UCR to host Mayo Clinic Blood Drive

A Mayo Clinic Blood Drive will be held on campus April 23 and 24 in the old fitness center area of Rockenbach Gym. Whether you are a previous donor at Mayo Clinic's Blood Bank, or would like to donate to the Mayo Clinic for the first time, please consider participating in this worthwhile cause.

Katie Swegarden (Nurse, Health Services Office) will be scheduling donor appointments. Please contact her at 285-7261 by Friday, April 19th to schedule an appointment.

REMINDER – RCTC Graduation deadline

The deadline for RCTC graduation applications for Spring and Summer 2002 was Feb 19th. Applications will still be accepted and processed, however, to guarantee the student's name will appear in the Commencement Program, applications MUST be in the Admissions Office by April 19, 2002. Please advise your students ASAP!!

Outstanding Student Awards

The Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs will be presenting Outstanding Student Awards on Recognition Night, April 30, 2001. Awards will be presented to students who excel in and out of the classroom and will be based on the following criteria:

* Student involvement and participation at RCTC
* Academic performance
* Service to community
* Positive role model

We have many students who devote hours of their time to helping people, serving on college committees, work 20 hours a week, and still are able to maintain an excellent academic record. They are outstanding students and should be recognized for their accomplishments.

Please take a few minutes to print and fill out the form attached to this week’s Crossings for a student or students that you believe should be receiving this award. You may return the form to Audrey Clausen - Box 3 by Tuesday, April 9.
Weekly funny…

"Are you the genius who came up with the 'alternative payment' program?"

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic

LOCATION: HC211

Appointments available on
Monday and Thursdays from 2-6pm
To set up an appointment, please call 529-2736

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

Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students

The College Board of the National Recognition Programs in Washington D.C. invite nominations of academically outstanding students for recognition in the 2002-2003 Talent Roster of Outstanding Transfer Students from Community Colleges. The College Board offers the Talent Roster publication to four-year postsecondary colleges and universities to use in the recruiting of outstanding community college students for admissions and for consideration of scholarships. Faculty, counselors, and other members of the college community can forward names. Each nominated student must:

• Have a cumulative grade-point-average (GPA) of at least a 3.00.
• Be enrolled in a transfer program with an interest in attending a four-year postsecondary institution to pursue the first baccalaureate degree.
• Be scheduled to have accumulated at least 30 credit hours during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The entry forms are available in the office of Audrey Clausen in SS212.
Supalla’s Scribblings
Legislators took a long holiday break in hopes that leadership could work out a deal….it didn’t happen. With the House and Senate still a long way from compromise, and with discussions confined to a select few and being held behind closed doors, it now appears the Legislature may recess for a few days. Maybe the cooling off period will foster an agreement both parties can live with and the Governor can sign. But for now, indications are for a drawn out regular session, maybe followed by a special session. In the meantime, legislation impacting MnSCU and RCTC is stalled in conference committee. Stay tuned!

Hats off to…

- Colleen Landherr who recently learned that her Voyageurs grant proposal received a $2,000 award from the Rochester Rotary U.S. Bank Holiday Classic grant committee. Colleen and her colleagues will receive the gift at a special community grant awards presentation luncheon on April 18. Congratulations, Colleen!

- Kim Peters, Teresa Brown, Ellen Browning, Lori Halverson-Wente, Judy Harris, Shelly Peterson, Susanne Sheehan, Roman Staloch, and Sue Sundlee who planned an excellent 1-1/2 day staff development program. On Thursday, the “Reaching for the Stars” program included excellent student learning assessment presentations from Drs. Russell Watson and Evonne Carter and a Baldrige boot camp workshop from Carol Carryer and RCTC’s own Paula Theisen and Dave Weber. Jay Lee, Anne Niccolai, Tammy Lee, and Chuck Siefert delivered other quality presentations. Friday morning’s “Wealth, Innovation, and Diversity: Putting Our Differences to Work in the 21st Century” presentation by George Thompson and members of the Rochester Diversity Council was very well received. We are a diverse staff, aren’t we! Congratulations to the RCTC individual and department “stars” who were recognized for their outstanding achievements. If you’re interested in helping plan next year’s staff development activities, contact Susanne Sheehan.

- Kim Sinn and the Asian Student Organization advisors who deserve gold stars for the wonderful “Culture Display” program they planned. On March 29, more than 200 guests enjoyed an evening of food, fashion, music, and dance. Highlights of the evening included a fashion show; traditional Italian, Hmong, Cambodian, and Vietnamese dance; Asian cuisine; and a musical performance by Alejandro Vargas. All proceeds from ticket sales and the silent auction will go to offer scholarships to RCTC students. Thanks to all who participated. See you next year!

- Audrey Lidke, Vern Bushlack, Alex Kromminga, Karin Wilking, Jay Lee, Curt Kephart, and Judy Harris who joined me for an exploratory trip to Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Kirkwood has a long-standing reputation as one of the nation’s “top ten” two-year colleges and excels in delivering ag and ag-related programming, partnership development, non-credit life-long learning opportunities, international education, and fund raising. It was a long, but worthwhile, day of fact-finding and information sharing. Thanks for making the trip!

- Anne Niccolai, Tammy Lee and Judy Harris for making RCTC look great as they delivered, to rave reviews by Chancellor McCormick, “Life After a Site Visit” at last week’s Higher Learning Commission (NCA) annual meeting. Our presenters and Dave Weber (who contributed to a MnQIP presentation) joined me as we learned about the new direction our regional accreditation organization is taking, AQIP, assessment, and so much more. Thanks, presenters!

- Horticulture Technology students Neil Jensen, Timothy Johnson, Rebecca Weinlaeder, and Lisa Wolfe who learned that they will be awarded scholarships from the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota at their annual meeting April 13. Only one other college, Anoka-Hennepin Technical College, had as many scholarship winners as RCTC. Hats off to instructors Robin Fruth-Dugstad and Vern Bushlack who teach our students in such a way that they always bring home more scholarships than our competition. Way to go, students and staff!
PTK Adviser Barb Mollberg and student leaders Matt Nold and Tom Miller who coordinated a great Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society New Member Induction Ceremony. Tuesday’s celebration was highlighted by a keynote presentation by ESL Instructor Jerrold Frank and the induction of 45 new students into America’s premier two-year college honor society. Special thanks to Margaret Bowman for the great music and all the RCTC faculty and staff who helped make this a very special evening for inductees, family and friends.

Jenny Simon who was awarded a Minnesota Council for Continuing Education & Customized Training scholarship to attend the November 7-9, 2002 “Healthy Community – Healthy Youth” Conference in Minneapolis. Nice going, Jenny!

Mark your calendars if you are interested in testifying at public hearings being scheduled by the MnSCU Board of Trustees to take testimony on the FY2003 operating budget, including tuition and fees. Two opportunities are available…11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., May 1 in Heritage Hall at Inver Hills Community College or 1 – 5 p.m., May 2 in the Community Outreach Room on the Willmar Campus of Ridgewater College. This is an excellent opportunity to share your concerns and show your support for higher education.

Thought for the Week (in light of the Brenda Oldfield departure)…
"Some people plant in the spring and leave in the summer. If you’ve signed up for a season, see it through. You don’t have to stay forever, but at least stay until you see it through."
– Jim Rohn

Until the next Scribblings…see it through! Don

Campus Events
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 Oct. 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.

Taher – menu for week of 4/8
Featured Panini: Garden Vegetable
Featured Wrap: Southwestern Chicken
Stir Fry: Teriyaki Chicken

Specials:
Monday - Grilled Reuben Sandwich with Chips
Tuesday - Pot Roast with Carrots and Potatoes
Wednesday - Batter Fried Cod Basket
Thursday - Baked Lasagna with Salad