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Baldrige Banterings
As part of our NCA accreditation, we formed the following all-college committees: Teaching and Learning; Innovations Design; Student and Stakeholder Relations; Technology, and Employee Relations. Please note that these committees ARE FOR INPUT ONLY. They can make recommendations but do not have the authority to implement them. UTCE and CCFA remain the decision-making bodies when a faculty opinion is required. The role of faculty members on the all-college committees is still very important as many ideas and potential solutions are generated there.

Encourage students to apply for scholarships
Never in the history of the RCTC Foundation has there been so many scholarships available as there are this year! Please encourage students to submit an application and be among over 160 potential winners. Applications are available in the counseling office, SS133 or the Foundation office, Heintz Center - C 120. Students may also access information and applications at the RCTC website. Several new scholarships have been added this year, expanding opportunities for students pursuing their education in a variety of areas. Some of the new scholarships added include the Lavine Family Scholarship, Wells Fargo Scholarship, Olmsted Bar Association Scholarship for legal option administrative assistants, the Milton and Charlotte Anderson Scholarship and the Kereakos Family/Univ. of MN. Scholarship. Don’t let your students pass up a great opportunity to be recognized for their efforts. Scholarship application deadline is March 9, 2001.

Paycheck information: January 26, 2001
A reminder to everyone: Effective on the check you receive January 26, 2001:

* Insurance for dependants went up
* For those who chose Preferred One as their new insurance - those rates are now on your check
* For those who chose the new Long Term Care program, those rates are now being deducted.

For most employees, that means your check will be less.
Weekly funny…

"I'm sorry, but Mr. Konklin is extremely busy today. Can I take a message and have him get back to you?"

**ITV class offering**

**Forum on Instructional Design: Or, What the Heck is Instructional Design, and How Can it Help Me?**

Lead by Dr. Judy Euller, Instructional Designer, TeachNet and Winona State University Department of Nursing. The forum will be held on February 14, 2001 from 12:00-2:30 p.m. with a lunch provided. For more information and details, please see the flier attached to this week’s **Crossings**.

* * * Attend a Horticulture Seminar * * *

Horticulture Seminars on Wednesday January 24, 8am & 8:40am in HB117
Retaining Walls by Perry Bauer & Golf Course Green Construction by Barry McMullin

**Condolences**

Condolences to Judy May whose father-in-law, Vernon Blanchard, recently passed away. Our thoughts are with you and your family.

**TeachNet class offering**

**Thursday, January 25, 2001**
3:00 - 5:00 pm – SH206
Web CT Syllabus & Gradebook

Hands on Lab: Creating your syllabus and using the grade book in WebCT.
You will leave this session with a syllabus and/or grade book template to streamline the process.

If interested in attending, please contact Sarah Prigge x2924.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Watching the crane lift the concrete sections of the final wall of the Sports Center field house in place this week reminded me that this might be a good time to provide a brief update on our campus construction projects.

**Intercampus Road** – Construction on the final segment of road connecting Heintz Center and UCR Drive commenced last fall but is on hold until the frost is out of the ground. Work on the road, providing intercampus access between buildings, should be completed this summer.

**Athletic Fields** – Work on athletic fields displaced by the Sports Center and road construction began last fall. Grading is complete and the construction of softball (2), baseball, practice fields (3) and a soccer/football game field will resume this spring. Construction should be finished by the time classes begin in August and the fields playable in spring, 2002. Additional “community use” fields paid for by Rochester Park and Rec and youth sports associations are being constructed in conjunction with the UCR project.

**Sports Center** – Workers have nearly enclosed the shell of the $15+ million Sports Center and roof work, heating/AC, plumbing and electrical work is underway. As the weather warms, brick, windows and internal walls will be installed. The Sports Center construction is progressing on time with completion still possible in early 2002.

**Technology Center** – Architects are finalizing the design development documents and have started drafting construction documents. The $9.3 million project is scheduled to go out for bids in mid-February with serious renovation scheduled to begin by mid-April. If the project remains on schedule, the new facility should be ready for occupancy in December 2001. Students and staff should be prepared for dust, rerouted traffic patterns and disruptions as major renovation of Goddard Library and surrounding areas occur this summer and fall.

**Horticulture Technology Center** – Design documents have been finalized and construction drawings are being drafted in anticipation of bid letting that is scheduled for February. Construction of the $4.5 million Horticulture Technology Center is expected to begin this spring with completion scheduled for January 2002.

Although much time and energy is being consumed managing the current campus construction, plans are already being made for future projects. On Wednesday, Arnie Bigbee (Mayo School of Health Related Sciences), Faith Zimmerman (University of Minnesota Rochester), Tim Gasper (Winona State University – Rochester Center) and Anne Niccolai (RCTC) joined me at a MnSCU bonding public hearing to share information about our plans for a $3 million Phase III infrastructure (utilities, quadrangle, entrance road and landscaping plan) and a $31+ million Health Sciences Building. These are two of many future projects being considered by the MnSCU Board and facilities staff.

The first legislative “Eggs and Issues” Breakfast with area legislators (joined by Speaker of the House Steve Swiggum and Senate Minority Leader Dick Day) is scheduled for 8:30-10:30 a.m., Saturday, January 27 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel. For just $10 you can join a team of RCTC representatives interested in hearing first-hand what’s happening in St. Paul.

Congratulations to Kevin Dobbe who received word that he will be presenting, “It Takes a Village to Raise a CD-ROM:…” at the Eighth International Technological Directions in Music Learning, The Institute for Music Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio on Thursday, January 25. Way to go, Kevin!

Thanks to Susanne Sheehan, Anne Nicolai, Judy Harris, and Karen Machlica who gave up a holiday morning to join me at the Sixth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. Several excellent speakers reminded us of the need to “Remember. Act. Celebrate: The Struggle Continues.”

Last week I promised to continue to share futurist David Zach’s thoughts on the future of education. He’s entitled Installment #2, “The Right to Learn.” “This world that we’ve built leads us to one inescapable conclusion: we live in a world in which the right to stop learning is gone. Regardless of your age, you must continually learn. Consider that anyone who stops learning today is essentially toast. They’re dead in the water. They have no options, no choices and no future. To be brutally honest, they’re lucky to even have jobs. We have to learn, and keep learning. What does this mean for schools? It means that schools can’t possibly accept all this responsibility. We have to learn, and keep learning. What does this mean for schools? It means that schools can’t possibly accept all this responsibility. If everyone has to be a learner, then it seems logical that just about everyone has to be a teacher too. Curiosity has to be an honored characteristic. Imagination needs to be nurtured. So does daydreaming.”

Pleasant Dreams - Don
Enter a NEW REALM with CHRISTOPHER CARTER…

MINDREADING? ESP? BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION!

Christopher Carter – Theater of Thoughts
In his show, Theater of Thoughts, Christopher Carter shows audiences why he is recognized as one of the world’s most skilled, creative and original mind readers. Amazing? Yes.

Believing that the mind is the last great unexplored frontier, Christopher will:
  o Have coins placed upon his eyes, which are then taped shut, and go on to describe objects that are held up by audience members, even duplicating currency that is safely hidden by an audience member
  o Cause a light bulb to explode purely through his powers of concentration
  o Astound audience members with personal facts that they have never before revealed – to anyone
  o Make audience members believe that they are experiencing touches and taps from invisible hands

South Room, 4th Floor College Center
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2001 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Sponsored by CAB

RCTC staffing update

Administrative
- Dean of Health Sciences (MnSCU Administrator). Position posted/advertised nationally.
- Director of Nursing (MnSCU Administrator). Position posted/advertised nationally.
- Vice President for Academic Affairs (MnSCU Administrator). Position posted/advertised nationally.
- Vice President for Student Affairs/Institutional Advancement (MnSCU Administrator). Position posted/advertised nationally.

Faculty
- Instructor of Health and/or Physical Education and Head Football Coach (UFT MCCFA). Position posted/advertised nationally. Search team appointed. Semi-finalists selected; interviews being conducted.
- Instructor of Computer Science (UFT MCCFA). Position posted/advertised nationally. Semi-finalists selected; interviews being conducted.

Unclassified Professional (MAPE)
- Multicultural Healthcare Grant Coordinator (FT grant-funded MnSCU Program Dir. 1). Appointment pending.
- Project Team Leader (FT grant-funded unclassified MAPE position). Position being posted/advertised.
- Community Outreach Coordinator (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Dir. 1). Position posted/advertised.
- SSSP Academic/Transfer Advisor (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Dir. 1). Position posted/advertised.

Unclassified Supervisory (MMA)
- Director of Continuing Education and Grant Development (FT unclassified MnSCU Program Supv. 1). Position posted/advertised.

Classified AFSCME
- General Maint. Worker (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
- Office and Administrative Specialist Intermediate – Academic Affairs Work Area (UFT - UCR Scheduler). No appointment made from DOER list; position being advertised.
- Office and Administrative Specialist – Academic Affairs Work Area (temporary FT). Position being advertised.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125.
Menu of the Week
Taher, Inc.
This week’s panini – Jamaican jerked pork loin $3.50

MONDAY – Chicken gumbo or minestrone soup
Baked lasagna with vegetable and bread ................................................................. $4.25

TUESDAY – Garden vegetable or vegetable beef soup
Shrimp Caesar wrap .................................................................................................. $3.95 or $2.95 for ½ wrap

WEDNESDAY – Cauliflower and cheese or chicken noodle soup
Baked meatloaf with mashed potatoes, vegetable and roll ...................................... $4.25

THURSDAY – Vegetable vegetarian or cream of asparagus soup
Cheese or chicken quesadilla’s ................................................................................ $4.25

FRIDAY – Chef’s choice of soup
Delta style fried fish with vegetable, scalloped potatoes and roll .......................... $4.25

*** NEW FEATURED ITEMS ***

RICE AND PASTA BOWLS:
This week’s feature is sweet and sour chicken. Two sizes to choose from: $3.25 or $4.25

SPECIALITY SANDWICHES FROM THE GRILL:
This week’s specialty is a BBQ riblet for: $2.95