On-site visit

As part of our North Central Association (NCA) Accreditation, RCTC has chosen to incorporate the Baldrige Express. Baldrige Express is a process used by the Minnesota Council for Quality (MCQ) to “jump start” self-assessment, a necessary part of accreditation. The process began with a survey that some of you participated in last August.

*Please welcome the six evaluators from Minnesota Council for Quality as they conduct their on-site visit Monday, November 15 through Wednesday, November 17, 1999.*

The team will want to visit with many of us to verify and clarify the information about RCTC that we have provided them.

—Don Baldus and Laura Tacheny

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**SCHEDULE**

**Opening Session**
Monday, November 15, 1999
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
CF202

**Exit Presentation**
Wednesday, November 17, 1999
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
CF202

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**Faculty seniority rosters**

Copies of the MCCFA and UTCE seniority rosters have been posted on faculty bulletin boards at both campus sites, or are available for perusal from your supervising administrator, local union president and grievance representative, or the human resources office.

Please contact the human resources office if you have questions regarding the rosters.

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**Yellowjacket basketball season**

The men’s and women’s first home basketball games will be on Wednesday, November 17 against Western Wisconsin Technical College. The women will play at 6:00 p.m. and the men will play at 8:00 p.m.
**Weekly funny...**

*Leave It to Beaver
The Corporate Years*

**Web development class added**
The TeachNet Web Development class for November 18th is full, due to demand we’ve added another class:

TeachNet Web Development 1  
Tuesday, November 23 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Heintz Center A-107

If interested contact Darin Hoffman at darin.hoffman@roch.edu. Darin can get you set up with an account and password (if you don’t already have one) so you can publish to your allocated web space. If you’ve already been through the Web Development 1 class, Web Development 2 will soon be on it’s way!!!!

—Sarah Prigge

**A Python is really a rather heavy snake**
Join us for an informal presentation by Joyce Wood about her recent trip to Nepal. Joyce has slides, information and wonderful stories to share about her exotic journey. Bring your lunch and join us on Wednesday, November 24 from 12-12:50 p.m. in Coffman 202. (It is also rumored that Joyce was seen riding an elephant on this trip.)

Come and learn! We hope other faculty and staff will volunteer to share their recent travel experiences! Join us! This is a great way to begin your Thanksgiving holiday!!

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

*Susan Johnson and Katie Zechmeister*

**Thought for the week...**
Sometimes, it is only when we forget all our learning that we begin to know.

—Thoreau

**REGULAR HOURS**
**DINING ROOM - UCR Commons**
**HEINTZ CENTER SNACK BAR - Heintz Ctr.**
Mondays - Fridays: 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Monday**
Sweet/sour pork chops  
Cream of chicken soup

**Tuesday**
Stuffed Cornish game hens  
Turkey noodle soup

**Wednesday**
Grilled tuna steak/dill sauce  
Split pea soup

**Thursday**
Taco bar  
Vegetable beef soup

**Friday**
Chef’s choice

**COME AND GET IT!**
Taher, Inc.

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Supalla’s Scribblings

A very special thank you to Deb Rogne, the entire Career Day Planning Committee, and the many faculty, staff, and students who helped make this important event an overwhelming success! Although the estimate of participants varies depending on who you visit with, the number of high school students on campus clearly exceeded expectations, and probably numbered well over 3,000. What a great way to share our great program opportunities and facilities with many who probably set foot on campus for the first time. As always, Suzanne Dinusson and her Retail Merchandising students put on a very professional fashion show that excited a packed house. As one of the exhibitors told me afterwards, “I’ve never participated in a Business Expo with that many hormones out of control.” The Planning Committee is seeking your feedback on how to make next year’s event bigger and better…please take a few minutes to share your thoughts! Thanks for making Career Day a smashing success!

Please extend a warm RCTC welcome to our Minnesota Council for Quality on-site evaluators who’ll be on campus Monday through Wednesday. The evaluators...James Hill, NSP; Elaine Koyama, Management Protemps; Kathryn House and Rick Lubansky, Robbinsdale Area Schools; and John Skinkle and JoAnn Ward, consultants...are here to verify and clarify information submitted in our Minnesota Assessment Program (Business Overview and Baldridge Express Surveys). Welcome them to your classroom and/or office and respond to their questions openly and honestly. All faculty and staff are invited to participate in the opening presentation scheduled from 8-9 a.m., Monday, November 15 and/or the exit session scheduled from 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, November 17. Both sessions are scheduled in CF 202. Many thanks to Laura Tacheney, Don Baldus, Judy Harris, and Dave Weber who have worked many hours preparing for the visit.

Did you catch the Seasons Hospice grounds enhancement thank you Letter to the Editor in the November 9 POST-BULLETIN? Just in case you missed it...A special thank you goes out to Vern Bushlack, horticulture technology instructor at Rochester Community and Technical College. Vern’s dedication and professionalism brought to the project exemplifies how the community as a whole benefits from the resources given by its leaders. It’s nice to be able to turn the tables on you, Vern, and say...thanks a bunch!

Dave Weber just returned from New Orleans where he and MnSCU colleagues Linda Kohl, Barry Wegner and Ruth Sims presented the program, “Strategic Marketing for a Higher Education System” to those in attendance at the American Marketing Association’s Tenth Annual Symposium on Marketing Higher Education. Nice going, Dave!

Congratulations to the women’s soccer team who, in their first year of competition, went to Michigan and lost a 1-0 game in the playoffs. What at great first year, Deb! The kudos continue for the football team who finished the year undefeated and ranked fifth in the nation in the final season NJCAA poll. Best of luck in the Pepsi Bowl! It would be great to see a huge contingent of Yellowjacket fans cheer them to a bowl game victory over North Dakota State School of Science in the UNIDome in Cedar Falls on November 21. The game’s sure to be a great battle of two undefeated teams.

Parts of a November letter to the editor of TECHNIQUES, Association for Career and Technical Education professional journal merits reprinting. Kenneth Hoyt’s article “Career or Technical, Pick One” (October 1999) requires response. This article reflects the thought process alive in postsecondary education. That is, secondary is for career exploration, postsecondary is for technical preparation. Let me suggest that postsecondary should abandon the thoughts that: 1. Everyone must attend postsecondary education in order to gain occupational-specific skills and, 2. Students aren’t capable of achieving marketable, high-level skills until they reach traditional college age. Data clearly prove that many high school students are exiting with A+ computer repair certification, Novell network certification, NATEF automotive certification and many other marketable, recognized industry-standard skill levels. They are exiting secondary “career and technical” programs and in many cases going into full-time, well-paid jobs. Many high school career and technical graduates utilize these skills to earn a living while taking related coursework of interest to further their career aspirations. To suggest that “specific job skills at the secondary level should be abandoned” is old school at best, a bit pompous and the voice of an outdated postsecondary system that has clearly lost touch with its highly successful secondary career and technical feeder system. Work with us, Mr. Hoyt, and consider that the main question for the year 2000 should be, “Where should I go to further my well-developed career aspirations and technical skills?” — Scott Crosby

The U.S. economy may be good, but raising kids isn’t getting any cheaper. The average cost of raising a child (until age 18) is about $230,000, according to a report in the CHICAGO SUN-TIMES. And by 2017, when that child may be enrolling in college, parents will have to shell out $143,000 for four years at a public institution; $295,000 if the school is private.

Start saving now for that child’s college education. Have a great week!
Up to speed

During this past legislative session, a bill was passed affecting certificate and diploma programs.” Because certificate and diploma programs “demonstrate competence in vocational and technical areas,” the bill goes on to say that certificate and diploma programs “may include a general education component only as part of an articulation agreement or to meet occupational requirements established by the trade or profession, or by the program advisory committee.” It goes on to affirm applied training in general studies “as necessary for competence in the program area.” Program Leaders will share this information with their advisory committees for discussion. To view the bill on-line, go to http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/136F/32.html.

The picture at left was forwarded to me on-line by Lori Wright. It shows Darlene Voeltz during a presentation in Chicago at the League of Innovation Conference a few weeks ago. About 65 people attended Darlene’s session on computer voice technology—a class she offers at RCTC (see AIS 2530). Kudos to Darlene for representing RCTC at a national conference and one on innovation at that.

Darlene was not the only RCTC representative at the conference though she was our only presenter. Jim Deacon, Tim Gilsrud, Dale Pedersen, Jane Toft, Karin Wilking, Lori Wright, Suzanne Dinusson, Lori Halverson-Wente, Ivonne Tjoe Fat, and Karen Williamson also attended. What an RCTC contingency!

Over the MEA break, Kevin Dobbe and John Helmers represented RCTC at MnSCUs annual fall Center of Teaching and Learning Leadership Training.

Barb Mollberg and Dale Amy were Moorhead at a PSEO conference at the same time.

Cheers to Anne Niccolai who has recently been appointed RCTC’s assessment coordinator. Anne, Joan Young, Bryan Carlin and I spent November 3 at a workshop on an assessment tool that is being used by Inver Hills. I think we all agreed that we saw some value and application to our campus.

Jim Kehoe, Lynette Reini-Grandell and I attended a symposium on profiles of learning/ a discussion of implications for English and Social Science in higher education institutions on November 8th. With about 350 PSEO students, we need to be part of this discussion.

RCTC on the go! The teaching and Learning Committee will host discussion/reports from all of these meetings in the next few weeks that you are all invited to attend (retirees always welcome).

Once again, Lillyam Arroyave-Bratager deserves praise for her extraordinary efforts in planning another successful foreign Language week.

Be sure to see the faculty art show in the gallery across from the theater. How proud I was to see the packed artist’s reception and view the fascinating, creative work of Kelly Connole, Terry Dennis, Pat Kraemer, Michal Mussell, Linda Malec, Terry Richardson and Joel Stoehr—our own art faculty. And how intriguing to have a student walk up to me and say—“Can you tell me who Pat Kraemer is? I’m one of her distance education students and I’ve never met her.”!!! Turns out three of Pat’s on-line students attended, two of whom she’d never met in person. What an intriguing world. Have a great week.

—Judy Harris
Are you prepared for Y2K?

Is your computer Y2K compliant? Do you have classroom or laboratory equipment that requires a computer chip to operate or perhaps equipment that uses a clock setting? Do you have facilities, security, or other building concerns regarding Y2K readiness? Prevention is the best plan. Faculty are encouraged to make your Y2K needs or inquires known prior to January 1, 2000. Faculty may also want to come to campus to check equipment or labs needed for classes after the winter break but before classes are scheduled to resume. Please think ahead. The following individuals will serve as RCTC’s Y2K resource persons:

Tim Gilsrud: Instructional Technology/Computing
Jon Krusmark: Media/AV
Gary Swenson: Facilities, Security, Safety, Buildings
Dennis Kronebusch: Cont. Ed./Custom Training

Plan for your Y2K needs now! Prevention is smart thinking!!!

What’s New in the Library!!

Goddard Library has added a new link from its homepage (http://www.roch.edu/library) to a webpage that lists the new on-line indexes/databases that are currently available on a trial basis. Simply click on the red “Trials” link found under the On-line Indexes section. The trials can be accessed both on-campus and off-campus (with a current Goddard library card). Since we will be adding and deleting trial subscriptions throughout the year, we encourage you to check the page often and to let us know the ones that you like.

We currently have the following on-line indexes/databases on a trial basis:

1. AccuNet/AP PhotoArchive - a database of AP photographs and images - trial ends Nov. 15th
2. Cambridge Scientific Abstracts - citations and abstracts from scientific disciplines - trial ends Nov. 30th
3. Chadwyck-Healy – Humanities and Social Sciences citations/abstracts, some full-text - trial ends Nov. 30th
4. Ebsco Host – Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences citations/abstracts, some full-text/full-image - trial ends Jan. 9, 2000
5. Facts.com – Current event information full-text - trial ends Nov. 18th
6. Gale Group – Literature full-text-trial ends Nov. 15th
7. H.W. Wilson – Social Sciences & Sciences citations/abstracts, some full-text-trial ends Dec. 31st