It's a FIRST!
First in the nation! Rochester Community and Technical College will be the first public college in the United States to feature a Chiropractic Clinic working in conjunction with a Chiropractic Technician program. The RCTC Chiropractic Clinic grand opening will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 1999 at the Heintz Center on the University Center Rochester campus. At 3:30 p.m. the ribbon cutting ceremony will be followed by a brief program featuring both the President and Executive Director and of the Minnesota Chiropractic Association. All students, staff and faculty are invited to attend.

As part of the grand opening, RCTC's Chiropractic Clinic is offering a complimentary exam through December 10, 1999. (This complimentary exam does not include a chiropractic adjustment, x-rays, or therapy applications and does not obligate you to any other services at the clinic.) A Doctor of Chiropractic and a licensed, Chiropractic Technician instructor will be present in this learning environment.

As part of their clinical experience, students enrolled in RCTC's Chiropractic Technician program will assist a Doctor of Chiropractic in the clinic. Students will perform therapy applications, front desk clinical procedures, examinational procedures, patient education, x-ray positioning and development. In addition, the Chiropractic Technician students will take appointments for soft tissue massage and process chiropractic health insurance claims. Fees will be kept at a very reasonable level to encourage individuals to seek chiropractic care and assist the RCTC Chiropractic Technician students in completing their technical education requirements. Prudential, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and BC/BS Select insurance is accepted.

RCTC's Chiropractic Clinic will open Monday, September 27, 1999 to see patients from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Monday through Thursday.) Make your appointment today by calling (507) 529-2736.

Staff members interested in being part of the staff wellness group this year are invited to attend the first meeting of the year.

Wednesday September 22 from 1:00 - 2:00 in CF103

If you cannot attend but are interested in being part of this group, please contact Katie Swegarden at x2887.
COME AND GET IT!
Taher, Inc.

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

Monday: Stuffed pineapple/chicken salad, roll
Cream of spinach soup

Tuesday: Taco bar
Tortillini soup

Wednesday: Ham, scalloped potatoes, veggie, roll
Cream of potato

Thursday: Cowboy steaks, potatoes, veggie, roll
Vegetable soup

Friday: Chili cheese burger, fries, 20 oz. soda
Chicken rice soup

Weekly funny...

“It’s our waiter. He’s stuck on the George Washington Bridge -- would we care to order drinks while we wait.”

Double Congratulations!

Yellowjackets have landed on the desks of Angela Sower and Teresa Brown. A student who was enrolled in both of their science classes this summer wrote a glowing letter complementing them. The student said that Dr. Brown found her calling when she decided to teach chemistry and that her knowledge of the sciences is exceptional. Likewise, Dr. Sower is always concerned about students understanding biological concepts and makes students feel comfortable asking questions. This student had a profound summer, due to the extraordinary wisdom, talent, and skill of these two instructors. Teresa and Angie, you are assets for RCTC and we appreciate all of your hard work. Thank you!

Thank you

“The faculty at RCTC owe much appreciation to our counselors (Karen Machlica, Gregg Wright, Jim Kehoe, Bob Hadler, Audrey Lidke, and Bob Ekstam) for their extra effort on behalf of students during the week prior to fall semester. Although not even scheduled to work, counselors gave up their staff development opportunities and remained on campus to assist students during that most hectic process of late enrollment. During my thirty years here, I have been privileged to work with many fine counselors. Our current staff continues to enhance that tradition of professional dedication to the success of our students.”

—Ed Shafer, Past President, RCCFA

Thought for the week...

A real friend is someone who believes in you when you have ceased to believe in yourself!

You’re Invited!

Please join us on Thursday, September 30th for a farewell party for Gail Sauter, as she leaves RCTC employment and begins U of MN employment. The reception will be in the Charter Room from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

Best Wishes, Gail!
Congratulations to Sue Finck who recently returned from an exciting trip to Provo, Utah. Sue was invited to attend the Novell Executive Briefing held at Novell’s Corporate Headquarters on September 1 and 2. She was the only female and only educator chosen to attend the briefing designed to address questions and issues faced by major organizations and as an opportunity for Novell and participants to exchange information. While in Provo, Sue met with Novell managers and received strategic non-disclosure information on future Novell product strategies. Sue had an opportunity to share the value of Novell’s products and technologies in relation to RCTC needs. And, rumor has it that it’s very likely Sue will be invited back to Provo for future briefings. We’re proud of you, Sue!

Did you know that the number of public and non-public high school graduates in Minnesota is projected to grow in the next five years, peaking at 63,165 graduates in 2003! This figure represents the largest number of high school graduates in Minnesota since 1983. After 2003, the number of high school graduates is expected to decrease to 62,960 in 2004 and 61,331 in 2005. Most of Greater Minnesota is expected to see decreased graduation numbers from 1998-2005. Only two areas of the state, Region 7 (St. Cloud) and Region 10 (Rochester) are expected to experience a slight increase in graduates and the Twin Cities Metro area is expected to experience significant high school graduation increases.

Projections Compiled by Minnesota Higher Education Services Office

Many thanks to Chris Dobbins, Darin Hoffman, Jenee McGurren and Dave Weber who have done a beautiful job developing RCTC’s Intranet web site. Those utilizing the web for the sharing of information are doing their part to relieve RCTC’s paper blizzard (almost 9.5 million paper copies made on campus in 1998-99!). If you haven’t surfed the Intranet yet, check it out at www.roch.edu/intra.

RCTC’s AS/400 program grabbed front-page headlines in COMMONews, a quarterly newsletter for AS/400 users. In the first article in a series on the AS/400 skill shortage, RCTC and IBM share the win-win success story. The college and IBM continue to develop a collaborative working relationship. RCTC will team up with IBM at COMMON’s Fall ’99 Conference in San Antonio to demonstrate a complete textbook with Web deliverables that parallel our AS/400 curriculum. Way to go, Warren and colleagues!

The Three Rs of Life…Respect for self. Regard for others. Responsibility for all your actions.

Have a great week!

–Don
Up to speed

During Staff Development Days, one of the breakout sessions included explanations from several faculty about service learning. Judy Lindman in Child Development, Robin Paynter in Dental Hygiene, Ed Shafer in English, Business Law, and Humanities, Kevin Dobbe in DIGI Arts, and Suzanne Dinusson—all shared service learning activities connected to classroom objectives or outcomes. Some of the projects involved students working with people in the community. The Dental Hygiene students, for instance, are involved in demonstrating correct dental hygiene to elementary school students and social service agencies and even raise their own money to buy toothbrushes to distribute. Kevin’s students, on the other hand, provide a service to the college. His students have begun production of the RCTC catalog on CD roms. Not only is this appealing to those who like technology, but the production cost is considerably lower than producing paper copies and certainly more compact! RCTC belongs to Campus Compact, the clearinghouse for service learning. Those of you who might be interested in learning more about service learning in other Minnesota Community Colleges have been invited by the Anoka-Ramsey Community College Service Learning Faculty Committee and Minnesota Campus Compact to join them from 10-2 on Thursday Sept. 30, at Anoka-Ramsey CC. Attached to Crossings is more information about the FREE workshop. If you are interested in attending, my office will coordinate rides; please call Rachel at 7234. A map with directions is also available.

On Oct 29, the Open Door Conference: “Challenging Homophobia and Heterosexism through Education,” co-sponsored by RCTC, will be held at The United Church of Christ in Rochester. One of the topics is “Safe School, Supportive Communities,” another “Responding Proactively to Diversity Issues”—several other topics are relevant for us as educators; many are also relevant for students. The keynote speaker will be Howard H. Bess author of “Pastor, I am Gay.” Workshop fees are $25 (I am working on finding a source to pay this fee) and sign-up is due by Oct. 25. Again please call Rachelle if you are interested.

Earlier this week I met with Jim Deacon, TeachNet Director, and Kevin Dobbe, RCTC TeachNet Faculty Fellow to work out plans for some faculty development opportunities. Some will be forthcoming, but we’re not quite ready to publish a calendar or list. In addition, I have a group of topics for open forum discussion—where anyone can come and share ideas or just listen. Some the topics are: Graduation standards—how they affect our classes; MnTC—what has worked and what hasn’t; Web registration—working out the bugs, etc. Dates and rooms will be announced soon, so hang on. What you will find attached to Crossings today is a calendar of some of the big curricular/academic affairs deadlines. Its purpose is to give us all a look at the year and what some of the catalog, curricular, and scheduling deadlines will be. Hope it helps. Have a great week.

–Judy Harris

All-college committees and task forces

The all-college committee and task force structure has, in principle, been agreed upon but will go through a second reading on Tuesday, September 28th in the Faculty Senate Meet and Confer Committee meeting.

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee, please see your union president/steward or Judy Kingsbury. Attached to the Crossings is the committee structure comparison between the 1998-99 and the proposed 1999-2000 all-college committees and task forces. A complete listing of the committees and their charges will soon be available on the intranet website.

Einstein reminder

EINSTEIN: A STAGE PORTRAIT. This event is sponsored by the RCTC Campus Activity Board’s SPICE (speakers, programs, issues, current events) Committee.

You can witness this fabulous rendition on Wednesday, September 29th at Noon in the Hill Theater or that same evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Rochester Public Library Auditorium.

For more information call: RCTC Foundation 281-7771.

Scheduling timelines

Please take note of the scheduling timelines from the Dean of Academic Affairs Office from September 1999 to August 2000 are attached to this week’s College Crossings.
1999-2000 Curriculum Council Meetings
(All are Tuesday meetings scheduled from 2:00-4:00p.m.)
September 14  UCR Alumni Room
October 12    HC105
November 9    UCR Alumni Room
December 7    HC105
January 18    UCR Alumni Room
February 8    HC105
March 14      UCR Alumni Room
April 11      HC105
May 2         UCR Alumni Room

PLEASE NOTE:  Correction - The last issue of the
Crossings indicated HC105 as the meeting location for the
May 2nd Curriculum Council meeting.  The location should
be UCR - Alumni Room.

Baldrige Bantering
This Week’s Term:  Assessment - a process that focuses
on student learning, is closely tied to a mission statement,
and involves “the systematic collection, review, and use of
information for the purpose of improving student learning,”
(Palomba and Banta 1999).  Assessment occurs on a
variety of levels: within a course, a department, a program,
and a work unit, a larger section or system of the institution.

Question:  What is the basis behind the FY00 Committee
Structure Proposal?

The FY00 Committee Structure Proposal
1. shows a natural relationship between RCTC, UCR,
   Baldrige and NCA.
2. has a balance of contractual, traditional and ad hoc
   committees with some thing new, thus shifting the
   paradigm but allowing a comfort zone to grow into.
3. creates an Innovation Design Team that has
   representation from all committees, thus improving
   communication between committees.

College reps on campus
The following colleges will have representatives on cam-
pus:

NDSU.........................Wednesday, September 29
12:00-1:00 p.m. - Counseling

UW LaCrosse..........Wednesday, September 29
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - Counseling

Would you like more access to federal monies for your college?
If so, then plan to attend the “Federal Multi-Agency
Funding and Technical Assistance Workshop” to be
held on October 28th and 29th, 1999 at the Sioux City
Convention Center in Sioux City, Iowa.

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Community
College Liaison Office of the U.S. Department of
Education and Western Iowa Tech Community Col-
lege.  This will be a rare opportunity to make contact
with many federal agencies at one time, close to home,
and without the expense of going to Washington!  The
purpose of this workshop is to provide rural community
colleges with program information, training resources,
funding information, and face-to-face contacts not
otherwise available to them.

The following agencies and offices are scheduled to
make presentations about their programs and how to
access funding opportunities:

  Title III
  FIPSE
  National Science Foundation
  Dept. of Agriculture - Distance Learning/
      Telemedicine
  U.S. Information Agency
  Center for International Education
  21st Century Learning Community
  Gear Up
  Community Technology Centers
  Depart. of Defense - National Security Ed. Pro-
      gram
  Teaching Teachers to Use Technology
  HUD (invited)

For more information, call Judy Bird in the RCTC
Foundation Office at x7770.  A schedule of events for
this workshop is attached to the Crossings.
Experience Costa Rica!!!
SPEECH 2210: Field Experience in Intercultural Communication

Spend winter break earning 3 credits while exploring the tropics of Costa Rica!

January 1, 2000 through January 8, 2000

- Take a pacific island cruise; go white water rafting; see alive volcano erupting; soak yourself in natural hot springs; swim under waterfalls; swing through the rainforest on cables; ride through the jungle on a boat looking for alligators; exotic birds and monkeys!

- Relax on the beach during our stay at Costa Rica's finest 5-star resort where you can snorkel, scuba dive, fish, horseback ride, bike, kayak, jet ski and MORE!

- Cost: $1,631 plus tuition. Includes: all airfares, hotel rooms (double occupancy), scheduled tours, most meals and MORE!

For more information:
Karin Wilking
(507) 280-2815 - Plaza Hall 415

Students excused

The following students are excused at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 24 for the Itasca Volleyball tournament: Carolien Van Merksteijn, Brooke Kosok, Jenna Ehlert, Nia Raduenz, Leah Jacobson, Kim Framsted, Michelle Esplan, Gretchen Wolff, Melissa Lange, Michelle Schmoll, Ray Paske, Nick Enger.

The following students are excused at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21 for a golf meet at Eastwood: Joe Theobald, Jeremi Priebe, Greg Snider, Mark Berger, Chad Fuchs, Jamie Johnson, Eric Walsh, Jeremiah Simmons, Mike Downey, Jandra Fromm, Sher Rhonda Gibbs, Misry Smith.