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Evening Administration
April 27-May 2 - Don Supalla
May 4-9 - Barb Mollberg

The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic closing
RCTC Chiropractic Clinic will be closing its doors on May 9th. If you would like your records transferred to another clinic you must sign a release of information. To do so you may contact Chris at 507-529-2736. She will be working one day a week until June 30th. Following June 30th Mary Long will be the contact. Her extension is 3132.

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.

Digital Compositions Concert
Monday, May 6 at 6:00pm in Hill Theatre - Free Admission

You’re Invited! Come hear and see the works of Digital Arts Students creating original music compositions with a 30’ projected display of video, and graphics. Music will feature works by students and faculty Kevin Dobbe, Denny McGuire, and Jeremy Hanson. Synthizers, samplers, electronic drums and a special visit by the RCTC World Drum Ensemble and Charles Liu, Ti Chi performer. After the concert, stay for snacks and meet and chat with the composers and visual artists.

See you there!

Open house
You’re invited to an open house at the new Sports Complex hosted by the Health/Physical Education Department. Walk on over and visit their new digs! Food and beverages provided!!

Wednesday, May 1 from 11:00- 3:00 in SC 206- faculty office area.
Scholarships available
ABWA Stephen BuftonMemoiral Educational scholarship to students continuing their education at a four-year university or college. UCR Counseling center has application forms or Foundation Office, HC 120.
CRITERIA: US citizen at least Jr. level at beginning of academic term 2002, attending a college or university offering a baccalaureate degree; achieved a GPA of 2.5 or better

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

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.

Susan Maki - Office of the State Public Defender

Thank you reception
Thirty some students helped to clean up the South Branch of the Zumbro River last Saturday - we recovered almost 100 bags of debris plus bicycles, easy chairs, ovens, tires, and assorted other treasures. A thank you reception for the Adopt a River students from fall and spring semesters will be held in EA103 this Thursday, May 2nd from 1:30-3:30. All students involved are invited. FREE FOOD and certificates will be awarded. Please bring any photos you have to share with the group.

RCTC bedding plant sale
Tuesday April 30 - 11am to 1:45pm
Wednesday May 1 - 4pm to 6pm
Thursday May 2 - 11am to 1:45pm

All sales are in the RCTC Greenhouse located behind the Heintz Center Building 1926 Collegeview Road
See attachment for prices and more information!

You’re Invited
You are cordially invited to reception for Karen Machlica on:
Tuesday, May 7th, 2002
1:00-2:30 pm - Counseling Center SS133

Help us celebrate Karen's "Post-Secondary Counselor of 2002" Award from SEMSCA (Southeastern Minnesota School Counselor Association).
Supalla’s Scribblings

Rumors of a recess in St. Paul haven’t come to pass, but progress has been slow to non-existent recently. It’s beginning to appear that compromise on legislation impacting MnSCU and RCTC is likely going to occur in the always hectic last few days prior to the May 20 mandated adjourn date. I encourage you to stay abreast of progress on legislation related to bonding, budget rescission, and employee contracts through the media or by logging on to the MnSCU web page.

In April, the MnSCU Board of Trustees spent time completing the first reading of the 2002-03 tuition/fee proposals. RCTC has proposed a “Gap Solution for FY03” scenario of dealing with the budget rescission with $200,000 of expenditure reductions, a $1,090,089 (12.1%) tuition increase, and a $133,548 reduction in reserves. Our tuition increase of 12.1 percent exceeds the 11 percent average proposal of two-year MnSCU colleges and the overall MnSCU tuition increase of 10.8 percent (two-year colleges and four-year universities). In addition to the tuition increase, the Student Senate has recommended a $.35/credit Student Life fee increase. The total proposed increase (tuition and fees) for RCTC students is 12.2 percent, compared to 10.3 percent for all MnSCU institutions. Not included in these numbers is the potential for increasing the parking fee from $.75 to $1 per credit to implement a security proposal and alleviate some of the ever-increasing cost of parking lot construction and upgrading.

Sincere thanks to Molly Rohe for inviting her personal family friend, Sakthip Krairiksh, Ambassador from the Kingdom of Thailand, and his entourage, wife Lady Benchapa, Consul General Kasivat Parruggamanont, and First Secretary of the Thailand Embassy Natapanu Nopakun to UCR/RCTC. Also joining the Thai delegation was Steve Reidel, International Trade Representative with the Minnesota Trade Office. The Ambassador spent three days in Rochester and UCR was fortunate to have him share thoughts during the last of the Visiting Office Scholars series, a luncheon with UCR reps, presentation to the Upward Bound students, and several personal conversations regarding potential student and faculty exchange opportunities. Thanks to Dave Weber and other staff who had a role to play in making the Ambassador’s visit a great success.

Last Thursday, David Carl, Tim Gilsrud, Chuck Siefert and I had the pleasure of hosting the Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from South Korea for lunch, a UCR presentation, and tours of the Technology and Sports Centers. Our five Korean visitors were very impressed with the UCR collaboration, articulated programs, technology infrastructure and facilities. The Korean team leader, Jean-Oak Kim, has traveled the world and indicated that he’s “never seen an indoor track as impressive as the one in the field house at UCR”.

Governor Ventura has asked for help in encouraging MnSCU students to attend a live broadcast of ABC’s Good Morning America program on April 30. The Governor wants students wearing college clothing, carrying banners or sending mascots to participate in the show being broadcast from Stillwater. The show would love to have 5,000 people in the audience for the 6 a.m. broadcast. ABC is doing a series of programs on each state (50 states in 50 days). Watch your television screen and look for a number of early rising students who have volunteered to represent RCTC during the broadcast.

Congratulations to Colleen Landherr who accepted a community grant from the Rotary/US Bank Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament during last week’s award luncheon. A total of $33,500 was awarded this year, including a $10,000 impact grant to the Good Samaritan Dental Clinic (RCTC is a participating partner). Kudos are due Dave Weber and the Marketing Team who walked away with the only Minnesota Paragon gold award for our folder cover…and a bronze award for our print advertising series. The only other Minnesota winners included bronze awards from MnSCU, Century College, and Anoka-Hennepin Technical College. The Paragon Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community, junior and technical colleges. It’s the only national competition of its kind that exclusively honors excellence among marketing and PR professional at two-year colleges.
Way to go, Karen Machlica, who brought home the Post-Secondary Counselor of 2002” award from the Southeastern Minnesota School Counselor Association! If you happen to see students Catherine Brobeck and Adam Crowson, congratulate them on being named Honors Program Student of the Semester.

Did you know that Yuko Taniguchi, English faculty member, will join the distinguished list of authors published by the acclaimed Coffeehouse Press? Yuko’s book of poetry will be published in the near future. Nice going, Yuko!

Thanks to Glen Saponari who represented RCTC at last week’s PEMSTAR Education Fair. Glen did a great job sharing the RCTC opportunities available to employees and their acquaintances. Speaking of promoting opportunities, thanks to Michelle Messenger, Deb Hanson, and the many faculty and staff who gave up precious weekend time to showcase programs and dialogue with prospective students at Apache Mall.

Take a few minutes to catch your breath, enjoy some refreshments and recognize this year’s retirees…Maureen Hart, Warren Wong and Gary Swenson…next Tuesday, April 30, 2-4 p.m. in CF206/208. See you there.

**Thought for the week…**

"Forgive your enemies, but never forget their names."
– John F. Kennedy.

Until next week…Don

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**CAD Training at RCTC in June**

What is CAD? Computer Aided Drafting! If you've ever had the desire to learn CAD there will be two wonderful opportunities at RCTC during June. If you complete the classes you will receive the software for your home use FREE! You don't have to be an instructor to take the classes.

RCTC, Quannon CAD Systems Inc. and Autodesk Inc. cordially invite you to participate in our innovative, hands-on Teacher Training Program, where you will learn about the features and functions of selected Autodesk software products. Best of all, you'll receive your own instructor's copy of the featured Autodesk software product - FREE.

*This product is not for institutional or commercial use. Attendees will be required to sign a license agreement prior to receiving the software. You must attend the training to receive the software license.*

**AutoCAD 2002 Intermediate**

June 19 & 20 (9am - 4pm) $300
Rochester Community & Technical College
Heintz Center Campus Rm HB131
Contact : Julie A. Tanner at Quannon CAD Systems Inc.
952-935-3367 Ext. 128
PDF Registration forms attached to this week’s Crossings.

**ProDesktop Training**

3-D modeling software
June 26, 27 and 28 $250.00
There might be grant funds to cover tuition available from Tammy Lee.
For more information go to the following website
http://www.ptc.com/for/education/schools/admin/programFAQ.htm

If you have any further questions about either training session please contact Pam Benson at pam.benson@roch.edu
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!!

Summer basketball camps
Looking for a fun activity for kids this summer? Check out the "Dale Amy’s RCTC Basketball Camp" brochure attached to this week’s Crossings.

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Alan Charon whose father passed away this past weekend in New Mexico. Our thoughts are with Alan and his family.

Applied music recital
You are invited to attend a recital by the RCTC Applied Music students. This event is free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend!!!!!!!!!

12:00noon
Tuesday, May 7, 2002
Room C206
College Center Building

"Spring Concert"
The RCTC Music Department will hold its annual spring concert on Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2 at 7:30 pm in Hill Theatre. You can expect to hear great music from the Concert Band, Concert Choir, Aires and the Jazz Band. Ticket prices are: $4.00 adults; $3.00 senior citizens (55 and over), non-RCTC/WSU students, and children. Staff receive two tickets at $3.00 each with additional tickets available at above prices. Tickets are on sale now and available Monday through Friday 10:00am-3:00pm from C401 in the College Center Building or you may phone x7200. All seats are reserved seating. Refreshments will be served in the lobby at intermission.