Presidential visit follow-up
THANKS to each and every one of you who volunteered or assisted UCR during last Friday's visit by President Bush. The tasks are too many to list, but everyone's efforts were greatly appreciated by the Republican Party, Norm Coleman Campaign, White House Advance Team, Secret Service, and leadership team of UCR. Although the event was a private facility rental, the success of the day would not have been possible without your dedication.

If you are interested in obtaining a souvenir of the event: pictures, video of speech or PowerPoint slide presentation of pictures, please let Judy Kingsbury know by Wednesday, October 30. A draft of the PowerPoint presentation can be viewed on the big screen in the Atrium. The costs of these items will be charged back to the individuals at cost. If you have personal pictures of the event you would like to share in the PowerPoint presentation, please also forward them to Judy by Wednesday, October 30. A "Memory Album" is also being organized that will include a copy of the newspaper articles, photos, and other memorabilia of the day's events. We'd like to include notes/comments from UCR employees describing their jobs or experiences. Those notes will be added to the Memory Album in order to reflect the true feeling of excitement and honor UCR experienced in having a sitting President visit the University Center Rochester. Please forward your comments to Judy Kingsbury at judy.kingsbury@roch.edu.

Again, THANK YOU for everything!

Don’t let market downturn control your finances
In response to concerns of faculty/staff about the impact of the current financial markets on retirement investments, MnSCU is broadcasting a teleconference to all MnSCU campuses - “Staying on Track in a Market Downturn.” RCTC is broadcasting the live teleconference Thursday, October 31 from 12:00-1:00 in ST 116, and will have a re-broadcast on Friday, November 1 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in room CF202. This program is intended to provide needed information to faculty and staff on what to do about retirement investing during these difficult financial times. The teleconference will also be available on videotape for later viewing. Please see attached announcement for more details.

Susan Power on campus
Plan to attend a talk given by Susan Power, author of The Grass Dancer and Roofwalker on Monday, November 4th. This speaker is part of Word Week. For more information on Susan Power and Word Week, see the attachment to this week’s Crossings.
Weekly Funny

"...This beeper is from the CEO; this beeper is from the office manager; this beeper is from my secretary, and this beeper is from my mommy."

Tour Germany & Austria
EARN 3 college credits!

March 6-March 16, 2003
(Roughly Spring Break)

See the attachment to this week’s Crossings for more information!

2003 Health Improvement Resources Guide
NOTE: The following message is from the Department of Employee Relations' Health Risk Management Unit, and we have been asked to help get the word out by passing this valuable information on to the employees at our agency.

Take advantage of all that your health plan has to offer! While the Minnesota Advantage Plan offers a uniform set of health benefits, regardless of which participating SEGIP health plan you choose, the administration of some benefits varies slightly from plan to plan. The Department of Employee Relations' Health Risk Management Unit is providing a brochure titled, 2003 Health Improvement Resources Guide, to highlight a variety of different health improvement resources that are available through each of the State of Minnesota's Advantage health plans. These resources are designed to help increase the health and wellness of state employees and their families and are intended to complement services already provided by your health care provider and primary care clinic.

Check out this great resource at:
http://www.doer.state.mn.us/ehhpp/resourcebrochure/index.asp
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You can use the interactive brochure online or print off a copy of the brochure to take with you. Make sure to check out the detailed descriptions of these health improvement resources online to become more informed about what your health plan has to offer.

This resource was originally designed with the 2003 Open Enrollment materials, but unfortunately could not be included in the mailings.

Yellow Jacket Cafe Menu Week of October 28th
Monday - Baked Lasagna; Tuesday - Beef Stew; Wednesday - Bacon/Lettuce/Tomato Sandwich; Thursday - Roast Pork with Garlic Red Potatoes
Panini - Turkey Club on Rustic Baguette
Stir Fry - Beef and Broccoli
Supalla’s Scribblings

As I’ve been out and about in the community this week, many people have taken time to tell me how very impressed they were with “The Visit.” In addition to the many one-on-one compliments, the UCR/RCTC staff and facilities have received some very public praise for making President Bush’s visit a tremendous success. Much of the praise centers around the ability of staff to organize such an extravaganza on short notice, functionality of the Sports Center, and willingness of employees to do whatever necessary to make the President (and in turn UCR) look good! The President’s visit brought hundreds of people to the campus who’d never before stepped foot on UCR property….they left feeling very good about their experience! A Memory Album of the historic visit is being compiled and we invite both volunteers and event participants to take a few minutes to share their thoughts and experiences. A sign-up sheet will be available for staff to purchase reprints of photographs of the event or to purchase a video copy of the President’s speech. If you’re interested in sharing your thoughts, purchasing photo reprints, or buying the video, please contact Judy Kingsbury in SS204.

On Monday, November 4, several organizations on campus will be presenting author Susan Power. There are several opportunities for students, staff, and the public to connect with this talented writer. Her 1994 novel The Grass Dancer won the PEN/Ernest Hemingway Award for best first work of fiction. Her most recent work, Roofwalker, recently won the Milkweed National Fiction Prize. Why not attend, and invite your students and friends to do the same, one or more of these exciting opportunities that are all scheduled right here in Rockenbach Gym:

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The RCTC Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has accepted an offer to participate in a November 19 Satellite Seminar presentation by Dr. Lori Arviso Alvord. Dr. Alvord will discuss the relationship between traditional, modern and alternative methods of healing. Barb Mollberg, PTK Adviser, will be disseminating details of the telecast and can answer questions.

Congratulations to faculty members Suzanne Dinusson, Liz Fleck, and Terry Richardson who are honored in this year’s edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers 2002. We are very proud of our quality faculty and celebrate the achievements of these three influential teachers.

The Chancellor and a contingent of senior Office of the Chancellor staff will be on campus from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Thursday, November 7. Plans for the day are still being finalized with the Chancellor’s staff but will include a tour, faculty/staff presentations, update on RCTC’s continuous improvement initiative, one-on-one meetings with administrators, and time for Chancellor McCormick to share the MnSCU Work Plan with the press. A student/staff forum, tentatively scheduled from 11:15 a.m. – Noon in CF206/208, will be a part of the day’s events. Details will be released and distributed next week.

Take every opportunity between now and November 5 to learn about the candidates and where they stand on issues important to you and higher education. Several local and state candidates have visited the campus recently and more are expected before Election Day. Voter registration cards are available at several locations, both at Heintz Center and UCR, for those who need to register. Don’t forget to go to the polls on November 5 and exercise this important American right. See you there!
Incoming freshmen arrived on campus fall semester from the following high schools: John Marshall (89), Mayo (89), Century (80), Stewartville (37), Dover-Eyota (28), Byron (23), Triton (23), Red Wing (22), Pine Island (21), and St. Charles (20).

Did you know…
- A quarter has 119 grooves on its edge; a dime has one less groove.
- 80 percent of people eat their corn-on-the-cob in circles rather than side to side.
- One in every four Americans has appeared on television.
- Americans consume about 138 billion cups of coffee a year.

Thought for the week…

“It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.”

– Charles Darwin

Best wishes for a Happy Halloween…lots of treats and very few tricks!  

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**RCTC Foundation Elects New Officers and Directors**

The Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation announces its new slate of elected officers as well as the addition of a one new member to the board of directors.

Al Schafer is the newly elected President of the board of directors. Schafer is managing shareholder of Smith Schafer & Associates. Stuart Eickelberg, administrator at Mayo Clinic is vice-president of the board. Paul Skovbroten, vice-president at Affiliated Credit Services remains as treasurer and Sue Dripps, vice-president at Davies Printing and president at Ads and Art will continue in her role as secretary.

Diane Osland, project manager at Gauthier Industries, has been newly elected to the board for a three-year term. Current members whose terms were renewed for three years are Paul Skovbroten, Barbara Swisher, attorney with Patterson, Ostrem and Swisher, Ardell Brede, service quality manager at Mayo Clinic, Sue Dripps and Bob Wise, retired educator.

Assuming his new role as board president, Al Schafer stated, “My involvement with RCTC Foundation gives me a great sense of pride because of the continued growth of the UCR campus, RCTC’s programs and its expanding student population. RCTC and its higher education partners continue to adapt to and address the higher education needs of our community and I am proud to be a part of it.”

Also serving the RCTC Foundation board of directors as faculty representatives is Lori Wright and Abby Pinsky.

The RCTC Foundation will be tackling issues such as recommending a “naming policy” to the administration to offer procedures on naming buildings, common areas, gardens, athletic facilities, stadiums etc, on campus to recognize major capital donors and others. In addition, determining the level of scholarship support will be a duty for this year’s board. Fiscal management of investments and endowments is also part of the board’s responsibility as well as enhancing community outreach and alumni relations.
Combined Charities Campaign
The 2002 State of Minnesota Combined Charities Campaign as concluded. A special thanks is extended to this year's contributors! As state employees, you have taken pride in not only your jobs and country, but also in your community. Thank You! For those contributors pledging through payroll deduction, your deductions will begin with your first paycheck in January, 2003. If you designated on the form that you want an acknowledgment, you should receive the acknowledgment directly from the charitable organization. Congratulations to Anne Niccoli, winner of the "Guess the Baby Contest". Anne successful "guessed" thirteen correct matches. Obviously this year's contest was more difficult! Way to go, Anne! The names of the babies have now been added below their baby pictures on the website. You can access the answers through the intranet website, or by going directly to: http://www.adm.roch.edu/rctc/Baby%20Photographs.html. Thank you to all that participated in the Baby Contest and/or Charitable Campaign.

Search Update

Faculty
Adjunct Instructors for Spring Semester in the following disciplines.
ACCT 2218 – Managerial Accounting. Meets Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs 10-10:50 am.
BTEC 2350 – Microcomputer Business Applications. Meets Thurs 5:30-8:15 pm.
BTEC 2220 – Business Communications (2 sections). Meets Mon & Wed-Fri 10-10:50 am and 1-1:50 pm.
CHEM 1101 – General Chemistry Lab (2 sections). Meets Thurs evening 4-5:50 and 7-8:50 pm.
ESCI 1134 – Stellar Astronomy and ESCI 1144 - Environmental Geology.
ENGL 0990 – Introduction to College Writing. Day, afternoon and evening classes.
ENGL 1117 – Reading and Writing Critically I. Day, afternoon and evening classes.
ENGL 1118 – Reading and Writing Critically II. Day, afternoon and evening classes.
GEOG 1614 – Human Geography (two sections). Tues & Thurs days; Thurs evening.
MATH 0098 – Elementary Algebra. Days (taught on computer).
MATH 1111 – Contemporary Concepts in Mathematics. Saturdays.
MUSC 1460 – Applied Instrumental Music. Private lessons for clarinet/sax, flute and cello.
Summer Session 2003 Adjunct Faculty Position
BTEC – Experienced medical transcriptionist. Need individual with flexible summer work hours.

MAPE (Classified)
ITS2 (Digital Media Center). Jonathan Wetenkamp has been appointed.
Management Analyst I – Emerging Communication Technologies. Jeremy Sell has been appointed.

MAPE (Unclassified)
College Recruiter (MnSCU Program Director 1). Interviews are being conducted.
Senior Programming Coordinator (MnSCU Program Director 1). Applications are being reviewed.

AFSCME
General Maint. Worker (Intermittents). Applications accepted ongoing.
General Maint. Worker (2 UPT positions). Positions have been posted. Applications are being reviewed.
General Maint. Worker (1 UFT position – campus-wide work area). Position has been posted.
Student Services Assistant Senior (Tutoring/Testing Coordinator). Position has been posted.
Campus Security Officer. Position has been posted/advertised. Search committee is scheduled to meet.
College Lab Assistant 1 – Computer Applications. Unlimited part-time position. Position posted.

For information on any of the above openings, contact the human resources office at x7125 or visit our website at http://www.roch.edu/rctc/hr/
What's New at Goddard Library

This Fall, we have added 2 new article databases to our collection. They are:

1) **Alldata@Online** Provides current automotive repair information for many domestic and foreign cars/trucks (vans and SUVS are under trucks) such as engine-specific diagnostic procedures, electrical diagrams, maintenance schedules, and Technical Service Bulletins. This database covers cars/trucks from 1982 to the present. To access this resource: At Goddard Library's homepage, scroll to "Article Databases" then in the "or search by database name" type in alldata or automotive. Click the Enter button to begin.

2) **Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center** This is a social issues resource based upon the Opposing Viewpoints print series. This resource includes full-text articles from over 30 major newspapers and newsmagazines, content from reference sources, statistics, and images on current and/or controversial topics. To access this resource: At Goddard Library's homepage, scroll to "Article Databases." When the middle box displays, scroll to "Popular Databases" then in the box on the right, click on "Opposing Viewpoints."

We also have 3 new databases on a Trial basis. They are:

1) **eHRAF Collection of Archaeology** A collection of full-text articles and publications on ancient cultures as analyzed from archaeological digs.

2) **eHRAF Collection of Ethnography** This database contains descriptive information on the cultures of the world. Topics covered include many aspects of cultural and social life from religious practices to causes and cures of diseases. An excellent resource for cross-cultural studies.

3) **Polling the Nations** "The most comprehensive collection of public opinion, with information not only in the United States but also more than 90 countries (Europe, Canada, Mexico, Africa, and Asia) around the world. The database includes the full-text of the questions and responses covering a broad range of issues."

To access the Trial databases: at the Library's homepage, scroll to "Article Databases." In the middle box scroll and click on "Trials." Select the database that you want to use. Please let us know what you think about these resources.