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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE ROCHESTER ROAD RUNNERS:

For the past few weeks, Jim Connelly, Len Bagley and Gene Osborn have been exploring the possibility of merger between the Rochester Track Club and the Rochester Roadrunners Club. As some of you may know, the Rochester Track Club and the College City Striders (Brockport) have already effected a merger and the collective result is known as the Greater Rochester Track Club.

It seemed to us that further consolidation between the Greater Rochester Track Club and the Rochester Roadrunners Club would have definite advantages to both organizations, and the leaders of the Greater Rochester Track Club have expressed a similar opinion. To enumerate some of such advantages and features of the proposed merger:

1) Elimination of duplicate mailings which involve the same labor and expense and further eliminate other duplicated work and talents needed to run both organizations.

2) Those who are presently members of both Rochester Roadrunners Club and Greater Rochester Track Club will have one membership, and there will be but one annual assessment of dues.

3) Present membership in the Rochester Roadrunners Club which would expire December 31, 1976 will be extended to May 31, 1977 to correspond to the fiscal year of the Greater Rochester Track Club.

4) Members of the Rochester Roadrunners Club who do not wish to become members of the Greater Rochester Track Club because of membership in another competitive running club or for any other reason, may simply join the mailing list to receive the mailings at an annual cost of \$2.00.

5) Present membership in the Rochester Roadrunners Club is approximately 250. The combined membership would be approximately 600, each of whom would automatically be members of the Roadrunners Club of America, since the Greater Rochester Track Club would assume our charter in the Roadrunners Club of America. The increased number of members will give us a heavier weighted vote in the decisions of the Roadrunners Club of America and

in its efforts to influence the AAU in matters of improving long distance running.

6) Regular mailings will be increased from four times per year to nine times per year and a greater variety of information will be included in each mailing; for example, race information from all over eastern United States as well as significant national and Canadian races.

On October 10, 1976, Len and Jim participated in a somewhat informal meeting with the leaders of the Greater Rochester Track Club to discuss and exchange ideas for the coming merger. Specific areas of running activities were singled out with the expectation that each such area would have a chairman responsible for organizing and directing running in that area. The areas mentioned were Cross Country, Fall and Winter road-runs, indoor winter track meets, outdoor summer track meets, age group program, and the Rochester Marathon. Another meeting is scheduled for October 31, and more information will be coming out as a result of that meeting.

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