Sox Pitcher Clay Buchholz Visits QCC
On Tuesday, August 24, Red Sox pitcher Clay Buchholz visited QCC, in reward for the College being the top fundraising college or university in the “2010 Rally Against Cancer” fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund.

It was the second year in a row in which QCC came in first in the fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund, which supports adult and pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

PTK Group Keys Fundraising Efforts
Once again, the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society group lead the charge in raising funds for the “2010 Rally Against Cancer” fundraiser for the Jimmy Fund.

Team “Alpha Zeta Theta Cancer Fighters,” made up of members from PTK, raised $6,600 for the Jimmy Fund. QCC student Jeanne Dee, team captain, orchestrated the fundraising campaign. Her efforts resulted in QCC’s group raising over $5,000 more than the runner-up team, a group from WPI.

Every audience member had the opportunity to take a picture and get an autograph with Red Sox pitcher, Clay Buchholz.
Campus News

Send us your news! We want to hear what’s happening in your department and with your students or staff. Submit information at www.QCC.edu/newsletter.html. Events, awards, success stories... We want to share your news with the entire QCC community.

News and information is due on the following dates: Sept. 15, Oct. 13 and Nov. 10

College Receives Highly Competitive $1.1 million TRIO/Student Support Services Grant from the USDOE

QCC recently received notification of a $220,000 TRIO/Student Support Services (SSS) grant for Fast Forward -- a new, innovative program that will serve 140 low income, first generation and/or disabled students per year. In the most competitive funding cycle in years, QCC was the only college in the City of Worcester and one of three in the county to receive an SSS grant. The College anticipates receiving a total of $1.1 million over the 5 year grant cycle, pending annual appropriations. According to Senator John Kerry (D-MA), 20 colleges and universities in Massachusetts will share $6,002,278 in education funding. Competition was stiff because institutions were also allowed to submit multiple applications for “different” campuses and “different” populations, including participants with disabilities, those needing ESL services, individuals receiving services in the STEM fields and Health Sciences fields and Teacher Prep services.

Campus Growth and Changes

As noted in a recent email from the Administrative Services division, a number of changes and updates are occurring on campus that will continue into the fall semester. One of the largest and most expensive projects is the creation of a Data Center. This enormous project will require a relocation and update of servers into a single location (room 230A) and is important for improving our network’s security and physical condition. Other changes include:

- a retrofit of the Surprenant auditorium with better lighting, digital sound, and other mechanics; installing new carpeting and painting the ceiling; replacing 106 seats with new ones equipped with side tablets and sound absorption panels for class lectures.
- in keeping with the College’s 1999 office space policy, additional faculty offices have been constructed and six existing area coordinators have been relocated to single offices. (Consistent with the policy, assignments were based upon length of service as a coordinator.)
- some improved landscaping, added footpaths and sidewalks on campus, and widening the turn-around circle near the North Wing to allow more buses to access the campus.
- a slight expansion of the bookstore so as to accommodate more bookshelves for the huge increase in volume that we are serving.
- a revamping of the Quonset Hut.
- the construction of a Lap Top Depot on the 4th floor of the HLC Lab, which will be an important center of activity as we support the new Computer Science major.
- the building of an acoustical wall on the first floor of the HLC, to better serve the advising and research areas that are adjacent to each other.
- a repaving of patches of Parking Lot #3 (near Burncoat Street) as a temporary fix; however, all parking lots will need attention in the near future.
- a replacement of furniture in the Children’s School.
- a replacement of the carpeting and future addition of new furniture in the Dental Lab reception area.

* Upcoming Events *

**September 20:** “Driving for Scholarships.” QCC Thirteenth Annual Golf Classic at Wachusett Country Club. For more information, call Nancy Chosta at x4385 or email nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

**September 25:** Bourne Scallop Festival and Cape Cod Canal Cruise. Depart from QCC at 8 a.m. on Silver Fox Motor Coach. Return 6 p.m. Cost: $59. Call Nancy Chosta at x4385 for further information.
Math Boot Camp a Success

The Math Department and the McNair Grant sponsored a week long Math Boot Camp from August 16-20th. Fourteen QCC students, who tested into MAT 090, participated to improve their math skills. Participants engaged in individual and group work and utilized on-line practice tests and math games. Students focused on their mathematical strengths and challenges and completed the week by re-taking the math placement exam.

Share Your Ideas Through the Idea Factory

Have a story to tell or a project in need of funding? Looking for a way to communicate with the right person or department? Community Engagement (CE) can help. CE has established a gathering place for just such ideas and projects, called the Idea Factory. It’s just a click away on QCC’s Intranet page. Make submissions to the idea factory through the QCC Intranet’s Frequently Used Forms page - click on “Idea Factory Form.” Utilizing the Raiser’s Edge database, CE will track your ideas by cataloging them, directing them to the appropriate people or department(s), and following up with any action taken.

QCC Police Re-locate to New Space

The Campus Police Office is now officially operating out of its new location in the Athletic Center, room 136AC, with kudos to the Facilities and IT Staff for making the move as smooth as possible. Chief Kevin Ritacco and his staff recently hosted an Open House where faculty and staff could enjoy a tour of the new facility and update their parking decals.

Institutional Research and Planning Updates

QCC’s Office of Institutional Research and Planning recently announced their updated Sharepoint site: http://sharepoint.qcc.mass.edu/IR/default.aspx

The site is filled with numerous libraries and reports on topics such as QCC academic programs, enrollment, state and regional data, student retention, and more. Orientations to the data will be scheduled this fall. Also note - linked to the IRaP site is the beginnings of a SharePoint page dedicated to the new Strategic Plan. While this page is currently under construction, we anticipate it being crucial in sharing news, data, and successes around the plan's implementation. Suggestions for additions are welcome! An orientation “kick-off” for the three strategic planning teams is scheduled in September.

Wyvern Smoothie Now Offered at Nu Cafe

All students, faculty, and staff are invited over to the Nu Cafe (formerly Jumpin Juice and Java) on Chandler Street in Worcester to try to the new Wyvern smoothie! The smooth berry-flavored drink has been a hit. QCC students can show their i.d. and enter a raffle to win a free class!

Did You Know?

QCC is regularly featured, included, or mentioned in local/regional print media numerous times every month!

Check out this recent story: http://www.telegram.com/article/20100729/FLASH/7290575

Find QCC news online through these local resources:

Telegram & Gazette: www.telegram.com
Worcester Business Journal: www.wbjournal.com

Sign up for a Google Alert and have QCC articles sent to you automatically! Visit http://www.google.com/alerts
Welcome QCC Recent Hires

Administrative Services recently welcomed David Runyan into his new role within the IT Department as Microsoft Systems Administrator. Enrollment Services welcomed Mishawn Davis-Eyene into her new position as Associate Director of Admissions, Jason Kurland into his new role within Financial Aid as Financial Aid Counselor, and Jeanne Mahan into her new position as Senior Financial Aid Counselor. Academic Affairs welcomed Elsie Newmam into her new role within Career and Academic Advisement as a Clerk IV, Dawn Toomey into her new position as Science Lab Manager, Brenda Kuchnicki into her new position as Clerk III, Career Placement Services/Experienced Based Education, and Carmen Hastings into her new position as Clerk III, Enrollment Services.

Take Part in an Exciting Campus Event!

Enter the Colleges of Worcester Consortium

Road Bowl!

Do you like to walk?
Would you like to exercise in a fun competition?
Find out how you and your coworkers can get some healthy exercise and be part of a fun challenge.

Take part in the “Walk Across America!”

Come join us for 8 weeks of fun and exercise! Kick off is Sept.20, 2010.
FREE * T-Shirts * FREE * Pedometer * PRIZES

Take the first step toward a healthy workplace.

Join a QCC Walk Team!

To sign up or for more information please contact Laurie Comeau in Human Resources at x4355 or Lisa Gurnick in the Athletic Center at x4317.