Teddy Bear Tree a SUCCESS!
On Monday, January 3rd, eighty-eight teddy bears and other stuffed animals collected during the 1999 Holiday Reception found their home with the Olmsted County Sheriff’s Department. The Teddy Bears were presented to both Olmsted County Sheriff Steve Borchardt and Rochester’s Chief of Police Roger Peterson.

Sheriff Borchardt announced last year’s bears were used in numerous situations to comfort children going through traumatic situations and the supply was depleted. However, with the tremendous increase in UCR’s donation this year, consideration will be given to extending the distribution to surrounding small town law enforcement agents. Sheriff Borchardt added the kindness extended to these children and the local law enforcement agencies is VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

College for Kids teachers needed
Please consider teaching in the highly acclaimed Rochester College For Kids for one or both of the following weeks: July 31 – August 4 and/or August 7-11, 2000 in Rochester. The co-sponsors for Rochester College For Kids are Rochester Community and Technical College and the Zumbro Education District.

Any academically enriching topic that might interest young people is appropriate for a class. The possibilities are endless. Be creative and feel free to use your imagination! Our most successful classes have included some of the following elements: hands-on experience, experiments, creating a project, doing research, making discoveries, and solving real problems. Interaction, discussion, and activity are also suggested.

In 1999, nearly 500 gifted and talented third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from primarily southeastern Minnesota enjoyed classes taught by college faculty and community teachers during College For Kids held at Rochester. Your participation as an instructor in this program would be greatly appreciated in an effort to serve the needs of our students. We encourage you to call for more information or request an application form from: Colleen Landherr, Community Youth Program Coordinator, (280-3113), Rochester Community and Technical College, Continuing Education/College for Kids. Please call before February 7, 2000. This date is a must in terms of compiling a schedule as well as printing and distributing the program brochures.

Evening Administration
The evening administrator for January 10-13 is Steve Kereakos who can be reached at x7262.

UCR events
Attached to this week's College Crossings is the UCR schedule of events for January 10-14.

Notice
Goddard Library and the Library Technology Center will be CLOSED on Monday, January 17, 2000.

RCTC Chiropractic Clinic
Hours: Mon-Thurs 3-7 p.m.
Phone: 529-2736
Location: C-211

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ATTACHED
- UCR event schedule
- Drop/ad dates for spring
- Faculty fall planning sheets
- 2000-01 academic calendar
COME AND GET IT!
Taher, Inc.

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

UCR Dining Room
Monday
Roast beef, potatoes, veggie, roll
Cornish game hen/bread dressing
Cream of broccoli

Tuesday
Potato Bar
Tuna noodle casserole
Chicken rice soup

Wednesday
Baked chicken, veggie, roll
Grilled tuna steak/dill sauce
Spicy hot pork

Thursday
BBQ pork sandwich, coleslaw
Beef stroganoff/noodles
Vegetable beef soup

Friday
Taco bar
Wisconsin cheddar soup

Heintz Center Snack Bar
Monday
Turkey/swiss on wheat

Tuesday
Hot roast beef sandwich

Wednesday
Taco bar

Thursday
Chicken cordon blue

Friday
Shrimp basket

Weekly funny...

I think Jake's a little out of shape.

1999 tax information

1999 W-2 Forms (Wage and Tax Statement) will be mailed out approximately January 19, 2000. W-2 forms are never forwarded so if you have an address change, please notify Human Resources before the actual mailings. If you should not receive your W-2 please submit in writing to Human Resources a request for a duplicate W-2. The request will be processed approximately 10 business days after the last mailing of W-2 forms. If you believe that the W-2 is incorrect, you must submit in writing to this office and we will investigate and if an error exists, a correction will be requested and a corrected W-2 form will be sent out.

Important back-up notice for spring semester

Rachelle will be gone from Jan. 6-14. For room changes, room conflicts or academic room scheduling, please contact in this order:

1. Judy Kingsbury, 285-7216
2. Mona Permann, 280-3157
3. Barb Vroman, 280-2832
4. Jan Stephenson, 285-7148

Judy Kingsbury will be available all day to accommodate room conflicts the first couple of days of classes.

Back-up for opening classes, overrides and independent study will be:

1. Michelle Stahlman, 285-7234
2. Troy Tynsky, 280-3509

Please note that both Rachelle and Michelle will be gone on Jan. 6, 7, and 10th. On those days the back-up people will need to be contacted. Thank you for your patience.

Thought for the week...

Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is mystery. Today is a gift.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Welcome back for those of you who had some time away during the holidays. May you enjoy at least as many years in the new millennium as you did in the one that just slipped away! Although traffic on campus slowed a bit without classes in session, lots of exciting things have happened since the last Scribblings.

♦ Counseling, advising and admissions staff worked hard registering students. Right now it appears that both headcount and credits sold for spring semester exceed last year’s spring semester numbers.
♦ The RCTC Wellness Task Force received one of six Blue Cross Blue Shield Champions in Health Awards. Katie Swegarden accepted the award at ceremonies at the Rochester Athletic Club on Saturday, January 8.
♦ The Foundation received several significant contributions towards the $2 million “Focus on the Future” campaign. The Upward Bound Program has collected enough money in their scholarship fund to be endowed. It’s never too late to make a contribution and you can direct which fund you’d like to support.
♦ The UCR partners are making good progress on an updated Master Academic Plan that will be presented to the Legislature in January. Highlights of the Plan will be shared with you in the next few weeks. Administrative leadership of the three UCR partners continue to discuss a long-range fiscal plan for shared and contracted services.
♦ Rochester’s New Year’s celebration ended with a spectacular fireworks show launched from UCR’s west parking lot. The display drew a large crowd of spectators and many dropped in to enjoy cider and cookies in the Atrium after the show. Thanks to all who gave up holiday time to help. How about holding the Fourth of July fireworks on campus?
♦ Several engineers, information technology staff, and administrators spent New Years Eve on a “Y2K Watch.” The only glitch discovered to date was the loss of a MnSCU computer connection and this interface was restored over the weekend. Again, thanks to Tim Gilsrud and many others who worked for months to assure a successful transition to 2000.
♦ The first issue of “Diversity Matters,” published by MnSCU’s Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity featured an article by Hien Zilz, RCTC’s Minority Services Specialist. Nice job, Hien!

I continue to receive comments from customers pleased with the programs and services RCTC’s delivered. A couple of recent examples include a paragraph from a letter to Nancy Shumaker from Matt Abts and a compliment on our Foreign Language Week activities. Could this be the reason our enrollments are increasing?

“…None of this would have been possible without the cooperation you’ve given me. Actually, everyone I’ve dealt with at RCTC has gone out of their way to help me achieve this goal, for which I am grateful. Anyone of a number of things could have snarled me up, but the whole process has been rendered extremely smooth by Audrey Lidke, Kathleen Creager and yourself, beyond, I think, the call of duty.”

“I’m Dori Robbins, a teacher at Rochester Central Lutheran School. We had the privilege to attend the Foreign Language Week activities in October. I was truly impressed with the amount of organizational work which took place for the children. They came back with wonderful experiences and projects. Lillyam truly did an outstanding job bringing these activities, keepsakes, and learning together for the children. I cannot believe what was accomplished by her. I hope the program is able to get continued support for cultural awareness to the children of our community.”

A “Thought for the Week” from SANTA’S LITTLE HELPERS…Shall we make a new rule of life from tonight: always try to be a little kinder than necessary? Have a great semester and a wonderful 2000!

Don
TeachNet InServices

Web Development 1 — January 19, 2000
2 PM-4 PM — SH206

Come create and publish your own personal webpage. We’ll 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 interested contact sarah.prigge@roch.edu or 507-280-2924. Class limit is 10 attendees.

Web Development 2 — January 27, 2000
2 PM-4 PM — SH203

Have you been through Web Development 1 and feel your ready to add to what you’ve learned? Web Development 2 is the next step. This InService will give you additional opportunity to work with your personal page, expand and edit, add links, and more. Please contact sarah.prigge@roch.edu or 507-280-2924 if you’d like to attend this InService. Class limit is 10 attendees.

New! Better! Bigger!
The Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation’s Scholarship Program enters the new millennium with new scholarships, more money, AND, scholarship information and application on the internet!!

Information sheets and applications are still available in the counseling office and foundation office, but you can also access the information at the RCTC web site. Simply go to www.roch.edu/rc/tc/html/scholarships.html and your there! Although electronic applications are possible, until the wrinkles are worked out, we are asking for applicants to print off the form and submit it the old-fashioned way. Application deadline is March 22, 2000. Please encourage students to apply early to avoid a last minute rush.

Retirement thanks
I could never have imagined all the wonderful wishes and cards that would arrive at retirement. Thanks to everyone for making my retirement party wonderful and for sending me off into retirement with such warm feelings for all of you at the College. It shouldn’t be surprising that we make many friends in thirty years at the same institution, but I still found myself feeling surprise and a twinge of sadness. I am grateful to all of you for your friendship.

— Julie Goodman

Thanks
Thank you for the lovely flowers for my mom. It was nice of you to think of us. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Mary Paul.

— Audrey Nervig

Committee meeting
The Teaching and Learning Committee will meet on Friday, January 14th from 2 - 3 PM in EA 237. The agenda is as follows. All are welcome to attend.

Teaching and Learning Committee
Friday, January 14, 2000
2 PM - 3 PM, EA 237

Agenda Item
Continued Discussion of Final Exams
Begin PSEO Moorhead Conference Report

Affinity Plus Credit Union
Are you or your parents members of Affinity Plus Credit Union? If so, you qualify for a $1000 scholarship for next year. The recipient will be awarded a maximum of 25 points in each of the following categories: academic standing, extracurricular, volunteer or community involvement, leadership, and a personal essay. Deadline for application is January 31, 2000. Recipients will be notified in March. Applications are available in the counseling office, UCR SS150.

Student Support Center
Did you know that the Student Support Center provided 68 days of testing accommodations for 491 students on an average of 7 students per day on the UCR campus this past fall semester?

If you have any questions about testing accommodations or any of the services that SSC provides, please feel free to call: 285-7230 on the UCR Campus or 280-3120 on the Heintz Center Campus.

— Alex Kromminga