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Powerful computer resources supplement formal classroom learning.

Additional majors approved by state

Bringing Rochester College one step closer to the addition of new majors in English and music, the Michigan Department of Education recently confirmed placement of the proposed majors under current degree approvals.

"We presently have nearly a hundred students pursuing degrees in education," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "Of that number, almost half are planning to certify in either English or music. Consequently, the addition of majors in those areas is a high priority for us."

In a January meeting with David Hanson, state specialist on accreditation and approval, col-

lege officials confirmed that current approvals for the Bachelor of Science degree are not restricted. "New majors may be added to that degree title without the need for further approval from the Michigan Department of Education," stated Mr. Hanson.

With the support of the state, the college next approached the North Central Association. "Our present relationship with North Central requires us to go to them for the addition of any new majors," Dr. Westerfield noted.

"When we contacted the North Central Association about the proposed majors, our liaison recommended that we request a focus visit to review the programs and to request removal of stipulations," stated Dr. Westerfield. "If our request is approved, it will allow us to add majors as we are able without having to obtain North Central approval for each individual major."

"We have scheduled a focus visit for April 14-15, and the NCA Commission will act upon our team's recommendation later this summer," Dr. Westerfield continued. "In the meantime, we are increasing our library acquisitions to support the new programs and have already hired two additional faculty members."

"Initially, we plan to add majors in English and music," Dr. Westerfield stated. "However, in our strategic plan we are project-

ing the addition of majors in history, communication, general science, and mathematics. Although all of these majors are designed to serve the needs of our education students, they also will provide options for students who seek a variety of employment opportunities beyond teaching."

"During the past eight years, Rochester College has made a transition to senior college status," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We have chosen majors that we can deliver with quality, while meeting the needs of the greatest number of students."

At the opening of the year, 90% of the students with declared majors were enrolled in four-year programs offered by Rochester College. The largest number selected management concentrations under the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. Human services concentrations and the cooperative program in education drew equal numbers of students. The remainder chose concentrations under the Christian services major.

"We are finally at the point where more students are transferring to rather than from Rochester College," noted Dr. Johnson. "As we position ourselves for the next decade, we are confident that we will be able to serve an even greater number of students with our new academic programs."

Technology improvements scheduled

Major improvements in technological support recently surfaced as college officials outlined summer plans. "While other projects may be more visible, enhancement of our technical capabilities will have a greater impact on cam-

pus learning in the years to come," stated Mark Davis, vice president for operations.

"By the end of the summer, we plan to have the entire faculty on-line, and students will be able to connect their computers to a new local area network from their individual rooms in the residence halls," stated Shane Godmere, director of information technology. "In addition, cable will be in place for future installation of a broadband network."

After installing a fiber optic backbone to the residence halls for the computer network, campus technicians will run approximately 40,000 feet of cable into individual rooms. Each room will have two ethernet jacks, providing high-speed network access for campus residents.

"Students have been able to connect to the campus network by modem for some time," stated Mr. Godmere. "The new system will provide direct access to the Internet, e-mail, web directories, and student file space at a much higher rate of speed."

"The process of pulling cable for the computer network also gave us an opportunity to install cable for a future broadband network," Mr. Godmere continued. "By adding headend equipment at a later date, we will be able to broadcast campus programs, lectures, and sporting events anywhere on the campus."

In addition to installing the local area network in the residence halls, technicians also will complete a special area for instructors in the College of Extended Learning. The room will support

an on-line program that is scheduled to begin in the fall.

"Two groups of adult students have been testing on-line course modules since February," stated Mr. Godmere. "The room will support distance learning instructors and students with the very best in current technology."

"As we move into the next century, we want to become known for our use of advanced computer technology," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Consequently, a major portion of our next strategic plan will address this important issue."

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Hundreds visited campus for the 22nd annual Celebration in Song on March 20-21. Alpha Tau and Kappa Tau captured both the Larry Journey and Randy Gill Awards for their lively production entitled *Tautanic*. Alicia Avant, Steven Bruce, Dion Frasier, and Holly Johnson hosted the event.

Great Lakes region rallies in support of the college



Dear Friends,

Across the Great Lakes region exists a fantastic spirit among the constituency of Rochester College. After decades of effort, there is widespread satisfaction that the college's rate of progress is increasing, thanks to many who labored on the foundation for four decades.

This satisfaction has contributed to record enrollment, record levels of gift income, and a wonderful, positive sense of community. As I travel the region, I am tremendously pleased with the heightened attention to Rochester College as a provider of quality, career-focused academic programs in an environment that strengthens faith.

First and fundamental to our work is our most widely used textbook - the Bible. Every student uses scripture for a textbook in their Christian faith core of classes. Second most fundamental to our work is committed faculty who relate every discipline to that primary text. Third most critical to our mission is probably financial resources, especially endowment. Without resources, we cannot attract and serve those who want to make a difference in the Kingdom of God.

You, the readers of the *North Star*, are our best friends. The future of the college, in many ways, depends on your willingness to include the college in your planned giving, both in life and in death. Your gifts help secure the future of this fine college and its work with Christian youth.

Thank you for your confidence in our work.

Cordially,

Kenneth L. Johnson

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President

College tops list of ministry majors

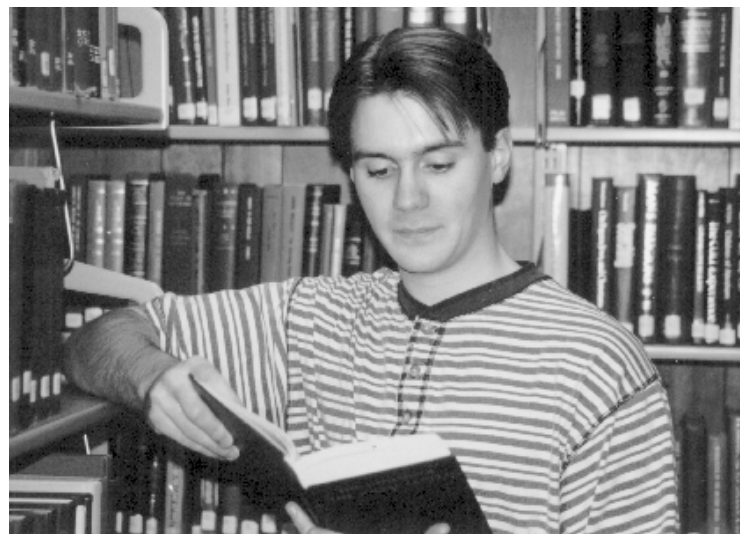
Rochester College topped a significant category in a January enrollment report of the *Christian Chronicle*. Figures revealed that Rochester College has the largest percentage of undergraduate ministry majors among liberal arts colleges affiliated with churches of Christ. Thirteen percent of the current student body lists a ministry major.

"For nearly forty years, Rochester College has remained faithful to its heritage of training students for service in the ministry," stated Dr. Melvin Storm, director of the College of Religion. "The strength of our program is reflected in the number of alumni and students choosing a ministry major on our campus."

When the college began offering a bachelor's degree in Bible in 1980, only a few alumni served as ministers in Michigan Churches of Christ. Now, alumni serve in ministerial roles at twenty-eight congregations in the state.

"Our program attracts students with a wide range of interests," noted Dr. Storm. "Even though our youth ministry option is now the most popular, Christian ministry and biblical studies each enroll nearly as many students."

Rochester College currently is



Ministry major B.J. Gensic uses resources in the Muirhead Library.

completing a new strategic plan for the next five years. In that plan, the College of Religion has projected the development of a missions major.

"This year's addition of a missionary in residence and an increase in activity within the missions club has rekindled an interest in foreign missions," stated Dr. Storm. "We plan to continue bringing a missionary in residence to campus each year and eventually expect to hire a full-time in-

structor with a degree and field experience in missions."

"We have a fantastic student body, made up of committed young people who want to serve God with their lives," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Many of them major in Bible or ministry. Many others choose majors in such areas as education, music, psychology, and business, fully intending to be servants in the kingdom as they pursue their careers."

Psi Chi accepts charter

Psi Chi, a national honor society in psychology, recently approved institutional membership for Rochester College. As a result, the faculty chartered a campus chapter during the fall semester, joining over 900 colleges and universities across the nation.

"For years we maintained a chapter of Psi Beta, an honor society for two-year institutions,"

stated Dr. Ben Noah, sponsor of the organization. "Our move to Psi Chi was unique in that we were the first college ever to upgrade from Psi Beta to Psi Chi, affiliating us with four-year colleges and graduate schools."

Founded in 1929, Psi Chi exists to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in scholarship, and to advance the science of psychology. Psi Chi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association and the American Psychological Society.

"Not only does membership in Psi Chi look great on an application to graduate school, but also on a resume" stated Dr. Noah. "It opens the door for additional student scholarships and even provides a source of networking for employment."

In coming months, the Rochester College chapter plans to host speakers from the profession. Eventually, they hope to participate in the national Adopt-a-Shelter program.

Charter members of the Rochester College chapter include Stacey Bowers, Clarkston, MI; Audra Campbell, Indianapolis, IN; Katherine Dezur, Troy, MI; David Handley, Jackson, MI; Katrina King, Pontiac, MI; Helen Krechnyak, Harrison, MI; Melita Lock, Port Colborne, ON; Margaret Majewski, Rochester Hills, MI; Heather May, Sundridge, ON; Steve Ostrowski, Auburn Hills, MI; Angela Qualls, Plainfield, IN; and Kelly Quinn, Woodslee, ON.

Why RC?



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

Angie Qualls is a senior behavioral sciences major from Plainfield, Indiana. Her father and mother also attended the college.

"As a seventeen-year-old freshman, I still had a lot to learn," Angie commented. "Rochester College created a safe, Christian environment for me to grow and explore my faith."

A regular participant in Celebration in Song, Angie is also president of her social club. She has performed with the A Cappella Chorus, represented her class at Homecoming, and been initiated into Psi Chi.

"As I look back on my time at Rochester College, I cannot think of any place that would have been better or more beneficial for me."



Annual Homecoming festivities featured the crowning of a king and queen, and an 83-78 victory over St. Clair College of Windsor, Ontario. Class representatives included Nathan Oliver, Davison, MI; Vanessa Mosely, Midland, TX; Nadine Taylor, Marion, MI; Dion Frasier, Buffalo, NY; Holly Johnson, Garden City, MI; Matt Miller, Wyoming, MI; Melita Lock, Port Colborne, ON; Brian Thrift, Ortonville, MI; King Chris Davis, Rochester Hills, MI; Queen Angela Gonzalez, Allen Park, MI; Travis Willis, Midland, MI; Nicole Caprio, Massapequa, NY; Marvin Williams, Elkhart, IN; Amy Peasley, Blanchard, MI; Phil Claybrooke, Rochester Hills, MI; and Melissa Coe, Davisburg, MI.



Employee Highlights

Assisting the M-21 Church of Christ in Corunna, Michigan, while they search for a minister, **Elton Albright**, director of church relations, has been preaching for the congregation on a regular basis since December.

Often invited to speak on a variety of special occasions, **Dr. David Fleer**, associate professor of religion, began the calendar year by speaking at a Central Ohio preacher's meeting. Later in the month, he taught a special class on Acts at the Southside Church of Christ in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and spoke at a winter camp session for the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus.

Chairing a team from the North Central Association, **Dr. Michael Westerfield**, vice president for academic affairs, visited the American Indian College of Phoenix in February. In March, he spoke at a Teacher's Banquet for the Sunset Church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan, and chaired a consultant evaluators session at the annual meeting of the North Central Association in Chicago, Illinois.

Based upon student recommendations, *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* recently named **Dr. Ben Noah**, assistant professor of counseling, and **Sarah Reddick**, assistant professor of social work, to appear in their 1998 edition.

Students begin inner city effort among homeless

Enlightenment, a new campus organization dedicated to sharing the light of the gospel with the needy, initiated an inner city mission effort during the fall semester. The group quickly attracted the interest of a number of students with a desire to help individuals in need.

"People are suffering and do not have the gospel," stated David Brown, president of the organization. "When considering where we should begin our efforts, we chose the Cass Corridor, one of the poorest districts in the heart of Detroit."

Just prior to Thanksgiving, members of Enlightenment arranged to provide and serve a turkey dinner in a shelter for the homeless on the Cass Corridor. "The discouraging atmosphere of the shelter quickly turned into a positive evening for everyone," David stated.

"While setting up for the meal, we sang, someone spoke, and then we prayed for the food," David recalled. "We then continued to sing and visit with the people during the meal."

"I met people who were physically hungry and spiritually starving," stated Vanessa Mosely, a freshman from Midland, Texas. "A lady came up to me and said, 'Let's have us some prayer.' I was beaming from the inside out. That is how God works."

"God used that night to plant seeds in those people," Vanessa continued. "I left that night fully refreshed in the joy of the Lord.



Club members receive guidance from Terry Pitts as they prepare chile for a winter meal on the Cass Corridor.

God was drawing these people to Him, but at the same time He was pulling me out of my comfort zone to do His work."

Based upon the response of both the recipients and the students, the group decided to begin revisiting the shelter on a bimonthly basis. When a member of the Traverse City Church of Christ heard of the group's efforts, he donated an entire cow, which he had butchered for use in preparing the meals.

"We see a definite response from our efforts," stated David.

"Originally, we were concerned about follow-up with the people we met. Then, the Trumbull Avenue Church of Christ in Detroit offered to work with the prospects that we found. Trumbull Avenue even has a counselor with addiction training, so we feel good about their participation."

In another phase of their efforts, Enlightenment is working with Michigan Christian Youth Camp to sponsor a number of orphans and disadvantaged children for a week of camp. The group hopes to not only provide

funds for campers, but also a number of workers who will donate a week of their summer to work with the children.

"We simply want people to see God through the members of Enlightenment," David commented. "Our projects are a way to meet the needs of people and share the gospel message with them."

"Traditionally, our students have a heart for service," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We are thrilled to see Enlightenment become a moving force on our campus."

Student eyes Olympics

Holding both a gold and silver medal from the State of Michigan Qualifying Tournament, Manuel Florescu is now ready to demonstrate his Tae Kwon Do skills at the U.S. National Tournament in May. The junior Christian services major from Romania eventually would like to compete on the U.S. Olympics team.

"If I am successful at the National Tournament in Iowa, I will then be eligible for the U.S. Na-

tional Team trials in July," stated Manuel. "The national team represents the U.S. in all international games, competing for the world championship title."

"Since the Olympic games occur only once every four years, the national team provides training and competition for the remainder of the time," Manuel continued. "Most members of the Olympic team are selected from the national team."

Fluent in Romanian, English, Japanese, Hungarian, and Greek, Manuel has lived in seven nations. He competed with the Romanian and Greek national teams before arriving in the United States. He enrolled at Rochester College last fall after completing a diploma at the Sunset International Bible Institute.

A favorite among the students, Manuel recently baptized a fellow student from Japan who was raised in a Buddhist home. His fluency in Japanese gave him the opportunity to study with the girl in her native language.

"At Rochester College I have found encouragement, understanding, and friendship," stated Manuel. "I have received a lot of support and trust, while assuming personal responsibilities and accomplishing my goals."



Manuel Florescu perfects his form as photographed by Tiffany Hanna.



Rochester College
Building the Infrastructure
of the Kingdom

knowledge ~ jobs
homes ~ relationships

The infrastructure of the Kingdom of God on earth is made up of people - all kinds of people (Matthew 13). Individually, we have all sorts of differences that make each of us unique before God. Some are strong, some are weak, some are healthy, some are sick, some are young and learning, others are old, and some are mature. Whatever the state of each individual, the strength of the Kingdom does not lie solely in individuals but also in the strength of relationship that binds Kingdom-persons together.

For our youth to learn - to really learn - how to build the Kingdom by holding hands with persons unlike themselves, we who are older and more mature must not only teach but must also lead them into relationship and service.

Routinely, our students are involved, under mature leadership, in projects or ministries that carry the good news of our Master into varied market places of life. Over spring break, a group of students from Rochester College went to Petosky, Michigan, to assist a small church. This year, many have been involved in a project to feed and teach a group of homeless persons in Detroit's Cass Corridor, a notoriously challenging area. Many others are now raising funds for summer evangelistic campaigns in foreign lands.

In these partnershiping efforts, our *emerging leaders* learn the value of relationship. Christians need each other. We need positive, encouraging relationships among ourselves, as we wear ourselves out battling Satan and the powers of evil.

Weekend College adds second major

Based upon a strong response to Weekend College and inquiries from students, Rochester College recently announced the addition of a second accelerated program for working adults. On July 17, the College of Extended Learning will begin a weekend program leading to the Bachelor of Science degree in behavioral science.

"Now that Weekend College is off the ground, we are getting a lot of phone inquiries," stated Angela Hazel, director of the College of Extended Learning. "With-

out advertising, we already have about fifteen students ready to begin the behavioral science program in July."

The format of the new program will be identical to the management degree initiated last summer. A typical student will take three courses per session and attend classes on alternate weekends, allowing them to complete their program in as little as seventeen months.

"Our program will differ from the management major in that it

will be geared specifically for students intending to go on for graduate studies," noted Mrs. Hazel. "Even though both are accelerated programs, the behavioral science major will emphasize the development of the research skills required for graduate programs in counseling, psychology, and social work."

"We have talked with a lot of people who will be able to convert work experience into credit," Mrs. Hazel continued. "Many of them have worked in inpatient mental health hospitals, abuse recovery facilities, and human services administration, but are not able to advance in their professions without a degree."

By the end of the summer, the College of Extended Learning projects an enrollment of about ninety students in the Weekend College program. The first cohort of Weekend College, which began classes last summer, will graduate in December of 1999.

"With very limited promotion, Weekend College has developed very rapidly," stated Mrs. Hazel. "The students are very pleased with the program and are continually referring their friends and coworkers to us."



Dr. Johnson visits with students in the first cohort of Weekend College.



Athletics

CROSS COUNTRY

Prior to traveling to Unity, Maine, for the NSCAA national finals, the women's cross country team captured the Delta College Invitational. At the finals, the team took runner-up position and Tiffany Hanna of Warren, Michigan, received All-American honors.

VOLLEYBALL

Starting with three freshmen and competing with institutions as large as Oakland University and Ferris State, the volleyball team ended their season with a 12-15 record. The team took second place at the Logan County Bank Volleyball Classic, hosted by Cincinnati Christian College.

TRACK

Freshman Tiffany Hanna broke the college's indoor record for the mile event on multiple occasions during the indoor track season.

SUMMER CAMPS

Rochester College plans to host soccer and cross country camps for high school students this summer. See page twelve for dates and contact phone numbers.

Teams play in nationals

Based upon power ratings for their 1997-98 seasons, both the men's and women's basketball teams earned bids to their respective national tournaments. The teams traveled together to Salina, Kansas, for the events.

"Our win-loss record during the season was not as high as usual, but we played games with three NCAA division I institutions, seven NCAA division II teams, and three NAIA schools that were ranked during the season," stated Garth Pleasant, head coach of the men's team. "Some of our losses were close. We tied Oakland University with forty seconds on the clock, and did the same with Northwood University with a minute to go."

At the national tournament, the men's team entered as the ninth seeded team. While defeating Central Maine Tech, Kansas Wesleyan, and St. Mary's College, a loss to Blackburn College in the second round placed the Warriors in fifth place. Senior Paul Robak earned All-American honors from the NSCAA.

"The women's team started their season with a tournament championship at the Lakeshore Tipoff Classic in Manitowoc, Wisconsin," stated head coach Barry Wheeler. "At one point during the season, we came within three points of defeating Northwood University, an NCAA division II institution."

The lady Warriors entered the national tournament as the seventh seeded team. An early 67-78 loss to Arkansas Baptist and a loss to two-time defending cham-

pion Kansas Wesleyan, placed the team in eighth position. Freshman Bhree Nagel was selected to the first team and won All-American honors from the NSCAA.

"Within a year or two, we still hope to join the NAIA," stated Coach Pleasant. "One of the NAIA conferences is interested in having us join their league, but probably will first require us to have a consistent home court in our own athletic center."

College officials are including construction of an athletic center in the next strategic plan. Possible partners for the project currently are being considered.



Warriors Bob Kofahl and Nate Touri rebound for Rochester College.

Molding Futures ...



Brian Stogner, Michael Light, and Gail Strickler

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.

Joining the full-time faculty in January as chairman of the Behavioral Science Department, **Brian Stogner** previously taught at the University of Michigan in Flint and served on the adjunct faculty of Rochester College. An alumnus of the college, he holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from Wayne State University. He will receive his doctorate from Wayne State this summer. In addition to his work at the college, he is a consulting neuro psychologist for the Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, Michigan, specializing in cases dealing with head injuries, strokes, and other related medical problems.

After serving in the United States Air Force and as minister of the Flushing Church of Christ, **Michael Light**, instructor of history, completed his bachelor's degree from Rochester College in 1981. He then served as an admissions counselor, coached cross country and track, and taught part-time for the college until joining the full-time faculty in 1993. He also holds a master's degree from Oakland University and will begin a doctoral program at Wayne State University in the fall.

Known for building strong relationships with her students, **Gail Strickler**, assistant professor of business, obtained her bachelor's degree from Lipscomb University and her master's degree in management from Walsh College. She worked as a coordinator for Westwood Springs, an apartment complex near Chicago, before moving to Michigan. Mrs. Strickler began teaching for Rochester College in 1990.

Employee Openings

Finish Carpenter. Carpentry skills required to fulfill primary responsibilities. Applicants must also be able to assist with a variety of other maintenance duties. Phone Garry Balk, plant superintendent, at 248.218.2060.

Housekeeping Assistant. Phone Dennis Carter, housekeeping supervisor, at 248.218.2065.

Employee openings soon will be posted under *people* on the Rochester College web site. You can view the site at www.rc.edu.

41st Annual Rochester College
Bible Lectureship
 October 4-6, 1998

GOD IS WITH US

lessons from the patriarchs

Area-Wide Worship Service at Opening

Keynote Speakers

David Davenport
 Floyd Rose
 Rick Atchley
 Dallas Walker
 Mark Frost

Daytime Classes

Textual and Practical Series for Ladies

Special Singing

A Cappella Chorus
 Jesse H. Bishop Crusaders



Dinner honors scholarship sponsors

Donors to endowed scholarship programs at Rochester College and recipients of those funds gathered in the Gold Conference Room prior to the opening of the lectureship for the first annual scholarship dinner.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their evening together," stated Elton Albright, associate director of development. "A scholarship becomes very personal when both the donor and recipient are able to meet each other."

"Those attending the dinner were delighted to meet the students who are benefitting from their investment," Mr. Albright continued. "In the weeks following the dinner, many received personal notes from the students in addition to a photograph that was taken at the dinner."

Currently, Rochester College awards about \$20,000 per year from fifteen endowed scholarship funds. Once an endowed scholarship is established, only the interest is used to provide scholarships for worthy students.

Individuals can begin an en-

dowed scholarship with a minimum donation of \$10,000. "Once a fund is started, many donors continue to add to the fund, allowing the size of the scholarship awards to increase as the fund builds," Mr. Albright added.

In the months following the scholarship dinner, a relative of Royce Dickinson, for whom one scholarship is named, recognized the recipient of their family's award in a brochure designed for prospective students. That situation would not have occurred without the introductions the scholarship dinner provided.

"The relative approached me with the brochure at the Metro Detroit Lectureship and proudly asked if I knew that the student in one of the pictures was the recipient of Royce's scholarship," stated Cathy Ries, an administrative secretary. "She was so excited to know the student and realize that he is benefitting from the scholarship."

"We have been so pleased by the response to the dinner that we have slated it as an annual

Bible Lectureship builds momentum

Opening night guests of the 1997 lectureship packed the auditorium of the Rochester Church of Christ. Enthusiasm for the annual event ran high as the week continued and as planners began finalizing the program and speakers for next fall.

"By the time last year's program ended, we already had most of our speakers in place for next year," stated Doug Edwards, coordinator of the event. "Our Bible faculty is excited about the response to last year's program, and has actually started on 1999!"

The fall lectureship will open on Sunday evening, October 4, with another area-wide worship service. "A record crowd of 1,055 packed the building last year, and we again expect to overflow the building," stated Mr. Edwards.

As part of the area-wide worship service, Dr. David Davenport, president of Pepperdine University, will present the keynote address on Sunday night. "Later in the evening, we again will feature the Jesse Bishop Crusaders,

the singing group that proved to be a highlight on last year's program," Mr. Edwards added.

"Several local congregations dismissed their Sunday evening services and attended the opening night program," stated Mr. Edwards. "Again, a metro-wide steering committee will help us promote the event."

As the week continues, speakers will draw lessons from the Patriarchs, with the theme *God is With Us*. The schedule will include classes and keynote lectures on the days the follow.

"Just like Sunday, we are striving for a full house on both Monday and Tuesday," stated Mr. Edwards. "The slate of speakers is outstanding, so we are confident that people will want to come and hear them."

Monday night's program will feature Floyd Rose of Valdosta, Georgia. Rick Atchley of Richland Hills, Texas, will speak on Tuesday evening. Afternoon keynote speakers include Dallas Walker of Detroit, and Mark Frost of Trenton, Michigan.

Daytime textual classes will be led by Rex Hamilton, Dr. John Willis, Dr. Mark Shipp, and Dr. Mike Moss. Tim Kelly, Dr. Evertt Huffard, Dr. John Mark Hicks, and Dr. Randy Gill will teach the practical classes. Dr. Helen Young will present a special series especially for ladies.

"We accomplished one of our major goals last year as the size of the crowd increased," noted Mr. Edwards. "This year we want to continue building the attendance

while improving the quality of everything that happens during this special series."

Those outside of the metro area can obtain a copy of the program by calling the Development Office at 1.800.521.6010. Latest information about the lectureship is also available on the college web site at www.rc.edu.

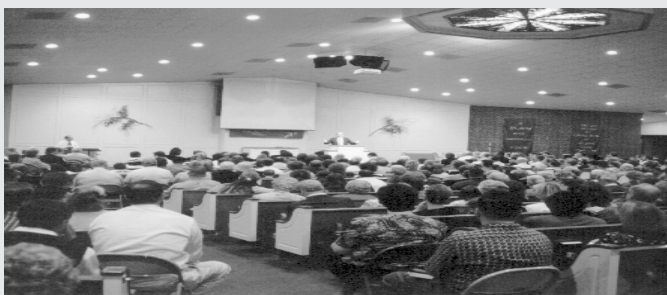
Equipment Donations

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

- high quality microscopes
- drum set
- automobiles (any size)
- mini-vans or trucks
- flammable storage cabinet
- lawn mowers
- televisions (27" or above)
- video cassette players
- tractor and attachments
- tractor brush hog
- snow plow
- lap top computers
- rack stereo system
- overhead projectors
- golf carts (maintenance)
- fireproof files

To discuss donation of a particular item, please phone Doug Edwards, vice president for development, at 1.800.521.6010.

40th Annual Bible Lectureship sets record



Opening with a capacity crowd, the 40th Annual Bible Lectureship began with a newly organized area-wide worship service. The program drew the largest crowd since the evening lectures began meeting in the auditorium of the Rochester Church of Christ. During the week, speakers from around the nation developed the theme, *Faith Triumphant*.



During the lectureship, the college honored individuals for long-term service to the church in the North. Those honored include Michael and Ruth Ellen Anglin, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, 41 years; Allen and Marie Barber, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 47 years; Dr. Vernon and Alice Boyd, Lathrup Village, Michigan, 42 years; Bob and Rachael Davison, Washington, Pennsylvania, 42 years; Herb and Charlotte Dean, Shelby Township, Michigan, 42 years; Monroe and Julia Hawley, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 52 years; Ben and Peggy Morton, Southgate, Michigan, 50 years; John and Leavie Phillips, Detroit, Michigan, 40 years; and Ron and Donna White, Lincoln Park, Michigan, 40 years.



Hellen Wood enjoys visiting with scholarship recipient Jason Biskner.

Build Better Churches!

Midwest Sermon Seminar



Rochester College
May 18-21, 1998

Jack Reese
John Mark Hicks
Dave Bland
Gary Holloway

for information
contact 248.218.2102

Jim Wood Leadership Seminar

Rochester College
May 29-30, 1998

featuring Dr. Ian Fair
and a number of local leaders

information contact 248.218.2022



Associates announce plans for plaza

Anticipating further development of the campus of Rochester College, the Associates recently announced plans to construct a memorial plaza. Components of the plaza, including flag poles, benches, and bricks, will honor individuals and families named by donors to the project.

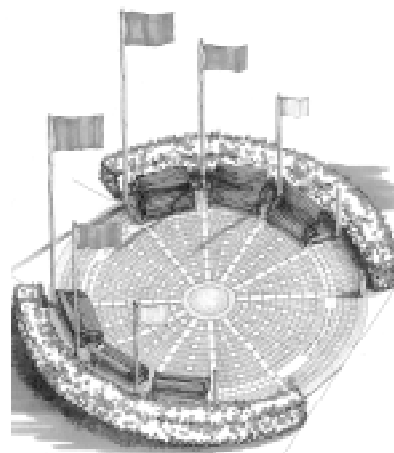
"We first became interested in developing a brick project after the Associated Women for Christian Education Conference was held on our campus in the summer of 1996," stated Lora Jones, chairperson of the project. "Representatives from other colleges told of their projects and this one immediately attracted the attention of our ladies."

The Associates commissioned Rob Clarke, a former student and owner of CBI Design Professionals, to design the plaza. In looking for possible locations, the Associates chose a spot near the new residence hall complex.

"When first built, the plaza will be located near the end of the new campus entrance road," stated Mr. Clarke. "When the road eventually circles the athletic fields, the plaza will set at the bend of the road. It is also designed as a formal entrance to a riverside park that grew out of the residence hall construction project."

"So far, many of the larger items

Associates Memorial Plaza



Honor a spouse, friend, relative, former faculty member, classmate, or family in a beautiful project being planned for the campus of Rochester College.

Options for Honoring:
Flag Poles
Benches (sold out)
Collard Lights
Bricks (two sizes)
Marble Pavers

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for the plaza have been reserved," stated Mrs. Jones. "However, we have nearly 2,000 bricks that are still available to donors. We do not intend for the plaza to honor just Associates, but anyone a donor chooses, including spouses, family members, alumni, students, teachers, and friends."

Two types of bricks are available for purchase. Regular 4"x8" bricks range from \$50 to \$100, depending on the number of engraved lines. Larger 8"x8" bricks, available for \$250 each, allow for

four lines of text. A number of 8"x16" marble pavers also are available for \$350 each. "It is important for donors to realize that gifts to this special project are tax deductible just like other gifts to Rochester College," noted Mrs. Jones.

"These are exciting times for Rochester College," stated Mrs. Jones. "We hope the project will enhance the campus atmosphere while honoring those who have worked hard to see the college develop to this point."

Area organizations launch campaign

Seven church-related institutions located in or near Michigan recently announced a cooperative effort to encourage estate planning. Built upon a national program entitled *Leaving a Legacy*, the institutions launched a campaign among churches of Christ in Southeast Michigan during the month of March.

"There is a wide disparity between giving in life and giving in death," stated Jerry Starling, a representative of the Church of Christ Care Center and the individual who recommended development of a campaign. "While nearly 70% of all American households make charitable gifts each year, only about 3% make charitable bequests upon death. Christians do much better with their annual giving, but differ little from the national pattern when it comes to estate gifts."

With national and brotherhood trends in mind, representatives of the Church of Christ Care Center, Luckett Christian Academy, Michigan Christian Youth Camp, Midwestern Christian Institute, Rochester College, Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services, and Valley Christian Academy decided to develop a local *Leaving a Legacy* campaign.

During the next twenty-five years, an estimated \$500 million will pass from one generation to the next among church members in Southeast Michigan. Bob Jackson, advisor to the group and retired president of Ford Motor

Land Development Corporation stated, "If secular groups can cooperate to raise community awareness of the need for estate planning, surely we can cooperate to raise awareness among our church community."

As the campaign unfolds, the planning committee is supplying church bulletin inserts and providing speakers for special sermons on the need for estate planning. They also are hosting a series of free seminars on individual estate planning and offering one-on-one consultation for those interested in developing a personal plan. "We want people to know that charitable estate planning in its various forms is one of the best tools for preserving an estate from

major tax depletion, enabling individuals to pass even more on to their heirs and favorite ministries," stated Mr. Starling.

"During the next half century, economic pressures on churches and church-related ministries certainly will increase," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of Rochester College. "Our task is to help our brotherhood recognize that stewardship at death can single-handedly resolve the economic crisis that our congregations and church-related ministries will face in the next century. We do have adequate resources in our church family to sustain all major ministries of the churches of Christ in the Great Lakes region if we plan and use our blessings wisely."



Committee members plan for the local *Leaving a Legacy* Campaign.

Planned Giving Matters

Doug Edwards
Vice President
for Development



Making Choices for Your Estate

Kahlil Gibran once said, "All you have shall some day be given; therefore, give now that the season of giving may be yours and not your inheritors."

Many do not realize how important it is to plan and make careful choices while we enjoy good health. If we do not plan, our state of residence may become our *inheritor*.

Our greatest opportunity to give to a charity will be the lifelong accumulation of physical blessings that God has given us, whether large or small. This might be your house, furnishings, car, stock, or other securities.

We have to ask, "What are our goals?" Do you want to do something for family? Help a charity? Advance God's kingdom? Do you want tax relief? Reduce probate costs at death? Provide current income with intentions of leaving a tax-free estate?

So many choices need to be made as one decides how to be a good steward of God's blessings. Thankfully, there are many options available. However, one often needs help or advice in the process of making these significant choices.

Rochester College can provide counsel as you make important choices. I will be glad to put you in touch with professionals who can advise you as you make proper choices for your estate.

Please call 1.800.521.6010 and press option four on the menu. We will be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Noteworthy

Following a keynote address at the annual lectureship,

Dr. Jerry Rushford, a member of the class of 1963, signed copies of his book, *Christians on the Oregon Trail*. Released in 1997, the book tells the exciting story of a courageous generation of Christians that migrated to the west coast during the 1800's. Already in its second printing, the book can be ordered from the Rochester College Bookstore. Phone the store at 1.800.521.6010.



Class celebrates with reunion cruise

Members of the class of 1982 made history last fall as they hosted a unique fifteen-year reunion. Participants boarded a Royal Caribbean cruise line to share a four-day adventure.

"Dan Isenberg and I served as officers of our class and we still get together on occasions," stated Jill (Jeziarski) Vincent, owner of Travel Designs and organizer of the reunion. "Last spring, we realized that the fifteen-year mark for our class was approaching and no one had made plans for a summer reunion."

"As we talked, we decided to break new ground and put together a reunion cruise," Mrs. Vincent continued. "Even though this was a totally new concept, we had eight couples and four singles decide to participate."

"It was unique to build new memories with each other in a cruise setting," stated planner Dan Isenberg. "We had a lot of laughs during the dinners and with our karaoke singing, but also some very uplifting devotionals that reminded us how lucky we are to be Christians."

During their cruise, the group visited the Bahamas and a private island owned by Royal Car-

ibbean International. On the private island, class members played sand volleyball, snorkeled in the ocean, rode banana boats, and barbecued on the beach.

"Our evenings together were a highlight of the trip," noted Mrs. Vincent. "On the first night we showed slides, the second night we looked at photo albums, and the third night we shared the

experiences of our lives over the past few years. Everyone opened up and our hearts were touched. It was like Thursday night devotionals three nights in a row!"

"The trip was so successful that we are already planning another for the year 2000," Mrs. Vincent stated. "Everyone was so pleased that they did not want to wait another five years."



Class members pose for a picture on board the Royal Caribbean cruise.

Award granted at birth

New keepsakes began appearing in baby books this spring as the Alumni Office began sending certificates for Gold and White Awards to those alumni submitting birth announcements for publication in the *North Star*.

"We want alumni to know that Rochester College is here to serve their sons and daughters," stated Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities. "This memento emphasizes that fact as early in a child's life as possible."

Second-generation students of the college began receiving Gold and White Awards in 1989. The award amounts to \$150 toward first-year expenses for students with one parent that completed at least twelve hours, and \$300 for students with two parents that completed at least twelve hours.

Since 1979, over 200 second-generation students have enrolled at the college. They have represented such places as Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Canada, Chile, Jamaica, and Nigeria.

"It is always thrilling to watch second-generation students interact with one another," stated Mr. Stewart. "They find that they have so much in common. Many, like their parents, have become best friends after enrolling."

To submit a birth announcement, send the form on this page or register on the alumni section of the college's web page.

Alumni News and Notes

1964

Rob Ford recently passed the Certified Information Systems Auditor exam and is employed as a corporate auditor for Oklahoma Gas and Electric. Rob is the son of Dr. George Ford, one of the college's founding board members, and ElMeta Ford, first president of the Associates. His wife, **Judy (Shoop-65)**, worked as secretary of the Edmond Church of Christ and now provides day care for a grandchild. The couple has three married children and lives at 2801 Red Fern, Edmond, OK 73034.

1966

Roger Pace will retire from the Navy Chaplain Corps in August, after twenty-three years as a captain. He now supervises all Navy chaplains in the European area from a port in Italy. Roger plans to return to the states with his wife, Lugenia, and work with a church. He can be reached at PSC 811, Box 156, FPO, AE 09609.

1968

Bob Stewart is a senior software engineer for Cisco Systems, the source for over half of the equipment sold for the Internet. Bob and his wife, **Vivian (Hale)**, have two sons, **Bob (1990)** and **Ben (1992)**, who both graduated from the college as valedictorians of their respective classes. Bob and Vivian live at 976 Mason Road, Wilton, NH 03086.

1972

Connie (Sanders) Harrison recently earned her master's degree and is the dean of health and human services at the Auburn Hills campus of Baker College. Her husband, **Fred**, is employed by the Chrysler Corporation. Fred and Connie have two sons, Eric and Brent. The family lives at 49233 Maplewood Lane, Macomb, Township, MI 48044.

1975

Thayer and Cheryl (Evans) Salisbury recently returned from mission efforts in Nigeria. Thayer is preaching for the Heritage Church of Christ in Huntington and working on his doctoral degree at Concordia Theological Seminary. Cheryl is a homemaker. The couple has four sons, Joseph, Kelcy, Preston, and Mark. The family lives at 3815 E. 800 S., Columbia City, IN 46725.

1976

Joy (Varner) Knuckles is employed as a graphics artist for Riverside Graphics. Joy, and her daughter, Kim, live at 476 Heber Springs #B, Batesville, AR 72501.

1978

Gary Cummins is working as a machine technician for General Motors. Gary, and his wife, Ginny, live at 44299 Franciscan Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

Jim and **Vicki (Saur) Trombly** are living at 428 Colt Terrace, Grand Prairie, TX 75050. Jim is a computer technician, and Vicki is employed as a loan processor.

1979

Austin Anthony joined Rebecca and Elizabeth in the home of Larry and **Karen (Wiggins) Miller** on July 1, 1997. Larry is an engineer and Karen is a homemaker. The family lives at 5053 McLendon, Antioch, TN 37013.

1981

Rhonda Sullenger married Keith Laurin on August 17, 1996. Rhonda is a dental receptionist, and Keith is an electrical apprentice with General Motors. The couple lives at 118 Paul Revere Lane #18, Flint, MI 48507.

1982

Dan Billingsley recently accepted a position as an information systems manager with the Durcon Company, the largest client from his consulting business. Dan and his wife, Lisa, have two children and live at 19653 Antago, Livonia, MI 48152.

Jeneice (Clouse) Corwin is a secretary at the Toledo Museum of Art. Jeneice, her husband David, a builder of Timberframe homes, and their son, Daniel, live at 2650 West Temperance, Temperance, MI 48182.

John Hoenstine is a sergeant for the Indianapolis Police Department. John and his wife, Kerri, live at 4336 Skylark Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46239.

1984

Joel Cranford is preaching for

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.

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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.

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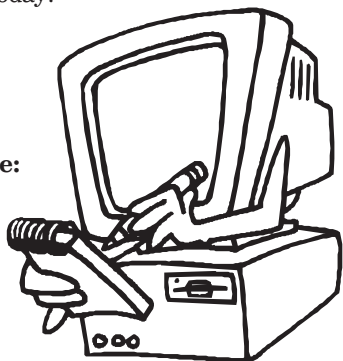
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Missing Alumni Listing
Reunions and Alumni Events

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the Penobscot Valley Church of Christ part-time while working as a graphics designer for Website Services International. Joel and his wife, Beth, now reside at 331 Levenseller, Holden, ME 04429.

Eric and **Jennifer (Habermel) Diehl** recently moved to 230 South Walnut, West Union, IA 52175. Eric is coaching soccer for Upper Iowa University, and Jenny is a homemaker. The couple has two girls, Danielle and Jessica.

Mike and Peggy (Whitman-85) Morningstar can be contacted at plsticmstr@niia.net or P.O. Box 471, Valparaiso, IN 46384. Mike is a molding engineer for Dwyer Instruments, and Peggy is a houseparent for Shults-Lewis Child and Family Services.

1985

Mark and Denise (Wright-86) Hammitt are living at 4025 Kevin Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. Mark is an associate minister of the Weber Road Church of Christ, and Denise teaches second grade. The couple has three children, Preston, Courtney, and Reagan.

1986

Caleb Nathaniel joined Mikalah in the home of Steve and **Monica (Morris) Hanes** on January 7. The family resides at 402 East Delaware, Fortville, IN 46040.

1989

Tim Mays recently received a promotion at the Michigan Truck Plant of Ford Motor Company. He lives at 906 South Schuman, Westland, MI 48186.

1990

In addition to teaching Bible and English and managing the business office for Galilee Christian High School, **Hashim Hayik** preaches for the Eilaboun Church of Christ. Hashim and his wife, Rawia, who also teaches English, have a son, Wiam Billy. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 174, Eilaboun, Israel 16972.

Linda Mordaunt plans a March wedding to Bill McParlan, a computer analyst. Linda is a regis-

tered nurse at St. John Hospital and serves on a nursing research committee. She lives at 23340 Jamison, Macomb, MI 48042.

Tom Twigg has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. His wife, **Dollie (Jones-79)**, is employed as a school nurse. The couple recently extended their stay in Germany for eighteen months, and can be contacted at B Co. 32nd Sig. Bn., Cmr. 440, Box 464, APO, AE 09175.

Chris Ward recently married Vicki Holmes. Chris is the owner of Enterprise Consulting Group. The couple lives at 4150 Beech Grove, Grove City, OH 43123.

1991

Sherrie (Allen) Bailey is a reservation sales agent. She recently graduated from Wright Business School and has returned to Oklahoma Christian for further studies. She lives at 2600 N.W. 63rd #61, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

David Simons was installed as a deacon of the Central Church of Christ in December. In January, he had a kidney transplant, donated by his older sister. David and his wife, Angela, have two sons, Bill, a sophomore at Rochester College, and Robert. The family lives at 25 Skyview Meadows, Hedgessville, WV 25427.

Jennifer Wallace teaches fifth grade for the Flint Community Schools. She can be contacted at jenwal@aol.com or 5115 North Belsay Road, Flint, MI 48506.

1992

Geoffrey Burtis will complete his master's degree at Abilene Christian University this spring. His wife, **Nerrissa (McKee-90)**, is an administrative coordinator at ACU. The couple lives at 720 High Street, Abilene, TX 79603.

After purchasing a home at 1140 Third, Wyandotte, MI 48192 in May, **Bill and Adrienne (Yen) Castleman** welcomed Emily Ryann on August 27, 1997. Bill is an automotive designer for T.G. North American Corporation, and Adrienne is employed by Total Travel Management.

Alumni talent showcased in musical

Nearly 700 people from the Rochester community recently enjoyed a production of *A Time to Stand*, a musical about the story of Esther. Almost every phase of the production, from writing of the musical score to the actual stage performance, showcased the talents of alumni and students from Rochester College.

"Visitors made up almost half of our audience on both nights," stated Mark Brackney, family minister of the Rochester Church of Christ and member of the class of 1990. "The production's humor allowed people to open up to the real message that God really cares for His people."

A Time to Stand is the second of three musicals written by Randy Gill, a former instructor of Rochester College and member of the class of 1974, and Jeff Walling. "Jeff wrote the scripts and we collaborated on the songs," stated Mr. Gill.

"Originally, we wrote our musicals for the Christian Children's Theatre Workshop, an outreach of the Mission Viejo Church of Christ in Los Angeles," Mr. Gill noted. "*A Time to Stand* has been published and is now being produced all over the country."

"Members of the Rochester congregation, alumni from a variety



Alumni Dan Isenberg and Terry Pitts develop a scheme in the musical.

of years, and several current students worked side by side with costuming, set construction, and acting for the production," stated Frank Pitts, musical director and member of the class of 1986. "The interaction was a tremendous experience for everyone."

"Working on the production brought back a lot of fond memories for those of us who used to be a part of Celebration," stated Mr. Brackney. "Having Gale Edwards

(former Celebration director and class of 1967) serving as stage director was like old times."

"Once we move into a new fine arts center, we hope to do one Broadway and one Christian musical each year," stated Mr. Pitts, who also teaches at the college. "Our production of *A Time to Stand* demonstrated a strong interest in future productions involving students, alumni, and local church members."



Former basketball players spanning nearly twenty years of Warrior teams competed with one another in an alumni basketball game on Homecoming Day. "Everyone had such a good time that we plan to make this an annual Homecoming activity," stated Coach Garth Pleasant.

1993

Jeff Wise is employed as a forester for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He can be contacted at HC, Route 2, Box 722, L'Anse, MI 49946.

Steve Zavitz and his wife, Ellie, graduated from Lakehead University in December. Both work as bicycling and hiking guides for Backroads. The couple is scheduled to lead groups in France this spring and fall. They can be contacted at 375 Waverley Street #2, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 1B7.

1994

Aaron Burtch is a sports broad-

caster for WKTU and is planning a March wedding to Sara Aiklen. He lives at 500 North Judge Ely #3-107, Abilene, TX 79601.

Jim Theisen recently began work as an electrical engineer for Lockheed Martin Corporation. His wife, **Jennifer (Fredin)** finished an education degree and is now a homemaker. The couple lives at 5765 Remington Circle #809, Fort Worth, TX 76312.

1995

Steven Bowers is working part-time in the Muirhead Library at Rochester College. He also has been accepted into a library science program at the University of

Michigan. He lives at 53 West Cornell, Pontiac, MI 48340.

Mark Greeley is a student at Clarion University and manager of the Moonlite Drive-In. He can be contacted at R.D. #4, Box 266-3A, Brookville, PA 15825.

Benny Lumpkins is a fireman in the United States Air Force. He lives at 245-B Lantana Lane, Hampton, VA 23669.

On July 26, 1997, Megan Nicole joined Jason in the home of Skip and **Heather (Hanna) Mirch**. Skip is a security officer and Hanna is a homemaker. The family lives at 40647 Drury Road, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.



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Enrollment and gift income increase

Based upon a board decision to change the name of the institution, Rochester College adopted a new name in July of 1998. Today, less than one year later, Rochester College continues to experience major increases in enrollment and funding.

"We no longer have to deal with the misconception that we are an unaccredited seminary," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We are now forging our reputation as a liberal arts college with a strong emphasis on Christian principles."

"Our most recent publication for prospective students makes the boldest statement ever about our Christian emphasis," stated Larry Stewart, director of public relations. "Before, we primarily let our name carry the message of who we are. This time we dedicated almost a quarter of the piece to our spiritual focus."

"Everywhere I travel, I am impressed by the continued confidence that people have in Rochester College," stated Dr. Johnson. "Our friends and alumni are excited by the progress they are seeing and continue to support us in a marvelous way."

Enrollment soared to a record level during the fall semester, representing an increase of 24%. The trend and new records continued for the spring semester, when the college posted an impressive 32%



Students from the Ukraine, Japan, and Canada visit on the sidewalk.

increase over the previous year.

"Our application count is presently running about one month ahead of last year," stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services. "At last check, we were also experiencing an increase in the average ACT score among applicants for next fall."

"We are also excited about the interest we are seeing in areas further from the college," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs. "In response, we decided to purchase and hang flags from all of the states and nations represented among our student body."

During the current year, students from seventeen states and eleven nations enrolled at Rochester College. In addition to most

Midwestern states, students came from as far as New Hampshire and Massachusetts in the East and California and Montana in the West. Others traveled from Southern states like Tennessee, Texas, and West Virginia. Canada followed only Michigan and Ohio with numbers of students.

"While student response to the college is our main concern, we have been blessed with additional financial support," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for development. "For the third consecutive year, gift income set a record and passed the million dollar mark, allowing us to move forward with some important plans for the college."

"Our year-end appeal generated a double-digit increase in gifts compared to the same time last year," stated Elton Albright, associate director of development. "Most of our gifts are still coming from people who have supported the college for a number of years, demonstrating continued confidence in the college. Expansion of our donor base is now one of our major challenges."

"The Lord has blessed us with an overwhelmingly positive response to the name change and remarkable progress in the past few months," stated Dr. Johnson. "The coming year will be exciting as the college continues to achieve further important goals."



Flags from twenty-eight states and nations enhance the auditorium.



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College prepares for new majors after state approval

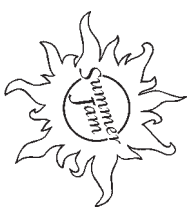


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