Global Connection Days
Global Connection Days will be held at RCTC on October 9, 10, 11 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. Panel discussions will be held at Hill Theatre on October 9 at 11:00; and October 10 at 12:00. These discussions will be of special interest to students of ESL, Psychology, Speech, Business, and Sociology. Plan to attend the entertainment that will be held each day in the cafeteria. There will be ethnic food to sample. A closing party and potluck will be held on Friday, October 11 beginning at 6:00. A flier with more details is attached to this week’s College Crossings.

Other attachments of interest from the foreign language department:
Travel to Spain – Spring Break
Travel to Mexico – Summer 2003
World Language Workshops

Need a late afternoon/early evening pick-me-up?
Don’t forget about the Café Express
In addition to a great place to have lunch we’re open:

Monday – Thursday from
10:00am to 6:10pm
First Floor, Across From Rockenbach Gym

Featuring
Soup, Sandwiches, Hand Dip Ice Cream, Snacks, Coffee’s

Technology/Distance Education Meeting
The Faculty Technology/Distance Education Committee will meet at 2:30 in the Charter Room on Oct. 10th.

The All College Technology/Distance Education Committee will join them at 3:00 in the Charter Room on Oct. 10th.

Judy Harris
### Condolences

Condolences to Patty Stevens whose mother-in-law (Velma Stevens) passed away on Sunday (Sept. 29) morning.

Condolences to Mike Mutschelknaus whose grandmother (Carrie Mutschelknaus) also passed away on September 29.

Our thoughts are with you and your families.

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### 2002 Combined Charities Campaign

**What is Combined Charities?**

This is a combined effort by employees in all state agencies to donate monies to a charity of their choice.

**Is my on-line gift donation confidential?**

Yes, the only people that will know are you and, if you request an “Acknowledgement,” the charity to which you donate.

**May I still fill out a paper pledge form?**

Yes, paper pledge forms are being accepted, as well as on-line payroll deductions. You can obtain a paper pledge form from Judy Kingsbury or print a copy off the Website at [http://www.charities.state.mn.us](http://www.charities.state.mn.us).

**When completing the form, what do I put down for Agency/Division?**

When completing the form, indicate MnSCU/RCTC under Agency/Division.

**I have questions, who should I contact?**

Contact Judy Kingsbury (extension 7216), Room: SS209, e-mail: judy.kingsbury@roch.edu

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### The Stinger

**CALENDAR - October 7, 2002**

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Don’t forget about the baby contest! Send completed forms to Judy at box 1.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Congratulations to Vern Bushlack, Robin Fruth-Dugstad, and the Horticulture Technology students on the grand opening of the new facility. Did you know that the $4.5 million project includes…

- 11,200 square feet of classroom and lab space (compared with 3,050 square feet previously)
- 4,800 square feet of greenhouse space (compared with a 1,000 square foot plastic hoop house)
- 7,450 square feet of remodeled space

Heintz Center is much enhanced by this wonderful addition and renovated space. Renovation of the former Horticulture Tech space will continue for the next several months, landscaping work is progressing, and a beautiful garden area on the southwest corner of the new facility will develop incrementally over the next several years. If you don’t get a chance to join in the grand opening celebration on Saturday, October 5, be sure to stop over and a very proud staff member or student will happy to give you a guided tour. While you’re there, why not pick up a plant or floral arrangement for the special someone!

Why not make a commitment to join in as many of the “Global Connection Days” activities as your schedule will allow! Global Education Days will be held from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., October 9-11 in the College Center. Many interesting and fun educational activities have been planned during this year’s festivities. Wednesday is dedicated to international cultural diversity as UCR students demonstrate fashion, music, dance, and customs celebrating their native countries. Thursday will offer a panel discussion, “Embracing Diversity and Language in the Work Place,” and feature contests for senior high school students enrolled in Spanish, French, and German. Friday is Latin American Day and will concentrate on elementary level activities, world crafts, and language stations. Then, drop in (free admission) to the closing party scheduled from 6-11 p.m., Friday. Lillyam Arroyave (285-7109) is coordinating the celebration and will be happy to answer questions.

The Community and Learning Business Partnership and RCTC are collaborating to present “Career Fair 2002!” On November 12, thousands of area high school students will be ascending on the UCR campus to learn about potential careers and the education/training opportunities available at RCTC. Mark your calendar now and plan to be an active participant in this exciting recruiting effort. Please don’t hesitate to contact Deb Rogne at 280-3120 if you want more information.

RCTC stepped up to help out Riverland Community College. President Rhodes sent the following note…

Just a brief electronic note to say “Thank You” for sharing the expertise and time of Guy Hamernik with the copying of the videotapes from our Ukrainian visitors. Riverland has three visitors this week from Kherson State Technical College in the Ukraine in the initial phase of an international exchange program. They brought us several gifts, including three videotapes in Russian and in a format that we could not play here at Riverland. Guy Hamernik was kind enough to do whatever it took to copy them in a revised format that we can now share with our faculty and staff. Also, there have been numerous times in the past when Guy has been very helpful and willing to share his expertise and time. You have a real gem in him as part of your team. What a guy, Guy! Thanks for helping out Riverland in their time of need.

MnSCU has asked each of the colleges and universities to review FY03 enrollment projects based on fall semester attendees. You might recall that originally RCTC projected that this year’s enrollment would increase by 3 percent, to 3850 FYE. However, following another excellent year of fall semester enrollment increases, we have revised our FY03 projection to 3962 FYE. Please do what you can to retain our fall semester enrollees and encourage new and returning students to enroll in spring, 2003. We anticipate receiving system-wide fall semester enrollment data in the next several weeks and will share that information with you. Much of the funding formula continues to be driven by...
student numbers so your contributions to our continuing trend line of strong and steady enrollment growth is very much appreciated.

*Getting Prepared: A 2002 Report on Recent High School Graduates Who Took Developmental/Remedial Courses* summarized the extent and content of developmental courses taken by 1999 and 2000 graduates from Minnesota public high schools enrolled in public higher education. Developmental or remedial education encompasses both coursework and academic support services for students who are unprepared for the academic requirements of a college-level curriculum. State-Level Summary Findings reveal that…

- 39% or 22,746 of the 57,628 Minnesota public high school graduates in 2000 enrolled at public colleges or universities during the 2000-01 academic year
- 31% or 7,201 of the 22,746 Minnesota graduates who enrolled in public higher education took one or more developmental courses during the 2000-01 academic year
- The percentage of recent graduates enrolled in a developmental course decreased by .4 percent from the 2001 report
- The 7,201 recent graduates who enrolled in developmental courses represent 12.5% of all public high school graduates
- 56% of the developmental credits taken by the graduates were in mathematics courses and another 26% were in writing courses

**Thought for the Week…**

*Change itself has changed, from the exception to the rule – the expectation rather than the disruption of expectations.*

- George Otte

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**Taher Food Service menu**

They’re Back!!! The weather’s cooler so we’re getting hotter!

- **Chefs Specials** -
  - Monday - Thursday
  - UCR Yellowjacket Cafe Only
  - (3rd Floor College Center Building)

**Monday**

Tequila Lime Chicken with Herb Pasta and Vegetable

**Tuesday**

Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and Vegetable

**Wednesday**

Baked Lasagna with Bread Stick

**Thursday**

Roast Turkey with Scalloped Potatoes and Vegetable

*Gary Peterson*

*Food Service Director*

*University Center Rochester*

*507.285.7209*

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**Mark you calendar today!**

**WORD WEEK:**

**ADVENTURES IN FICTION & CREATIVE NON-FICTION**

**NOVEMBER 4-8** – See attachment to this week’s *Crossings* for more information.

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**CELEBRATE – OCTOBER IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

Hispanic heritage month plans are in the works:

**Watch for:**

- Posters of prominent Hispanic figures in the United States to be displayed in the 3rd floor cafeteria.
- Hispanic menu available in the 3rd floor cafeteria (Dates TBA).
- Free dance lessons (salsa, merengue, etc.) during a window of time from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Dates TBA).
- Hispanic videos will be shown from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in AH402 every Tuesday.
- RCTC World Drum Ensemble performance (Date/Time TBA)

*Watch for more information!*

*Lillyam Arroyave (285-7109)*

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