Dean’s List
Excellence in scholastic achievement is recognized each semester by compiling a Dean's List. Students successfully completing at least 12 credits with grade points and a minimum term grade point average of 3.000 or better, qualify for the Dean's List.

These lists are posted in the Admissions and Records area and also Heintz Center. There are over 900 students that qualified for this list Spring Semester 2001. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

RCTC Foundation elects new officers and directors
The Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation recently elected new officers and two new members to the board of directors.

Ardell Brede, assumes the role of president. Brede, long-time chair of the scholarship committee, is an administrator in the Mayo Clinic Finance Department. Al Schafer, owner/partner of accounting firm Smith Schafer & Associates was elected Vice-President. Sue Dripps, part-owner of Davies Printing and Ads and Art, retains the role of Secretary and Paul Skovbrotten, vice-president of The Affiliated Group was elected Treasurer.

New members elected to the board are Barbara Swisher, an attorney at Youngquist Law Office and John Zoller, class of ’75 who works as P-Series project manager at IBM.

Ardell Brede, incoming president said, “The board will spend time this year implementing our strategies that will help us better support RCTC and positively impact higher education here in Rochester.” Brede continued, “With the new community sport’s center opening this coming winter, the campus continues to grow in its role as a community asset.” Donald Supalla, president of RCTC commented, “The Foundation board awarded nearly $170,000 in scholarships last year, truly impacting the education goals of our students. Its ability to make such an difference is directly related to strengthening community support, which so positively influences the lives of our students.”

Thank you
Thank you to the RCTC faculty, administration, and staff for the well wishes on the birth of our son Logan. He loves the teddy bear! We appreciate the thought.

- Guy and Ellen Hamernik
Weekly funny…

"I wonder if Johnson will ever become acclimated to Monday mornings."

Summer Crossings
As follows are the remaining summer publication dates for the College Crossings. The deadline will be 3:00pm the preceding Thursday. **August 13, 2001**. Regular issues for Fall Semester begin August 23, 2001.

Student Life
All incoming RCTC freshmen have been invited to attend the Freshman Orientation Day on Tuesday, August 21 and the Freshman Jamboree on Saturday, August 25.

Entering a new school can be a very exciting and upbeat time, as well as a very anxious time for any new student. During Orientation, freshmen will get a tour of the campus, listen to a dynamic keynote speaker, laugh and sing along with a professional singer/entertainer while they enjoy their lunch, and get their questions answered.

*Programs, Clubs, or RCTC Departments are welcome to host an Information Table at the Orientation Day. Freshmen will be in the South Room 1:45 pm–2:30 pm for the door prizes and wrap up. This is a great way to promote your program, club, or service you offer at RCTC. Let us know.*

Freshmen will have a chance to win $1,000 Tuition Relief at Orientation Day. In addition, a drawing for $500 Tuition Relief will be held at the Jamboree Day!

The site for the Freshman Jamboree is Cedar Lake Farm and Day Resort in New Prague. The food will be prepared and served by the camp staff. (All you can eat – Half barbecued chicken, oven baked beans, fresh potato salad, cool crisp coleslaw, bakery fresh buns, special Kolacky rolls, steamy hot coffee, icy pink lemonade, and if you have room, ice cream dessert!)

The Sophomore Leaders will be serving as guides, mentors and friends. All RCTC staff are invited to attend any or all of the Orientation Day. If you want to volunteer to come along to the Jamboree Day, let Tony Peyla know.

Congratulations!
Congratulations to Sara and Russ Soukup new baby boy!!! Trent Steven born at 6:32 pm Thursday June 21st. He weighs 6lbs 11oz. and is 18 and 1/4 inches long. Sara baby and new dad are doing great.
Supalla’s Scribblings

MnSCU’s new chancellor, Dr. James H. McCormick, has arrived in Minnesota and is already visiting legislators and making plans to visit campuses. The Chancellor will be visiting University Center Rochester the morning of November 8. Dr. McCormick was the first chancellor of Pennsylvania’s state system, which was created in 1983. Prior to being named Chancellor in Pennsylvania, he served as president of Bloomsburg University and held various administrative positions at Shippensburg University. Dr. McCormick earned a bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in Pennsylvania and master’s of education and doctorate in education administration from the University of Pittsburgh. Welcome to Minnesota, Chancellor!

It was a close call, but just 20 hours before the state shutdown, the Legislature and Governor reached agreement on a biennial budget package. MnSCU receives a $100 million increase for the system for the next two years...far less than MnSCU’s $255.6 million request. During their July meeting, the MnSCU Board will consider tuition proposals that would increase tuition next year by an average of $247 for a full-time student, bringing average tuition for the year to $2,538. Chancellor McCormick said...“We need the tuition increases because we won’t compromise on quality. Although tuition is going up, MnSCU will continue to provide students with accessible and affordable higher education and technical training. Nowhere else will you find a better value, and we intend to maintain this fine tradition.” RCTC has proposed a 10 percent tuition increase, costing full-time students $215 more ($2,360 for a 30-credit load). This proposal compares with an 11 percent increase and a $2,396 full-time student cost for other two-year MnSCU institutions. In addition to the tuition increase, RCTC students will be paying an additional $3 per credit technology fee, $8 per credit total, the maximum allowed by MnSCU policy. Assuming the MnSCU Board approves tuition and fee proposals at its July 18 meeting, Gary will need a couple of weeks to finalize a FY02 budget, which should be available for review around August 1.

A strong summer session enrollment has kept the campus scurrying with students. In addition, the campus is buzzing with prospective students who are attending STAR (Student Testing Advising and Registering) sessions, participating in a very successful Voyageurs Camp, attending College for Kids while workers are scrambling to keep construction projects on schedule. A brief update on construction projects...

- Road connecting UCR Drive and Heintz Center should be drivable by August 1.
- Athletic field construction is underway with all fields playable in 2002.
- Sports Center construction continues on schedule with final brickwork being applied and interior finishes installed.
- Technology Center work is several weeks behind schedule as a result of construction material delays.
- Ground has been broken for the Horticulture Technology Center and footings will be poured soon.

If you’ve driven past Heintz Center recently, you might have noticed four large white portable temporary buildings on the south end of the east parking lot. This summer, these trailers will be home for the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, part of a major study conducted across the United States by the Centers for Disease Control and the National Center for Health Statistics. You are invited to an open house that will be held on Tuesday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. Another example of RCTC’s willingness to share our campus and reach out to the community.
Did you know MnSCU is the sixth largest higher education system in the U.S., with a student headcount of approximately 146,000. The five systems larger than MnSCU are the State University of New York (380,000), University System of Georgia (200,000), California State University System (165,000), University of Wisconsin System (152,000) and the University of North Carolina System (150,000). Some other impressive MnSCU numbers…

35 MnSCU institutions; 53 campuses located in 46 communities
118,370 full-year-equivalent enrollments (2000-01) and 235,344 non-credit registrations

- Average age of students = 26.8 years
- 97 percent of the students are undergraduates
- 27,000 graduates produced each year
- 83.7 percent of graduates will stay in Minnesota
- 507,000 graduates now working in Minnesota
- 52% of higher education market served by MnSCU
- 3,650 degree programs offered
- 18,000 full- and part-time faculty and staff

**Customer service thought for the summer…**

”It is not your customer’s job to remember you, it is your obligation and responsibility to make sure they don’t have the chance to forget you

*Patricia Fripp*

Enjoy a safe relaxing last few weeks of summer.

*Until next time…Don*