Combined Charities Campaign
November 1-16, 2001

Many of you have already provided support to our nation during recent national emergencies, and I encourage you to provide similar support to our local community needs during this Combined Charities Campaign. Your investments, great or small, MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Let's continue MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Please review the information provided in your mailbox last week. Once you have selected a charitable organization, you have two ways to make a pledge:
1) Use the traditional hardcopy pledge form enclosed and forward it to me at Box 1 by Friday, November 16, 2001, or
2) Pledge on-line at http://www.doer.state.mn.us

If you are interested in making a one-time gift, you may issue a personal check made out to the Combined Charities Campaign, not to the charitable organization, complete the proper information on the pledge form, and forward it directly to me at Box 1 by November 16, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact Judy Kingsbury in the President’s Office (extension 7216) or by e-mail (judy.kingsbury@roch.edu).

RCTC Welcomes Chancellor James. H. McCormick
Listening to the Voices of Minnesota
Thursday, November 8, 2001 at the University Center Rochester

8:00 to 9:00 am Community Forum - Heintz Center Commons
9:00 to 10:00 am Meet the Media/Campus Tour
10:00 to 10:45 am Faculty and Staff Forum - Coffman 206/208
11:00 to 11:45 Student Forum - Coffman 206/208

All are welcome!
Weekly funny…

"See? I told you it was possible to mix business with pleasure."

RCTC mourns the loss of two who made a difference

- It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the recent passing of RCTC Foundation board member Mike Klampe. Mike served on the board 12 years and was board president during 1992-93.

Perhaps Mike sensed that his life on earth would be tragically cut short. If so, he made the most of his years. Mike was a cheerleader and booster for RCTC. A member of the class of 1967, Mike advocated for respect and acknowledgment of the quality role we play in serving higher education in this region. He not only made an impact on our campus, but in the community as well. Mike was a great humanitarian, strong advocate of social justice, and local activist for cultural understanding. Mike is being remembered for the dedication he had to his community, striving to make it a better place to work and live. At the urging of others, Mike chose to establish a scholarship for RCTC students. In the months preceding his death, he outlined how he wished the scholarship to be used. True to the way he conducted his life, the scholarship will impact the recipients in more ways than simply financial. Mike’s family, through an application process, will select the first recipient this spring. It will then be up to that student to select his or her successor based on the criteria established. The new recipient will be of the opposite sex, possess a different ethnic background and demonstrate character and leadership skills to successfully carry on the duties inherent in the scholarship. One must reach out to meet others, learn new cultures, understand ethnic differences and celebrate this diversity. Mike’s dream will live on. Please consider supporting this wonderful scholarship concept by making a contribution to the Michael Klampe Memorial Scholarship Fund. Send your gift to the RCTC Foundation, Box 56.

- Another loss occurred last week with the death of Sister Loretta Klinkhammer. Sister Loretta was 92 when she died on October 15th at Assisi Heights. While many of you do not remember Sr. Loretta, her legacy has continued on this campus for over 30 years. Sr. Loretta developed the two-year associate degree program in nursing at Rochester Community College. Her skill as a nurse and teacher impacted thousands of students and her forward vision left its mark on the nursing profession. Memorials are being accepted in tribute to Sister Loretta Klinkhammer and will be added to the Nursing Forum scholarship. Please consider making a gift in honor of this fine woman, teacher and nurse. Send your memorials to RCTC Foundation, Box 56.

RCTC THEATRE – Antigone, November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 8:00pm
Tickets will be available beginning October 22, Monday-Friday, 10:30 am – 3:30 pm in CC401 or call 285-7200. Staff receive two free tickets, additional tickets can be purchased at regular prices which are $6.00 for Thursday and $8.00 Friday and Saturday. Don’t miss this intense updated timely tragedy of morals against pride! Directed by Jerry Casper; set design by Gary Schattschneider.
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Recently, the Minneapolis Star Tribune published an editorial that spoke very favorably of James McCormick, MnSCU’s new chancellor. Chancellor McCormick will make his first extended visit to the University Center campus on Thursday, November 8. The Rochester visit, another stop on his “Listening to the Voices of Minnesota” tour, will give community, staff and students and opportunity to share their thoughts about MnSCU and higher education. Faculty and staff are encouraged to meet and dialogue with Chancellor McCormick from 10-10:45 a.m. in Coffman 206/208. Be there!

Congratulations and thanks to all who had a role to play in helping us achieve reaccreditations by the Higher Learning Commission! This week I received official notification that…“At its meeting on September 24, 2001, the Review Committee voted to continue the accreditation of RCTC. The Commission Board of Trustees validated that action through its validation process concluded on October 8, 2001.” The notification further states that this new accreditation is effective October 8; no progress, monitoring, or contingency reports or other visits are required; and the next comprehensive visit is scheduled for 2005-06.

Kudos to…

➢ Dr. Kevin Dobbe who has been invited to present at the National Conference College Music Society on November 14-18 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Kevin will be presenting on technology in music information. In attendance will be faculty from Harvard, the Big Ten Universities, etc.…a premiere conference for music educators.

➢ Dan Nash, computer science adjunct instructor, who is writing a Linux Professional Institute Level 1 Book for BFQ Press. This book will be used for certification training and skill building in Unix/Linux operating systems.

➢ Faculty and students of the Radiography Program who cleaned up a two-mile section of Interstate 90 last Saturday.

➢ Continuing Education and Workforce Development staff who responded to many inquires for information and made lots of potential staff development contacts while participating in the Chamber’s Business Expo.

➢ Jenee McGurren and Dave Weber for their design and development of the Report to the Community. I’ve received many written, e-mail, telephone and personal compliments regarding our first annual report/calendar. If you didn’t get a copy or would like an additional copy or two to give to others, please contact Judy Kingsbury.

Every year the College Board releases its data on current average costs for tuition and fees at U.S. colleges and universities, and on trends in student financial aid. This year’s survey finds that:

➢ For the 2001-02 academic year, the Board found that the average tuition charged by two-year public institutions averaged $1,738, up 5.8 percent. (MnSCU tuition at two-year colleges increase by 11 percent; RCTC by 10 percent.)

➢ Total available student aid in 2000-01 was more than $74 billion – a record amount. Over the past decade, total aid has almost doubled in constant dollars.

➢ The grant-loan imbalance continues as the percentage of grants in student aid declined over the past decade. Grants now represent 41 percent, and loans 59 percent of total federal, state, and institutional student aid.

Performance Horizons has prepared a summary of findings from last spring’s RCTC staff satisfaction survey. The ten smallest gaps were recorded on the following survey items:

1. Quality improvement teams have been established in this organization.
2. This institution believes in continuous quality improvement.
3. Faculty and staff take pride in their work.
4. The mission, purpose, and values of this institution are familiar to employees.
5. This institution uses teams to solve problems.
6. Professional development training programs are available to assist employees in improving their job performance.
7. I understand the goals of this institution and my role in helping to achieve them.
8. This institution regularly conducts surveys to evaluate the quality of its programs and services.
9. Employees are involved in the development and improvement of performance measures.
10. I know what is expected of me.

Next week I’ll share the ten largest performance gaps. In addition, Susanne Sheehan and the Employee Relations Committee will share additional details in future communiqués.

Thought for the Week…Sometimes anger can make your mouth work faster than your mind. Don
Pumpkin hunt
Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 23, pumpkin buttons will be hidden all over the campus. If staff see a button, please leave it “undiscovered” for students. Students can claim their prize at the Student Life Office.

Little Horse concert
Thursday, Nov. 1, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, South Room. Imagine serving up a rich, rock sound with a tall glass of funk and a side of full harmony, topped with hilarious lyrics and unforgettable melodies. Smother that with a sauce of red-hot piano, hold the guitars (no need to water down a winning recipe), and let Little Horse remind you of how good life can taste!! Don’t miss this!!!!

A Wonderful Night to Share
Upward Bound Students and Staff are now selling tickets to “A Wonderful Night to Share”, a private evening of holiday shopping at Apache Mall, which will take place on Sunday, November 18, 2001 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

This special event for ticket-holders only will feature special offers and discounts from Apache Mall merchants as well as beverages and hors d’oeuvres, door prizes, free gift wrap, and live holiday entertainment!

Tickets for “A Wonderful Night to Share” are $5.00 in the form of a donation. Proceeds will benefit the Upward Bound Scholarship fund. Tickets may be purchased at the Upward Bound Office (SS #150).

Purchase tickets today, help Upward Bound raise money, and get a jump-start on your holiday shopping!

5th Tuesday All College Staff Development Event
Defining General Education at RCTC
MH-223 2-4 on Tues., Oct. 30
All Faculty and Staff Welcome

Learning by Doing
Did you know that a study done at the University of Minnesota showed that people actively involved in their social world suffer less alienation? If you are interested in getting involved in your world through Learning by Doing projects, contact Lynn Guenette at 280-2928. GET OFF THE SOFA!!!!

Condolences
Condolences are extended to Audrey Clausen whose father (Arthur Baldner) passed away on Wednesday, October 24, 2001. Our thoughts are with you and your family!
Goddard Library news
Goddard Library has begun 30-day trial subscriptions to databases from Facts on File, and LearnATest. To access these databases, at the Goddard Library homepage (http://www.roch.edu/library/entrance.php3), under "Article Databases," click on either the "Trial Databases" or select the trial company from the given list. Please let us know what you think of these databases.


The LearnATest website offers access to online practice tests for the GED, ACT, SAT, Civil Services Exam, EMS, Law Enforcement, ASVAB, U.S. Citizenship, and many more. The tests provide instant scoring and explanations of both right and wrong answers to help learners study for the exams.

You're Invited

Rochester SAM'S CLUB - Special Shopping/Appreciation Event
Saturday, November 10, 2001 from 7am to 9am
Friday, November 23, 2001 from 7am to 9am

Beat the holiday crowds and lines
Free continental breakfast provided
Door prize drawings every 20 minutes *
Come early for more chances to win
$2.50 coupon to Rochester SAM'S CLUB Cafe for first 60 attendees
Grand prize drawing of $100 SAM'S CLUB shopping card
Non-members can purchase during this even with cash or Discover Card

* For attendees present and age 18 and over

Please present a school district or college staff ID, business card or name-tag for entrance into this special shopping/appreciation hours event. No RSVP is necessary.