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A Farewell Message From Exiting ICI Director Scott McConnell

In a bit less than one month, I will end my term as Director of the Institute on Community Integration. When I assumed this position in 1991, my daughter was 1 year old (she's now 7), my son was not yet born (he's almost 5), and the Early Childhood Research Institute on Substance Abuse was just beginning its period of funding (the original grant ended last spring). I too have changed and grown in this time, and hope I have fostered similar growth in our collective efforts.

I approach the end of this appointment with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I have been granted a leave to focus on my own research and outreach activities, and I look forward to using that time to catch up on some work from the past 6 years, energize (and better prepare!) myself for the work we are now doing, and spend more concerted time focused on content with colleagues and students.

On the other hand, I am sorry to leave behind the day-to-day contact with all corners of the Institute. I have greatly enjoyed getting to know more about the work of various individuals and groups, and learning about the ways in which logic, administration, individuals, and mission overlap and influence one another. I also have gained a deeper understanding and commitment to the principles, opportunities, and obligations associated with "the university." We who have the privilege of working at this University have the chance to contribute something special to our community, and I am delighted to be a part of that effort.

Over the past 6 years, I have had the great pleasure of having my own efforts enriched and supported by many others; I am grateful to all. In particular, I want to thank my colleagues and students in the Early Childhood group and the School Psychology program, my coworkers in the administrative core and on the Institute Council, and the deans, chairs, and staff from other units in the College who have worked so closely with me. I want to thank specially Ann and my family (who tolerated much!), Mary, and Teri. Each made my work that much easier, and hopefully more effective.

I do not look at this transition as one of departure, but rather a change in responsibilities. I look forward to working with David Johnson and all the rest of our extended community in the months and years ahead. Thanks to all, and best wishes!

Staff Update

- **Staff Arrivals:** Stacy Kosciolk, GRA for the National Transition Alliance. **Staff Departures:** Claudia Brummel, Principal Secretary for Administration; Laura Medwetz, Program Coordinator for the Together We're Better Project; Jordan Orzoff, Graduate Assistant for Adult Services; Paul Fossum, Education Specialist for the Shared Responsibility Project; Ruth Hampton, GRA for the Adult Self-Determination Project; Betsy Bradley, RA for the State Paraprofessional Training Project; Megan Finnessy, Student Secretary for the Drop-Out Prevention Project.
- Teri Wallace and Sherri Larson both received their Ph.D.s and will graduate this summer. Congratulations!
- Barbara Guy and David Johnson have co-edited a special fall issue of the Journal *CDEI* (Career Development for Exceptional Individuals), published by the Division on Career Development and Transition, the Council on Exceptional Children. Among the contributing authors from ICI (in addition to Barb and David) are Teri Wallace, Shauna McDonald, and Ross Flom, as well as PACER's Marge Goldberg, who is a member of ICI's Community Advisory Committee.

Dates to Remember . . .

- August 19: Brown Bag Lunch & Learn, noon-1:00, 118 Pattee
- September 10: Appreciation Reception for Scott, 2:30-4:00, Weisman Art Museum

From the Front Office

News from ICI's Administrative Staff

- **Appreciation Reception.** All staff are invited to the reception for outgoing ICI director Scott McConnell scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2:30-4:00 p.m., in the Shepherd Room on Level 1 in the Weisman Art Museum. For more information, contact Sue Rampi at 624-6300.
- **UPAC Codes.** As of Monday, August 18, the University Personal Authorization Codes (UPAC) are active. By now, everyone should be well aware of ICI's need for the implementation of UPAC cards, a system that will allocate long distance phone charges to their appropriate budgets. Each grant will have its own unique 9 digit code that must be entered after dialing any long distance number. For those of you who are working on various projects, you will have a different UPAC number for each grant. PIs will be provided with their project UPAC number(s) and will then pass that information on to their staff. For more information, call Claudia Brummel at 624-8279.

Miscellaneous

- **Brown Bag Lunch & Learn.** "Systems Change: Issues and Challenges Identified in Minnesota's Performance-Based Contracting Project" will be present by Amy Hewitt, Janet Bast, Susan O'Neil, and John Smith on Tuesday, August 19, noon-1:00, in 118 Pattee. Call Janet at 624-0386 for more information.
- **Direct Service Staff Workshop.** The Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (AARM) will present "Welcome to the Field," a five hour workshop for direct service staff. The workshop will be held on August 20 in Marshall and October 21 in Bemidji. ICI's Bob Prouty will be one of the featured speakers. For more information, contact Nancy Peterson at the AARM office at (612) 291-1086 or (800) 551-2211.
- **An Evening With John Hockenberry.** The Disability Institute invites the public to meet journalist John Hockenberry, an award-winning journalist and author of *Moving Violation: War Zones, Wheelchairs, and Declarations of Independence*, on Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the BRAVO! Celebration Center located at 9th and Hennepin. A party reception will follow at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for the presentation are \$10.00 (\$5.00 for those with limited income) and tickets for both the presentation and reception are \$40.00. Call TicketWorks at 870-1099. The Disability Institute is a new organization started by disability activists. Its mission is to promote independence and full participation and integration of people with disabilities into global communities by addressing political, economic, and social issues through education, research, and advocacy. Call 935-9343 for more information.
- **Birthdays.** Jessica Tran (8/15); Bob Prouty (8/15); Hyun-Jeong Park (8/16); Martha Thurlow (8/19); Sandra Christenson (8/19); Ann Eggebeen (8/24); Jeff Priest (8/24); Judy Bartlett (8/25); Jordan Orzoff (9/3); Sandi Wayne (9/6); Peter Aleshire (9/7); Jessica Mooney (9/8); Michelle Luers (9/11); Laura Bloomberg (9/11); Stephanie McNeill (9/14).

Bits and Pieces

Information from the Institute's Research and Technology Consulting Group (RTCG, 110 Pattee, 624-7337) and the Publications Office (109 Pattee, 624-4512).

• Graphic Designer Still Needed

The Publications Office is still looking for someone to sit in Chuck's old chair. The position is now open to the general public so if you know anyone who is qualified for the job and would be interested in applying, have them call Beth Nelson at 626-8042 or Vicki Gaylord at 624-6347 for more information.

• New Internal Web Site Features

There are two new features that have been added to ICI's internal web page (www.ici.coled.umn.edu/internal). "Latest ICI News" and "Request Service" can be accessed using the yellow navigation bar at the bottom of the web page. Click on "Latest ICI News" to view the latest happenings at ICI. You can also type in your own announcement to be displayed. Any announcement you type in will be displayed for seven days and then automatically removed. Use this if you want to announce a party, potluck, or any general message to ICI. Click on "Request Service" to send a request to Jon Goldman for help with your computer. Feel free to use this rather than phone or e-mail messages.

• New Publications

IMPACT: Feature Issue on Persons with Developmental Disabilities and the Justice System.