



## Information & Communication Technology

### **Technology Infrastructure Upgraded**

The Information & Communication Technology department has upgraded the computer infrastructure, improved Internet capabilities and revolutionized the functions of student IDs.

Prior to the upgrade, computers across campus with the exception of the Graduate Program of Nurse Anesthesia ran on a 10 Megabyte network. CIO SW Hollingsworth and his staff worked quickly to bring the campus backbone to 4 Gigabytes.

A new online application called RamLink, will be deployed soon. With RamLink, grades will be accessible online, and students will be able to locate their unofficial transcripts and course schedules. In the near future users will be able to change addresses, add and drop classes, request official transcripts, apply for graduation and register and pay on-line.

ICT also is ambitiously pursuing the development of "smart" student IDs that contain computer chips rather than a magnetic strip, which will allow students to buy food without cash, access dormitories, check out books and perhaps even withdraw money from ATM machines.