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### ❖ Event Schedule

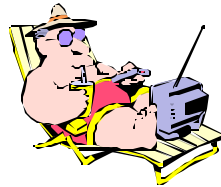
<http://www.roch.edu/rctc/about/html/weeklyschedule.htm>

### ❖ Health/Healing Conference Assisi Heights

### ❖ Happy Anniversary RCTC employee anniversary dates

### Evening Administration

No administrator over spring break March 12-16. The evening administrator for March 19-22 is Russ Lohman. The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.



# ENJOY SPRING BREAK!

## Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to two librarians, Jen Boone and Jeff Taylor, for receiving the Yellow Jacket compliment. A faculty member appreciates that Jeff digs around until he finds sources and articles needed for lectures. He is a magician!

Students appreciate the hours that Jen spent getting information about the history of the old silo on the UCR campus. She called different places and talked with many people. Now we know the history of that silo! (Watch for the history in an upcoming *Crossings* issue!)

Thank you, Jen and Jeff, for providing such wonderful assistance. Way to go!

## Baldrige Banterings

Two weeks ago we described the five RCTC Strategic Priorities that were identified by an internal task force. These priorities are teaching and learning excellence, student success and satisfaction, leading edge technology, strategic partnerships and leadership and organization quality. We are now in the process of forming teams to further define what these priorities encompass. We have been in contact with the chair of our six-person NCA site visit team to work out schedules, lodging and travel arrangements, computer needs, and other details. Our goal is to finalize the schedule for the three-day visit (April 23-25) by April 9 so staff and faculty will have ample time to arrange their own schedules. We are still collecting materials for our NCA Resource room. If you have been asked to provide materials, please forward these at your earliest opportunity to Laura Tacheny or Don Baldus.

## Recipient for vacation donation program

Listed below is the new individual who has been approved as a recipient for the vacation donation to the sick leave account program. This individual may have already or will be exhausting all paid leave time and will be losing health insurance coverages. State employees may donate up to 12 hours (per recipient) per fiscal year to these individuals or any other recipients on the sick leave account. More details regarding this individual and forms to donate leave are available from the human resources office.

Lou Fuller - Department of Health

Weekly funny...

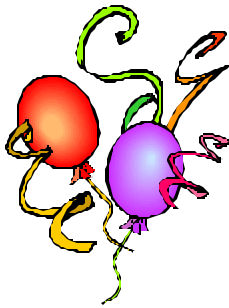


"Ms. Jennings will be with you as soon as she goes through a few other resumes."

**RCTC Chiropractic Clinic  
Spring Break Hours**

We will be closed  
during spring break.

**For emergencies contact:  
Dr. Jeff Maness at 507-527-2201**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY – RCTC EMPLOYEES!!!!!!**

Beginning with this issue of the *College Crossings*, we will be recognizing members of our RCTC family on a monthly basis in celebration of their “anniversary” with the College. (Note: For this first time, we are making this recognition retroactive to the beginning of the calendar year; thus January and February anniversary dates are also included.) A flier with the anniversary information is attached.

**Staff development opportunities...**

There’s still time to register for the Integrative Care in Health and Healing conference at Assisi Heights on April . See the attached flier for more information!

**Elaine Fladeland Wilbur Scholarship**

Available to a high school graduate or older adult who demonstrates a desire, commitment, and ability in spite of significant obstacles or difficult circumstances in their life to attend a higher education college.

**Criteria:**

1. Student must have financial need
2. Student must be divorced or a child of divorce
3. The student must have attended Pine Island Elementary or High School
4. Adults, several years after high school graduation, are encouraged to apply
5. The amount of the scholarship will be recommended by the committee and more than one student is eligible per year
6. Recipients may also obtain additional scholarship funds in later years

Application must be made by May 1 for the following academic year

### Supalla's Scribblings



Last week the State Finance Department issued a lower state revenue forecast. Governor Ventura insisted that the projected surplus would only have a minimal impact on his budget recommendations, that only 22 states reported a budget surplus, and that Minnesota is one of seven states reported to be in "good shape." The new forecast reduces the expected surplus in the state treasury on June 30, 2001 from \$927 million to \$857 million. Any reduction in the projected surplus does not bode well state agencies, including MnSCU. Stay tuned as the debate on both K-12 and higher education heats up during the next several weeks.

Officials in the Governor's Office have chosen Chancellor Morrie Anderson to lead the transition team charged to overhaul the state workforce planning effort. Ventura's state of the state address in January outlined his desire to streamline the workforce planning responsibilities of the departments of Economic Security, Trade and Economic Development, and Labor and Industry. Morrie will remain as chancellor until July 1, 2001 when Chancellor James McCormick assumes office.

The "Chamber Advantage" referenced RCTC several times in its March newsletter. Lloyd Welty, longtime manager of Stevenson's Department Store, passed away on December 25, 2000. Lloyd was involved in the Chamber of Commerce for many, many years. He believed strongly in the Chamber and the Rochester community. To recognize his work and commitment, a memorial scholarship to benefit students pursuing careers in retail merchandising at RCTC has been established. Another news brief invited readers to submit comments regarding RCTC to the North Central Association's Higher Learning Commission. Comments should address substantive matter related to the quality of the institution or our academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received by March 15, 2001, and sent to NCA, 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602.

### Did you know...

- Winona State University was recently named one of "America's 100 Best Buy Colleges" for the fifth consecutive year. WSU is the only Minnesota school to be able to claim this honor. This year, the college reached enrollment capacity on January 15, almost a month earlier than last year. RCTC is fortunate to articulate programs, share facilities, and partner with this nationally recognized institution.
- Judy Harris was quoted in the most recent issue of THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION. While in Rochester to cover President Yudof's press conference on the Governor's budget plan, Judy and Dave Weber were questioned by a CHRONICLE reporter about the budget impact and UCR. Way to go, Judy!
- Bev Hawkinson's son was the focus of a recent KTTC sports spotlight. Craig, a terrific Yellowjacket fan, unable to participate in sports since a work-related injury continues to cheer on our athletes and teams.
- RCTC's Voluntary Compliance Plan, prepared by Susanne Sheehan to address the issues identified during our 2000 civil rights and affirmative action on-site review, has been approved for implementation. Way to go, Susanne!
- Thanks to Dave Weber and Judy Harris who joined me in presenting at the League for Innovation Conference in Atlanta. The audience participation program was very well received by a full-room of participants. RCTC joined representatives from Riverland Community College, Lake Superior College, St. Cloud Technical College, Inver Hills Community College and the MnSCU System Office in delivering presentations at the conference.
- Special thanks to Rosemary Hicks who delivered financial aid workshops at 14 Southeast Minnesota high schools during January and February. During the workshops, Rosemary touched more than 500 prospective students and their parents. Another great example of RCTC outreach efforts. Thanks, Rosemary!
- Congratulations to the RCTC Counselors who received "nothing but compliments" from the students who turned in their counseling center assignments for a study skills class. Thanks very much for helping our students!

**This week's topic by futurist David Zach is entitled, "The Truth is Out There."** *Hope is powerful because it is a foundation of the future. Every positive thing we do is built on hope. Whether we are studying, falling in love or defending a nation, it is with the hope that we have a future, that we are part of that future and that we will share that future with others. It shouldn't be a big surprise to discover that we'll probably do things differently in the future. We'll have to learn new things and use new tools. We might even have some new attitudes.*



Stephanie and I are enjoying a March 8-21 "Attitude Adjustment Trip," traveling with the Horticulture Technology class on their field study to Hawaii. Best wishes for a relaxing Spring Break.

Don

**ALOHA!**

## Upcoming Spring Visiting Scholar Series Events

Two UCR Visiting Scholar Series are scheduled for April. Both events promise to stimulate thoughtful discussion and dialogue.

On Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bishop Emeritus John Shelby Spong will speak at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Hall 223. At 7:00 p.m. he will speak at Christ United Methodist Church, 400 Fifth Ave. SW. Spong's appearances are underwritten by the Carol Ann Wallace Distinguished Lectureship in Human Values.

Spong retired as Bishop of the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey last year. In 2000 he was the William Beldon Noble guest lecturer at Harvard and has been on a lecture tour throughout the United States.

The author of *Why Christianity Must Change or Die*, Spong believes that too literal translation of the bible has created a fundamentalist view that supports racism, sexism and prejudice.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Maxine Hong Kingston, author of the featured Common Book at RCTC, *Woman Warrior: Lessons from a Girlhood Among Ghosts*, will give two lectures on campus. Both talks will take place at UCR Hill Theater. Scheduled times are 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



## Menu of the Week Taher, Inc.

**SPRING BREAK HOURS - March 12 through 16**

**Open 8:30 until 1:00**

**Limited breakfast and lunch items cooked to order!**

(Heintz Center – CLOSED)

### Goddard Library Spring Break hours

Goddard Library and Library Technology Center will be open REGULAR HOURS during RCTC spring break (March 10-18).

## Way to go Yellowjackets!

Congratulations to the players and coaches of the men's and women's basketball teams!! The men finished 3rd in the MCCC state tourney and 3rd in the NJCAA Region XIII tourney. The women finished 2nd in the MCCC state tourney and 2nd in the NJCAA Region XIII tourney. CONGRATULATIONS to all!!