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CALENDAR *of Events*

December 14

Last Day of Term

December 15 - January 6

Christmas Break

December 21

Winter Solstice Celebration

10 a.m. Sullivan Center Lobby

January 4

Professional Programs and
Liberal Arts & Sciences

Orientation

8:30 a.m. Brennan Hall
Auditorium

January 7

First Day of Class

January 11

Last Day to Add a Class

January 18

Last Day to Drop Classes
with Refund

January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No Classes

January 22 & 24

Student Luncheon hosted by
the President, 11:30 - 1 p.m.
Brennan Hall Commons

What's in a Name?

The staff and board of directors of the Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa want student input into the naming of the new store they operate in Brennan Hall. As a result, they will be holding a naming contest open to all students, to update the current name "Mercy College Gift Shop." The person suggesting the winning name will receive a gift basket full of collegiate merchandise for their efforts.

The retail operation at Mercy College is owned and operated by the Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa, the same volunteers who annually donate more than \$80,000 of the proceeds of their other retail and philanthropic efforts throughout Mercy to support the Mercy Auxiliary General Scholarships. The Auxiliary was established in 1948 by the Sisters of Mercy to support the needs of the nursing students. Their first gift in that effort was the purchase of a toaster for the nursing dormitory.

The Mercy Auxiliary of Central Iowa invites you to participate in the naming of the College Gift Shop.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

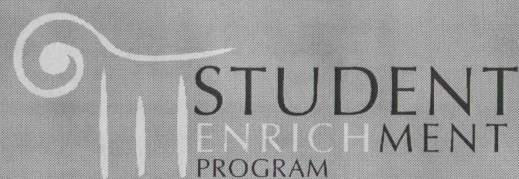
YOUR CHALLENGE: Create a new name for the Mercy College Gift Shop located in Brennan Hall Commons.

THE REWARD: If your entry is selected as the winner, you'll win a gift basket full of collegiate merchandise and the new name will be posted.

WHO MAY ENTER: Any current student at Mercy College.

CONTEST DEADLINE: The deadline to submit your name is January 18, 2008. The winner will be announced in the February Mercy Messenger.

HOW TO ENTER: Email your answer and put in **subject line Gift Shop** to messenger@mchs.edu.



THE STUDENT ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (SEP) provides students with opportunities to enhance their education **FREE** through academic workshops, tutoring and counseling.

ONE-TO-ONE TUTORING available in the following subjects:

- Algebra & Pre-Algebra
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Chemistry
- Nursing 128
- Pharmacology
- Ultrasound Physics
- Spanish

To schedule **one-on-one tutoring** please call **Marti Doyle** at **643-6659**.

SPRING 2008 TUTORING SCHEDULE

Nursing Math Calculations

Call **Mandi Counters** at **643-6730** to set up individual sessions

Writing Group Tutoring

Wednesdays 11-1 p.m. located in the Library or by e-mail with 48 hour notice at: **MercyAPATutor@aol.com**

Campus Holiday Hours

Campus will closed on December 24 and 25, and January 1, 2008. We will be open Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the remainder of the break.

Christmas Break Library Hours

December 14 through January 6 the library will be open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas day, and New Year's day.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: The College community gathered on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 for the blessing of this year's tree.

New Student Badges Are Coming



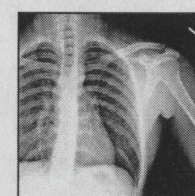
In light of a security review conducted last summer following the Virginia Tech campus shooting, Mercy College made a decision to issue new student identification badges clearly identifying campus community members as a way to enhance recognition of those who are frequently on campus. By visibly displaying badges, it will become easier to identify guests on campus.

The rollout of the new badge design has been timed to coincide with Mercy Medical Center's updating of employee badges this winter, which was necessitated by the installation of a new payroll process beginning in February 2008.

All college community member badges (as shown above left) now appear with an orange background and each student's first name only along with the college name running up the left side. The back of the new badge includes the College mission statement. The new badges will continue to activate college building doors, parking gates to the 701 Crocker Student Parking Lot, and the print control software on campus. These badges will also permit student access to appropriate medical center restricted areas necessary for clinical rotations.

Badges will be distributed to students following the Christmas Break in one of two ways, through your allied health program chair; or (for nursing and liberal arts-only students) from the Receptionist in the Sullivan Center. You will need to return your current badge in order to receive your new badge.

Students are asked to begin wearing their new badge whenever they are on campus, not just when they are scheduled for clinical rotations. Visibly wearing your badge will help everyone to differentiate between peers and guests. While we want to avoid treating guests as "strangers" who should be held in suspicion, there is a valid reason to know when someone without a badge is wandering around within locked campus buildings. Your help in remembering to wear a badge will reduce confusion and help to make us all aware of the guests in our midst.



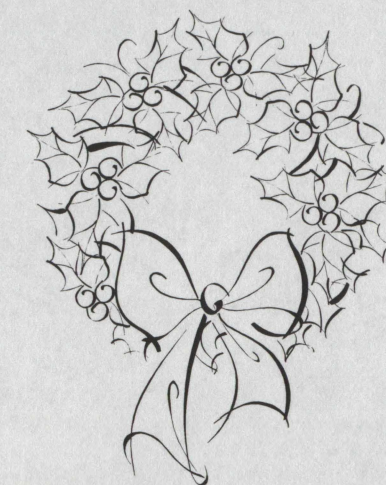
Changes Coming to Brennan Hall to Benefit Radiology Students

The Radiologic Technology Skills Laboratory will be relocating from Building 2 over the Christmas holiday, and transitioned into Room 133 of Brennan Hall. The change is necessitated by the purchase of a new overhead RT unit which requires a higher ceiling clearance than is currently available in Building 2.

Demolition of the classroom in Brennan Hall will begin shortly after finals, with the arrival of the new equipment in mid January. Once complete, the former skills lab will be converted to other uses.

The new space will accommodate two elevating float top tables, with plans to replace the second table and installation of another overhead RT unit in the future. Initially, one of the existing tables will be moved to the room to maintain practice capacity for RT students.

It is expected that the majority of the construction process will be completed before students return to campus but with any construction project of this size, we will all need to be ready for the unexpected.



Symbolizing eternal hope, the wreath goes round and round, And where it starts or ends cannot be found. Woven of things that grow - for life, and hung for holiday delight The wreath must be left in place From Advent through Twelfth Night.

Anonymous

Student Senate Corner



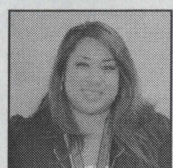
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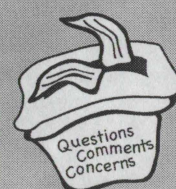


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ATTENTION STUDENTS: The Office of Student Senate is located in Building 1 - Lower Level, Rm. 016. Please email any questions, comments or concerns to one of the Student Senate Officers above.



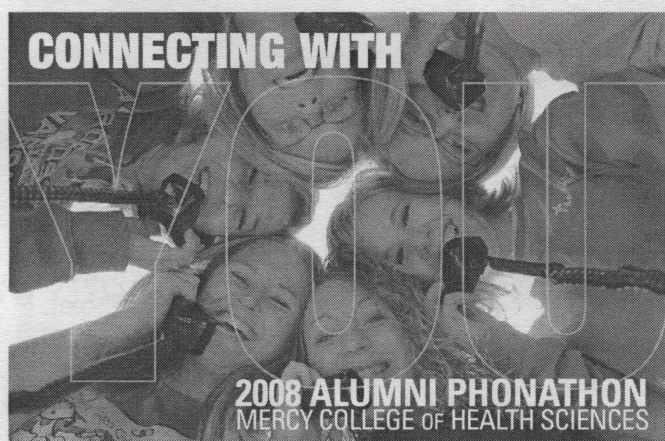
Please contact Shawna at the email below for the Spring 2008 meeting schedule.

Email Student Senate at **studentsenate@students.mchs.edu**



Student Senate Bake Sale Judges: Thank you to Margaret Sander, Bonnie Van Sant, and Irene Bosman, our distinguished baking contest judges from Mercy Court. The bake sale was a success.

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Mark your calendars to volunteer for the Alumni Phonathon which will be held **February 3 - 18, 2008**. Look for more information to be announced in the January Messenger.

Meet the Faculty

Physical Therapist Assistant Program



Sue Bravard PT, MS
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Polysomnographic Technology Program



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Chance to Win an IPOD

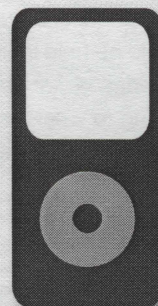
QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Deadline to Submit: December 21, 2007 by 5 p.m.

Multiple Choice. Please choose one of the following answers.

1. Where can you go to get information about graduation and community service requirements?

- a. Student Handbook
- b. Blackboard
- c. Dean of Enrollment and Student Services
- d. All the above



Here's how to win:

Email messenger@mchs.edu or drop off your answer at the **Receptionist's Desk** in the **Sullivan Center**, and if correct, you will be entered into a monthly drawing* for a chance to win a 4GB (1000 songs) Silver IPOD nano. Make sure to include all the information necessary (see below).

- **Email** the answer and put in **subject line IPOD**.
- Provide the following information with your answer:
 - 1. Full Name
 - 2. Program
 - 3. Email address and/or phone number

*Contestants cannot win more than one IPOD during the year. One per person. Contest open to currently enrolled Mercy College of Health Sciences students only.



Congratulations

to Jennifer Hyde, an Associate of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography student, who won the November IPOD.