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Record enrollment sets pace for new era at Rochester College

Enrollment records topped as Rochester College opened for its thirty-ninth academic year. A total of 439 students registered for classes, representing an impressive 21% increase over the previous fall semester.

"The air of excitement on campus is hard to describe," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "The campus has a great new look, the name transition is going smoothly, and now we have a record number of students to serve."

"Other colleges that have undergone name changes in recent years indicated that we might experience an initial drop in enrollment, followed by a period of rapid growth," Dr. Johnson continued. "However, God blessed us with immediate growth."

"By August, it became apparent that enrollment would be up," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "We had already pre-enrolled nearly 350 students and even had to add a section of physics to handle the quality of student we were advising."

Responding to the college's broader array of bachelor's degree programs, returning students contributed heavily to the overall increase. "In her new role as director of retention, Jan Coe

did a superb job of building our returning student body," stated Dr. Westerfield.

The fall enrollment includes representatives from seventeen states and nine foreign countries, as well as the first cohort group of Weekend College. "Enrollment figures actually will go up by the end of the semester since Weekend College will soon enroll another group," stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services.

Along with growth in the student body, a number of individuals assumed new roles with the college. Linda Park, assistant professor of English, and Larry Stephens, visiting professor of missions, joined the full-time faculty for the fall semester.

Michelle Godmere, lab assistant; Duane Kimmel, instructor of physical education; Jim MacKenzie, instructor of religion; Dr. Gordon MacKinnon, instructor of psychology; Todd Sager, instructor of music; John Theisen, instructor of chemistry; Jeff Westerby, instructor of chemistry; and Dr. John Williams, instructor of business, began teaching for the college on a part-time basis.

New staff members included Bill Cooke, information systems specialist; Jody Fleischhut, bookstore clerk and supervisor of



Transformation of the campus adds to the excitement of a new era for Rochester College. Students discovered major campus improvements upon their return for the fall semester. Ranging from new facilities to a walkway for a future outdoor mall, the campus has a great new look. Pages 6-7.

Ferndale Hall and Hoggatt Hall; Dave Hutson, director of summer programs; Lori Nelson, development secretary; Sharon Westerfield, academic/student services office manager; and Amy Wooten, preschool director.

"We are excited about the year

ahead," stated Dr. Johnson. "In the strategic planning process, we will be looking at the development of additional academic programs and the construction of two more facilities. We must continue to build upon the momentum that we are experiencing."

Missionary family enhances campus atmosphere

Placing an added emphasis on world missions, Rochester College welcomed its first missionaries in residence at the beginning of the fall semester.

"For quite some time, we have wanted to bring a missionary

family to the campus," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Dr. Westerfield and I met Larry and Diane Stephens while visiting the Livonia Church of Christ two years ago. Since then, we have been correspond-

ing with the church and the Stephens family in an effort to make their coming possible."

"Originally, we planned to take about a four-month furlough in the United States," stated Mr. Stephens. "As this opportunity presented itself, we were able to extend our stay long enough to spend the entire academic year at Rochester College."

As visiting professor of missions, Mr. Stephens is teaching courses in the religion department. "During our year at the college, we also hope to spark additional interest in missions," stated Mr. Stephens.

"It is so important for the students to develop a cross-cultural perspective," Mr. Stephens continued. "In addition to serving some traditional African meals, we hope to teach the students a little Swahili."

The Stephens family entered the mission field in 1977. "After finishing my master's degree, I answered a newspaper ad placed

by the Livonia church," Mr. Stephens noted. "They were looking for someone to replace a missionary whom they had supported for eleven years. We accepted the challenge and moved to Kenya, West Africa."

"During our stay at Rochester College, we want to increase student awareness of all mission efforts," stated Mrs. Stephens. "Even though most may not go to a mission field, they will serve in congregations where this awareness will be important."

"We are grateful that the Stephens family decided to spend the year with us," stated Dr. Johnson. "We are also indebted to the Livonia church for making this arrangement possible."

"In the months ahead, we will be looking for additional candidates to serve in this role," Dr. Johnson continued. "We plan to bring other families to the campus each year and would like to hear from interested churches and missionaries."



African dinner customs are explained by Larry and Diane Stephens.

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Project results in complete transformation of the campus



Dear Friends,

Four years ago as we began detailed planning for the Hoggatt/Ferndale/Dearborn residence hall complex, we knew the project would alter the campus in a significant way. One participant remarked that this one project had the potential to transform the entire campus. Now all of us are celebrating the realization of that expectation.

Never in my set of life experiences have I observed such dramatic positive change. To God belongs full credit for bringing together in the last few years many different puzzle pieces that have produced a beautifully renovated campus for Rochester College.

Our students are enthusiastic about our academic programs; they are pleased with the enhanced visibility and recognition that the college is experiencing under our new name; and they are committed to making a difference in the world - the same difference you are making as you use your life and resources for the Kingdom.

I give thanks to God that so many of you were able to catch the vision for Rochester College. You have stepped forward to support changes to make the college the strong liberal arts institution that we have always dreamed it would be.

I believe God is leading us in a direction that will result in dramatic additional improvements, in a stronger image, and growth beyond our highest dreams. All of that will not happen tomorrow, but with your continued commitment to building a strong Christian college in this area, many will be amazed in 2007, like they are in 1997, to look back at a decade of unbelievable progress.

Thank you for your encouragement and your support.

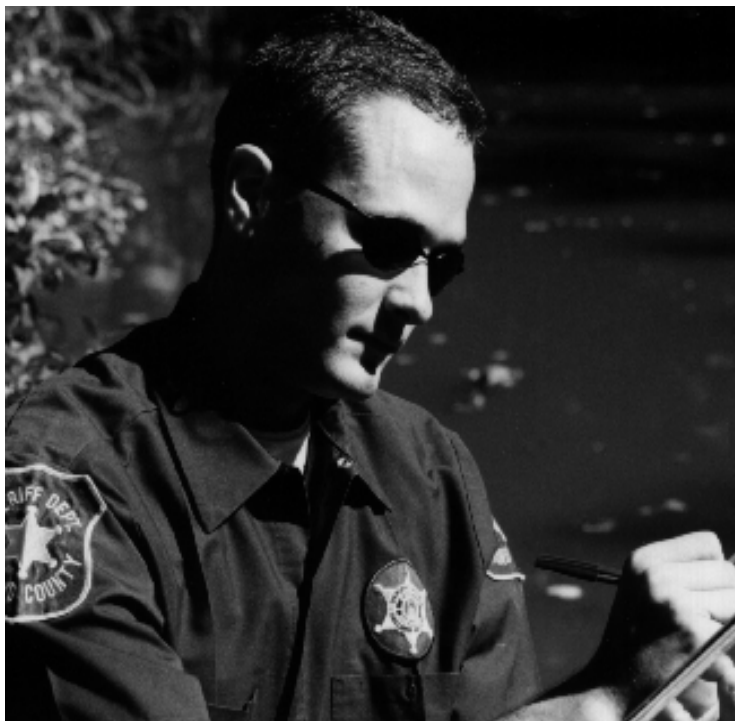
Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Kenneth L. Johnson
President

Faculty Openings

As Rochester College continues to meet the needs of a growing student body and prepares to seek approval for the Bachelor of Arts degree, additional faculty members will be needed. Applications for faculty positions in business, English, history, music, psychology, and science (chemistry and physical science) are now being accepted. Doctorate preferred and master's degree required for all positions. Contact Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs, at 248.218.2100 or m.westerfield@rc.edu, or at the college address.



Summer intern duties for Chris Davis include the issuing of tickets.

Worship sets tone for daily assembly

"I look forward to our worship time in assembly, especially the prayer requests," stated Dion Frasier, a sophomore from Buffalo, New York. "People feel comfortable about sharing concerns and asking for help. Everything comes together those days."

For thirty-nine years, daily assembly has been an integral part of campus life at Rochester College. "Many of our sister colleges are struggling with the amount of interest and participation in their chapel programs," noted Dr. Michael Westerfield, assembly committee chairman. "We have been determined to make our program a highlight of the day for the students."

"By dividing the type of activities that take place in assembly into particular days, we have been able to devote a more concentrated amount of time to worship," stated Dr. Westerfield. "The response to those days set aside entirely for worship has been wonderful."

Last year, small groups met during the assembly time for one



Daily assembly provides students with a time to sing songs of praise.

day each week. The assembly committee recently decided to replace that particular day with a series of student speakers.

"I like the focus on student speakers," commented Trevis Willis, a senior from Midland, Michigan. "It is encouraging to hear from our peers and to see this type of leadership."

"I have worked at three of our

sister institutions and have spoken at most of the others," stated Dr. Michael O'Donnell, professor of family studies. "Since coming to Rochester College, I have been impressed by the level of participation. A greater percentage of our students are attentive and involved in the singing. I appreciate the enthusiasm that is demonstrated by them."

Interns acquire valuable experience

Internships continued to provide graduates of Rochester College an edge into the job market as they sought employment this past summer. "In many cases, our students obtain their first professional work experience, and ultimately their first job, through an internship," stated Dr. Ben Noah, director of career guidance and assessment.

"One of our spring graduates completed an internship with AAA of Michigan last year, and AAA immediately turned around and hired him," stated Dr. Noah. "We find that this is not an unusual situation."

"Two of our social work graduates gained acceptance into a select master's degree program

at Wayne State University this fall," Dr. Noah continued. "In both cases, their admission was determined largely by their internship experience."

Chris Davis, a senior management major, is completing a concentration in criminal justice at Rochester College. Through the efforts of Don McLellan, a part-time instructor at the college, Chris secured a summer internship with the marine division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"My shift included eight hours on a lake, including patrol and safety of the water," Chris stated. "I learned patience and control. I was in a boat with no other police around me. In this type of situation, you have to learn how to control your emotions."

"If you let your emotions get the best of you, something that could have been avoided might happen," he continued. "People tend to get irate when you stop them and issue a ticket. You learn how to handle yourself and communicate effectively."

The Sheriff's Department decided to keep Chris on the force as a deputy sheriff until he graduates in May and begins graduate studies. "It is nice to have my career started before graduation. A degree is just not enough anymore. You need experience, and God has given me that."

Currently, internships are required in all management and behavioral science concentrations offered by Rochester College, and in both ministry options under the Christian services major. Internships can be completed either during the regular academic year or during the summer months.

"We are very pleased with the placement record of our graduates," stated Dr. Noah. "Only two from last spring have not found permanent employment, and one of those because of a decision to relocate late in the summer. We feel that internships have played a major role in this success."

Phone Directory

Rochester College experienced a major change in phone numbers this summer. In addition to an area code change, phone numbers had to be adjusted to accommodate the new residence hall complex.

Academic Services
248.218.2091

Admissions Office
248.218.2031

Adult Education
218.248.2102

Alumni/Public Relations
248.218.2023

Bookstore
248.218.2076

Business Office
248.218.2050

Development Office
248.218.2012

President's Office
248.218.2011

Student Services
248.218.2041

Admissions/Bookstore
Toll-Free
1.800.521.6010



Employee Highlights

Featured as the bass soloist, **Frank Pitts**, instructor of music, performed a piece by Schubert with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra in September.

Dr. Steve Eckstein, professor of religion, spoke at both the Michigan State Lectureship and the Northern Michigan Bible Lectureship in September.

One of two invited guests from religious colleges, **Dr. Michael O'Donnell**, professor of family studies, attended the Institute for American Values Symposium in New York City in September. Dr. O'Donnell has been approached by a national publisher about the possibility of writing a marriage and family textbook with a stronger focus on family values.

Dr. David Fleer, associate professor of religion and communication, taught a summer graduate class at Pepperdine University on *Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible*. He taught another graduate class on *Narrative Preaching* for the Harding Graduate School in October.

Bible class teachers gathered for a workshop hosted by the Livonia Church of Christ on October 4. **Dr. Michael Westerfield**, **Elton Albright**, **Vikki Bentley**, and **Linda Park** each taught class sessions.

Computer lab updated with latest in technology

Major summer improvements in the campus computer network provided an opportune time for Rochester College to update the student computer lab with the latest in technology. "With assistance from the Associates, we invested over \$100,000 in computer equipment this summer," stated Shane Godmere, director of information technology.

Mr. Godmere designed the new network system and lab plan after consulting with Bob Jones, instructor of computer science. Derek Agar, information systems specialist, organized the administration automation and installed the equipment.

"I teach without paper," stated Mr. Jones. "Everything is done electronically. Students submit assignments through e-mail attachments, and the new system makes this entire process much easier and more efficient."

The lab is equipped with Pentium 200mmx, 64 MB RAM computers, running NT4 workstation. In addition to specialized educational software, each unit features Microsoft Office Professional 97, with word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation software, e-mail, and Internet Explorer.

"All of our applications are again current," stated Mr. Jones. "A new overhead projection mul-



Students make use of the powerful resources available to them in the newly reequipped computer lab.

timedia system also allows students to view the instructor's computer. Everyone in the room can visually follow instructions on a step-by-step basis."

"By upgrading our Internet connection, we also improved our access to the web," stated Mr. Godmere. "Everyone in the classroom is now able to use the Internet at the same time without bogging down the system."

"In the process of upgrading the network and reequipping the lab, we also managed to move the older computers to a new learning lab," Mr. Godmere added. "In addition to using both labs, students can also dial up a network connection from their rooms in the residence halls, giving them another means of access to their file space, Internet resources, and e-mail."

Worth Repeating

Responding to a question about why he recently chose to become more involved with Rochester College, a local church leader recently stated, "All three of my children attended Christian colleges in the South and now none of them live in Michigan. I have seen several of the teens from our congregation attend colleges in the South and I can't remember any of them who now live in Michigan. I believe we have more members who attended Rochester College than all of the other colleges combined."

Jazz band added to music program

Originating as a temporary ensemble for Celebration in Song, *jazz band* appeared on the class schedule of Rochester College for the first time this fall. "Response to the band at last year's Celebration was so overwhelming that we decided to make it a regular part of our music program," stated Frank Pitts, director of the new ensemble.

"We have always heard from prospective students that they wish we had an instrumental program," stated Joe Bentley, director of musical activities. "This is a logical step toward the development of a more extensive

program that eventually could include larger ensembles and private instruction."

"Originally, we set a target of fifteen participants for our first full year with the group," stated Mr. Pitts. "We already have twenty-one members and continue to add others. We anticipate further growth as the group establishes its reputation."

For its first year, the ensemble plans to perform a variety of jazz styles, primarily at programs in the local area. "Celebration will continue to be a focus of our efforts, but we also hope to appear in some of the local schools and at special events in the community," stated Mr. Pitts.

"Addition of the jazz band gives us more flexibility to meet the needs of our students and to provide a broader base for their musical education," stated Mr. Bentley. "It adds another dimension to our strong emphasis on vocal music, and will play an important part in our development of a bachelor's degree program in music."

Currently, a faculty committee is designing a proposal for a major in liberal studies under a Bachelor of Arts degree. "In support of our cooperative program in education, we would like to add concentrations in such areas as music, social science, communication, English, and science/mathematics," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice presi-

dent for academic affairs.

"We plan to present our proposal to the state of Michigan and the North Central Association by the end of this academic year," stated Dr. Westerfield. "With these program additions, we would be better able to serve the needs of students with interests in the fields of study as well as those planning to teach."



Trombone players use their musical skills in a Jazz Band rehearsal.



Students from Rochester College participated in mission efforts in Honduras, Mexico, and Venezuela over the past few months. During the summer, David Handley, a senior from Jackson, Michigan, worked with Journey, a camp in Trujillo, Honduras, that hosts teen mission groups from the states.

College launches improved web site

Web surfers began noticing a major change in the appearance of the college's web site at the beginning of October. At that time, the college launched a new site at www.rc.edu.

"Our previous network connection did not allow us to include many graphics," stated webmaster Shane Godmere. "By upgrad-

ing our connection and adding a new server, we have been able to make major improvements."

"Two users saturated our line before," Mr. Godmere remarked. "We can now serve over fifty at one time since our connection is twenty-four times as fast."

Bob Jones, instructor of computer science, coordinated struc-

turing of the new site. His daughter, Sandy Wallace, an alumna and employee of Walt Disney World, provided graphic design services. "We are trying to implement as many suggestions as possible from users of our site," Mr. Godmere noted.

Initially, priority has been given to the development of information for prospective students and alumni. "Even though we have a lot more planned, we wanted to open up the basics for use," Mr. Godmere stated.

"A good web site changes constantly," he continued. "Information needs to be current and people like to see new things when they revisit a site. We hope to add more interactive forums, a virtual campus tour, and a number of other items in the weeks ahead."

During September, our previous web site received nearly 10,000 hits, representing hundreds of individuals. "With improved graphics and services, that number can only increase," noted Mr. Godmere.



Webmaster Shane Godmere runs a scanner in the computer center.

Faculty moves to renovated offices

Benefiting from effects of the recent construction project, the faculty moved into renovated offices late in the summer. "This move has had a tremendous impact on the faculty and their service to students," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs.

"For many years, faculty members have either been officed in

modular units or scattered over the campus wherever space could be found," Dr. Westerfield continued. "Now most of them are located in the same area."

Construction of the new residence hall complex allowed for a reallocation of space on the second floor of the Associates Campus Center. "Even after converting the Campus Center rooms

into offices, we still gained room for over 100 boarding students," noted Dr. Westerfield.

"It is nice to have space and to be located in a more professional setting," stated Dr. Mel Storm, director of the College of Religion. "The rooms are attractive, the desks are convenient, and the faculty is developing a greater sense of camaraderie."

"I really appreciate the privacy," stated Debbie Haskell, assistant professor of English. "Not only can I accomplish more things that require concentration, but can also provide one-on-one instruction for students with much less distraction."

"Rarely can you walk the halls of the new office wing and not find the space in use," stated Dr. Westerfield. "The faculty is much more accessible. They also are sharing teaching experiences and building a great team spirit by being located together."



Rochester College
Building the Infrastructure
of the Kingdom

knowledge ~ jobs
homes ~ relationships

When name change discussions were taking place, some asserted that selecting a new name without the word *Christian* would surely be detrimental to campus spirituality. Others anticipated the opposite, an improvement in campus spirituality. I am thankful to report, based upon our first semester under the name of Rochester College, that the latter group anticipated correctly.

We are seeing a remarkable increase in spirituality among the student body. "The word *Christian* is no longer there for us to hide behind," one student recently remarked. "We have to make sure that we live it."

God has blessed us with a wonderful set of student leaders, as He does every year. This year's group is especially conscious of their need to set the tone on campus.

Rochester College continues the strong tradition of Michigan Christian College and Northeastern Christian Junior College to produce well educated, God-fearing leaders for the workplace, the community, and the church.

The best is yet to come ... and in it all, God will be exalted by this work that we do together.

Dr. J

Molding Futures ...



Dr. Steve Eckstein, Linda Park, and Sheila Owen

Good instructors are the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Rochester College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Rochester College are introduced below.

Experience as a professor, author, and speaker adds depth to the teaching of **Dr. Steve Eckstein**, professor of religion and Greek. Dr. Eckstein joined the faculty in 1986, after teaching on the Bible Chair of Eastern New Mexico University for thirty-three years. Dr. Eckstein is the author of three books, *History of Churches of Christ in Texas*, *The Pentateuch*, and *The Purpose of Genesis*; a booklet series, *Nobody to Somebody*; a children's game book, *Bible Loop-a-Word*; and a guide for converts, *I'm a Christian*. He is a regular speaker throughout the United States at lectureships, workshops, and seminars. He holds degrees from Harding University, Eastern New Mexico University, and Texas Tech University.

Joining the faculty of Rochester College this fall, **Linda Park**, assistant professor of English, brings with her a strong background in education and language arts. Mrs. Park began teaching for Luckett Christian Academy when it opened in 1977, and most recently served as the school's principal. She recently participated in a curriculum alignment project for the state of Michigan with Madonna University and Lawrence Technological University. In addition to degrees from Rochester College and Oklahoma Christian University, she earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from Oakland University.

Originally using her bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University to teach middle school in California, **Sheila Owen**, director of library services, returned to college to pursue a degree in library science. She completed her master's degree at the University of Missouri at Columbia in a program accredited by the American Library Association. Miss Owen accepted her current position at Rochester College in 1994. She is a member of the American Library Association and a participant in Christian College Librarians.

End of an Era

Anticipating the fall enrollment, Admissions personnel dubbed the past recruiting season as the *End of an Era*. "This fall, we passed the 400 mark for only the third time, and we firmly believe that Rochester College will never again enroll less than that number," stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services.

Joining Dean Conner are Lora Cuthbertson, financial aid director, Ginny May, secretary, and counselors Terry Leabhart, Steve Ostrowski, Brent Cramp, Jeff Tungate, and Jim Calkin.



Why?



Why does Rochester College exist? Because of students like Chris!

Chris King is a senior education major from St. Clair Shores, Michigan. His father and his mother met at Rochester College.

"I have gained so much from Rochester College," stated Chris. "I have made friends that I will keep for a lifetime and have experienced life in a Christian community. My faith has been strengthened in ways that I never would have thought possible."

Last year, Chris served as president of the student body. In addition, he has directed social club acts for Celebration in Song, ran cross country and track, appeared in drama productions, and performed with the chorus. In spite of all the activity, he is a regular on the Dean's List!

Women's softball returns to intercollegiate roster

Expanding opportunities for participation in athletic competition, Rochester College recently reintroduced women's intercollegiate softball. "Limited student interest caused us to discontinue softball in 1991, but a renewed interest brought it back," stated Garth Pleasant, athletic director for the college.

"Several girls came to me last spring, wanting a softball team," stated Dennis Carter, assistant baseball coach for the past two years. "Many of them play volleyball in the fall, so we decided to begin softball in the spring of this academic year."

Currently, Coach Carter and his assistant coach, Susan Noah, are conducting off-season practice for the team. "We also are preparing a new field, designed for softball, between Avon Road and the baseball field," stated Coach Carter.

"This year, we will be laying foundations for the program," stated Coach Carter. "Several of our players are athletes, but have limited experience. As we begin to rebuild the program, I am confident that our experience level will increase."

The cross country team also experienced a major change in the fall. After coaching the team for twelve years, Michael Light decided to turn his full efforts to the classroom. David Hutson, a new employee of the college, then accepted coaching responsibilities for the team.

"We are excited about the addition of David Hutson to the staff," stated Dr. Ken Johnson,

president of the college. "In addition to coaching both cross country and track, he will be developing a series of summer programs, including sports camps."

Early in their season, the women's cross country team took first place at the Delta College Cross Country Festival. Tiffany Hanna, a freshman from Warren, Michigan, won the women's division for Rochester College, and the runners set a new team 5K distance record.

"Our women's team has taken runner-up position at the national meet on several occasions," stated Coach Hutson. "This year, we hope to take the championship in November when we travel to Unity College in Unity, Maine, for this annual event."



Members of the softball team begin preseason practice for the spring.



Coach Hutson provides cross country runners with plans for the day.



Sports

Rochester College offers a variety of intercollegiate sports competition.

for men

basketball ~ soccer
baseball
cross country ~ track

for women

basketball ~ volleyball
softball
cross country ~ track



Fresh Start, a four-day orientation program, helped new students adjust to life at Rochester College. Returning students helped newcomers move into the residence halls, college personnel provided everything from tours to advising for classes, and many got acquainted in the lines!

Team signs top players

Three-point shooters emerged from a lineup of potential players as Coach Garth Pleasant selected his team for the 1997-98 basketball season. All-county performers from both Oakland and Macomb Counties, and the top player of the Flint Metro League made the final cut.

"We feel very good about the team," stated Coach Pleasant. "Eleven out of thirteen players from last year, including three starters, are still with us. With our influx of new talent, we should be in great shape for an exciting season."

The Warriors made headlines on multiple occasions last season as they successfully challenged several large NCAA and NAIA institutions. They finished the season with a 17-14 record, including a victory over Wayne State University, and runner-up position in the national tournament of the NSCAA.

"Similar to last year, our regular season will be preparing us for the national tournament," stated Coach Pleasant. "Our schedule includes NAIA powers Lipscomb and Siena Heights. We also will face off with several NCAA division II teams, includ-

ing Wayne State, Saginaw Valley, Grand Valley, Northwood, Ashland, and Hillsdale."

"We have even added Central Michigan along with Oakland University from division I of the NCAA," Coach Pleasant added. "With a schedule like this, we may be the best winless team in America," he quipped.

"Within a year or two, we hope to be joining the NAIA," stated Coach Pleasant. "We have been heading this way for some time by playing NAIA and NCAA institutions. We have started following this pattern with most of our intercollegiate teams."

"We have our eyes on one of the NAIA conferences, and they are interested in having us join," Coach Pleasant continued. "However, they will expect to play on a consistent home court when they come to Rochester Hills. Consequently, they will probably require us to complete a new athletic center before they will accept us into their league."

College officials are discussing the possibility of constructing a new complex in conjunction with a community partner. Several potential partners have already expressed an interest.

The Beginning of a New Era for C



Right: Students are excited about the great new look of the Rochester College campus! A distinguished new entryway welcomes guests to the campus, reminding them and the college community of the institution's proud identity as a liberal arts college in a Christian setting. So sweeping and positive are the improvements that many consider this time in history as the beginning of a new era for Christian education in the Northern United States.

Right: Providing social space for the entire student body, the Dearborn Commons is situated at one end of an area that will develop as an outdoor mall. The commons also will serve as a reception area for those attending special guest events on campus.



Above: The addition of a large parking lot near the new campus entrance provides substantial parking for campus residents and guests to the campus. Workers also repaved and added new lighting and curbs to existing parking lots near the last phase of the construction project.



Above: New faculty offices, located in the Associates Campus Center, occupy space made available as a result of the construction project (page 4).

Right: State-of-the-art equipment in a newly renovated computer lab provides an added dimension to classroom instruction (page 3).

Christian Education at Rochester College



Left: The attractive collegiate appearance of Hoggatt Hall, the men's wing of the new residence hall complex, establishes a style for future campus construction.

Below: Residents of Ferndale Hall enjoy a contemporary room design with modular furnishings in the new residence hall.



Left: Laundry facilities in the new residence hall complex provide a practical place for students to visit while taking care of daily necessities. Each wing also includes a kitchen for student use.

'97 Homecoming Games

Two great games!

**12:00 noon
Alumni
Ball Players**

**2:00 p.m.
Rochester
College
vs
St. Clair
College**

**Saturday,
November 15**

Alumni News and Notes

1964

Dale Rideout received his M.B.A. from Southeastern Oklahoma State University on May 9. Dale is a publisher and the owner of Howe Enterprise. Dale, and his wife, Lana, can be contacted at P.O. Box 488, Howe, TX 75459.

1969

Darrell Lanham lost a two year struggle with cancer on June 3. His wife, **Debbi (Curnutte-70) Lanham**, plans to return to a teaching position at Walnut Grove Elementary School. Debbi and her daughter, Jessica, may be contacted at 101 Clarendon Circle, Franklin, TN 37069.

1972

Douglas Clay is a controller for Omni Bank. He lives at 15 Leroy Street, River Rouge, MI 48218.

1977

Living at 3691 Crestview Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036, David and **Billie Jo (MacDonald) Buzbee** are starting their fifth year of home schooling for their children, Jon, Naomi, and Mary. Billie Jo is on family leave from her regular job as a registered nurse to care for Naomi, who was diagnosed with cancer last November. David is a designer.

Randy Clouse is currently the



Posture desks, designed for use in music classrooms, were installed in the Alumni Music Center during the summer months. Funded by tape sales and a gift from the Alumni Association, the units include a desk arm that can be folded behind the chair during ensemble rehearsals.

Alumni return for Weekend College

Rochester College launched Weekend College, an accelerated bachelor's degree program for working adults, last summer. The first cohort group began classes in July, and additional groups will begin in October, January, and April.

"We have been thrilled by the initial response to this program," stated Angela Hazel, director of the College of Extended Learning. "It has been particularly rewarding to see several alumni enroll in the program."

"Former students of Rochester College make up over one-third of our first class," noted Mrs. Hazel. "Many completed associate degrees a number of years ago and immediately began careers. They now see Weekend College as an opportunity to earn their bachelor's degree from a place they know and trust."

Joan Golden first enrolled in 1961, when the college changed its name from North Central to Michigan Christian Junior College. Once again, she enrolled as the college was undergoing a change in names.

"I have taken classes at a num-

ber of colleges, but simply have not finished a bachelor's degree," stated Ms. Golden. "This is a personal goal, something that I have always wanted to do."

"Since completing her work at the college in 1979, one former student tried evening classes at a local college, but found juggling work and family schedules too difficult," stated Mrs. Hazel.



Returning student Joan Golden reviews Weekend College materials.

"She has been very happy with Weekend College since it requires only two of her weekends per month."

Most students enter the Weekend College program for a job promotion, career change, or personal fulfillment. For more information on the program, contact the College of Extended Learning at 248.218.2102.

executive director of Radiology Associates of Abilene. Randy and his wife, Teresa, have a daughter, Katie. The family can be contacted at Route 6, Box 373, Abilene, TX 79601.

Gordon MacKinnon recently completed a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is currently a staff psychologist at Havenwyck Hospital and is in private practice as a psychologist. Gordon and his wife, **Nancy (Keller-76)**, live at 2912 North Wilson, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Gary and **Ann (Jones) Varner** recently moved to 302 College Drive, Abilene, TX 79601. Ann is an administrative coordinator at Abilene Christian University, and Gary is an associate professor and director in the ACU Theatre Department. The couple has four children, Courtney, Cari, Jeremy, and Matthew.

1978

Hannah joined Stephen, Matt, and Abby in the home of Larry

and **Valerie (Hart) Baker** on July 31. Valerie is a homemaker, and Larry owns and operates Baker's Collision Repair. The family resides at 455 Day Road, Mansfield, OH 44903.

1979

Mark Briggs is the maintenance administrator of the York facility of the High Plains Corporation, a producer of ethanol. His wife, **Rhonda (Miller-78)**, is a homemaker and works for Ten Thousand Angels, a business that designs and sells angel jewelry. The family can be contacted at RR2, Box 34, York, NE 68467.

Mark Taylor is a visiting assistant professor of English at Keene State College. Mark and his wife, Fenice, have a son, Paul. The family lives at 164 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH 03431.

1981

Doug and Cathy (Miller-80) Allen have three children, Andrea, Holly, and Joey. Doug is the minister of the Pearl Street Church of Christ, and will finish his master's degree at Cincinnati Bible Seminary in December. Cathy is the expert on herbs and spices for a greenhouse. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 380, Lynchburg, OH 45142.

On June 18, Julia Lauren joined the family of Kevin and **Lori (Reinholt) Shaffer**. Kevin is a design sculptor, and Lori is a speech pathologist. The family resides at 20900 Waltz Road, New Boston, MI 48164.

Barry and Becky (Morrell) Thompson recently moved to 1204 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37215. Barry is a supervisor for Sunrise of Nashville, a landscaping firm, and Becky is employed by True Value.

1982

Anita Clay is employed as a

New diplomas available

Graduates of Michigan Christian College may now request new diplomas bearing the name of Rochester College.

"As the Board of Trustees considered a name change for the institution, we discussed a variety of implications," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "Several alumni asked if it would be possible to obtain new diplomas, so we implemented a process to answer that desire."

Rochester College will reissue diplomas to any graduate of the institution that makes such a request. Initially, the registrar plans to reissue diplomas in December and June of each year.

"In addition to verification of graduation, each diploma will require proper signatures,"

stated Dr. Westerfield. "The two reissue dates will allow us to process the diplomas in the most efficient manner possible."

Each diploma will be reissued with the proper degree name for graduates of both associate and bachelor's degree programs. A small reissue date will appear in the corner of each diploma.

"While original signed diplomas will continue to have great sentimental value to graduates, many will come to recognize the college by its new name in time," noted Dr. Westerfield. "This service should help alumni identify with both college names."

To request a diploma reissue, graduates should send a written request, with a fee of \$25 per diploma, to Dr. Westerfield at the college address.

We want to hear from you!

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

Name (maiden if appl.) _____

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Years _____ Occupation _____

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Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.

technician for First of America Bank. She resides at 15 Leroy Street, River Rouge, MI 48218.

1983

Along with their five-year old daughter Delaina, **Kevin and Deb (Estep) Sircloomb** live at 12000 US 27 N #182, Davenport, FL 33837. Kevin is working as an assistant supervisor of Liberty Square at Walt Disney World. Deb is a homemaker.

1985

Alexander Wesley joined Will in the home of Brad and **Leslie (Rhoads) Francis** on July 3. Brad is the women's head basketball coach at Harding University, and Leslie is a homemaker. The family lives at 104 Lori Circle, Searcy, AR 72143.

1986

Kierra joined Kalea and Dante in the home of **Ernie and Latica Seay** on May 19. Ernie is a sales manager for The Expo, the design center for Home Depot. Latica is a homemaker. The family lives at 8209 Meadow Road #2057, Dallas, TX 75231.

1987

Darren and Judy (Barbier-85) Maggard have three children, Luke, Brooke, and Paige. Darren is a trainer for Integral Solutions, Inc., a computer firm. The family lives at 18294 Robert, Melvindale, MI 48122.

Brian and **Becky (Richardson) Woytovich** recently moved to 174 Summertree Drive, Porter, IN 46304. Becky is a secretary and sales assistant for Bearn Sterns, a brokerage firm, and Brian is a computer consultant.

1989

Melanie (Marshall) Blake was recently promoted to assistant manager of sales and customer service training at Ameritech Mobile Communications. Her husband, **William**, is working on a graduate degree in computer information systems. The couple lives at 14911 Hummel Road #48, Brook Park, OH 44142.

Chris McGee is now the associate pastor of Christ Redeemer Church. He lives at 6446 Felton Court, Charlotte, NC 28277.

Phillip and **Tammy (Fortner) Peterson** welcomed Jamie Mae on January 13. Phillip works as a carpet contractor, and Tammy is a homemaker. The family can be contacted at HCR 66, Box 204, Morton, MS 39117.

1990

Stephen Lee joined Caleb in the home of **Mark and Christine (Campbell-89) Brackney** on May 12. Mark is the family life minister at the Rochester Church

of Christ, and Christine is a homemaker. The family recently moved to 2862 Corinthia Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

1992

Taylor Marie joined Caleb Scott in the home of **Brian and Dawn (Colburn) Edens** on April 24. Brian recently completed a degree at Cumberland University and plans to continue at the Nashville School of Law. Dawn is a special education teacher in the Wilson County Schools. The family resides at 1605 Trinity Circle, Lebanon, TN 37087.

1993

Paula (Shell) Coombs is working as a payroll clerk. Paula and her husband, Tony, live at 227 East Washington #2, Bluffton, IN 46714.

David Nelson is teaching at South Pacific Bible College. The college trains men and women from New Zealand and the islands of the South Pacific. David and his wife, Mary, can be contacted at 204A Cambridge Road, Tauranga, New Zealand.

Stephanie Perry married Scott Barry on October 18, 1996. She is in her third year at the Wayne State University Law School, and Scott is a warehouse manager and student. The couple lives at 13395 Village Park Drive #A2, Southgate, MI 48195.

1995

Wade Wells and **Mary Vaughn** were married on August 10, 1996. Wade is a night auditor, and Mary is a receptionist. The couple lives at 550 Willow Street #1, Highspire, PA 17034.

1996

Mary Aldrich married Andy Dorrell on July 26. The couple resides at 43 Railroad, New London, OH 44851.

Former student designs college logo

Coinciding with the institutional name change, Rochester College introduced a new logo last summer. A committee selected the design, submitted by Ken Stewart of the class of 1982, after reviewing drawings by several alumni artists.

"We requested concept drawings picturing a torch, representing the flame of knowledge and light of Christianity," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "The contemporary design of Ken Stewart's logo immediately caught the attention of the entire committee."

Already, the logo has been incorporated into a variety of formats, including the new college seal, displayed on the masthead of the *North Star*. It also appears on most college publications, banners hanging from the campus light poles, sportswear, and even some of the team uniforms.

"It was through the encouragement of Gale Edwards at the college that I chose my current line of work," stated Mr. Stewart. "She helped me realize my real talents and gave me the courage to take the next step and go on to art school."

After graduating from Kendall College of Art and Design, Mr. Stewart began work as a graphic designer for Spartan Stores. He then held positions as an art di-



Artist Ken Stewart works on a graphic arts project at his computer.

rector for Martin Windsor & Associates, and as a senior designer for X-Rite, Inc.

Mr. Stewart recently accepted a position as art director for Reagan Marketing of Grand Rapids. "To date, they have farmed out all of their graphic services," he stated. "So, I'm setting up their graphics department from scratch. It looks like a great opportunity to do some innovative, creative work."

In 1996, Mr. Stewart was selected as the college's Artist of

the Year. He prepared all of the design materials for the 1995 Grand Rapids Addy Awards, and won a Citation of Excellence from the same group last year.

Actively involved with the Grandville Church of Christ, Mr. Stewart has assisted the church, Beechwood Hills Camp, and the college with volunteer design services. He stated, "I feel fortunate that Rochester College is available for young people in the North, and look forward to when my children can attend."

Former students author new books

Two alumni of Rochester College, Dr. Jerry Rushford, a member of the class of 1963, and John Smith, class of 1965, recently authored new books.

Christians on the Oregon Trail, written by Dr. Rushford, tells the exciting story of a courageous generation of Christians that migrated to the west coast during the 1800's. Dr. Rushford recalls a unique period of history when churches of the Restoration Movement claimed a larger mem-

bership than all other religious groups in the territory.

"The stories told in *Christians on the Oregon Trail* will stagger your mind, challenge your faith, and break your heart," stated Victor Knowles, an author and magazine editor. "By the time you get to Oregon, you'll feel like you've traveled every dusty mile, crossed every dangerous river, and buried some dear friends you've grown to love."

Known as an authority on Res-

toration History, Dr. Rushford is the director of church relations for Pepperdine University, where he directs a lectureship that annually attracts over 4,000 individuals. He also serves on several editorial boards and edits the *Pacific Church News*.

"Stories written by John Smith provide the anchor for our popular new *Hug Series*," stated Gary Myers, executive vice president of Howard Publishing. The series currently includes *Hugs*, *Hugs for Mom*, *Hugs for Dad*, and *Hugs for the Hurting*. A fifth volume, *Hugs for the Holiday*, will be released this fall.

Making the best-sellers list of Christian books after only three months in circulation, *Hugs for Mom* is described on the jacket as "stories, sayings, and scriptures to encourage and inspire." The jacket also refers to the author as "the beloved storyteller, John William Smith."

Mr. Smith is the pulpit minister of the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, California. The *Hug Series* represents his third book release in the past four years. In 1993, he wrote *My Mother Played the Piano*, followed in 1995 by another treasury of heartwarming stories, *My Mother's Favorite Song*.

Christians on the Oregon Trail and all of the books by John Smith are available from the Rochester College Bookstore. To place an order, call 1-800-521-6010.



Joined by Dr. Otis Gatewood, first president of the college, members of the class of 1962 gathered on campus for a summer reunion. During the summer months, the classes of 1977 and 1987 also hosted reunions. Now is the time for class representatives to schedule reunions for next summer. For scheduling information, contact Larry Stewart toll-free at 1.800.521.6010 (option 4).

Associates Holiday Craft Show

November 15

Rochester
College
Campus



crafts
gifts
food
Santa
prizes



Janice Parent assists in the crowning of Jeannette Schiele as queen.

Fall Festival features new activities

Prior to their arrival on campus for the annual Fall Festival, the Associates received a note from Benita Ward, project chairperson of the event. The group could detect a change in routine, but could sense one that would be well worth the effort.

"The college has been in an expansion stage this summer. You are in for a very nice surprise," Mrs. Ward commented. "Please come early. The driveway that we used is now gone. It is now part of the lawn."

The Associates and hundreds of other guests who participated

in the 38th annual festival on September 13 discovered a campus with a new look. One of the large tents required relocation to accommodate new berms on Avon Road, but changes in entrancing provided a larger expanse of lawn.

"Fortunately, we have had a good season for growing grass and the lawns were ready," stated Mark Davis, vice president for operations. "Workers even completed installation of new directional signs on the day before the festival began."

"We saw a lot of former stu-

dents at the alumni tent on festival day that have not been on campus for a number of years," stated Larry Stewart, director of alumni activities. "We received a lot of compliments on the campus improvements."

A car show, arranged by Art Pope of Dearborn, lined the walkway in front of Gatewood and Ferndale Halls and added a new dimension to the festival. The student government and admissions personnel helped sponsor a bungee run, velcro wall, and orbotron for teens.

"The teen attractions were a real hit," stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services. "Lines formed immediately and stayed full until the time the activities closed."

During the festival, the Associates presented a check for \$33,500 to the college from the annual queen contest. Former festival queen Janice Parent crowned Jeannette Schiele of the Northeast chapter as queen dur-



During summer campus renovations, workers installed a lighted footpath from the campus to the neighboring facility of the Rochester Church of Christ.

"For some time, we have sensed the need for a more convenient way for students to walk to the Rochester building," stated Dr. Ken Johnson. "Even some with access to cars now choose to use the path since it provides such a pleasant walk. We appreciate the investment that the Rochester church made in this project, and the keen interest their leaders have demonstrated in serving the spiritual needs of our students."

Foundation Builders



Representatives of the Dearborn Church of Christ (top), the Ferndale Church of Christ (middle), and the Hoggatt family (bottom) cut ribbons at the entrance to major wings of the new residence hall complex during the August 2 dedication.

Advisory board formed

Expanding information resources available to the development staff of Rochester College, Doug Edwards, vice president for development, recently established the Estate Planning Advisory Board.

"We often need professionals to advise us as we work with individuals who are interested in planning their estates," stated Mr. Edwards. "Such individuals can be a tremendous resource when we are meeting with friends of the college."

Initially, four members have been selected to serve on the advisory board. The group includes two financial planners, Gregg Carrier of Clio, Michigan, and Dean Oliver, of Davison, Michigan. Mike Thomas, an attorney from Flint, Michigan, and Dr. John Todd, an attorney and associate professor of political science at Rochester College complete the group.

"We hope to expand the advisory board to a group of about ten individuals in the months ahead,"

ing an afternoon ceremony.

Throughout the summer, numerous local chapters sponsored dozens of projects on behalf of the queen candidates. Other participants in the contest included Denise Econom of the Plymouth chapter, Wilma McKeel of the Rochester chapter, and Mary Parry of the Livonia chapter.

Over fifty booths participated in the day. Chapters receiving first place ribbons included Hazel Park in the outside area, Oakland in the craft tent, Metro in the food tent, and Ypsilanti in the children's area.

stated Mr. Edwards. "We are now seeking certified public accountants, as well as additional attorneys and financial planners to serve on this board."

"I believe this will be a very valuable organization for the college," Mr. Edwards continued. "As we intensify our outreach to those wanting to be involved with the college on a long-term basis, this group will be a key to providing such services."

Although the advisory board will probably hold an annual meeting, they primarily will provide services on an individual basis. "Generally, we will call the appropriate advisory board member when we need advice on a particular situation," stated Mr. Edwards. "Occasionally, one may make a visit with us."

Persons interested in serving on the Estate Planning Advisory Board or knowing individuals who have expertise in the appropriate areas should contact Mr. Edwards in the Development Office at 1-800-521-6010.

Equipment Donations

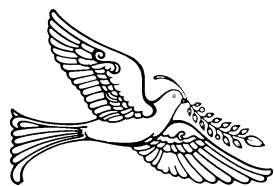
Companies often replace equipment every few years. Based upon the recommendation of alert friends, several have donated such equipment to Rochester College in recent months.

Matt Patton, a former student, arranged for the donation of a large commercial copier from Ikon Office Solutions. Bob Norton, an alumnus and member of the board, obtained a substantial amount of furniture and computers from the Kelsey Hayes Corporation. Cal Secombe and John Benedict arranged for the donation of several computers from Ford Motor Company and EDS.

Items that currently could be used by the college and result in tax benefits for the donor include:

- automobiles (any size)
- mini-vans or trucks
- computers (386 or above)
- computer monitors
- computer printers
- tractor and attachments
- time clocks
- golf carts (maintenance)
- band instruments

To discuss donation of a particular item, please phone Doug Edwards, vice president for development, at 1-800-521-6010.



Memorial Gifts

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Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President. Be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.

Golf Classic scholarship fund builds

Filled to capacity, the seventeenth annual Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic drew 144 participants to Brighton, Michigan, for a day of fellowship on July 26. For the second year, sponsorships of the event provided funds for scholarships.

"Fund-raising has never been a primary goal of the Golf Classic," stated Duane Harrison, committee chairman. "However, the committee has been looking for ways to increase our effectiveness in this area."

"The cost paid by participants basically covers the greens fee, carts, and dinner," stated Phil Conner, campus coordinator of the event. "Last year, the committee introduced the sponsorship program to begin raising some funds for the college."

"To begin with, we offered three levels of sponsorship, with sponsor names posted at each of the tee boxes," Mr. Conner continued. "All proceeds were marked for endowed scholarships."

In addition to planning for the



Event chairman Duane Harrison enjoys the Golf Classic with friends.

outing, committee members also sold sponsorships. Committee members included Russ Bone, Duane Harrison, Larry Norman, Cathy Ries, Bill Shinsky, Jerry Tallman, and Rick Watson.

"As usual, Coach Shinsky did a great job soliciting door prizes," stated Mr. Conner. "Coach continues to play an important role in this event."

"Primarily, the Golf Classic has provided a great time of fellowship for friends and alumni of Rochester College," stated Mr. Harrison. "The last two years have been particularly success-

ful in this respect since we changed to a shotgun start."

"Because we all start and finish at the same time, we are now able to spend a lot more time with one another," Mr. Harrison continued. "The fellowship was enhanced even further this year with our full house."

"This really is a fun afternoon for men and women who have a common interest in Christian education," noted Mr. Conner. "We normally have friends and alumni travel from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana to participate in the event."

Partners

Fifty individuals from seven congregations participated in Partnership Dinner North, the first in a series of six annual dinners, on September 27 in Gaylord, Michigan.

October 11
Mid-Michigan
Partnership Dinner

November 1
Chicagoland
Partnership Dinner

March 28
Partnership Dinner
West

May 9
Partnership Dinner
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Planned Giving Matters

Doug Edwards
Vice President
for Development



Good Stewards through Estate Planning

A family recently contacted me to say God had given them blessings greater than they had ever expected through some investments that were about to pay off handsomely. This was a modest family that lived comfortably, but would not normally have a major gift to offer a charity.

As God blessed this family financially, they wanted to provide for family needs and yet be stewards in a way to help the Lord's kingdom grow. They wanted to plan this gift in a way that it could provide an endowment for several Christian organizations, including Rochester College.

Many of us do not have a lot of extra money, but most of us do have an estate, no matter how modest it may be. Numerous Christians never realize how they can use their largest asset in life, their estate, to help causes such as Christian education. Sometimes people go to the grave with no provision other than the state to benefit from their estate.

There are many ways to plan estate gifts, from simple wills or bequests, to the many types of charitable trusts and unitrusts. **I want to send you a free brochure** about possible solutions for planning your estate and being good stewards of God's blessings. Please write to me at Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, or call 1-800-521-6010 and ask for Doug Edwards, vice president for development.

Volunteers in Action



Assisting with the summer transformation of campus, college employees volunteered for a change in responsibilities on two occasions. One crew prepared soil for seeding and sodding, while another painted and laid carpet tiles in the new offices of the Associates Campus Center. Additional volunteers assisted on other occasions with campus beautification, office renovations, and furniture assembly, including individuals from congregations in Livonia, Wayne, and Rochester.



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College opens residence hall facility

Friends of Rochester College gathered on August 2 for a grand opening celebration and open house of the college's new residence hall complex. The event marked the culmination of fourteen months of facility construction and other major improvements in the college's entryway, roads, and parking areas. The college invested \$4.2 million in the project.

In congratulatory remarks, Michigan Governor John Engler wrote, "Your dedication to providing a quality education to your students contributes to the statewide effort to establish a world-class educational system in Michigan."

Governor Engler continued, "(This facility) will allow you to provide additional opportunities for your students to excel in a Christian environment and to enroll even more students who wish to participate in your expanded academic programs."

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for the college, but in a greater sense is an accomplishment of our friends," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college, at the opening of the dedication ceremony. "Almost 1,000 people have had a part in providing the resources to make this project happen."

In particular, the day honored



Dr. Ken Johnson points to other changes on campus at the dedication.

three major donors, each of whom put together a quarter million dollars to help with the residence hall facility. Ferndale Hall and the Dearborn Commons are named for former churches of Christ that donated funds from the sale of church buildings. Hoggatt Hall honors four siblings from the state of Indiana that made substantial gifts toward the project.

"Our dream was for more than a residence hall and for more than brick and mortar," stated Mark Davis, vice president for operations and coordinator of the construction project. "We had a dream to build a foundation for the 21st century."

With an eye on the next century and a new era for Rochester College, Bob Utley, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees noted, "More than twenty years have passed since our last major campus addition. With God's help, plans call for our next major campus project to be underway within five years."

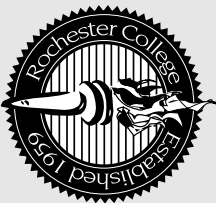
Completion of the residence hall complex came within three weeks of a board decision to change the name of the institution from Michigan Christian College to Rochester College. Dr. Johnson stated, "Without a change in our institutional mission to educate in a Christian setting, we chose a name that would clarify our nature as a liberal arts college."

Dr. Johnson continued, "As we continue to catch the vision of opportunities that lie before us and as God continues to work through His people to provide the resources, we will now be able to serve increasing numbers of young people as they prepare to be responsible citizens of the community and leaders in the kingdom of God."



Participants in the dedication ceremony celebrate a new beginning.

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Enrollment hits new record as college begins new era



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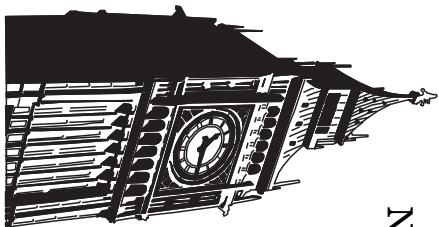
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