Congratulations!!!

Bzzzzzz. Congratulations to the Heintz Center maintenance staff! They have received a compliment from a staff member for their fast, helpful, and courteous service. They do not use the word "no" and are super to work with on a daily basis.

That's the Yellow Jacket spirit! Way to go.

Baldrige Banterings

On October 24, 25, and 26 a team of 8 people form Minnesota Council for Quality, MCQ, will be visiting RCTC for a site visit. This visit serves two purposes, the first is to help us in our NCA self-study, the second is to offer insights for our ongoing quality process here at the school. The team will meet with many of us, not to evaluate individuals or programs, but to evaluate the college as a whole.

Feedback of their findings will be given at their exit presentation that is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 10/24 beginning at 1:00 pm in CF 206-208. Everyone is welcome to attend the exit presentation.

In early December, the team will be sending RCTC a formal feedback report of their findings.

***************ANNOUNCING***************

Minnesota All-State/All-USA Academic Team Awards Competition for 2000-2001

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit nominations for this awards competition. The purpose of the competition is to recognize scholarly achievements of two-year college students in the state of Minnesota. Nomination forms are attached. Nominations should be forwarded to Barb Mollberg by November 6. A faculty panel will be convened and will select up to two students from RCTC for this national competition. This is a great opportunity to recognize outstanding academic achievement.
Weekly funny…

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic
What are the warning signs of a subluxation? Subluxations cause pain and muscle spasms. However, most of the time, you will not experience any symptoms. Often symptoms such as headaches, back pain, neck stiffness, and numbness in your hands and feet can be signs of subluxations.

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic Hours:
Mon-Thurs 2-6 pm - Suite HC211
Phone: 507-529-2736 or 1-800-247-1296

Sufficient Grounds – Coffehouse Concert Series presents TODD GREEN
Thursday, October 26 from 11:00 to 1:00 in the Quiet Lounge/Art Gallery

Todd Green has been writing and performing his own music professionally since the age of 15. He studied composition, arrangement and performance at Berklee College of Music in Boston and privately with Mick Goodrich guitar jazz legend at New England Conservatory of Music; Pat Metheny, Grammy Award winning guitarist and George Benson, international recording star. Todd has also taken master classes and workshops with classical guitar greats such as Christopher Parkening. Todd skillfully combines improvisations with original compositions to take you on a musical journey of classical, jazz, new age and world music. Todd plays a variety of Eastern and Western flutes, string and percussion instruments and through the use of a digital sampler, which lets him record and overdub his music live on stage. He creates unique, multi-layered tapestries of music as he adds instruments one by one. This is a return engagement for Todd.

Congratulations!!!
Congratulations to head coaches Deb Hare, Jean Musgjerd and Chuck Seifert and their staff and student athletes for outstanding seasons in soccer, volleyball and football.

RCTC will be hosting post season play in these sports on Oct. 28th - The times and places TBA

Region XIII Women's Soccer Championship VS Mankato Bethany

MCCC State Volleyball Tournament (8 schools) at the National Volleyball Center (Oct. 26,27,28)

MCCC Football State Playoff Game RCTC VS North #2

We are also hosting the NJCAA Regional Volleyball tournament (Minnesota South #1 & #2) VS Wisconsin #1 & #2 at Century HS on Nov. 3 (6 & 8 PM) and Nov. 4 (noon & 2PM)

Thank you
Once again...THANK YOU to everyone at RCTC for the plant and gift certificate that arrived to greet me on my first day of work at Bemidji State. It was a very thoughtful surprise and much appreciated!

-Linda Blight
Up to Speed

The next step in our NCA accreditation process occurs this week when a Minnesota Quality site team visits RCTC to verify and clarify the self-assessment document we sent them on Sept. 1st. Each and everyone of you is invited to the Tues. morning opening session in CF 202 at 8 a.m. Everyone is also invited to the closing session at 1:00 on Thurs. in CF 202 where the team will give a brief summary of their visit to be followed by a written report in early December (retirees welcome). Between Tues. and Thurs., the team of eight will be meeting with various campus representatives as well as wandering the halls visiting with you and our students. I look at this as a trial run for our NCA April visit. Having some new eyes look at us is always valuable.

I’d like to suggest that you try the same approach in your classroom. Invite a colleague to exchange classroom visits with you. You’d be amazed what you will learn. I remember one such visit I did. The colleague I visited began class by writing two or three words on the board to identify each of the key points that she planned to make in class that day. Duh! I thought. What a simple and effective technique. I’ve used it often since, but I probably never would have thought of it on my own.

You’ve probably all read about Oct. 28th volunteer to make a difference day. Here’s your chance to get involved. Once again Christmas Anonymous will need more winter coats than they have been able to collect so far. You can bring your used winter coats to Darcy or to Margie between Oct. 29 and Nov. 8th. Last year we collected over 70 coats for Christmas Anonymous. Let’s see if we can push the 100 mark this year.

Attached to Crossings is information about nominating a colleague for a teaching and learning technology award. Please consider nominating someone. I’ll work on the details. Also, the annual fall conference of the Collaboration for the Advancement of College Teaching and Learning is coming up in Bloomington on Nov. 17 and 18th. Several preconference sessions look good: “This Old Syllabus: A Guide to Renovation and Renewal,” “Exploring the New Assessments,” “Fresh Techniques for Teaching Large Sections of General Ed Classes.” Your Dean or I have more information. Finally, on November 14th Noel-Levitz will be presenting a one-day workshop on Recruitment and Retention in Minneapolis. See Bonnie Mercer or me for more information.

Meanwhile, enjoy our Minnesota Quality guests and remember that next Tuesday is a 5th Tuesday so we’ll be having an all faculty/staff development meeting from 2-4 reporting on the work you begin on Sept. 25th and moving on from there!

-Cheers, Judy Harris

Thank you
RCTC Nursing Forum students would like to thank everyone for contributions during the Food Drive of October 10-12. Ninety pounds of food and $84.94 were donated and delivered to Channel One.

JUST A REMINDER
Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, October 29.
It’s time to “Fall Back”!!!
Supalla’s Scribblings

The wonders of voicemail and email hit home this week as I returned after five consecutive days of off-campus activity. We all know that GroupWise loses some of its magic as you return to find that the 60+ emails per day didn’t subside during your absence. But, wading through the 300+ messages I found the following good news…

- **Terry Brown** received a Faculty Service Award at the Mayo School of Health Related Sciences’ All-School Convocation.

- A large crowd, including many RCTC students and staff, participated in this year’s national video conference, “The Diversity Advantage: Staying Relevant in a Changing Community.” Special thanks to Susanne Sheehan and the HR and A-V staff for coordinating one of three interactive Minnesota teleconference sites.

- Enrollment gains at MnSCU institutions surged upward this fall by 3.3 percent systemwide. The gain of 4,840 students brings the number of students enrolled to 152,933. RCTC’s 10.4% enrollment gain was exceeded only by Normandale Community College (13.4%) and Lake Superior College (12.1%). RCTC’s headcount of 4,789 ranks #1 among Greater Minnesota two-year colleges, trailing only Normandale CC, Century CTC, Minneapolis CTC, Anoka Ramsey CC, Hennepin TC, North Hennepin CC, and St. Paul TC.

- The Yellowjacket volleyball, football, and soccer teams have all qualified for regional competition and RCTC will be sending a golfer to the NJCAA National Woman’s Golf Tournament next spring. Make a commitment now to support our teams by taking in the next game!

- The Global Education Committee organized a great week of cultural awareness activities. Many thanks to Lillyam Arroyave, Carol Bailey, Don Baldus, Craig Gagnon, Tom Gjersvig, Deb Rogne, Hien Zilz, Janell Holter, Lori Halverson-Wente, Susanne Sheehan, Jean Marconett, Nicki Ugalde, Abby Pinsky and Barb Mollberg for coordinating this wonderful educational experience.

- On October 11 over 80 ninth grade girls from the Zumbro Education District (Byron, Hayfield, Kasson-Manorville, Pine Island, Stewartville, and Triton) attended a non-traditional career workshop at RCTC. The students spent the morning touring area businesses and speaking with successful professionals in non-traditional careers. An afternoon math activity and panel discussion gave students an opportunity to identify skills and courses they should be taking in high school that will prepare them for non-traditional careers. Special thanks to Kathy Peak and Pam Benson for their part in making this great recruiting activity a terrific success.

Last Tuesday I joined Tess Kruger from Winona State University and Larry Shellito from Alexandria Technical College in a presentation at the Minnesota Quality Conference at RiverCentre, St. Paul. The three of us got a chance to share our institution’s quality journey with conference participants. Dave Weber delivered a Baldridge presentation at the conference and RCTC conference participants included Don Baldus, Tim Gilsrud, Paula Theisen, and Bonnie Mercer. Susanne Sheehan joined me at the first annual MnSCU diversity conference on Wednesday. I spent Thursday and Friday at the Minnesota Job Service Employers Committee Annual Meeting and Conference where we heard horror stories about the Minnesota skilled labor shortage and listened intently as Bemidji State University President Jim Benson delivered the keynote address, “Know-how: the Force of the Workforce. Saturday Colleen Landherr, Judy Harris, Bonnie Mercer, and Susanne Sheehan joined me at the Open Door Conference held for the first time right here on the UCR campus. Many thanks to all who took time away from their work to represent RCTC and learn about some of today’s “hot topics.”

Have you seen a copy of the “RCTC Campus Connection”? This excellent newsletter for high school counselors is produced by our counselors and spotlights campus news, program information, upcoming events, and serves as a wonderful reference. I bet the counselors would share a copy if you requested one. Nice job, counselors! Check out the counseling open house from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 25.
On October 18, the MnSCU Board made two interim appointments permanent. Larry Litecky was appointed president of Century Community and Technical College and Penny Harris Reynen selected as the permanent executive director for the MnSCU Board of Trustees.

Did you know that October is National Popcorn Month? We eat a lot of this healthful snack in our office…I bet you do too. Americans consume more than 12 billion pounds of popcorn annually. Popcorn that is topped without oil is high in fiber and low in fat, and can satisfy your need to munch without feelings of guilt. One cup of popcorn has only 19 calories. Enjoy!

Thought for the Week…

*I listen to critics, because often they are a good source of information for what you have to do differently.*

– John Chambers, CEO, Cisco Systems

I’m listening…

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**Menu of the Week**

**Taher, Inc.**

**This week’s panini** – Roast turkey with smoked gouda and tomato tapenade ………… $3.50

**This week’s wrap** – Mesquite steak ranch……………………………………………………………$3.95

**MONDAY** – Split pea and cauliflower and cheese soup
Grilled teriyaki chicken with rice, vegetable and a roll…………………………………………………………… $4.25

**TUESDAY** – Chicken noodle and cream of broccoli soup
Stuffed cabbage rolls with mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll…………………………………………………… $4.25

**WEDNESDAY** – Cheese and bacon and vegetable vegetarian soup
Shrimp primavera with penne pasta, fresh vegetables and bread……………………………………………… $4.25

**THURSDAY** – Potato chowder and tortellini and cheese soup
Cheese or chicken quesadilla’s with lettuce, tomatoes and sour cream……………………………………… $4.25

**FRIDAY** – Chef’s choice of soup
Delta style fried fish with corn muffin, vegetable, garlic roasted potatoes and a roll………………………… $4.25

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**RCTC Theatre presents THE ODD COUPLE by Neil Simon**

Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon’s hilarious contemporary comic classic: THE FEMALE VERSION of THE ODD COUPLE. Instead of the poker party that begins the original version, Ms. Madison has invited the girls over for an evening of Trivial Pursuits. The Pigeon sisters have been replaced by the hilarious Constazuela brothers. Very funny indeed!

*THE ODD COUPLE* will be presented November 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, 2000 at 8:00pm (seating at 7:30pm) in the Charles E. Hill Theatre, Rochester Community and Technical College on the University Center Rochester (UCR) campus. Call 507-285-7200 for ticket information.

THE ODD COUPLE is being directed by Ray Mikesh. Set design by Gary Schattschneider and costume design by Lori Chapman Dols.