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Season's Greetings
and Happy Holidays!
Best Wishes to Everyone in 2010!

SEMINARS:

- Pulp & Paper Graduate Student Seminars – CHE1211H
Professor Ning Yang, *Introduction Meeting – 2010 Spring Term*
Monday, January 4, 2010, 1:10-2:00 p.m., Pulp & Paper Centre Conference Room, Wallberg Building, Room 420

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ***Congratulations:***

... to Rogelio Veladez Blanco, graduate student of Professors Levente Diosady and Steve Balke, who has been appointed Assistant Professor of Food Engineering, Universidad Tecnológica de la Mixteca, Mexico.

Changes to Chem Eng News:

The External Relations Office will be taking responsibility for Chem Eng News in the New Year. Effective January 4, 2010, items that you wish to include in Chem Eng News should be sent to external.chemeng@utoronto.ca. Please note that it will only be distributed electronically through e-mail and the Department's website. Paper copies will no longer be produced.

As the outgoing editor of Chem Eng News, I would like to thank everyone for their contributions and assistance over the past twenty-six years. It has been my pleasure to produce this newsletter and to try to keep everyone as informed as possible. Thank you again and my very best wishes to everyone over the holiday season and in the future – Arlene Smith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, continued:

Security Alert:

Over the past few weeks, there have been multiple reports of a well-dressed black man seeking to use a phone, on the premise that he has been robbed and needs to call for assistance. This appears to be a ruse to gain access to Wallberg labs and offices. There have also been reports of an individual outside the building trying to convince female pedestrians to enter his vehicle. Please exercise caution. If you are approached by either of these individuals, please contact UofT Police at 978 2222 (emergency), or 978 2323 (non-emergency).

Conferences/Workshops/Special Events:

The Centre for Environment at the University of Toronto offers innovative distance learning courses and certificates to prepare you to meet those challenges: Certificate in Carbon Finance; Certificate in Environmental Health; Certificate in Renewable Energy; Certificate in Environmental Management; Certificate in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for Environmental Management. For more information contact Donna Workman (416-978-7077 or e-mail d.workman@utoronto.ca). Visit their web-site: <http://learn.environment.utoronto.ca>.

Holiday Closing:

The University will be closed from 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 18, 2009 to the commencement of the working day, Monday, January 4, 2010 when normal activities will be resumed. During this period all buildings will be closed except for Hart House (416-978-2452), the Athletic Centre (416-978-3436), and the U. of T. Bookstore (416-640-5820) in the Koffler Student Services Centre. Users should contact these facilities for their holiday hours.

Robarts Library, OISE/UT Library, Gerstein Science Information Centre and the Engineering and Computer Science Library will be open during the period. For hours and services, please check the individual libraries or consult their holiday brochure which is also available at the University of Toronto Libraries web-site (www.library.utoronto.ca).

The Division of University Advancement at 21 King's College Circle may be open to accept donations on some days during the holidays. Contact them at 416-978-0811 (donation enquiries) or 416-978-8638 or 1-800-463-6048 (non-donation enquiries).

Facilities & Services will be modified as follows:

- Buildings will be locked at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 18, 2009. There will be no cleaning staff on duty after December 18 until January 4, 2010. Persons entering and leaving the buildings during this period must ensure that all doors and windows are secured at all times.
- The last outgoing garbage pick-up from all areas will be December 18. Routine service for garbage and recycling will resume on January 4, 2010.
- The university intends to take advantage of this period of low activity to reduce energy consumption. All essential services will be maintained to critical areas; ventilation and the ambient temperatures in most buildings will be reduced to below the standard comfort level of 20°C. To reduce the risk of freeze-up in individual room units, it is essential that occupants make certain that all windows are closed and that heating units are left in the "on" position. A skeleton staff of operating engineers will be in attendance to ascertain that all systems are operating as scheduled and to respond to trouble calls.
- The University Campus Police Services (416-978-2323 or 416-978-2222 for emergencies) will be available 24 hours a day throughout the entire period. Any security issues or breakdown of building systems should be reported immediately to 416-978-2323.