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Attachments
- Summer Institute Information Letter
- Summer Institute Application
- UCR Campus Crime Report

Evening Administration
May 10-13 – Dave Weber
The evening administrator can be reached at 285-7262.

Repair and Renovation Projects
After Spring Semester classes end on May 13, 2003, repair and renovation projects will begin on the Art Hall, East Hall, and Hill Theater buildings of University Center Rochester. The roof on both East Hall and Hill Theater will be replaced. The Hill Theater has been blocked off beginning May 14. The windows in Art Hall will also be replaced. There will be some dust, noise and smells associated with the construction. We apologize for any inconvenience this will cause.

Staff Development Day – May 14, 2003
8:30-9:00 Welcome
5-10 min Don; 10 min Year in Review; 10 min Recognition

9:00-10:00 Showcase Departments
Student Ambassadors
Supervisory Management Program
Bio-Feed Back
Electronic Marketing

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15 –11:00 Team Building Activities

11:00-11:30 Chuck Blattner and Jazz Band – Lunch (Outside atrium)
Cookout May 14th - 11:00 to 1:00pm
- Hamburger - $2.00
- Grilled Chicken Breast - $2.00
- (Lettuce and Tomato with above items)
- Brat w/kraut - $2.00
- Potato Chips - 1.00
- 12 oz Soda - $.50
- Ice Cream Novelties - $.50

12:00-1:00 Departmental Meetings

Summer Institute Opportunity
Allied Health, Nursing, or faculty interested in Education Online, please see the Summer Institute opportunity attached to this week’s Crossings. Teams or individuals desiring to be on a team, please contact Judy Harris.
Weekly Funny

Campus office hours

Duplicating: May 16 - August 22
Monday  8:00am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday  8:00am - 4:30 pm
Wednesday  8:00am - 4:30 pm
Thursday  8:00am - 4:30 pm
Friday  8:00am - 4:30 pm
Saturday  Closed

Goddard Library & Tech Ctr. - May 12-18
Monday-Tuesday  7:30 AM-10:00 PM
Wednesday-Thursday  8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Friday  8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Saturday  CLOSED
Sunday  CLOSED

Summer Crossings Dates
The first issue of the Summer Edition of College Crossings will be May 19th. Remaining summer publication dates will be: June 16, July 21 and August 18. Please e-mail items to be published by 3:00pm the preceding Thursday to Jenee McGurren.

Information from the Campus Security Office
UCR Campus crime statistics for the past three years are attached to this week’s Crossings.

Also, with summer almost upon us, I thought the following Travel Safety Tips would be useful.  
http://www.mainstreetsafety.com/travelsafety.htm

Bob Morris – Campus Security Officer

Thank You Card
Administrations, Faculty and Staff: Thank you for the wonderful fruit basket sent during my recover from surgery.  
Maureen Welde

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Don Supalla whose mother, Betty, passed away on May 2nd. Condolences are also extended to Marilyn Martin whose mother, Janet Harstad, passed away on Sunday, May 4th. Our thoughts are with you and your families.
The countdown to the end of the legislative session is underway. With less than two weeks before scheduled adjournment, the conferees for the Higher Education Omnibus Bill have finally been named. House members include Doug Stang, Bud Nornes, Doug Meslow, Gene Pelowski and Rochester’s own Carla Nelson. The Senate conferees are Sandy Pappas, Yvonne Prettner Solon, Rod Skoe, Dan Sparks and David Tomassoni. If you’re interested in tracking the legislation, the Higher Education bill is SF1511. You can find the summaries for both the House and Senate version of the bill at http://www.leg.state.mn.us/. The first meeting of the conference committee is scheduled for Thursday at 7 p.m. This meeting will probably be a staff walk-through of the provisions of the bill. If time remains following the walk-through, the committee may discuss some of the “same or similar” provisions. Other legislation that MnSCU staff is tracking includes state employee compensation, health insurance costs, shared technology, charter schools, PSEOP and economic development. For those that are not on campus this summer, I encourage you to follow the closing days of the session via the media or Internet. Significant developments and updates will also be shared using RCTC-All messages. Enjoy a safe and relaxing summer.

Eight long-time RCTC employees were honored at the annual Retirees Reception on May 7. These colleagues and friends have a combined total of almost 200 years of public service. They certainly have positively impacted the lives of many students, touched each of us with their friendship and experienced many changes during their tenure. Special thanks and best wishes to the 2003 retirees:

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<td>Terry Dennis</td>
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<td>Carol Kamper</td>
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<td>Dorene Ness</td>
<td>Human Services Tech Instructor</td>
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<td>Kathy Peak</td>
<td>Mathematics Instructor</td>
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<td>Susanne Sheehan</td>
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Judy Harris and I were invited to the Rochester Off Campus charter school for a National Charter School Week celebration. Some of the ROC’s best students shared their thoughts about the school and the entire student body thanked us for our sponsorship. Judy serves as RCTC’s official liaison with the school. Both Judy and I are always most impressed with the caliber of the ROC students and the quality staff.

Congratulations to **Vern Bushlack, Robin Fruth-Dugstad, Horticulture Technology adjunct faculty and students**! This week the Minnesota Association of Agriculture Educators selected RCTC’s Hort Tech Program as the Outstanding Postsecondary/Adult Ag Ed Program. As the state winner, RCTC’s application moves on to regional competition with the National Association of Agriculture Educators.

On April 26, Child Care Resource & Referral, Inc. and RCTC co-sponsored the 29th Annual “Focus on the Children” early childhood training conference at UCR. With more than 350 people in attendance, the time, energy and organization of many RCTC staff contributed immensely to its success. Feedback from the presenters and participants concerning the conference was overwhelmingly positive. CCRR especially commends **Colleen Landherr, Jamie Prasser, media services staff, Jack Denny, Jerry Asleson, maintenance staff, Gary Peterson and the food service staff, and Carol Naatz** for their kindness and efforts in meeting the needs of the conferees. Planning is already underway for next fall’s conference.
Congratulations to Eric Sime who was named “Career and Technical Education Special Needs Direct Service Provider of the Year” for the state of Minnesota. The award recognizes administrative or non-classroom individuals who have made a contribution for students with special needs.

Rochester resident and RCTC student Kirsten Kaiser has now completed her book BONDAGE OF SELF, published by GMA Publishing and printed by Milo House Press. Kirsten wrote this detailed discussion of the nature and ideology of hate. BONDAGE OF SELF explains her 4-1/2 year legal battle to free herself and her children from their paranoiac world. I encourage you to purchase a copy of this real-life story.

RCTC Student Senate President Victoria Mucha was elected at the 2003-04 Minnesota State College Student Association Director of Communications. This is an important position in the leadership ranks of Minnesota’s two-year college student association. Congratulations, Victoria!

I can’t believe we’re still alive! According to today’s regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 30’s, 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, 70’s or even the early 80’s, probably shouldn’t have survived. Do you believe we made it?

- Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.
- We had no childproof lids or locks on medicine bottles, doors, or cabinets.
- We rode our bikes without helmets. Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.
- We rode in cars with no seat belts or airbags. Riding in the back of a pick-up truck was always fun.
- We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.
- We shared one soft drink, out of the same bottle, with four friends.
- We would leave home in the morning and play all day. As long as we were back when the streetlights or yard light came on no one worried. No one could reach us all day…the horror of no cell phone or pager.
- We had friends! We went outside and found them.
- We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us.
- We rode bikes and walked to our friend’s house, knocked on the door, walked in and just talked.
- Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn’t learned how to deal with disappointment. We made up games with sticks…and didn’t put out any eyes.
- Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected.
- The idea of parents bailing us out if we got in trouble in school or broke the law was unheard of. Parents actually sided with the school or police department.

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors, ever. We had freedom, failure, success, and responsibility…and we learned how to deal with it. If you grew up during these exciting years…congratulations! The country (and you) are better off because of these experiences.

Thought for the week…

Greatness lies within everyone…it is birthed in the heart, grown in our dreams, but usually stays on life support after our friends and family assassinate it with their excuses.”

-- Doug Firebaugh

On behalf of the entire Supalla family, please accept Stephanie’s and my sincere thanks for your calls, cards, flowers, food, prayers, memorials and support during my Mom’s passing. During times like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your many expressions of sympathy and outpouring of love will always be remembered and treasured.

Don
A Benefit for the Champa/Kereakos Endowment Scholarship
Friday, June 6, 2003
Willow Creek Golf Course, 1700 48th Street SW, Rochester MN  55902

Join your friends at the 9th Annual Yellowjacket Golf Outing and Buffet (Burgers and Brats). This event is a family outing to benefit the Champa/Kereakos Scholarship Endowment which, to date, has issued 18 scholarships!

So start putting together your foursomes or we will assign you to a group. If you don’t care to golf, then join us for the social hour, buffet, and fellowship. Call Carol Nurmi at x7204 for more information.

Commencement

Plan to celebrate with the 2002-2003 Graduating Candidates on Tuesday - May 13.
In appreciation for your dedication and commitment during the past year, you are all invited to attend a President's Reception 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the All American Room - 2nd Floor - Sports Center.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13 in the Field House at the UCR Regional Sports Center. Assembly will be held in the lobby of the Sports Center promptly at 6:45 p.m. Special seating will be provided for faculty and staff adjacent to the stage. Caps and gowns are optional - we have some to borrow in our office. Presenters escorting students in their programs will originally march in with their students and after announcing their names and awards, please join the faculty in the designated area.

The processional will be as follows:
1) Stage Party
2) Commencement Marshals
3) All faculty, staff, and administrators not escorting students....forming a gauntlet in which the graduates will pass through.
4) Commencement Marshals
5) Faculty presenters and students

The recessional will follow the same order:
1) Stage Party
2) Commencement Marshals
3) Faculty, staff, and administrators...forming a gauntlet for the students to walk through on both sides in front of the bleachers which will lead them to the reception area behind the curtain.

Students are looking forward to their special night and appreciate our support. SEE YOU TUESDAY NIGHT!!

Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Becky Atwood on the birth of their son. Samuel James was born on Friday, April 24 at 9:21 p.m. He weighted in at 8 lbs, 4 oz, and was 21 inches long.