Retirement Reception

Tuesday - April 30, 2002 from 2:00-4:00pm in CF206/208
(brief program at 2:30pm)

Please join us as we recognize our retirees' many years of dedication to RCTC and our students.

**RCTC 2001-2002 retirees:**
- Maureen Hart
- Gary Swenson
- Warren Wong

**ATTENTION retired faculty and staff**

The "call list," used to notify you of the two annual breakfast meetings is being updated. Please call Marilyn Theismann at 282-2105 or email to MKTheisman@aol.com if

1. You have changed your phone number since you retired
2. You do not wish to be called for the breakfast meetings
3. You have an email address

**Scholarship Awards Night**

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the 2002 Scholarship Awards night on April 25, 2002 starting at 7:00 p.m. in the UCR Hill Theater. It is a wonderful opportunity to see students, their friends and families celebrate achievements and recognition. Seating is often limited, but feel free to pop in and watch for a few minutes. It is also inspiring to see many of the scholarship underwriters and major donors also in attendance and participate by presenting their scholarship awards. Through the generosity of many, good things can happen. A reception follows the ceremony in the college center. This begins about 8:30 p.m. Please stop by for refreshments and congratulate your students and meet their families.

**Urban Cowboy Roundup**

Thursday, April 25, 2002
See attachment for more details!
Weekly funny…

"To help our league's image, I feel I must apologize for hitting you earlier. Forgive me?"

Tornado warning procedures
A Tornado alarm is intermittent bells. When sounded, please direct students and staff to the closest secure area. Go to an interior hallway on the ground floor. Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums, and large open rooms. Stay away from windows. Suggested areas at each campus site are listed below. The all clear will be sounded in all buildings by the Maintenance Staff.

Heintz Center Secure Areas:
HA-125 offices
Classrooms in B-Wing: HB-113, HB-122
Office area in C-Wing: HC-115; HC-213

University Center Rochester Secure Areas:
Science/Technology: Lower Level
Student Services: First Floor Interior Offices without windows
Coffman Center: First Floor Interior Offices without windows
Rockenbach Gymnasium: Locker Rooms
College Center: First Floor Music Area
Memorial Hall: Second Floor South Side Classrooms
Plaza Hall: Second Floor Nursing Lab
East Hall: First Floor Center Classrooms
Endicott Hall: First Floor South Side Classrooms
Tunnel

Regional Sports Center:
SC-108

Congratulations!
On Thursday of Last week Colleen Landherr, and Jenny Simon of Continuing Education received a grant award from the Rochester Rotary Clubs in the amount of $2,000 for continuation of the RCTC Voyageurs Camp. This sixth annual camp is held for economically disadvantaged youth, career exploration, college or post-secondary school preparedness, and general life skills are emphasized. Rotary doubled the amount that they have contributed in the past. Way to go Colleen and Jenny!

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic
LOCATION: HC211
Appointments available on Monday and Thursdays from 2-6pm
To set up an appointment, please call 529-2736
Supalla’s Scribblings

While Minnesota’s weather heated up, so did the conversations in St. Paul. Legislative conference committees continue to debate and discuss as they struggle to find a compromise all can live with. In the meantime, the clock continues to tick toward mandated May 20 adjournment. Little or no progress has been made recently in resolving legislation that has significant impact on MnSCU and RCTC…budget reduction, bonding, employee contracts and contract moratorium. Stay tuned.

The Citizens Advisory Commission appointed by MnSCU Chancellor McCormick presented its report to the Chancellor on April 16. The 33-member commission, chaired by Vance Opperman and Glen Taylor, presented its recommendations to the chancellor on strategic directions for the future of public higher education in Minnesota and for the system of 34 state colleges and universities. The Commission made 11 recommendations to the chancellor addressing access, workforce and economic development, information technology, metro area academic planning and accountability.

1. Increase the enrollment, retention and graduation rates of all students, especially students of color.
2. Make sure that transfer works the way it should.
3. Maintain the MnSCU system as the most affordable higher education option in Minnesota.
4. Maximize the way the Minnesota State College and Universities efficiently and effectively use on- and off-campus facilities and technology to serve students where they live and work.
5. Make sure program and services are meeting the learning needs of workers and employers, especially in occupations experiencing critical worker shortages such as teaching and health care.
6. Lead a system-wide information initiative that coordinates the development and implementation of online courses, programs and services as well as related faculty, staff and curriculum development.
7. Evaluate the return on investment of online learning programs and services to ensure they are serving the targeted learner segments and identified market needs.
8. Work with the University of Minnesota to meet the current and future learning needs of students and the civic, economic development and workplace needs of the rapidly changing Twin Cities metropolitan area, including the Rochester to St. Cloud corridor.
9. Seriously consider consolidating Minneapolis Community and Technical College and Metropolitan State University under a single administrative structure.
10. Determine if other institutions in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including the Rochester to St. Cloud corridor, should consolidate, either in clusters or as a whole.
11. Develop and implement an accountability system that provides information about student success and measures efficiency, effectiveness and improvement at the system, institutional and program levels.

As one looks at the list of recommendations, two speak specifically to University Center Rochester activity. UCR’s new Technology Center will position us very nicely to address the recommendations focused on the use of technology and our movement to the Academic Quality Improvement Project accreditation model will help assure accountability. Please contact Judy Kingsbury if you are interested in a printed copy of “Access to Success…Report of the Citizens Advisory Commission.”

Congratulations to Tim Gilsrud, Dale Pedersen, and the entire IT and AV-Media staff who did a superb job readying the Technology Center for Tuesday’s Grand Opening and Business After Hours extravaganzas. Dave Weber and the Communications staff did an outstanding job coordinating the festivities that showcased these high-tech educational facilities to several hundred dignitaries and guests. Thanks to all who had a role to play in the planning, renovating, and celebrating of Minnesota’s finest higher education technology center.
Many thanks to Jerry Casper and Gary Schattschnieder for producing another superb Spring Children’s Theatre production. More than 2800 children from area school districts enjoyed “Rapunzel.” RCTC is surely blessed with a talented pool of staff and students. Many in attendance are already looking forward to next year’s spring semester production.

Kudos to Sharon Nichols, Terry Richardson, Ivonne Tjoe Fat and Jay Lee who’s sabbaticals were highlighted in the April MnSCU Board of Trustees packet. RCTC was one of only five colleges and universities recognized under the “Noteworthy Sabbaticals” section. If you haven’t asked them to share their sabbatical story, do so today!

**Reminder of the Week…Call Katie Swegarden right now and donate blood right here at UCR!**

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**Campus Events**

*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.

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**Mark Your Calendars NOW for the**

Eighth Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing

*Friday, June 14, 2002*

Willow Creek Golf Course

1700 48 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!!

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**Get Ready for…FALL FEST**

*Wednesday, August 28, 2002 - See attachment for more details!***
Recipient for vacation donation program
Listed below is the new individual who has been approved as a recipient for the vacation donation to the sick leave account program. This individual may have already or will be exhausting all paid leave time and will be losing health insurance coverages. State employees may donate up to 12 hours (per recipient) per fiscal year to one of this individual or any other recipients on the sick leave account. More details regarding this individual and forms to donate leave are available from the human resources office.

Rick Franco – PERA
Gale Mayer – Department of Natural Resources

Scholarship
Minnesota County Engineers Association will award two $750 scholarships to civil engineering technician students enrolled in a civil engineering technician program and having permanent Minnesota residencies. Students applying should have completed one half of the curriculum leading to a civil engineering technician certificate at the time of the scholarship award.
DEADLINE TO APPLY: July 1, 2002

Applications available at the Heintz Center Foundation Office, C-120 or the UCR Counseling Center, SS 133

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Jason Dahl's whose mother-in-law (Connie Jacobson) recently passed away. Also to Chuck Blattner whose mother (Dorothy Blattner) passed away on Thursday. Our thoughts are with you and your families.