Library website

The staff in Goddard Library would greatly appreciate your feedback regarding the library homepage website. A short electronic survey has been created and should only take a few moments of your time. All individual comments are strictly confidential. Please submit your completed evaluation by Friday, March 28. To complete the evaluation, visit the Goddard Library website at: http://www.roch.edu/library/ and click on Website Survey Icon.

Thanks in advance for your thoughts and time.
Goddard Library

Faculty development

The Center for Teaching and Learning and efolio Minnesota are pleased and excited to announce a special opportunity for MnSCU faculty and staff to join a special summer project that will highlight how electronic portfolios can be used in higher education.

CTL Project Specialist - Summer 2003 Opportunity
Electronic Portfolios in Education

Project stipends are available for several faculty and staff to create course or project portfolios to illustrate the ways in which electronic portfolios may successfully be used in education. It is envisioned that electronic portfolios may be utilized by faculty and staff for instructional purposes at the classroom, program, and project level. The goal is to provide resources and ideas to our MnSCU colleagues to demonstrate the many uses of efolio Minnesota. The portfolios developed will be posted on the efolio website. We want these to be dynamic sites - updated by the project specialists as you would any portfolio.

Thanks to funding from the state leadership funds from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, stipends are available to faculty that are chosen to work on this project. CTL Campus Leaders: we would appreciate it if you would forward this information to all faculty and staff on your campus.

For more information, please see the attached document and visit http://efoliomn.avenet.net. Online applications are due April 30. If you have questions, please contact Paul Wasko, efolio Minnesota Project Director, paul.wasko@so.mnscu.edu or Brenda Lyseng, Faculty Development Coordinator, brenda.lyseng@so.mnscu.edu.
Weekly Funny

"It's a house made out of sand. What did you think I meant when I said I owned a beach house?"

Service Learning Notes
There is an opportunity for a student to apply for the MCC Student Fellows Program. Applications are outside my office. They are looking for students who are involved in campus or community-based activities, interested in serving as leaders and advocates, and eager to explore issues of civic engagement with other students. Students would receive an honorarium as well as workshops, etc. Deadline is March 31. If you received this information earlier in your mailbox, please share with students, etc.

Carol Bailey

Visiting Scholar on campus
Barbara Ehrenreich, author of the campus “common book”, Nickel and Dimed: On How to (Not) Get by in America, is scheduled to be on campus for two speaking engagements. On April 8, 2003, Ms. Ehrenreich will speak in Rockenbach Gym at 7 p.m. She will speak again in Rockenbach Gym at 10:00 a.m. the next morning, April 9, 2003. Ms. Ehrenreich will talk about her experiences researching her book and relate her experiences in low-paying and low-skilled employment. She will also address her newest work as well as touch upon the role as a writer/activist. Ehrenreich is a political essayist and social critic who tackles a brave and diverse range of issues in books and magazine articles.

Nickel and Dimed: On How to (Not) Get By in America is the selection for the first Rochester Community Reads program sponsored by the Rochester Public Library. The publication Nickel and Dimed relates Ms. Ehrenreich’s experiences working minimum wage jobs in three locations around the country, Key West, Florida, Portland, Maine and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Barbara Ehrenreich will make an additional appearance while in Rochester as the featured speaker at a Rochester Chamber of Commerce luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Mayo Civic Center, Riverview Suites at noon on April 9. Cost is $15.00. Reservations can be made by calling the Chamber of Commerce office at 288-1122 or email the Chamber at chamber@rochestermnchamber.com A one act play, Nickel and Dimed, based on Ehrenreich’s book will be performed on March 27 in the Hill Theatre. Show times are 11:00am and 7:00pm. Admission is free and open to the public.

Ms. Ehrenreich’s visit is underwritten by University Center Rochester’s Visiting Scholar Series. Additional funding has been contributed by GRAUC and Rochester Area Foundation.

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Jamie Prasser whose mother, Vivienne Prasser, passed away on March 20th. Our thoughts are with you and your family.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Ten days of relaxation in Florida’s record-breaking temps and sunny skies ended with a trip through a major security checkpoint as we approached the Miami International Airport on Wednesday evening. The shuttle and bags were searched as we arrived at the airport. The flight back ended in Minneapolis-St. Paul just as the President told the nation the engagement had commenced. These are concerning times for us as a nation. Higher education has a long history of welcoming dialogue on a wide variety of topics and policies. Listening to Public Radio’s news coverage about campus war protests leads me to suspect that such events are likely to occur at UCR during the days and weeks ahead. Recognizing that different points of view on most issues exist, I’m hopeful that should local protests be held, they are done in a respectful and responsible manner. Generally speaking, protests are acceptable unless the demonstration disrupts normal operations, infringes on the rights of others, incites others to disrupt activities, or interferes with freedom of movement. Bob Morris, Security Coordinator, met with local law enforcement representatives on Thursday and will be briefing the leadership team Friday. Additional information will be shared with you as appropriate. For those who have family or friends close to the action in the Middle East, please know that our best thoughts are with you. Please don’t hesitate to let me know how RCTC might better support our students, staff and loved ones who are serving in the armed forces. We wish them well and hope for their safe return.

Conversation on Minnesota’s budget continues and MnSCU representatives have been testifying about what a devastating impact the Governor’s reduction proposal will have on programs and services. Budget targets will be set in the next couple of weeks so it’s important that we continue to dialogue with legislators. As you visit with Representatives and Senators, you might want to focus on the following themes…

- Recognize that balancing the budget is a difficult legislative task
- Even with 15 percent tuition increases each of the next two years, MnSCU will still face a $34 million shortfall
- RCTC will lose more than $1.3 million in FY04 if the Pawlenty proposal is enacted
- RCTC will have to spend down reserves, reduce programs and services, and raise tuition to balance our budget
- Governor Pawlenty’s proposal to take $30 million from MnSCU and transfer it to the Higher Education Services Office to supplement financial aid is not fair as students attending private institutions will get more than half of these dollars

I encourage you to stay current on higher education legislation by checking out the Legislative Update section on MnSCU’s web site. Weekly legislative updates are posted every Friday. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Congratulations are in order…

- Marilyn Treder (who will be joined by other mathematics teachers from throughout the country) has been selected to present on a panel at the AMATYC Conference in Salt Lake City in November 2003. Marilyn’s quickly becoming nationally recognized for preparing a team of students to compete in the Student Mathematics League!

- Eric Wojchik received word that Children First – Olmsted County partially funded his grant application for Upward Bound. Children First received grant applications totaling over $32,000 and only had $8,500 to allocate. Eric’s proposal, which earned Upward Bound $500, was impressive because it involved short- and long-term integration of the Asset Framework. Way to go, Eric

- Colleen Landherr will be accepting a $1000 grant from the Rochester Rotary U.S. Bank Holiday Classic grant committee at its awards luncheon on March 26. The grant will help support summer youth programming. Nice work, Colleen!
RCTC’s maintenance team spent spring break sprucing up the campus. The work did not go unnoticed! Included in my e-mails when I returned from Florida was this one…The campus is really looking nice. It’s clear that our maintenance staff is working very hard during the break. The results are spectacular! The College Center (in particular) looks the best it’s looked in a long time. Thanks GMWs and supervisors…keep up the good work!

This week’s thoughts focus on purpose…

“You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit of hope and achievement. You are here to enrich the world, and you impoverish yourself if you forget the errand.”
-- Woodrow T. Wilson

“If your job is not making a difference in this world, by all means, get out there and find something else. But in many situations, you’ll find a sense of making a difference through your work if you simply look for it.”
-- John Maxwell

Don’t forget the errand and keep looking for the difference you’re making. The world’s a better place because of you.

Don

$$ FREE MONEY $$
RCTC Foundation scholarship applications now available for RCTC students for the 2003/2004 academic year. All RCTC students are eligible! Over $100,000 to be awarded on MARCH 24, 2003. Pick up your applications at the UCR Counseling Office (SS133) or the RCTC Foundation Office (C-120 Heintz Center).

ERICKSON PART-TIME STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
Minimum Award $100 - Maximum Award $500
Awarded to any working adult student attending a MN State College and University on a part-time basis taking 1-11 credits Preference given to a student who are working full-or part-time, demonstrates financial need and is in good standing with the college. Application available in the Foundation Office, Heintz C110 or the UCR Counseling Center. Deadline March 24, 2003.

Third Annual MnSCU Diversity Conference
“Weaving Minnesota’s Rich Tapestry” is the theme of this year’s MnSCU Diversity Conference on the campus of St. Cloud State University, April 3-4, 2003. If you are interested in attending, go to http://www.stcloudstate.edu/diversityconference/ for full conference information.
Call for papers

The Ninth Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning Networks (ALN):
The Power of Online Learning: Implications for Teaching and Learning
November 14-16, 2003 ~ Rosen Centre Hotel ~ Orlando, Florida

We invite you to submit a proposal for the Ninth Sloan-C International Conference on Asynchronous Learning Networks. The conference strongly encourages proposals that reflect the implications for the field of specific online experiences and practices. Last year's conference attracted over 500 people to more than 100 presentations and offered exhibits, pre-conference workshops, a keynote address and a variety of other special events. Proposals must be submitted by April 18, 2003.

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