You’re Invited
You are cordially invited to a reception for Rochester Community and Technical college's 2000-2001 retirees:

David Carisch; Gene Comero; Iris Fried
Edna Gutman; Robert Hadler; Raymond Mikesh
Jane Toft; Joan Young

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

Wednesday, May 2, 2001 - 2:00-4:00pm - CF206/208
Brief Program at 2:30 p.m.

Visiting Scholar Series
You are cordially invited to attend a reception to meet the author Maxine Hong Kingston on Monday, April 30th from 9:45 to 10:45am. She will be in the third floor atrium area. All are welcome - Bring your books to be autographed!

Immediately following, Ms. Kingston is scheduled to Lecture at 11:00 a.m. in the UCR Hill Theater and again at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Both lectures are free and open to the public.

Welcome!
Student Support Services has hired Teresa Tolmie for the Transfer Advisor position. Teresa began April 9th on a part-time basis and will be full-time in May following the completion of her masters program at LaCrosse. Please stop by and welcome Teresa to our staff.

Student Senate news
Elections results for the Student Senate is final. The winners are: Ben Boysen; Amanda Deck; Courtney Holtegaard; Amanda Laumb; Anneka Robinson; Ed Scharnweber; Todd Solberg

If you see these people around campus, make sure to congratulate them. Thank you!
Weekly funny…

"I won $218 million in the lottery yesterday, and I've decided to do something generous for the whole office. Lunch is on me."

RRTC Chiropractic Clinic Hours
Monday – Thursday 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Clinic Phone: 507-529-2736
Heintz Center - Suite HC211

Goddard Library construction project
Beginning July 16, the new Circulation Desk should be operational and many of the regular services will again be available. However, books will still be "paged" from the third floor. The periodical shelving in the Periodicals Room will be compressed to allow for new carpeting; access will be available but somewhat limited. Current Goddard Library will be remodeled this summer as part of the TELEPro project. In order to remove asbestos, the library (and the LTC) will be closed from May 13- June 3. No library materials will be available for check out during that 3 week period. However, patrons will be able to return library materials to a book return located outside the library entrance. On - line resources will still be available via home and office computers while the library and LTC are closed. Singley Hall Computer Labs with IBM and Macs will be open for student use (ie. registration, financial aid, e - mail, library research, and internet use.) UCR faculty are encouraged to submit requests for Reserve materials for summer session before Friday, May 11. The library office will be open with limited staffing and with access via Media Services. Student ID cards will be made at another campus location.

FOR MORE NEWS REGARDING GODDARD LIBRARY, PLEASE SEE THE GODDARD LIBRARY NEWSLETTER ATTACHED TO THIS WEEK’S CROSSINGS.

DUPLICATING HOURS
Last Saturday opened = May 5
Last evening opened = May 10th

Duplicating SUMMER hours:
May 14 - August 21st

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TeachNet Inservices
May 3 – 3:00-5:00 PM SH 206 “Open Lab” - Bring your project related to any software product and TeachNet staff will be available for questions while you work on your project.

May 10 – 3:00-5:00 PM, SH 206 - “Entering Grades”
Need a refresher on how to enter end of the semester grades. This open lab is aimed at assisting instructors in entering or updating their course grades online through the MnSCU system. Requires the knowledge of account information (Stinger ID and password) and student grades.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Special thanks to Don Baldus and Laura Tacheny for co-chairing a very successful North Central Association accreditation visit. The team members were very impressed with our program inventory, curriculum, quality instruction, student services, physical facility, and stakeholder-centered focus. Based on the many changes occurring in higher education and the likelihood of RCTC adopting NCA’s new AQIP accreditation process, the team will recommend to The Higher Learning Commission that RCTC be granted five years of reaccreditation with no verbal/written reports or focus visits. The team will be finalizing their written report and recommendation soon…we’ll share it when received. Thanks to those who participated in the visit and to all who make RCTC a great place to learn and work.

Several representatives from the Legislative Auditors Office who spent almost a month reviewing campus operations shared a verbal exit interview last Friday. Tom Donahue, Audit Manager, opened the interview with, “No earth shattering issues! The few findings and recommendations can be easily taken care of.” None of the eight current findings appear worthy of the “critical” category and most recommendations will be easily implemented. The audit team reviewed the following functions: financial management, tuition and fee collection, continuing education and customized training, Bookstore operations, purchasing and administrative expenditures, human resources, and federal student financial aid. The audit team will now draft a audit report, conduct an exit conference with MnSCU, and RCTC will respond with a management letter indicating how we intend to address the team’s recommendations. Many thanks to the staff of the functional areas noted above who do an exceptional job keeping RCTC in compliance with state policy and general accounting practices.

Congratulations to retired faculty member and football coach Cy Champa who this week was inducted into the Rochester Quarterbacks Club Sports Hall of Fame. Cy served as football coach for 27 years and is still one of the Yellowjackets biggest fans. Way to go, Cy….you deserve the recognition and honor! Cy joins former coaches Rockenbach and Philo in the Hall.

Don’t miss the last opportunity this academic year to take in a Visiting Scholar presentation. On Monday, April 30, Maxine Hong Kingston, nationally renowned author and educator will appear on campus to lecture on her book, The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts. Ms. Kingston will appear at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Hill Theatre. Author Kingston won the National Book Critics Award for The Woman Warrior. Her second book, China Men, won a National Book Award. Both these books are widely taught in literature, women’s studies, sociology, ethnic studies, and history. Ms. Kingston’s work also includes three additional books and a multitude of essays and articles. Currently, Kingston teaches English at University of California, Berkeley and continues to write and lecture. Consider encouraging your students to participate. The lecture is free and open to the public. See you there!

The Phi Theta Kappa Society recognized 23 college students at an awards celebration last Friday evening at the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre. The Minnesota All-State Academic Team Program is designed to provide recognition to students in two-year colleges for their academic achievements, leadership accomplishments, and their service to college and community. The academic award program is a segment of the USA Today All-USA Team Program, which is sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today, and the American Association of Community Colleges. Thanks to PTK Advisor Barb Mollberg and RCTC student award winner Mary Kramer who joined me at the award dinner (Student Haley Huiting was unable to attend). Please thank Barb for her contributions to this important program and congratulate Mary and Haley when you see them.

RCTC staff members interested in applying for this year’s Leadership Greater Rochester program need to act now. Leadership Greater Rochester is a comprehensive nine-month program designed to educate participants about the Rochester community and provide an opportunity to discuss the challenges and issues that face the Rochester area. Its goal is to identify emerging leaders, expand their knowledge of the community, and encourage them to take active, individual responsibility for participation and leadership in the future of Rochester. The program includes a two-day retreat and eight full-day sessions that offer different topics, experiences, and discussions. Several RCTC staff members are alums of the program. As a 1994 graduate, I urge you to consider applying. Please contact Judy Kingsbury for more information or an application. Fully completed applications must be returned to the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce no later than May 31, 2001.

Thanks to those leadership team members and CE/WD staff who regularly attended this year’s Eggs and Issues Saturday legislative updates. A legislative appreciation reception and final update is scheduled from 4:30-6:30 p.m., May 30 at the Kahler Hotel. I hope to see many of you there.
Thought for the Week…
"Every time I have to approve a promotion, I ask, ‘What was the biggest mistake this person has made?’ Because if somebody hasn’t made a big mistake along the way s/he hasn’t had the courage to make big decisions. Or the chance to learn.”

Peter Brabeck, CEO, Nestle quoted in Harvard Business Review, February 2001

Congratulations and thanks on a successful NCA visit and legislative audit report. I appreciate your efforts! Don

TeachNet Technology Camp - May 17 & 18, 2001
TeachNet staff will be offering a Technology Camp May 17th and 18th. On May 17th, we will begin the camp with a Continental Breakfast followed by an Instructional Technology Project Showcase. This Showcase will highlight some of the innovative projects that faculty have worked on in the past year. This is a great way to see what your colleagues are working on and pick up some great ideas on how to use technology in your classroom next year. We will be offering breakout sessions throughout the two days. To accommodate different areas of interest, attendees will be able to pick from 3 different training tracks: Windows and Office software, online education and multimedia development. At the end of the camp, a customized Desktop In-service CD with ten of the most requested training sessions, Internet resources and free software will be given to Camp attendees. Space is limited, so please register soon to reserve a spot. Hope to see you at this exciting training opportunity!!! The registration form and tracks are attached.

Registration Instructions:
1. Please include your name and mailbox # on the registration form.
2. Circle the classes you would like to attend. Use the track class descriptions to assist you with the selection process.
3. Turn in your registration form to Sarah Prigge, Box 16. I’ll register you for the classes you choose and will return a copy to you.

50 spots are open to faculty on a first come basis, if we have space available we will open up the additional spots to staff interested in the Technology Camp. Lunch will be catered by Taher.

Sufficient Grounds Coffeehouse Concerts
Quiet Lounge/Art Gallery - Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cookies

Zane Williams
Tuesday, May 1, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Singer*Songwriter*Storyteller. A Zane Williams concert is nothing less than a visual, sensory and emotional journey. He has a knack for drawing you in with his story telling, keeping you enthralled from the first work to the fading of the last chord. Whether it’s the wistful, bittersweet remembrance of love lost in “Fall Again” or the high-spirited “What’ve I Done (And When Can I Do It Again),” Zane’s up-front lyrics and spell-binding stage presence make every performance a joy for all ages. Zane graduated from Abilene Christian University with a degree in math and a smile on his face and drove to Nashville two days later to pursue his love of song writing and performing.