New Officers/Board Elected for RCTC Foundation
The Rochester Community and Technical College Foundation announces its new slate of elected officers as well as the addition of new members to the board of directors. Stuart Eickelberg is the newly elected President of the board of directors. Eickelberg is in administrative services at Mayo Foundation. Vice-President elect is Barbara Swisher, partner in the law firm of Patterson, Ostrem and Swisher. Diane Osland, project manager at Gauthier Industries is the new secretary and Fritz Banfield, partner in Heartman Insurance is the new treasurer. Newly elected board members are Mike Adamson, VP at Adamson Motors, Linda Behrens, senior mechanical designer at IBM, Ifeoma Onwaghalu, materials logistics coordinator for IBM and Mike Malugani, CPA with Smith Schafer and Associates. Also joining the board as student representative is Angela Warren. Assuming his new role as board president, Stu Eickelberg stated, “My involvement with RCTC Foundation gives me a great sense of pride because of the continued growth of the UCR campus, RCTC’s programs and its increasing student population. RCTC and its higher education partners continue to adapt to and address the higher education needs of our community and I am proud to be a part of it.”

AIDS Memorial Quilt on Campus
UCR, Mayo’s HIV Clinic, and the Professional AIDS Network (PAN) are pleased to announce that sections of the AIDS Memorial Quilt will be on display at the Sport Center Sunday November 30th 1 to 9 pm and Monday December 1st (World AIDS Day) 8 am to 9 pm. The AIDS Memorial Quilt is a poignant memorial and a powerful tool for prevention education. Each of the more than 44,000 panels memorializes the life of a person lost to AIDS. The quilt offers an opportunity to educate people about HIV/AIDS, to remember those who have died, and to comfort the grieving. UCR Student clubs and groups are invited to participate in this special event by holding their own activities and events focusing on the topic of HIV/AIDS. Making and distributing red ribbons to students, creating art/expressive displays, developing a cultural display or informational/educational exhibit, and collecting donations for PAN, the AIDS Memorial Quilt or other HIV/AIDS awareness groups are examples of some of activities that students could hold. Any activity that is respectful of those affected by HIV/AIDS is welcome! This is a chance for your club or group to be visible on campus in a creative way. If you or your club or group is interested in being part of this special event, please contact Katie Swegarden, at 280-2887 or katie.swegarden@roch.edu
Weekly Stakeholder and Market Fact
According to the 2003 Student Satisfaction Inventory the following areas were identified by students as RCTC's greatest opportunities for improvement:

- The amount of student parking space on campus is adequate.
- Students are notified early in the term if they are doing poorly in a class.
- Classes are scheduled at times that are convenient for me.
- I am able to register for classes I need with few conflicts.
- This school does whatever it can to help me reach my educational goals.
- Adequate financial aid is available for most students.
- My academic advisor is knowledgeable about transfer requirements of other schools.
- The college shows concern for students as individuals.
- Counseling staff care about students as individuals.
- Financial aid awards are announced to students in time to be helpful in college planning.

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For some, giving is second nature: a family member or friend dies of cancer and you contribute to medical research; your child’s class in school enjoys frequent visits to local plays, and you want to contribute to an art center; or you are an avid hiker who enjoys the outdoors, and you give to an environmental organization. Whatever your reason, your contribution will invest in Minnesota and will benefit the people your community. The Minnesota State Employees Combined Charities Campaign begins Monday, October 27 and runs through Friday, November 7. This year our campaign goal is $1 million. If every state employee gave just $1 from each paycheck, we would raise approximately $1.5 million and make Minnesota a better place to live. Pledge online using the State of Minnesota Employee Self Service website, which is the same place you view your pay stub. Simply go to www.state.mn.us/employee and follow the directions.

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“We make a living by what we get. But we make a life by what we give.”
~ Winston Churchill
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MnSCU’s official fall semester enrollment numbers have been reported and RCTC’s enrollment gains (8.8%) rank fifth highest of the System’s 33 colleges and universities. Institutions with greater enrollment increases include Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (18.9%), Northwest Technical College – Bemidji (14.5%), Minnesota State Southeast Technical – Winona and Red Wing (9.5%), and Pine Technical College (9.5%). Six MnSCU colleges experienced enrollment declines. Overall, System enrollment increased 2.6%.

October 22 UCR hosted both the Senate Capital Investment Committee and Susan Heegaard, the Governor’s legislative liaison. The Senate Committee was updated on the Health Sciences Building proposal and toured Rockenbach Gym. Legislators were very interested in the $11.7 million renovation and many expressed support for the project. Ms. Heegaard was visiting to learn more about the University Center Rochester partnership and the Health Sciences Building. Thanks to Nirmala Kotagal and Marilyn Hansmann who joined me in capital bonding presentations and David Carl, Christine Clements, Gail Sauter, Allison Good and Joe Gibilisco who joined in the UCR presentation. MnSCU Governmental Relations staff members Jerry Janezich and Bernie Omann joined us for the visits.

Carol Harwick, Human Services Technician instructor, has been approved as a recipient in the State’s Vacation Donation Program. Carol, diagnosed with ovarian cancer, is unable to return to work until further notice. She has exhausted all forms of paid leave and without our help will lose both compensation and insurance coverage. You can join me in helping by donating up to 12 hours of vacation leave or personal leave to assist Carol and her family. Now’s the time for you to reach out and help a member of the RCTC family. Contact Human Resources today if you have questions. Better yet, go out on the shared drive and complete the paperwork.

Congratulations to the Associate Degree Nursing and Practical Nursing students and staff. The results from the third quarter licensure exams show RCTC graduates continue to do extremely well. So far this year, 85 of 90 Associate Degree Nursing students have passed the exam...a 94.4 percent pass rate. And, 22 of 24 Practical Nursing students (91.67%) have successfully passed the exam. On average, 84.88% of MnSCU AD Nursing program graduates passed the exam and 93.34% of PN graduates passed.

The Minnesota Higher Education Services Office has just released its Basic Data Series 2002. The publication reports basic data for all of the State’s higher education providers. The report notes that RCTC’s five-year headcount increased 32.2% while headcount at other public community and technical colleges increased 17.3%. The report also indicates that at RCTC the percentage of part-time students continues to grow (from 43.5 to 44.8%), the percentage of female students continues to increase (59.9% to 62.1%), and the make-up of student body continues to be more and more diverse.

A recently released study of nurses in Pennsylvania hospitals conducted by a nurse educator associated with a four-year university baccalaureate degree program, and first reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association, purports to demonstrate that hospitals with more baccalaureate nurses have better patient mortality outcomes after surgery. On its face, this survey is a disservice to the hundreds of thousands of AD nurses across the country – which take and pass, at comparable or higher rates, the same licensing exams that all other nurses must take. It is also a deterrent to those men and women either currently enrolled or considering enrolling in AD nursing programs. Senior researchers at the American Association of Community Colleges immediately discerned major flaws in the study’s assumptions, methodologies and conclusions. (Excerpted from AACC communiqué of October 9.) More details of AACC’s research analysis of this study are available at http://www.aacc.nche.edu.

THE CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION reported that the U.S. is “losing ground” in providing widespread access to higher education, according to a report released by a nonpartisan education-policy group. The report says that, even though enrollment is expected to increase by 13 percent nationwide over the next dozen years, a number of
states are struggling with stagnate or falling rates of college participation. Higher education is key to prosperity for all people, said Governor Mark Warner of Virginia. “In 2003, a high school diploma is not the ticket to a middle-class lifestyle,” he said. The study also found that nearly half of the more than 17 million students enrolled at American colleges are age 25 or older, 50.6 percent of Asian-Americans hold college degrees (more than any other ethnic group), and 38 of every 100 ninth-graders are likely to enroll in college four to five years later.

A recent Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce member survey revealed that the following (listed in priority order) training would be most beneficial to their businesses…#1 – Marketing, #2 – Customer Focus, and #3 – Leadership.

This week The College Board reported that at two-year public institutions, tuition and fees average $231 more than last year ($1905 versus $1674, a 13.8 percent increase). At four-year public institutions, tuition and fees average $579 more than last year ($4694 versus $4115, a 14.1 percent increase). At four-year private institutions, tuition and fees average $1114 more than last year ($19,710 versus 18,596, a 6 percent increase).

E-mail Etiquette Rule #6: Share expert knowledge. The strength of cyberspace is in its numbers. The reason asking questions online works is that a lot of knowledgeable people are reading the questions. And if even a few of them offer intelligent answers, the sum total of world knowledge increases. So do your part. Despite the long list of e-mail no-nos, don’t be afraid to share what you know. Sharing your knowledge is fun. It’s a long-time net tradition. And it makes the world a better place to live, work and learn.

**Thought for the Week…**

“Bigness comes from doing many small things well. Individually, they are not very dramatic transactions. Together, though, they add up.”

-- Edward S. Finkelstein

Continue to do many small things well. Have a great week.  

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**UCR Blood Drive**

UCR Blood Drive ~ November 18-19-20 ~ "That 70's Room"

Employees and students welcome! Call Student Health Services (7261) by November 5th to schedule an appointment.