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2002 Combined Charities
Campaign officially underway

What is Combined Charities?
This is a combined effort by employees in all state agencies to
donate monies to a charity of their choice.

Is my on-line gift donation confidential?
Yes, the only people that will know are you and, if you request an
“Acknowledgement,” the charity to which you donate.

May I still fill out a paper pledge form?
Yes, paper pledge forms are being accepted, as well as on-line payroll deductions.
You can obtain a paper pledge form from Judy Kingsbury or print a copy off the
Website at http://www.charities.state.mn.us.

When completing the form, what do I put down for Agency/Division?
When completing the form, indicate MnSCU/RCTC under Agency/Division.

I have questions, who should I contact?
Contact Judy Kingsbury (extension 7216), Room: SS209, e-mail:
judy.kingsbury@roch.edu

AND DON’T FORGET THE “GUESS THE BABY” CONTEST:
After making your pledge or one-time donation, forward the paperwork, along with
the Baby Contest Guess Sheet, to Judy Kingsbury at Box 1. If you pledge on-line,
just forward a copy of your pledge confirmation to be eligible to participate in the
contest. You can view the baby pictures and print the guess sheet from the intranet
website, or by going directly to: http://www.adm.roch.edu/rctc/Campaign.html

“Life’s most important and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”
- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Horticulture Technology Center Grand Opening
All students, staff, and faculty are invited to attend the Grand Opening of our
new Horticulture Technology Center from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Saturday,
October 5. A brief program will be held at 11:00 a.m. followed by a picnic
lunch. Landscape design, floral design, interior foliage, greenhouse plant
production, and outdoor planting demonstrations will be held 9:30 a.m. –
11:00a.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. Take a tour of the new
facilities and experience horticulture technology.
To Our RCTC Family and Friends -

Love is Patient - Love is Kind -
Although these phrases are used at a different type of celebration my brother was kind enough to share his love for life with us and patient enough to wait for us to understand God needed him to come home.
Thank you for the plant, kind words, hugs, extra prayers and expressions of thoughtfulness during the celebration of my brother's life.

Ruth and Chuck Siefert

Weekly Funny

"I want to start appealing to a younger demographic. So, from here on out, all sentences will start out with the word 'dude.'"

Assessment of Student Learning Corner

Stinger Cafe 2002 Assessment Matrices completed on August 22, 2002 were emailed to participants this week. We now ask that you apply the assessment measure indicated on the grid and gather the results for Fall semester 2002. We will be scheduling a follow-up workshop to evaluate results and use them to modify and improve student learning. Thank you again for participating in the August workshop. Good luck applying the measures!

Check out the new Assessment of Student Learning Corner in Goddard Library. We have gathered many wonderful assessment resources and shelved them in one central location. Stop by and browse, there are books as well as videotapes. If you have suggestions for added resources, please contact us.

Assessment of Student Learning...Get There!
Anne Niccolai and Tammy Lee

Everything’s Coming up Roses!

The RCTC Upward Bound Program is currently selling tickets to Herberger’s Grand Opening Community Day Event “Everything’s Coming Up Roses.” The event will take place on October 9th from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Purchase of a ticket allows the buyer to gain entry into the store prior to the general public grand opening and to take advantage of special savings throughout the store. Additional coupons are also included with the purchase of a ticket. Tickets are $5.00 each and are on sale now at the Upward Bound Office - SS150. All proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to support the Upward Bound Program. Help support the Upward Bound program and be among the first to check out the new Herberger’s store!!
Supalla’s Scribblings

Chancellor James McCormick, who visited every MnSCU college and university campus during his first year on the job, is beginning a second round of visits. While the first round focused on listening to the “Voices of Minnesota,” his next visit will be to tour the campus and visit with internal stakeholders. The Chancellor’s second round of visits will be conducted during the next three years and RCTC is fortunate to be near the top on his list of visits. McCormick will be on the UCR campus on Thursday, November 7. Details of his visit are still being planned and more information will be forthcoming in future updates. For those of you new to RCTC or MnSCU or who haven’t met the Chancellor, here’s a brief bio (adapted from MSCSA’s “The Students’ View”)

While the Chancellor has been known to work 70-hour weeks, how does he fill his hours? What inspires him to continue his 30+ year journey to improve public education? The Chancellor’s responsibilities are broad but can be best described as being responsible to the MnSCU Board of Trustees for the administration of all facets of the system. With seven state universities, seven community colleges, 10 technical colleges, one tribal college, the MnSCU system serves 225,000 students each year. Employing about 18,000 full and part-time faculty and staff, the system has an annual budget of about $1.3 billion and is a premier employer in the state. Before coming to Minnesota, Dr. McCormick served as the founding chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, created in 1983. The system is comprised of 14 universities with a $1 billion budget. Chancellor McCormick left Pennsylvania as the most senior system head in the country, having served continuously as the Pennsylvania public university system chief executive for 18 years. Dr. McCormick was also president of Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania, served as a professor and administrator at Shippensburg University, worked as a high school assistant superintendent, and taught country school.

Kudos to…
- The Student Senate representatives and helpers who planned a wonderful September 11 memorial celebration. I thank all who presented and attended. I hope that future Senates will continue to plan September 11 celebrations.
- To the following RCTC “Champions of Public Service” who were nominated for their willingness to go above and beyond their position descriptions to serve our stakeholders: Deb Rogne, Travis Kromminga, Glen Saponari, Carrie Schliep, Iris Fried, Bev Hintz, Ed Walsh, Cathy Esberg, Ellen Nelson, Mary Bisbee, John Putnam, Sandra Aaby, Ellen Browning, Debbie Knaup, Mary Long, June Meitzner, Carol Naatz, Mike O’Dea and Shelly Peterson. We will recognize additional “Champions” in December and May, so start your nomination list now! Keep up the good work!
- Michelle Pyfferoen, director of RCTC’s Small Business Development Center, and the Center itself have been getting significant press recently. Newspaper articles in the Wabasha County, Lake City, Caledonia and Winona papers as well as the U.S. Small Business Administration “Success News” touted the great work of the RCTC SBDC. The SBDC, located at Heintz Center, provides free, individual business counseling to entrepreneurs and those who want to start a new business. The Rochester SBDC is part of a statewide network of 22 SBDCs sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration, Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development and the host institution. The Rochester SBDC serves 11 counties in Southeast Minnesota with outreach offices in Owatonna and Rushford. Last year the Rochester SBDC assisted 290 clients through one-on-one business counseling and provided 14 seminars attended by 125 entrepreneurs. The SBDC also assisted clients in obtaining 57 loans totaling more than $6.8 million in business capital.

You should have recently received your “Investing in Minnesota…2002 State Employee Combined Charities Campaign” literature. If you didn’t receive the packet of materials, please contact Judy Kingsbury today. The campaign runs from September 30 – October 11. This year, you have three options for giving…pledge on line, use the traditional hardcopy payroll deduction pledge form, or use the one-time gift pledge and attach a personal check made out to Combined Charities Campaign. I strongly urge you to give generously to this once-a-year campaign to help those less fortunate. Do it now!
The Office of the Chancellor has just released the final version of "MnSCU Designing the Future Strategic Plan...2002-2005." Included in the plan are MnSCU’s 21 goals that support the System’s four strategic directions...increase access and opportunity, expand high-quality learning programs and services, strengthen community development and economic vitality, and fully integrate the system. If you’d like a copy of the plan, call Judy Kingsbury at 295-7216 or send her an e-mail.

**Thought for the Week…**

"The sound of failure is such a familiar sound...it can be found in the center of excuses."

- Doug Firebaugh

The sound of success is familiar around RCTC…it’s found in the frequent compliments of stakeholders.

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**Make your blood donation appointment today!**

Mayo Clinic Blood Bank is holding a blood drive in CF 206/208 on October 1st and 2nd. Individuals who have previously donated and new blood donors are encouraged to participate in this blood drive. This blood drive is open to faculty, staff, students and the public.

Donations take approximately 45-60 minutes and can be made during these times:

- **Tuesday, October 1st** - 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, October 2nd** - 6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Call Student Health Services at 285-7261 to schedule an appointment. When calling to schedule an appointment, please have your Mayo Clinic number available if possible. Because this is an on-campus event staff may attend the blood drive, with supervisory approval, without using sick or vacation time.

Please contact Katie Swegarden in Student Health Services if you have questions about donating.

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**Up to Speed**

**Premiere e-Learning conference at University Center Rochester**

No need to use all of your staff development dollars to participate in a quality e-learning conference. **LiNK 2002**, a collaboration among UCR partners including a faculty representative from each of the three UCR institutions, the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and GRAUC is coming to our UCR neighborhood **November 8th**. That's correct, the conference is located right here at UCR. Three tracks, Preparing Your Organization for e-Learning, Forging Partnerships in the e-Learning Marketplace, and Designing Innovative Curriculum will run simultaneously. Dr. Linda Baer, Senior Vice Chancellor of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Brian Mueller, Vice President of the University of Phoenix, and Tim Penny, Co-Director U of MnHHH Fellow, Public Affairs Institute are keynote speakers. See the invitation attached to this week’s Crossings or visit the website for more information. Website: [http://www.roch.edu/link](http://www.roch.edu/link)

Bonus for careful readers: the first 15 faculty to e-mail me with the words **LiNK 2002** will receive free registration for the conference on Friday. This offer does not include the Thursday evening pre-conference banquet.

_Judy Harris_
Recipients for vacation donation program
Listed below are the new individuals who have been approved as recipients for the vacation donation to the sick leave account program. These individuals may have already or will be exhausting all paid leave time and will be losing health insurance coverages. State employees may donate up to 12 hours (per recipient) per fiscal year to one of this individual or any other recipients on the sick leave account. More details regarding these individuals and forms to donate leave are available from the human resources office.

Deborah Hagen - Department of Human Services
Steven Grilz - Century Lake Community College

Tour Germany & Austria and earn 3 college credits!
March 6-March 16, 2003 (Roughly Spring Break)
$1465 (for people under 25)
$1730 (for people over 25, insuring a double room with another adult)
$2030 (for people over 25, insuring a single room)
These prices include airfare, hotels, two meals a day, tours, and travel expenses.
(The cost of 3 credits tuition is an additional $312. There will be a nominal college insurance fee if you choose not to take it for credit.)

- Rothenburg
- Munich (2 days),
- Dachau (concentration camp),
- Vienna (2 days),
- Salzburg (1 day),
- Neuschwanstein (the castle),
- Heidelberg (2 days),
- and take an optional (+$20) cruise down the Neckar River

$95 initial registration due: Oct 15
$400 due: Nov 15
Final payment & deadline: Nov 27

For more info call Gary Dreier, 285-7555

Student Life news
Upcoming CAB Events
Tues., Oct 1, Coffeehouse Concert, Bari Koral, 11 am - 1 pm, Quiet Lounge
Wed., Oct. 2, Free Pizza, 11 am till gone, Heintz Center
Wed., Oct. 2, Books R Fun, 9 am - 6 pm, Atrium (Great books at great discount prices)
Thurs., Oct. 3, Comedian, Spanky, 11 am - 12 pm, South Room

Student Senate
Please note new e-mail address for the RCTC Student Senate is rctcsenate@hotmail.com