Bee Line Shuttle change
Starting November 12 the Bee Line shuttle will stop only at the UCR main building and the Heintz Center. The route will start at 7:45 AM each morning at the Heintz Center.

Thanksgiving Floral Centerpieces
The Horticulture Floral Design students are taking orders for Thanksgiving floral centerpieces. A typical arrangement will include our choice of container with greens, fall colored flowers, & other fall harvest product and accessories. The cost will be $20.00. DUE with the order form by Friday, November 15. Checks should be made out to RCTC. Send order and payment to Robin Fruth-Dugstad, BOX 49

Arrangements should be picked up on Wednesday, November 27 between the hours of 2pm and 8pm from the Horticulture Technology Center in the Heintz center (HH113).

Silent Auction and Annual Holiday Party
Mark your calendar to attend the 2002 Student Support Services Program annual holiday party and silent auction; Thursday, December 12, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in SS160 – SS168. This year we have many unique items from around the world. Please stop by the display window at the end of the tunnel in Memorial Hall to view the items. The Retail Merchandising students have created a beautiful display of the items. All proceeds benefit the Iris Fried Student Support Services Program scholarship fund. Teresa Tolmie will play the piano and provide a jar for “tips for scholarships”. For more information on the items up for auction, please see the attachment to this week’s Crossings.

PSEOP Information
Attached to this week’s Crossings is updated information on the Post-Secondary Education Options Program. The first attachment is fall 2002 data and the second contains a history of the program. If you have any questions on the data, please contact Dale Amy in the Admissions and Records Office.
Weekly Funny

"A dog your size digging a hole this big in just under an hour is impressive. But you're still in BIG trouble."

Office Hours
Bookstore closed Monday, 11/11/02.

GODDARD LIBRARY AND LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY CENTER HOURS
November 9-11, 2002

Saturday, Nov. 9       9 AM-5 PM
Sunday, Nov. 10       1 PM-5 PM
Monday, Nov. 11       7:30 AM-10:00 PM

Travel to Germany and Austria
See the attachment to this week’s Crossings for more information.

What’s New at Goddard Library
Here are several new databases that we have available on a trial basis.

CQ Electronic Library
A suite of databases covering the social sciences.

a) CQ Supreme Court Collection
A comprehensive resource on Supreme Court cases. It also includes biographical information on past and present Justices.

b) CQ Public Affairs Collection
A current affairs resource with lots of full-text articles and documents.

c) CQ Insider
An online directory of national and state government contact information. Also included is contact information for non-profit/not-for-profit organizations. Each listing includes the name of the office or organization, an address, telephone number, and if available, a web site address.

d) Electronic Encyclopedia of American Government
An A-Z resource for finding information on Congress, the Presidency, the Supreme Court, and the U.S. Election process.

USA Trade®Online
A resource for finding U.S. export and import information on more than 18,000 commodities.
Supalla’s Scribblings

Activity on the UCR Campus continues at a feverish pace! Thanks to all who participated in Chancellor McCormick’s visit. The faculty and student presentations were most impressive. You can all be most proud of the high quality instruction and services provided our students and guests. The campus tour provided an opportunity to show off what a great place UCR is to learn and work and to talk about potential future campus infrastructure improvements. The chancellor, trustees, and senior staffers from the Office of the Chancellor were most impressed with what’s happening on campus.

Sean Rush, General Manager of IBM’s Global Education Industry, provided a wonderful kick-off presentation to a great LiNK Conference. The conference was organized to build a higher performance workforce by developing learning networks through public-private partnerships, leveraging technology, expanding capacity and increasing access to education. LiNK 2002 was a collaborative effort between the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, GRAUC, RCTC, UMR and WSU-RC. I especially appreciate Ellen Nelson’s contribution as RCTC’s representative on the planning committee. Special thanks to the RCTC presenters, the A-V/Media staff, maintenance crew and attendees.

The excitement continues this week as RCTC, the Rochester Amateur Athletic Commission and the Visitors and Convention Bureau co-host the National Junior College Athletic Association national women’s volleyball championships. I encourage you to stop at the UCR Sports Center and take in some of the entertaining action. When you drop in, check out the new external signage near the main entrance. Would you like to see similar signage on the UCR-Main and Heintz Center buildings? Last week the first of several annual installments of post-and-panel exterior lawn signs were installed. Additional signage, both external and internal, is planned for the future. The attractive and functional building and lawn signage was produced and installed by the University of Minnesota’s Sign Shop.

Congratulations to Bob Bruininks, the University of Minnesota’s Interim President, who was recently appointed permanent president by the Board of Regents. Dr. Bruininks, former Provost and Executive Vice President, has a long-standing relationship with Rochester and supports the UCR partnership. He and MnSCU’s Linda Baer negotiated the most recent UCR agreement between Minnesota’s two public higher education systems. Bruininks joined the University as a professor in 1968, served as Dean of the College of Education and Human Development from 1991 to 1997, and became VP/Provost when President Yudof arrived in Minnesota. Bob’s appointment bodes well for the University of Minnesota and UCR.

To help fight alcohol abuse and help students make wise choices as they transition from high school to college, University of Minnesota epidemiology instructor Jim Rothenberger and his colleagues created an online course, “Alcohol and College Life.” The one-credit course is offered through the School of Public Health in conjunction with the release of a new CD-ROM, “Freshman Survival Skills,” distributed to 5,500 incoming freshmen. Development of the course was prompted by the release of the following statistics from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism…

- 1,400 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die each year from alcohol-related injuries, including motor vehicle crashes
- More than 70,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual abuse or date rape
- About 25 percent of college students report academic consequences of their drinking, including doing poorly on exams or papers and receiving lower grades overall

Rothenberger says that Minnesota public schools don’t have any formal alcohol education programs for 11th and 12th graders, “which I think is amazing.” “I can get any alcohol I want,” says Nate Gallagher, 18, of Eden Prairie. But Gallagher, a non-drinker, and one of nearly 200 freshmen who signed up for the course, says he’s taking the course partly because it’s an electronic course offered online and partly because “it’s about real issues that are important.”

The first 60 persons who stop in the President’s Office after 10 a.m., Friday, November 15, will be treated to a Krispy Kreme donut. As a Family Y Board member, I’m purchasing the donuts as part of a fundraiser for the Y Mentors program. If you want more than one Krispy Kreme, you can buy them on Friday for $8/dozen in the Wal-Mart North Parking Lot (near the Kwik Trip), Crossroads Shopping Center (between Outback and Office Max), or at the Family Y.

Thought for the Week...“Most time is wasted, not in hours, but in minutes. A bucket with a small hole in the bottom gets just as empty as a bucket that’s deliberately kicked over.” – Paul J. Meyer

Until next time...Don
Career Fashion Show
The Retail Merchandising Program at Rochester Community and Technical College will present a Career Fashion Show during the RCTC Career Day on November 12, 2002. The show will take place at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. in Rockenbach Gym. Stores featured in the show include: Herberger’s, Laura Ashley, Learner New York, Marshall Fields, Tyrol Ski and Sports, JC Penney, Express and Satin and Silks. Special thanks to the following for their help: RCTC Dance Line; Sound and Lighting: Sonic Elipse; Security: RCTC Law Enforcement Program; RCTC Horticulture Program.

UCR Signature Hunt
November 21, 2002
(see attachment for more information)

RCTC Theatre Department presents...

CRIMES OF THE HEART
November 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 in RCTC's Hill Theatre

Written by: Beth Henley
Directed by: Jerry Casper
Scenic design by: Gary Schattschneider

Tickets on sale now. $7.00 - all shows. Call 285-7200 or stop by C401 on the UCR Campus. Tickets are available Monday through Friday from 10:00am to 3:00pm.