Provost’s Corner
Dr. Tina Royer

Greetings Colleagues!

The administrative team would like to express its appreciation for your support during Tina’s absence. As much as we miss Tina during this time, we continue to work according to the direction she has set for the college. With only four weeks until graduation, much remains to be accomplished. As a result, we will detail next year's planning in the coming weeks. In the meantime, here is an update on spring semester events:

- **Graduation** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, at 4:00, in the gymnasium. We encourage you to attend as we recognize the 2011 graduates and this year’s Mesabi retirees. After the ceremony, a celebration of the retirees’ service to the college will be held. More details will follow.

- **Trustee Louise Sundin** will visit our campuses on Monday, April 18, from 12:30 – 3:30. She will meet with Dr. Collins, faculty leadership, student leadership, and college administration. Trustee Sundin will also visit Virginia High School, learning about students’ ALI experience, and she will conclude her visit on the Eveleth campus.

- The **Skills Fair** will be held on both campuses on Wednesday, April 20, from 9:30 – 1:00. Over 280 students will be competing in Math, English, Engineering, Art, and all technical programs.

- **Mesabi Range College** participated in the **Society of Mining Engineers** (SME) convention held this week at the DECC. This event provided faculty and students an opportunity to showcase the IMT program.

- The **Paramedic** program was commended for the positive changes that occurred since the last visit by the accrediting team. We are hopeful of receiving official accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Program (CoAMSP) in early fall.

- **Governor Dayton** visited the college on March 11. He met with Iron Range Engineering and ALI students. While touring the Eveleth campus shop expansion, he was impressed with the new facility, and the training opportunities it brings to the college and the region.

We want to thank the College Foundation for its efforts at the Tina Rally in raising awareness of challenges faced by leukemia patients. Tina is now in remission and begins the second half of her journey with a bone marrow transplant on April 14. We are anxiously awaiting updates on her condition.

Best wishes,

The Administrative Team
Skills & Knowledge Fair

Wednesday April 20th
9:30am – 1:00pm
Eveleth & Virginia Campuses
Mark your calendars to join are high schools in competitions and informational

Graduation Meeting

Please feel free to join us for a graduation meeting on Wednesday April 27th. The meeting will begin at 2:00 and take place in the Student Services Conference room on the Virginia campus.

Governor visits Mesabi Range College

TV LAND TRIVIA CONTEST
Sponsored by the MRC Library

Match the catch phrases with their popular classic TV shows.
- If you get the MOST correct answers, you win The Big Prize!!
- Multiple entries with “most correct answers” will go into a drawing for the Big Winner!
- Open to students, faculty and staff – One entry per person!

TV Land Trivia Contest BIG PRIZE is a
$50 Gift Card Amazon.com

Trivia Contest Forms can be picked up at the Library Circ Desk!!

Contest Entry Deadline is Friday April 29th

Entries must include your NAME and your LIBRARY ACCOUNT number!

Don’t remember your MRC Library Account number? 😊
Stop by the Library Circ Desk - we can tell you your number 😊

Don’t have an MRC Library Account yet? 😊
Stop by the Library Circ Desk and we can sign you up!! 😊
Bucyrus International, Inc. (NASDAQ: BUCY), a world leader in the design and manufacture of mining equipment, has donated an Electronic Mining Shovel Simulator to the Mesabi Range College Foundation and the Mesabi Range Community & Technical College. The simulator was the only one of its kind to be located on any college campus in the United States for mining training.

The simulator will be utilized to train perspective and current mining employees through the Industrial Mechanical Technology program at Mesabi Range where there was 100 percent placement in area mining properties for graduates from 2007 through 2009.

The shovel simulator is housed at the Eveleth campus of Mesabi Range College alongside three Caterpillar simulators, a Hydraulic Excavator, a 16M Motor Grader.

Greg Helland signing autographs after the performance!

The cast signing autographs for young fans 😊
Save the Date...

Retirement Celebration

- Shannon Holbeck
- Sue Medure
- Doug Mroz
- Nancy Ralston
- Angie Rogers

When: May 11, 2011
(after graduation)

Where: To Be Determined

More information will soon follow.

Erin Gentilini Selected for All-MN and All-USA Academic Team

Erin Gentilini from Mesabi Range Community & Technical Colleges’s Zeta Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has been nominated for the All-USA Academic Team. Additionally, Erin was selected as a representative on the All-MN Academic Team.

Erin is completing her general studies and hopes to transfer to Drake University in Iowa to pursue a pharmacy degree. She was honored at a recognition luncheon at Royal Cliff Banquet Facility in Eagan, MN.

Erin is active in Phi Theta Kappa, as vice-president, an avid figure skater, the President of the Math and Science Club and a member of the Student Senate.

Mesabi Range Community & Technical College, Virginia Campus Announces a new program beginning in August 2011

The Executive Office Management AAS Degree and Diploma

Students in the Executive Office Management Program will become proficient in many areas that are needed to successfully handle job responsibilities ranging from the business office manager of a small business to an executive level assistant for a top level manager of a larger corporation. Students enrolled in the degree program are prepared to manage functions in the business office and customer service environment.

Graduates will have expert technology application skills, customer and internal relationship skills, basic human resources skills and knowledge of fundamental tax and payroll processing matters. Students will complete courses designed to develop training in business information systems, oral and written communication, work processes and organizational performance improvement, human relations, healthcare, business communications, business decision-making and project management.

In addition, graduates may continue their study in a baccalaureate degree program in careers such as computers, operations management or business administration. This is also the ideal degree for people in the workforce looking for a challenge or ways to advance their careers.

For more information on the Executive Office Management Program please contact:

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Human Services Students put on Community Food and Band and Fundraiser

A Community Food and Band Fundraiser, was put on by Mesabi Range Human Services Students on Saturday, April 9th at the Teen Center/Upper Room - 516 Chestnut Street, Virginia MN.

All proceeds were raised on behalf of the Virginia Community Foundation. The Virginia Community Foundation is a non-profit organization and a kind of “savings account” for community improvement and innovation. VCF’s charitable endowment has funded projects totaling more than $421,898 to date.

A Spaghetti Dinner was served at 5 pm With Music at 6 pm (Colmekill, Silenced at 801, DJ Chris Epic and Partially Cloudy)

"Charting your Course" Webinar

TIAA-Cref Offers: "Charting your Course" webinar will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2011, from 12:00 p.m. -1:15 p.m. The webinar will be recorded and made available on the MnSCU website.

CHARTING YOUR COURSE: A FINANCIAL GUIDE FOR WOMEN

Each phase of a woman’s life brings unique financial challenges. With smart planning, you can make the most of your money, whether you’re just starting out, single, married with a family, starting over, or in your golden years.

Key financial challenges that women face:
- Saving and investing basics
- Selecting the best products to help meet your financial goals
- The benefits of early planning and tax-deferred savings
- Making your money work for you

New Ways to Save for Retirement - Roth 403(b)

Now available here: http://www.hr.mnscu.edu/employees/retirement/TIAA-CREF_Webinars_.html

Paramedic Accreditation

Congratulations to Becky Sherek and the entire crew that worked very hard preparing for the accreditation process with the Paramedic program. The survey took place this past week and there were no significant findings! We will receive notice in the next couple of weeks if there are any specific items that need to be addressed. Otherwise, we hope to receive full accreditation by fall.

Special thanks to Becky, Carol Helland, Darrel Knapper, Laura Korpi, Dr. Julie Houle, and ALL of the staff that participated in the process. The survey went very well!!

GREAT JOB!
Keith Harvey

Sustainability Conference Photo

Friday March 25th – Virginia Campus
Penny Wars for Tina!

The Eveleth Campus raised a grand total of $617.64 for Tina Royer!!! Wow!!! What an awesome job from all students and staff who gave their hard earned pennies to this cause!!!

The program with the largest amount of pennies was PARAMEDIC bringing in a total of $148.91!

The program with the most money overall was EIAT with a total of $184.86!

Way to go Paramedic and EIAT!!!

Also, the 6 athletic teams raised an additional $100.52 for Tina, with Volleyball having the largest amount of money in Pennies.

THANKS AGAIN!!!

Jennifer Willard
JoJo Scott

Photos from Tina’s Rally
The Mesabi Range Norse opened the 2011 MCAC Northern Division schedule by playing host to Hibbing CC Cardinals. The Norse proved to be inhospitable hosts sweeping away the Cardinals by the scores of 7-1, and 8-4.

The Norse opened up the twin-bill by defeating Hibbing 7-1. Starting Pitcher Nate Iliff held the Cardinals off the score board until the 6th inning, in cruising to a complete game victory all, while striking out 11 Cardinals. The Norse offense was paced by Kyle Mauricio who went 2-4 with a double, Jake Postal who went 1-1 with 3 walks and a RBI, Luke Scott who went 1-2 with a walk and hit by pitch, Tyler Erzar who went 1-2 with 2 RBIs and Aaron Kajander who went 2-4 with a double and 2 RBIs.

The Norse completed the sweep by rallying back from down 4 runs in the 6th inning by scoring an amazing 8 runs. Jake Gleason came in on relief and picked up the win holding the Cardinals off the scoreboard while the Norse bats woke up. The Norse started off the bottom of the 6th inning with Kyle Bixler drawing a lead-off walk, followed by a Luke Scott Single. After a run scoring ground out, Tyler Erzar drove in the 2nd Norse run of the inning. Kyle Mauricio then single plated Tyler Erzar which ended the Cardinal’s starting pitcher Matt Erickson’s day. Neal Schipper then singled to drive in the tying run! Kurtis McCallum was walked intentionally to load the bases and Mauricio scored the innings 5th run on a passed ball.

Kyle Pyatt sacrificed Schipper to score the 6th run of the inning and then Kyle Bixler wrapped up the scoring clouting a 2-run homerun to make the score 8-4. After the impressive offensive outburst all Gleason needed to do was limit the Cardinals to 2 scratch hits in the top of the 7th inning to help the Norse complete the sweep.

The Norse are now 15-11 overall and 2-0 in the MCAC Northern division. The Norse play at home versus Vermilion on Friday April 16th. Game times are 11 am & 1 pm. They then travel to fellow Northern Division Title contender Itasca on April 19th game times are @ 1pn & 3 pm.
Spring Fling
Virginia Campus

Monday, April 18th

EASTER EGG HUNT!  11:45 am  (Cash & Candy Filled Eggs)
*MEET IN THE COMMONS*

SAND VOLLEYBALL TOUERNEY  (Sign up with JoJo Scott in G111)
& FREE BBQ  4:30 pm
~ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs & Chips (At Housing)

Tuesday, April 19th

FREE Salsa/Chips & Virgin Margarita’s ~ 10:30 am
until gone in Commons

Bowling @ Virginia Bowling Gardens  9:15 pm
$2 - (pay at door) includes 2-Games, Pizza & Pop

Wednesday, April 20th

STUDENT DUTY DAY/CAMPUS CLEAN-UP  5:00 pm  (Pizza to follow)
** Prize for top (teams of 2)

CARD NIGHT  @  6:00 pm  (Just show up in Commons to play)
Many different games going on!!!

Thursday, April 21st

BEAN BAG TOUERNEY  —2:00 pm
OUTSIDE ON TENNIS COURTS BY HOUSING (*Sign up with Jo Jo Scott in G 111)
Gift Cards for 1st & 2nd place Teams!

TACO IN A BAG ~ 11:30 am  $2  for employees and students

MOVIE NIGHT @ Cinema 6  ~pick any early show $2  (Pay at door)

Friday, April 22nd

NO SCHOOL, CAMPUS CLOSED, OFFICES OPEN
HAVE A GREAT EASTER WEEKEND!