You are invited to the University Center Rochester

HOLIDAY RECEPTION
Thursday, December 19 from 2:00 to 4:00pm
Heintz Center Commons Area
- Sponsored by the Administration -

Horticulture Sale
Monday, December 2, 2002 from 10-11am, 2-4pm, & 6-8pm.
Prices: 25" decorated wreath $15 (retail $25-$35); Decorated Swags $12 (retail $20-$30). We have all design styles available (traditional, contemporary, botanical). Poinsettias: 7" white, pink, marble for $10; 4.5" pink, marble for $5. All sales are in the Hort Tech Center in the Heintz Center.

Need Coats for Christmas Anonymous
Tubs have been set up at each of the main information desks on both campuses. Please bring new and gently used clean winter clothing to help make someone's winter a little more enjoyable. We will be collecting coats until Dec. 4. Thank you. There is nothing better than seeing someone spot just that right coat to put under the Christmas Tree. Please announce to your classes also. Thank you in advance.

Meeting Announcement
The next Program Leaders/Division Coordinators meeting will be held Tuesday, December 3rd at 2:10p.m. at Heintz Center in C105. Audrey Lidke will give a presentation on Transfer.

Evening Administration
Dec. 2-3 – Tim Gilsrud
Dec. 4 – Jay Lee
Dec. 5 – Don Supalla
Dec. 7-12 – Ellen Nelson
Dec. 14-19 – Dave Weber

The evening administrator can be reached at x7262.
Weekly Funny

"Here's the meat pizza you ordered. You don't have to tip me, because I ate the meat."

Thank you
My sincerely thanks to the staff and administration for the beautiful floral bouquet for my brother, Bradley Wilson's memorial service. It was so very thoughtful. Just one more reason why RCTC is such a great place to work. I have been surrounded by caring people throughout this difficult journey. Blessings to all.

Colleen Landherr

SSSP Holiday Party and Silent Auction
Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Student Support Services office area SS160 – SS168
We have many beautiful items from around the world to bid on, some of which are listed on an attachment to this week’s Crossings. All proceeds benefit the SSSP Iris Fried Scholarship fund. Come ring in the holidays with staff and peers, enjoy a variety of food, good cheer, conversation and bid, bid, bid!!!. Thank you to Upward Bound, Disability Services, International Advisor, Perkins, Minority Services and Iris Fried for their continued support of this annual fundraiser.

Holiday Buffet

Wednesday, December 4 from 11:00 a.m. till gone in the South Room OR
Thursday, December 5 from 11:00 a.m. till gone in the Heintz Center Commons
$2.00 (ALL proceeds to be donated to Channel One) – Sponsored by CAB
Roasted turkey ● Dressing ● Scalloped Potatoes ● Green Bean Casserole
Cranberry Sauce ● Dinner Roll ● Pumpkin Pie ● Beverage
Supalla’s Scribblings

Best wishes for a safe and joyous Thanksgiving weekend. I hope that you enjoy the company of family and friends and return in December relaxed and refreshed for the final few hectic weeks of the semester. The Health Department staff at Heintz Center once again created a beautiful tree for this year’s Festival of the Trees. The Festival, Rochester’s premier holiday event, attracts large numbers of viewers and tree buyers. All proceeds benefit Hiawatha Homes. Why not start a holiday tradition with a family trip to Mayo Civic Center to enjoy the beauty of “Dashing Through the Snow.” Festival hours are Wednesday-Friday, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Check out the work of your colleagues.

Speaking of snow, it’s time to familiarize yourself with the UCR Inclement Weather Policy. Severe weather may result in a decision to close the Center, cancel classes, delay the opening of the campus, or cancel non-academic activities. When a decision is made to close the Center, all classes and activities are canceled and only a handful of identified essential employees report to work. If classes are canceled, UCR offices remain open and employees are expected to report to work as regularly scheduled. If the start of classes is delayed, continue to listen to local media for periodic updates. Administrators make every effort to make inclement weather decisions by 6 a.m., and decisions regarding evening classes by 3 p.m. When inclement weather occurs, please monitor UCR campus closure or class cancellation announcements by listening to local media outlets.

Congratulations to the Business Office staff who announced that students can now pay on-line, using VISA or MasterCard. In addition to on-line payment, students will soon be able to monitor their account status on line. This is just another example of how RCTC staff is innovating to improve services to students and meet the ever-changing needs of our stakeholders.

Yep, college presidents make mistakes too. Barb Mollberg shared a true story of how one of America’s premier higher educational institutions failed to realize an opportunity…

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President’s outer office. The president’s secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn’t even deserve to be in Cambridge. “We want to see the president,” the man said softly.” “He’ll be busy all day,” the secretary snapped. “We’ll wait,” the lady replied. For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn’t and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to interrupt the president, even though it was a chore she always regretted. “Maybe! If they just see you for a few minutes, they’ll leave,” she told him. He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn’t have the time to spend with them, but he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The president, stern faced and with dignity, strutted toward the couple. The lady told him, “We had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But about a year ago, he was accidentally killed. My husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him, somewhere on campus.” The president wasn’t touched...He was shocked. “Madam,” he said, gruffly, “we can’t put up a statue for every person who has attended Harvard and died. If we did, this place would look like a cemetery.” “Oh, no,” the lady explained quickly. “We don’t want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard.” The president rolled his eyes. He glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, “A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical plant at Harvard.”

For a moment the lady was silent. The president was pleased. Maybe he could get rid of them now. The lady turned to her husband and said quietly, “Is that all it costs to start a university? Why don’t we just start our own?” Her husband nodded. The president’s face wilted in confusion and bewilderment.
Mr. And Mrs. Leland Stanford got up and walked away, traveling to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, a memorial to the son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who they think can do nothing for them or to them.

-- Malcolm Forbes

Best of luck to the RCTC Yellowjacket football team who take their undefeated season into Dalton Defenders Bowl game Sunday afternoon in Coffeyville, Kansas. The Yellowjackets, currently ranked #4 nationally will take on the #12 ranked Red Ravens. Ron Thomas, former RCC Dean of Students, served as Coffeyville College’s president in the late 1990s.

Quote for the Week… “Learn and grow all you can; serve and befriend all you can; enrich and inspire all you can.”

-- Pope John Paul II

Happy Thanksgiving! Go Yellowjackets!

Don

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Barb Beck whose father (Leon North) passed away. Our thoughts go out to you and your family.

Big Ten Holiday Drawing! Ten prizes, Ten lucky winners!
Tickets are $1.00 each or 10 for $5.00 and are available in the Upward Bound Office (SS150). The drawing will be held Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the College Center South Room (you need not be present to win). Proceeds benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship fund.

Try your luck at winning one of these wonderful prizes: an opal and diamond 14Kt gold necklace; Treasure Island one night stay in a whirlpool suite and dinner for two; A Day on the Town (includes 2 passes for the Rochester Athletic Club, a Greek Chicken Dinner for two, 2 deserts from the Broadstreet Café, and 2 movie passes to the Chateau Theater); a Rochester Art Center family membership; 2 hand blown glass Christmas ornaments by Steven Anderson; handmade sucker tree; basket of holiday stuffies; autographed picture of Mariel Hemmingway; 2 gallons of candy; Upward Bound sweatshirt.

Channel One Food Drive: December 2 - December 5
(see attachment for more information)

“You Don’t Know Me Until You Know Me – A Dance With Diversity”
Rochester Public School’s District Diversity Committee cordially invites you to a free public performance. Michael (a.k.a. Mykee) Fowlin provides a fast paced performance as he slips in and out of nine characters to “share their stories.”
The meeting convened at 2:07p.m.

1. **Other:**
   a. **Distance learning AASC relationship** - Faculty position: Any curricular issues resulting in recommendations will be considered by faculty AASC if endorsed by Faculty Technology/Distance Education Committee Chair, Lori Wright. This committee is a subcommittee of AASC and Faculty General Matters. Administration position: The Technology/Distance Education Committee is an all-college committee with administrators, staff, faculty, etc. All tally/max issues are delegated to Faculty Shared Governance by new contract, not AASC. **Action:** Curriculum issues as defined in the faculty contract will be sent to AASC from the Technology/Distance Education Committee.

   b. **Staff Development** – Faculty suggested offering workshops during staff development for the writing of proposals. Administration noted that they had invited faculty to do this for the fall semester staff development and had received no response; and that they still believe it would be a useful presentation. Faculty asked that the Goals 1-10 template be placed on the j: drive. **Action:** The Academic Affairs office will place the templates on the college j: drive.

   c. **AA graduation audit communications** – Examples of erroneous student audits were discussed. **Action:** Faculty and Administration agreed that Harris, Kehoe and Helmers would go over corrections needed with Admissions/Records. Kehoe will encourage faculty to consider SPCH 1114 or 1130 for Goal 1.

   d. **MnTC**
      1. **MnTC review** – **Action:** Tabled.

   e. **Contract clarification**
      **Membership in AASC (see Oct. minutes)** – Faculty clarified alternate committee membership for B Bakken and J Rodakowski. **Action:** Information Only.

      1. **Chair** – Administration noted that per the contract there is to be one chair of this committee. Faculty indicated that they strongly disagree. **Action:** Faculty and Administration will seek input from state level and will discuss further at the next meeting.

   f. **General Ed**
      1. **Allied studies/health courses** – J Harris asked for faculty to meet with her to review and make any needed corrections. **Action:** J Helmers and J Kehoe will meet and discuss with Harris.

      2. **Allied studies competencies** – Health and Wellness statement but competencies were not identified. J Harris asked for subcommittee to detail competencies and submit. **Action:** Faculty will discuss.

2. **2001-2002 Carry Over Proposals**

   **Proposals 234-241, ASF course revisions**
   **Action:** Withdrawn.

   Proposal 242, BTEC 2355, Microcomputer Business Applications with PowerPoint, new course

   The intention is to offer BTEC 2350 as a three-credit course and BTEC 2355 as a four-credit course that includes one credit of PowerPoint. B Mollberg noted concerns regarding course duplication. E Nelson suggested having one course with variable credits. J Helmers also noted transfer issues. **Action:** Tabled.

3. **2002-2003 Proposals**
Proposal 7A, DA 1215, Dental Practice Management, course revision
B Crawford explained the various components in the course and the need for a smaller class size to maximize student success. J Harris will recommend approve, but this is a faculty shared governance issue. Action: Withdrawn from this committee. J Kehoe will forward to shared governance.

Proposal 40, MATH 2208, Fundamentals of Statistics, course revision
J Harris noted that this is also a shared governance issue. Action: Withdrawn from this committee. J Kehoe will forward to shared governance.

Proposal 41, Health Information Technology, program revision
Action: Approved and will be forwarded by the Academic Affairs office to MnSCU for final approval.

Proposal 42, BTEC 2830, Health Information Technology (HIT) Review, new course
Approved with the removal of the word "online" and changing the class size from 20 to 28. Faculty indicated that this was acceptable to the proposal submitter. Action: Approved. J Kehoe will forward to shared governance under protest pending clarification from state on jurisdiction of AASC for initial class size determination.

Proposal 49, MUSC 2292, Studio Projects, new course
The common course outline has been submitted, but new concerns were noted by B Mollberg regarding class size, costs associated with offering the course and course duplication. Action: Tabled.

Proposal 57, GERM 1000, Traveling in German-Speaking Europe, new course
Action: Withdrawn. The trip to Germany course will take place under SPCH 2210 umbrella.

Proposal 58, BTEC 2880, Developing an Electronic Portfolio (e-folio), new course
Administration had concerns regarding the issue of charging for the course as e-folio was intended to be a free tool for all Minnesotans to use and regulations may not allow for this. Action: Tabled. J Harris will follow up with MnSCU.

Proposal 59, Minnesota Transfer Curriculum General Education Requirements, revision to existing curriculum policy
Action: Tabled.

Proposal 60, HUM 2964, Sensational Statistics: Making sense of medical numbers for writers and consumers of health news, new course
Humanities signature secured by J Kehoe. No future proposals from honors will be accepted without appropriate assigned field signature. Action: Approved and noted that the course is not MnTC.

Proposal 61, Health Information Technology, RCTC/Anoka Hennepin Technical College, New Articulation Agreement
B Mollberg explained that this proposal was submitted as a result of Anoka Hennepin planning to create the same program that we currently offer and this was an effort to partner with them; RCTC would award the AAS degree. General education, MnTC issues and the delivery of at least 20 semester credits need further discussion/clarification. Action: Tabled. J Kehoe will clarify details with J Gust.

Proposal 62, Child Development, AAS & Diploma, RCTC/various other MnSCU colleges, New Articulation Agreement
Action: Approved.

Proposal 63, COMP 1112, Introduction to Computers, with Applications, course revision
Action: Approved to remove from MNTC list.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30p.m.