

“Building a deck is NOT as hard as you think! I’ve watched TV personality Bob Vila do it many times, and he is a regular ‘do-it-yourselfer’ just like you, except that he has knowledge, skill, an unlimited budget and a large staff of experts.”

– Dave Barry

**Don**

**RCTC staffing update**

**Administrative**

- **Director of Nursing** (MnSCU Administrator). Position being re-posted/re-advertised nationally. Search team has been appointed.
- **Director of Finance and Facilities** (MnSCU Administrator). Interviews are being scheduled.

**Faculty**

- **Instructor of Biology** (UFT MSCF). Interviews are being scheduled.
- **Instructor of Chemistry** (UFT MSCF). Interviews are being scheduled.
- **Instructor of Economics** (UFT MSCF). Position being posted/advertised nationally.
- **Instructor of English (Composition)** (2 UFT; 1 TFT MSCF). Interviews are being scheduled.
- **Instructor of English (Developmental Writing/Reading)** (UFT MSCF). Interviews are being scheduled.
- **Instructor of ESL** (UFT MSCF). Applicant files are being reviewed.
- **Instructor of Mathematics** (UFT MSCF). Interviews are being scheduled.
- **Instructor of Physics** (UFT MSCF). Applicant files are being reviewed.
- **Instructor of Speech** (UFT MSCF). Applicant files are being reviewed.
- **Counselor** (FT for fall semester). Position will be posted/locally advertised.

**Unclassified Professional (MAPE)**

- **Job Coach – Healthcare and Human Services Grant** (TPT unclassified MnSCU Program Director 1 – MAPE). Position is temporary for period of the grant through 2/28/03. Position posted/advertised locally.
- **Academic Advisor – Upward Bound** (grant-funded unclassified MnSCU Program Director 1 – MAPE). Eric Wojchik has been appointed.

**Classified Professional (MAPE)**

- **ITS 2 – Server Technician** (UFT). Interviews are being scheduled.

**Classified AFSCME**

- **General Maint. Worker** (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
- **General Maint. Worker** (2 UFT positions). Ted Marchand has been appointed to one position.
- **General Maint. Worker** (2 UFT positions). Positions have been posted/advertised.
- **Customer Service Specialist** (UFT – Academic Affairs Work Area – CEWD). Position on hold.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125 or visit our website at [http://www.roch.edu/rctc/hr/](http://www.roch.edu/rctc/hr/)