“Two on Tuesday” – October 31

Calling all Chocolate Lovers! This coming Tuesday "Halloween" (October 31) is one of two fifth Tuesday's during the academic year. This provides us with the opportunity to continue our strategic planning work and have fun! With some exceptions, no classes are scheduled during this time. Join us for a fun-filled two hours of activities from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in the South Room/Cafeteria in the College Center. All faculty and staff are invited and encouraged to participate!

Anne Niccolai and Tammy Lee will facilitate a series of activities which will build upon the work at the "Stinger Cafe” during our last staff development day. Planned activities include a feedback session to review RCTC’s vision and mission statements. Additionally, revisions based upon your feedback to "what's missing” from the proposed design criteria will be shared.

One of the next steps in the Futures Task Force Innovative Designs Strategic Planning process is to develop rubrics supporting the proposed design criteria. Julia McGregor from Inver Hills Community College help us to understand how to build rubrics and understand their benefits. Best of all learn how to build rubrics by assessing brands of chocolate from imitation to premium brands.

The session will also focus on next steps and opportunities to participate in the Futures (strategic) Planning Process in coming months.

The goal of this two hour workshop is provide comments on the college's vision, mission and design criteria revisions based on your input.

**Scholarship opportunity**

Minnesota Professional Engineers Foundation Scholarship is being offered to full time students who will have completed their sophomore curriculum requirements by June 2001. The award ranges from $500-$1000 with about 20 awards statewide. Deadline to apply is December 20, 2000. Please stop by the RCTC Foundation Office - HC 120, for applications.
Weekly funny…

**ANNOUNCING**

**Minnesota All-State/All-USA Academic Team Awards Competition for 2000-2001**

Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to submit nominations for this awards competition. The purpose of the competition is to recognize scholarly achievements of two-year college students in the state of Minnesota. Nomination forms are attached. Nominations should be forwarded to Barb Mollberg by **November 6**. A faculty panel will be convened and will select up to two students from RCTC for this national competition. This is a great opportunity to recognize outstanding academic achievement.

**Holiday shopping opportunities**

Double your holiday shopping fun and support the CHOICES Displaced Homemaker Program at the same time. Two great opportunities for shopping and saving await you on November 18 and 19.

On Saturday, November 18, Carson Pirie Scott is sponsoring a Community Day. Purchase of a ticket packet entitles you to private admission from 7am-9am, delicious refreshments, a chance to win a trip for two to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico plus five $10 savings certificates. Each packet costs $5 and CHOICES keeps the full $5 plus a percentage of in-store ticket sales. WHAT A DEAL!!

On Sunday, November 19 the Apache Mall's "Magical Evening of Giving" will be held from 7pm-10pm. Tickets are $5 and again all funds from sales go to the organization. Door prizes, in-store specials, refreshments, entertainment and free gift-wrap await you on this special evening. UPWARD BOUND and CHOICES both have tickets.

Have a wonderful pre-holiday shopping experience. Make a weekend of it with friends or family and help two UCR based programs all at the same time.

Contact CHOICES at 5510 or Upward Bound at 5002 for tickets.
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Thanks to all who participated in the Minnesota Council for Quality on-site visit. Eight evaluators spent three days on campus assessing every aspect of our organization. During the team’s exit interview, several strengths were identified, as well as areas of opportunity. The Innovative Design Committee is reviewing their comments and will be sharing a summary with all staff in the next week or two. In the next few weeks, the on-site team will be analyzing the information they collected, reviewing the Self-Assessment Report, and drafting a feedback report. This feedback report will become the “meat” of our reaccreditation self-study that will be submitted to the North Central Association in late December. A team of NCA consultant-evaluators will review the self-study and visit RCTC April 24-26, 2001. The NCA on-site team will make a recommendation to NCA regarding our reaccreditation following their April visit. Special thanks to Don Baldus, Laura Tacheny and Dave Weber who put in many hours coordinating the MCQ assessment visit.

University Center Rochester will be buzzing with excitement on November 9 when 5,000 area high school students will be on campus to take-in RCTC’s acclaimed Career Day. But, I bet you didn’t know there will be another 45 very important folks on campus that day. RCTC is also hosting, on November 9, the Chamber’s Leadership Greater Rochester program. The November program focuses on education and workforce development. One of the day’s highlights will be a presentation by Jim Benson, President of Bemidji State University and internationally recognized futurist. Dr. Benson will address the Leadership group in Hill Theatre from 2:15-3:15 p.m. and the public is invited. The title of his presentation is “Know-How: The Force of the Workforce.” If you’ve heard Jim before, you know what a dynamic speaker he is and you won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear him again. If you’ve never heard Dr. Benson, wrap up this exciting day by taking in his presentation. We hope to fill Hill Theatre to “standing room only” and have invited several community groups to participate. Please contact Judy Kingsbury if you plan to attend, as attendance will be limited to 325 persons. Don’t miss it!

The “official” MnSCU “30-Day Headcount Report” is in and our fall semester enrollment increase of 450 students, a 10.4% increase, ranks third in the System, just behind Normadale CC (13.4%) and Lake Superior College (12.1%). RCTC’s increase is more than three times the average for two-year MnSCU colleges (2.9%). Thanks for your help in achieving this significant increase. Our focus must now center on retaining students and building spring semester enrollments.

A report issued on Wednesday by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation notes that “Leadership qualities are ‘eroding’ in the United States, and higher education should fight that trend by promoting leadership among students.” The report, “Leadership Reconsidered: Engaging Higher Education in Social Change,” cites ten institutional traits central to developing leadership: ability to respectfully disagree, authenticity, collaboration, commitment, competence, division of labor, empathy, a learning environment, self-knowledge, and shared purpose. Instead of competition, the report encourages group-centered leadership, and defines a leader as “anyone – regardless of formal position – who serves as an effective social-change agent. “We believe that the value ends of leadership should be to enhance equity, social justice, and the quality of life; to expand access and opportunity; to encourage respect for difference and diversity; to strengthen democracy, civic life, and civic responsibility; and to promote cultural enrichment, creative expression, intellectual honesty, the advancement of knowledge, and personal freedom coupled with social responsibility,” the report states. Is RCTC helping develop our future leaders?

I was pleased to see the results of last spring’s survey of RCTC students indicates that most students are making healthy choices when it comes to alcohol and drug use. The RCTC survey results compare with those of recent national surveys of college students. Seventy-three percent of RCTC students indicated that they are moderate or non-drinkers (moderate is defined as using alcohol once per week to once per month), 60 percent hadn’t used tobacco within the last year, 87 percent hadn’t used marijuana within the last year, and 98 percent of RCTC students had not used other illegal drugs in the last 12 months.

Did you know…last spring Minnesota was named the most livable state in the country (State Rankings 2000) and Minnesota schools were ranked number one in the U.S. in overall academic achievement by the American Legislative Council. Even though more than 98 percent of Minnesota high school seniors met reading and math test requirements, we must do better to remain globally competitive. Maybe another name for the “North Star” state might be the “All-Star” state…at least when it comes to education.

Join me for Dr. Benson’s presentation on November 9…it’s worth an hour of your time.

See you there!

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Menu of the Week
Taher, Inc.

This week’s panini – Smoked ham with three cheese and honey dijon mustard… $3.50
This week’s wrap – Southwestern chicken………………………………………………$3.95

MONDAY – Chicken gumbo and minestrone soup
Chicken kiev with rice pilaf, vegetable and a roll……………………………………… $4.25

TUESDAY – Cheese and bacon and lumberjack vegetable soup
Spinach fettuccine with grilled chicken breast and artichoke hearts with a roll……………… $4.25

WEDNESDAY – Seven bean and vegetable beef soup
Grilled port tenderloin with garden pasta salad and fruit garnish with bread……………… $4.25

THURSDAY – Cream of broccoli and chicken and wild rice soup
Pineapple beef stir fry with oriental rice, egg roll and fortune cookie ………………… $4.25

FRIDAY – Chef’s choice soup
Mini crab cakes with French fries and a roll……………………………………………… $4.25

Christmas Anonymous donations needed
Don’t forget to clean out your closets and bring coats --new and used-- to Margie at Heintz Center or Darcy at UCR for Christmas Anonymous. The coat drive dates are October 25 – November 8, 2000.

TeachNet Inservices
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2- GroupWise 1 & 2 - SH 203 - 3-5 PM
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13- Fireworks - SH 203- 3-5 PM
An introduction to Macromedia’s graphics product. Includes creation of vector or pixel-based graphics, web settings, animations, rollovers, buttons, special effects, exporting and converting file formats.

15- Net Meeting - ST110 - 1-2 PM
A demonstration of a live, two-way interactive video/audio meeting using a web cam and microphone/ speakers. Users can meet with students, colleagues, instructors or experts located around the world. Includes a basic presentation of requirements and setup, whiteboard, file sharing and resource sharing.

16- Dreamweaver - SH203 - 3-5 PM
An introduction to the Macromedia web site creation program. Includes local and remote site definitions, layer management, layout, picture importing, links and publishing.
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20 - How to teach ITV - ST110 - 1-2:30 PM
A demonstration of the ability to use ITV to transmit and interact with remote sites. Includes the definition of technology, techniques for effective instruction, common challenges, techniques for increasing participation and use of mixed media.

27 - Web Enhanced Courses using Blackboard - SH203 - 3-5 PM
A hands-on session that will enable participant to leave with a fully functional class website. Includes account setup and creation, control panel options, assignments, course content, online testing, grade books, tracking, enrollment options, and site management.

30 - Open Lab - SH 203 - 3-5 PM
Bring your project related to any software product and TeachNet staff will be available for questions while you work on your project.

December

4 - Excel 2000 - SH 203 - 3-5 PM
An introduction to Microsoft’s spreadsheet program. This class will demonstrate the setup for a grade book file and includes default settings, options, formulas, charts, text formatting, worksheet management and output options.

7 - Powerpoint 2000 - SH203 - 3-5 PM
An introduction to Microsoft’s slide presentation program. Participants will be involved in hands-on exercises including default settings, new slide options, layout, templates, designs, pictures and clip art, audio and video, and output options.

13 - Alternative Storage Demo - ST110 - 1-2:30 PM
A demonstration of the various hardware and software tools available for file storage. Some of the devices include Zip 100/250 drives, CD-writeable drives, Super disks, floppies, JAZ drives, ORB, Internet folders such as X drive, compression tools such as WinZIP and others.

14 - Word 2000 - SH 203 - 3-5 PM
An introduction to Microsoft’s word processing program. Includes demonstration of page setup options, tool options, formatting, picture use, font properties, importing and exporting, spelling and grammar, web publishing and output.

20 - Grades - SH 203 - 10:15-11:00 AM and 1:15-2:00 PM
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