



# College Crossings

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### ATTENTION:

There will be no *College Crossings* on March 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Enjoy your Spring Break!

### Meeting Minutes

Click below:

[http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting\\_minutes.html](http://www.rctc.edu/intra/html/meeting_minutes.html)

## Mark Your Calendar

Hot Rod Power Tour 2008 will be stopping June 12 at Rochester Community and Technical College! The kickoff for the event begins on June 7, 2008 in Little Rock, Arkansas. From there they'll roll through the Midwest with stops in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota (that's us!!!!!!). The week-long trek ends on June 13th



(June 14th for the Long Haulers) in Madison, Wisconsin. For more information on the Power Tour, check out *Hot Rod* magazine's website at:

[http://www.hotrod.com/upcomingevents/hrpt\\_2008\\_tour\\_dates/index.html](http://www.hotrod.com/upcomingevents/hrpt_2008_tour_dates/index.html)

## Update on Groupwise

The RCTC Email system - Groupwise has been having several serious problems over the last few weeks. The Information Technology Department is aware and working rapidly to develop solutions, however, outages and email addresses problems may continue to occur. Please contact the IT Help Desk at 285-7243 or email to [acomputer@roch.edu](mailto:acomputer@roch.edu) immediately if you notice any problems. Try to provide as much information as possible to help us track down the correct problem and fix it. This would include copy of the email or actual address information in the email.

A long term fix is being developed which will require changing over the email software system entirely. Conditions within MnSCU and the various email systems used by MnSCU System and other schools indicate strongly that MS Exchange is the best option. Research and planning has been underway to verify this proposal both within RCTC and MnSCU system. I will be scheduling visits to committees and groups to provide further information on this proposed change. If you like me to visit your organization or committee, please let me know at [art.leible@roch.edu](mailto:art.leible@roch.edu) or call 281-7787.

~ Art Leible, Chief Information Officer

## Taher Menu

For the week of March 10<sup>th</sup>, the Heintz Center Cafe and UCR Grand Café will feature baked three cheese lasagna with vegetable and garlic toast for \$4.49.



**"May you never forget what is worth remembering,  
nor ever remember what is best forgotten."**

~Irish Blessing

Weekly Funny

Snapshots at [jasonlove.com](http://jasonlove.com)



*Academic Accolades*

Pam Whitfield has two articles forthcoming in academic journals this spring: "Teaching the Novel in Context" in Academic Exchange Quarterly and "Developing a Professional Identity through Collaboration" in Brujula, a UC-Davis journal. A poem, "Jocelyn," is also appearing in the literary magazine Dust and Fire.

**Flower Power – Don't Miss this Opportunity!**

Janette Dragvold is back by popular demand. Lonna Vanderploeg will be joining her this semester to teach another flower design class. This is a fundraiser for Horticulture Club.



**Date: Wed. March 26**  
**Start Time: 5:30pm**  
**Place: Heintz Center HH113**  
**Cost: \$40.00**



We prefer everyone to pre-register so that we have an idea about how many flowers to order. Janette and Lonna are still choosing a design style but I should have a picture available by next Monday.

*~ Growing for you. Robin, Doug, & Hort students*

**Crossings Classifieds**

**SERVICE LEARNING AND VOLUNTEER**

**OPPORTUNITY for students and staff:** Project Get Outdoors is looking for adult volunteers in SE MN. Click [HERE](#) for more details. Contact: Sara Grover, Coordinator - Founder Project Get Outdoors, Whitewater State Park, 19041 Highway 74, Altura, MN 55910, Office: 507-932-3007 ext. 226, Cell: 507-951-5885, Email: [sara.grover@yahoo.com](mailto:sara.grover@yahoo.com)  
 Online at: <http://www.projectgetoutdoors.org>

**COMMUNITY EVENT:** Severe Storm Spotter training is scheduled in Rochester on March 19th, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Rochester International Event Center located by the Rochester Airport. The training will be conducted by the National Weather Service. For more information click [HERE](#).

**Scholarship Deadline – Please Remind Students**

Please remind your students that **the deadline for applying for 2008-2009 RCTC Scholarships is Saturday, March 15.** Details of Scholarships and Applications for the 2008-2009 college year are available at the RCTC Foundation Office (HC 109), RCTC Counseling and Career Center (SS 133) and on the RCTC web site at: [www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html](http://www.rctc.edu/foundation/html/scholarships.html).

Please contact the Foundation Office at x7771 or [jean.jech@roch.edu](mailto:jean.jech@roch.edu) or visit the Foundation Office with any questions.

**Women's History Month Event**

Please encourage your students to attend our next Women's History Month event: Real Women Have Curves (film) on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 pm CF 202. Winner of the Dramatic Audience Award at the 2002 Sundance Film Festival, this film tells the story of 18-year-old Ana (America Ferrera), a first-generation Mexican-American from East Los Angeles, who struggles to strike a balance between her mainstream ambitions and her more traditional cultural heritage as she attempts to forge her own path in life. Discussion following led by Annie Clement, RCTC.

*~ Annie M. Clement, Instructor of Speech*

**Phone System Reminder**

If you are experiencing phone or voice mail problems of any kind, please enter them into the Maintenance Workorder system that is located on your desktop. When entering a workorder your password is "password". Remember to enter it as a Telephone Service. Please leave a detailed description of the problem you are having, for example, no dial tone or you need a long distance id code. All workorders need to be entered through the workorder system for tracking purposes.

**Spring 2008 Fitness Center Hours**

Monday, 9am - 6pm (Closed 11-noon for class); Tuesday, 1pm - 6pm ; Wednesday, 9am - 6pm (Closed 11-noon for class); Thursday, 1pm - 6pm; Friday, 9am - 5pm; Saturday, 11am - 4pm; Sunday, Noon - 5pm. These hours are subject to change without notice. We will also be closing beginning next Friday, March 14th and will not re-open until Monday, March 24th for Spring Break!

## Supalla Scribblings

Both the Senate and House passed their bonding bills and it's expected that a conference committee named to iron out the differences could be appointed as early as Friday. MnSCU's request remains largely in tact, with money for HEAPR (Heintz Center roof replacement), renovation of the former Plaza nursing labs, and minimal design dollars for the co-location project all included in the House bill. The focus will now move to making certain that Senate and House conferees are informed about the projects and the urgency of funding. Several RCTC reps will be at the Legislature next Wednesday participating in "Rochester on the Verge" (Rochester on Tour). Rest assured that the Capitol will be jumping when the RCTC Jazz Band plays in the Rotunda Wednesday afternoon. Both RCTC and GRAUC will promote our bonding projects in booths at the evening legislative reception which is expected to attract 80-100 legislators. In other legislative news, Dan McElroy, Commission of the Department of Employment and Economic Security, was confirmed as a MnSCU Trustee by a 59-3 vote in the Senate last week.



The much anticipated February state economic forecast turned out to be bleak Thursday, when the Commissioner of Finance announced a \$935 million deficit. This comes after the November forecast of \$373 million. Planning estimates for FY10 show the shortfall will grow to \$1.09 billion. Governor Pawlenty will share his recommendation for balancing the budget on Friday, March 7. Once the Governor and Legislature work out the budget balancing details, MnSCU colleges and universities will learn the impact to higher education budgets. In the meantime, as prudent stewards of the state appropriation and anticipating the need for a possible budget reduction, RCTC will begin to analyze potential expenditure cuts and reallocations. Stay tuned for more details regarding the state budget crisis.

### Applause, Applause, Applause...

- If you didn't attend "Cabin Fever," the RCTC band and choir concert, you missed a great performance. Following intermission, "Three Sticks" entertained the audience with an interesting program of music and skits.
- The Physics Club put on an educational program for kids and kids at heart on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. Those in attendance were awed by hair-raising experiments, collapsing barrels, and block-busting instructor feats.
- Phi Theta Kappa recognized the All-Minnesota Academic Team at a luncheon at Best Buy Corporate Headquarters in Richfield on Thursday. Two RCTC students, Maria Calin and Michelle Priggen, were awarded medals and certificates from PTK and \$500 scholarship awards from the RCTC Foundation. The students were accompanied to the luncheon by parents, friends, Foundation Executive Director Jean Jech, PTK Adviser Allan O'Bryan, and me.
- Ivonne Tjoe Fat, Kim Sin, and the Asian Student Organization hosted, "Cultural Fusion," last Saturday evening. A wonderful night of music, dance, fashion show and food. A great time was had by more than 200 attendees.

Lehigh Carbon Community College has identified the following differences between high school and college...

#### In High School

- > You have a designated lunch period
- > Your parents pay for "stuff"
- > No food is allowed in the halls or classrooms
- > Effort counts
- > Classes run from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- > Report cards are sent
- > Make up tests are often available
- > A grade of D or higher allows you to pass
- > You wear your backpack on one shoulder to be cool

#### In College

- > You hope to get a chance to eat lunch
- > You pay for "stuff"
- > Food is provided at events so students will come
- > Results count
- > Classes can run from 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. (and weekends)
- > You view your grades on line
- > Make up tests are seldom an option and must be requested
- > The department standard may require a C grade
- > You wear your backpack on both shoulders to save your back



### Did You Know...

- Half of the new jobs created in the U.S. in the next 10 years will require at least some postsecondary education.
- The gap between the rich and poor in the U.S. is growing. Yet the evidence is indisputable: An associate degree permits the community college graduate to almost double average earnings of high school dropouts (\$37,990 compared to \$19,915).
- The American population is aging; the face of America is changing as almost all the growth in the number of high school grads is made up of minority Americans; young adults are experimenting with new patterns of school and work.
- Community colleges are skilled community builders, often the conveners of local community life. In naming these institutions, the use of the term "community" was no accident.

### Thought for the week...

*Time is the cruelest teacher; first she gives the test, then teaches the lesson. – Anonymous*

Thanks to all who shared birthday wishes with me...it was appreciated. (No, I'm not wishing for 60 more!)

Don



## President turns 60!

On Friday, March 7th, the RCTC family helped President Don Supalla celebrate his 60th Birthday with cake and coffee. Happy Birthday!!!!!!



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