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Evening Administration
Nov. 26-29 - Nirmala Kotagal
Dec. 1-6 – Judy Harris
The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.

Twelve days of Christmas
Beginning Monday, November 19, tickets will be on sale in the Upward Bound Office for the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DRAWING. Twelve prizes, Twelve Lucky winners!! Tickets are $1.00 each or 10 for $5.00. Prizes include: Treasure Island gift package, Dinner for two at the Broadstreet Cafe, Rochester Art Center family membership, 15 pounds of candy, and MUCH MUCH MORE!!! The drawing will be held on December 6th at 12:30 p.m. at the College Center Commons. Proceeds will be used for RCTC Upward Bound Scholarships.

2001 Open Enrollment meetings in Rochester
Informational meetings about the 2001 Open Enrollment will be held in Rochester as follows. This is your opportunity learn about the changes in insurance coverages for 2002 and ask questions of the insurance carriers.

November 28, 2001 - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
University Center Rochester - Heintz Center Commons Area

November 28, 2001 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Comfort Inn Rochester - Conference Center
1625 Broadway South, Rochester, MN  55901

Mark your calendars now! Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

You are invited to the
University Center Rochester

Holiday Reception

Wednesday, December 12, 2001
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Heintz Center
Commons Area

- Sponsored by the Administration -
Weekly funny…

"Apparently Johnson’s desk just couldn’t withstand the weight of the paperwork we piled on his desk."

“Tis the Season” – let’s make it the best one ever!

In the next few days, all RCTC faculty and staff should receive a letter at your homes from the RCTC Foundation. The letter ask you to consider making a year-end gift to the Foundation. Please give this request serious consideration.

Every employee in this institution is generous. Generous with your time to help students and colleagues alike. Generous with your abilities and knowledge, passion and dedication to make this institution an excellent place to work and learn. And so many of you are generous with financial support as well.

The English and science departments established scholarships for their students, all funded by internal contributions. Iris Fried and the Student Support Services area fund scholarships to help the students they serve, including Upward Bound participants. When a staff member experiences the death of a family member, the Foundation will always see an outpouring of memorials in a show of caring and support.

A couple of years ago the RCTC Foundation established a matching gift program, pledging up to $25,000 to match dollar for dollar all contributions to the Fund for Excellence. This fund is available to finance Visiting Scholar events on campus, pay stipends for special academic projects and consider proposals that would “add that margin of excellence” that never quite gets budgeting for. There is still $17,210 dollars available to be matched. This is a great opportunity to double the impact of you contribution!

Many of you choose to give through payroll deduction. This method can be painless and barely noticeable. We would like to increase the payroll deduction participants this year so please consider doing so. The letter you received at home does not have the payroll deduction forms, but please call or e-mail the RCTC Foundation office for the appropriate form. Don’t forget your spouse may qualify for employer matches for your gifts, so take advantage of those opportunities if they exist or call the Foundation office for a list of matching contribution companies.

There are many excellent reasons to give to RCTC Foundation. The primary reasons are to support our student through scholarships as well as enhance our programs. Please make a gift yet this year and receive a full tax deduction.

The internal campaign will continue until March. We are aiming for 100% support. Please be a part of this campaign and support our mission of Excellence in Education Through Philanthropy.
Supalla’s Scribblings

As you’ve undoubtedly read in the paper or heard in media reports, the Minnesota Commissioner of Finance is requesting state agencies respond to a request for budget reduction options in the current biennium, ending June 30, 2003. The Commissioner has asked MnSCU to prepare budget reduction scenarios totaling $32 million and $64 million (5 percent and 10 percent of state appropriation in FY03). A similar request has been made to the University of Minnesota. The Finance Department’s goal is the identification of approximately $130 million in higher education reduction options that could be realized in the next 18 months. I will be attending a meeting of the MnSCU Leadership Team Finance and Facilities Committee on November 29 and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Kudos…

- This week I received a letter from the NJCAA Division III Volleyball Chair…I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to RCTC and the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission for co-hosting the Division III (National) Volleyball Championship. In order to host a great tournament it is necessary to have many people involved, working and planning the tournament. It was obvious that you (Jean Marconett) spent many hours in the aspect as the tournament ran so smoothly. The organization of the tournament was outstanding and the hospitality of everyone connected with the tournament made all feel welcome. Please extend a thank-you to everyone who was involved and let them know how much their work was appreciated. Thank you for everything. See you next year. Way to go, Jean and colleagues!

- If you haven’t checked out the Math display case in Memorial Hall to see the plaque Brian Carlson got for taking first place in the Central Region and fourth in the USA, do so today. Many thanks to Marilyn Treder who represented the college in Toronto recently and received the math award on behalf of Brian and RCTC. When the award winner was announced as “Rochester” and the crowd of 1,000+ thought it was Rochester, New York, Marilyn set them straight with a loud, “That’s Rochester, Minnesota.” At the conference, Marilyn was asked to be on a committee and panel for the 2002 AMATYC Conference in Phoenix and she eagerly agreed. Nice going, Marilyn and Brian!

- The Office of the Chancellor (MnSCU) Human Resources and Information Technology staff are currently working on an analysis of the HR management information and payroll needs. MnSCU has invited a group of senior individuals from both colleges and universities to participate in a “needs” assessment portion of the project. Susanne Sheehan was one of the invited few and will do a terrific job representing RCTC and her two-year HR colleagues on the project.

- Mariia Kouznetsova has been selected as RCTC’s nominee for the Minnesota All-State/All-USA Academic Team competition. Mariia has maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA, served as a Student Senator, is a member of Honors and PTK, and was selected to participate in the Future World Leaders Summit in Washington D.C. Minnesota All-State Academic Team members will receive statewide recognition and First Team members will receive a $2500 stipend, trophy and medallion at the annual AACC Convention in Seattle, Washington. Congratulations and best wishes to Mariia!

It was my pleasure to join community representatives and Winona State University colleagues for a WSU-Rochester Center Strategic Planning Session held at UCR on November 19 and 20. During the two days, I learned much about the WSU mission, gained insights into how we might better collaborate, and enhanced my appreciation of the quality work WSU is doing as they contribute to the “Spectrum of Learning” opportunities available at UCR. Thanks for the invitation!
Supalla’s Scribblings

Frank Rhodes, the former president of Cornell University, has identified eight characteristics of the “American University [College] for the Future.”

1. Institutional autonomy, lively faculty independence, and vigorous academic freedom but strong, impartial public governance and decisive, engaged presidential leadership
2. Increasingly privately supported but increasingly publicly accountable and socially committed
3. Campus-rooted but internationally oriented
4. Academically independent but constructively partnered
5. Knowledge-based but student-oriented; research-driven but learner focused
6. Technologically sophisticated but community dependent
7. Quality-obsessed but procedurally efficient
8. Professionally attuned but humanely informed

Thought for the Week…

"If you hear a different drummer, take a chance. The road you choose to travel means the difference in the dance.”

Daniel Morgan

Listen for the different drummer…take a chance and enjoy the dance.

Don

Youth Commission of Olmsted County
SPEAKER SERIES

The Youth Commission of Olmsted County invites you to attend the following presentation that will address economic/ethnic diversity in Rochester and the surrounding communities. Through active discourse, our community can create a more caring and health environment for all residents. Youth and adults of all ages are invited to attend.

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE IS NOT ENOUGH
Ethnic and Economic Diversity in Olmsted County
Monday, December 3, 2001
7:00 p.m. – Presented by Sigrid M. Ruhland

Sigrid is a Guardian Ad Litem Program Coordinator, Supervisor and Trainer. She serves as Guardian Ad Litem for the Mdewakanton Sioux (Dakota) Community. She is also a mediator. She has a multicultural family and has been a refugee and an immigrant.

For more information, contact the Youth Commission of Olmsted County at 287-2135 or e-mail: juedstrom@rochester.12.mn.us.
Student Life Events

Fred Winters Hypnotist
  Thurs., Nov. 29
  12:00 pm–1:00 pm
  South Room

Holiday Buffet
  Wed., Dec. 5
  11:00 am–till gone
  Heintz Center &
  Thurs., Dec. 6
  11:00 am–till gone
  South Room

Food For Finals
  Tues., Dec. 18
  9:30 am–till gone
  Atrium

Preacher Moss
  Tues., Jan. 22
  12:00 pm–1:00 pm
  Atrium

Chris Johnson, Comedian
  Wed., Feb. 6
  12:00 pm–1:00 pm
  South Room

Christopher Carter Mentalist
  Thurs., Feb. 14
  12:00 pm–1:00 pm
  South Room

RCTC employees raise over $6,000
The 2001 State of Minnesota Combined Charities Campaign has concluded. A special thanks is extended to the contributors who pledged or gave one-time gift donations. Those contributors who submitted pledge forms directly to me totaled $6,254, of which $5,879 was earmarked for the United Way of Olmsted County. Others completed pledge forms on-line through the Department of Employee Relations. Even during this period of terrorism and war, these employees still remembered the importance of helping those in need locally. As state employees, they have taken pride in not only their jobs and country, but also in their community. THANK YOU!

For those contributors pledging through payroll deduction, deductions will begin with your first paycheck in January 2000. If you designated on the form that you want an acknowledgment, you should receive the acknowledgment directly from the charitable organization.

If you do not receive acknowledgment by the end of January, please contact Judy Kingsbury at x7216.

Thank you
would like to say thank you to Jay Lee, the T&I department and Robyn and Vern for the HUGE bouquet of Lilies. You're all part of the reason that Career Day was so successful and I feel fortunate working with such terrific people. Next to the wonderful fragrance the best part about receiving flowers was the look on my husbands face when I told them they were from "the guys at work". Thank you all very much.

- Deb Rogne

Visiting Scholar Series
“Fact & Fiction: Award-winning Stories and Memoirs of Life with AIDS” Minnesota authors Emily Carter and Jan Zita Grover will share their stories, writings and experiences on living with aids. For more information, please see the flier attached to this week’s Crossings.