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## College breaks ground for academic center



Rochester College and local officials broke ground on Sept. 19 for the largest academic construction project in the College's history: A 25,000 sq. ft. multipurpose center scheduled to open during the 2004-2005 academic year. The center will house the department of science (including three labs, classrooms and faculty offices), a theatre/conference facility, student center and administrative suite. Photo (left to right): Frank Rewold, Rewold & Sons Construction; Dr. Michael Westerfield, interim president, Rochester College; Pat Kirby, chairman, Rochester College Board of Trustees; Pat Somerville, mayor, Rochester Hills; Karen Lewis, mayor, City of Rochester; Tim Parker, student government president. Photo by Alex Safonov.

## College wins \$1.6 million grant

On Sept. 8, the U.S. Dept. of Education awarded Rochester College a \$1.6 million Title III grant to be applied over five years to increase student academic support and improve student retention.

Birgie Niemann, vice president for external relations, said the money would establish the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), which would provide training for faculty and support for at-risk students.

"This is a great day for students and professors at Rochester College," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, interim president. "This grant will surely be a blessing to many young men and women as the College trains them for lives of study and service."

The grant also accords the College matching funds on private gifts to grow an endowment.

Officials expect the ACE program to improve student retention by giving struggling students necessary tools to stay in school.

"Most of all, ACE will equip students to apply what they learn at Rochester to becoming successful citizens when they enter life after graduation," said Westerfield.

The College recently named Ms. Chris Osburn director of the ACE program.

### Academic Center for Excellence

- Assessment tools
- Faculty development
- Math, reading, writing labs
- Peer mentoring
- Supplemental instruction
- Support for at-risk students



## Johnson era ends, new era begins

Dr. Ken Johnson, the longest-serving president in Rochester College history, resigned on Aug. 5 after 12 years in office.

Board of Trustees Chairman Pat Kirby announced Johnson's resignation at an assembly of the Rochester College administration, faculty and staff, an assembly several times larger than when Johnson became president of Michigan Christian College in 1991.

"I became concerned in recent months that the College needed a younger leader with fresher ideas and who could lead Rochester in a new direction," said Johnson in his final presidential speech to the Rochester College family.

In making the announcement, Kirby said it would be hard to enumerate Johnson's accomplishments as president. Under Johnson, the College grew student enrollment by 400 percent, established an adult learning program, expanded to four locations in southeast Michigan, embarked on the most

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## Enrollment record tops one thousand students

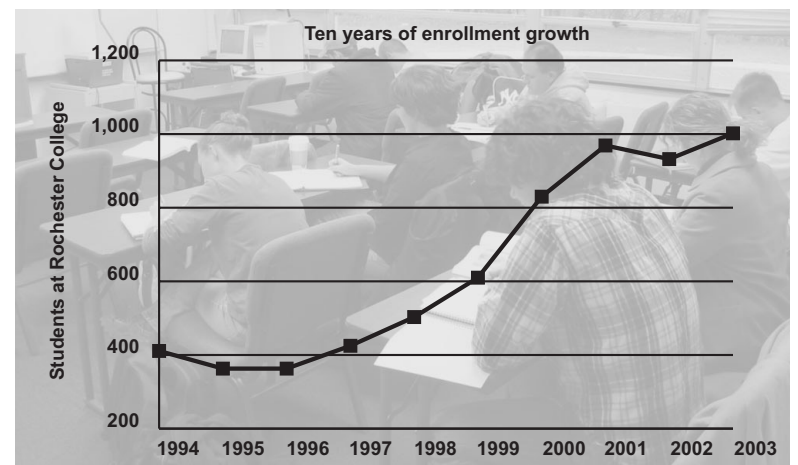
### Adult learners lead the trend to historic mark

Rochester College recently announced its fall enrollment at 1,001 students, marking the first time in the College's history that enrollment reached four digits. The new mark broke the old enrollment record of 969 set in 2001.

"We're grateful to God and to the men and women who chose to pursue their college education at Rochester," said interim president Dr. Michael Westerfield. "This milestone marks the growing strength of Rochester College and its people."

The College of Extended Learning, Rochester's adult learning division, contributed the most to the new enrollment record. The CEL accounted for over half of the College's total fall enrollment. The CEL set an enrollment record of its own with 519 students, an increase of 27 percent from Fall 2002.

The CEL offers accelerated bach-



elors' degrees at locations in Flint, Macomb Twp., Rochester Hills and Southfield. Rochester delivers all traditional degree programs at its main campus in Rochester Hills.

Aside from the CEL's growth trend, College officials attributed the enrollment record to improvements in

the economy, the College's decision to maintain 2003-2004 tuition at the Fall 2002 level and expansion of popular four-year degree programs, especially in communication and teacher education.

Enrollment at Rochester grew 268 percent in the last ten years.

**Michael Westerfield**

### This is an exciting time to be part of the Rochester College family

The fall semester began with excitement as new students gathered with returning students in our Jump Start orientation program. I wish you could have been here with us as over 200 employees and students gathered on the campus for a candlelight devotional welcoming the new students into the Rochester College family. We enrolled 1,001 students for the fall semester! Praise God for His blessings on Rochester College.

As I serve in this interim capacity, I hope you will join with us in moving the College forward to greater levels of service. The construction of the new academic building is a significant step forward, providing science labs, a performance hall, additional classrooms, expanded student center and administrative space. If you have not been back to the campus, please make plans to join us at some point this year so that you can experience the excitement.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education notified us that we are recipients of a \$1.6 million grant for improvement in the areas of retention and student academic support. The grant also has a matching opportunity for endowment. If we can raise \$150,000 for the permanent endowment over the next five years, the Department of Education will match the amount. What a blessing from God! I know you will want to hear more about this opportunity.

During my interim, I plan to focus on fund raising for the new building and the annual fund, work with student leaders and student services personnel to build a strong and vibrant residential life and to continue building upon the strong academic foundation of the College. I hope you will commit to being a part of this exciting future. Together and with God's help, we can do great things for the Kingdom.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Westerfield, PhD  
Interim president

### north star

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The mission of **Rochester College** is to  
engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education  
within a **Christian community**  
for a life of **study and service.**

### News Briefs



On Sept. 20, 2004, Rochester College will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the formation of the College's board of trustees. In honor of that milestone, **north star** will present a special six-part series entitled "**Celebrate the Vision: Fifty years of the Rochester College dream.**" In these pages, we will celebrate the vision of the men and women who dreamed and built Rochester College as well as the men and women--present and future--who will carry that vision into the next 50 years. Each issue of the six-part series will feature a different aspect of the what makes Rochester College special:

- Part One:** Celebrate Alumni
- Part Two:** Celebrate Christianity
- Part Three:** Celebrate Partners
- Part Four:** Celebrate Leaders
- Part Five:** Celebrate Our Home
- Part Six:** Celebrate Scholarship

In this issue, we celebrate our alumni: Their memories of life and scholarship around Lake Norcentra, their contributions to the culture and traditions of Rochester College and how they're living out the College's mission every day all over the world.

### Campolo speaks in chapel

Popular Christian author, educator and minister **Dr. Tony Campolo** addressed the student body in chapel on Sept. 22. Sponsored by **Compassion International**, Campolo encouraged students to commit to sponsoring children in developing nations. He also spoke to College employees at a special luncheon the same day, speaking on the state of Christian higher education.

### State OK's science program

The **Michigan Department of Education** approved the College's elementary integrated science program on Oct. 20. **Jeff Simmons**, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies, said integrated science is the first of Rochester's teacher education programs to be fully approved by the state.

### Ham for the neighbors

The **Friends of Ham Library**, a volunteer fundraising organization, recently unveiled a book-of-the-month club designed to draw the Rochester Hills community to the library: **Late Night@the Library** includes group discussions led by College personnel one Friday each month. The Friends also plan to host short courses about computer-based research.

### Adult program on the grow

The **College of Extended Learning**, Rochester's accelerated bachelors' program for adult learners, became the fourth-largest partner at **Macomb Community College's** University Center in Macomb Township, Mich. The CEL's enrollment surpassed **Davenport University**, **Ferris State University**, **Lawrence Tech**, **University of Detroit Mercy**, and **University of Michigan**.

### Newsletter for churches

In August, the College's **office of church relations** launched a publication called **Church Connections** to create cooperation between Churches of Christ in the Great Lakes region.

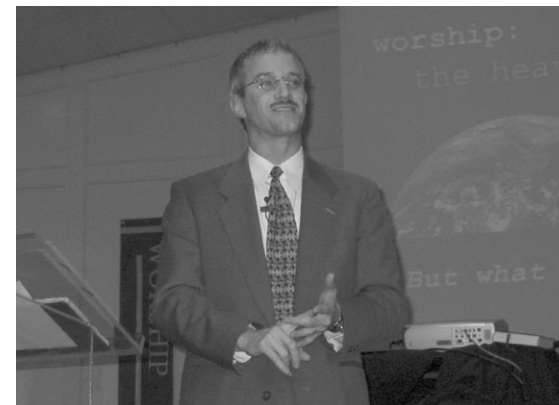
For more information or to subscribe, contact the office of church relations at (248) 218-2022.

### College hosts business forum

The **College of Business and Professional Studies** and the **Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce** hosted a business forum on Sept. 10 that featured speakers from **Automation Alley**, **DaimlerChrysler**, **Michigan Minority Business Development Council** and the NBA's **Detroit Pistons**.

### 46th Annual Bible Lectureship

Rochester College hosted IMPACT, the 46th Annual Bible Lectureship on Oct. 17-19. Keynote speakers included **Randy Harris** and **Mark Love of Abilene Christian University** and **Don McLaughlin of the North Atlanta (Ga.) Church of Christ**. **Jerry and Lynn Jones** presented their popular "**Marriage Matters**" seminar and Christian vocal band **Acappella** performed a free concert for the event's finale.



Don McLaughlin of North Atlanta, Ga., presents his lecture, "Worship: The Heavens Declare His Glory" at IMPACT, the 46th Annual Bible Lectureship on Oct. 17-19.

Rochester College Presents:  
**Partnership Dinner**  
An Evening with  
**Mary Lou Retton**  
1.800.521.6010

5:15 p.m. May 1, 2004 Cobo Convention Center



# Ken Johnson: Legacy of Change

*"It is not necessary to change. Survival is not mandatory."  
W. Edwards Deming*

**1991** Johnson becomes president of Michigan Christian College on May 4, 1991

**1992** Enrollment tops 300

**1993** Bachelor of Business Administration receives accreditation

**1994** Enrollment tops 400

**1996** Bachelor of Science receives accreditation

**1997** Michigan Christian College changes its name to Rochester College

**1999** Former First Lady Barbara Bush inaugurates new Partnership Dinner format

**2000** Enrollment tops 800

**2001** \$4.43 million *Catch the Vision* capital campaign (phase I)

**2002** Ham Library completed

**2003** Establishment of the College of Business and Professional Studies

College establishes what will eventually become the College of Extended Learning for adult learners

Ferndale-Hoggatt residential complex completed

College opens first satellite location

Johnson unveils *Decade of Vision* campus master plan

Enrollment tops 600

Enrollment tops 900

Bachelor of Arts receives accreditation

First summer study abroad program in the United Kingdom

Johnson resigns on Aug. 5, 2003

*"I envision an academically excellent, financially sound, modestly endowed four-year college."  
Dr. Ken Johnson, May 1991*

Creation of teacher education program

## Leaders

### College appoints new executive VP

On Sept. 1, the College appointed **Alan Waites** executive vice president in place of **C. Mark VanRheenen**, who resigned on Aug. 25. Waites formerly worked as senior vice president for finance and administration for **Sachs Automotive**, a multinational supplier for the automotive industry. Waites will supervise institutional finance and operations, including the Rochester College Bookstore, business office, information technology services and the Rochester College Preschool.

**Sara Barton**, associate director of spiritual life, led a women's retreat for the **Howell (Mich.) Church of Christ**, Oct. 3-4. The College promoted **Candace Cain** to associate vice president for student services, from dean of students. Cain also completed the Master of Arts in Organizational Management from the **University of Phoenix**. Cain came to Michigan Christian College in 1991.

**Tracey Hebert**, vice president for the College of Extended Learning, lectured at the annual conference of the **Higher Learning Commission**. Hebert presented the topic, "Partnerships and Adult Learning: Delivering Bachelor Degree Completion Programs." His presentation also appeared in the **2003 Collection of Papers**.

**Osama Kheir**, director of instructional technology, lectured at the **Great Lakes Academic Lab Management Conference** at the **University of Michigan**.

**Anne Nichols**, director of enrollment for the College of Extended Learning, completed the **Master of Arts in English** from **Wayne State University**.

**Birgie Niemann**, vice president for external relations, is participating in **Leadership Greater Rochester**, a nine-month leadership development program designed by the **Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce** and **Rochester College**.

The College promoted **Cathy (Ireland) Ries ('73)** to assistant to the president, from executive secretary. Ries marked her 24th year of employment at the College.

**Dr. Michael Westfield**, interim president, served on readers' panels for the **Higher Learning Commission**, attended the **National Council of Academic Deans Conference** at the **University of Central Arkansas** and spoke at the **Greater Lansing, Rochester and Wheeler Road Churches of Christ**.



Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, eats lunch with some students in the Fletcher Center cafeteria. Alan Waites, the new executive vice president, recently waived the five dollar lunch charge for employees so that students would get more opportunities to interact with administrators, professors and College staff.

## Let's do lunch!

### Program builds student-employee relationships

The Lord knows that Rochester College employees don't get paid as much as some of their peers at larger colleges and universities. Most of them don't mind and, despite their thrifty standard of living, quite a few employees used to pay five dollars once or twice a week to eat lunch in the Fletcher Center cafeteria. They bought more than a plate of chicken and rice or an ice cream cone, however. Most of them paid for the opportunity to mingle with students.

This fall, executive vice president Alan Waites and vice president for student services Toby Osburn announced that all College employees would be given free lunches five days a week in the "Fletch."

"A critical facet of our mission at Rochester College relates to engaging students," said Osburn. "Interaction with students beyond traditional settings can lead to experiences where values are formed and influences are shaped that contribute mightily to a well-rounded education."

From a spiritual perspective, officials said the new policy strengthens the College's stated mission of

building a Christian "community" of administrators, professors and students. Over a hot dog or taco, students and professors now have access to one another's minds and hearts.

"Our hope is that by providing a ready environment for frequent informal discussions, we will all benefit from strengthened relationships," said Osburn. "Not only is there value in students interacting with employees during a meal, it is also valuable for them to observe colleagues enjoying one another's company."

From a business perspective, officials believe the new policy makes sense in terms of giving students the kind of quality of life that keeps them (and their money) on campus for four or more years.

So far, employees and students give the new lunch plan (and the Fletcher Center's cuisine) good reviews.

"It's nice to see the staff and faculty down there and to talk to them in an informal atmosphere outside the classroom," said Kim Griswold, senior management major from Brownstown, Mich. "I've eaten with faculty several times and it's nice."

## Faculty

### Professor called to active duty in Middle East

Tom Golden, assistant professor of English and an infantry captain in the U.S. Army Reserve, deployed on Oct. 17 for several months of active duty on the Egypt-Israel border. Golden will train in Indiana through the end of December and deploy to Egypt from January to August 2004. Golden fought in Desert Storm in 1991 and served as a NATO peacekeeper in the Balkans in 2001.



Dr. Michael Westerfield leads a prayer for Capt. Tom Golden in a special chapel service on Oct. 17.

David Greer, associate professor of history, worked with the Educational Testing Service to write questions and set standards for the CLEP exam in U.S. History. Greer was also an essay reader for the Advanced Placement U.S. History exam.

Jeff Simmons, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies and associate professor of business, presented "A Meta Investigation Into the Role of Mediation Styles in Student Satisfaction with Web-Enhanced Learning Environments," at the Learning Conference, University of London, England.

Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, edited the winter edition of *Leaven*. Fleer also published an essay entitled "Preaching in the Churches of Christ: Moving Toward a Theology" in the same issue. He is editing the fifth volume of the ACU Press series *Preaching from the Eighth Century Prophets*. Fleer edited the fourth volume, released last June. Fleer delivered keynote lectures at Oklahoma Christian University's sermon seminar and also spoke at a men's retreat in Raleigh, N.C. He also taught a D. Min. course at Abilene Christian University.

## College of Extended Learning adds two new degrees

### CEL rolls out Rochester's first accelerated bachelor in Bible

The College of Extended Learning announced in September that it would roll out two new Bachelor of Science degrees in Jan. 2004, including Rochester's first accelerated bachelor's degree in Bible.

"The Department of Bible and Religion is such a strength of the College and such a large part of defining our Christian mission," said Anne Nichols, the CEL's director of enrollment. "Since its inception, the CEL has wanted to offer a Bible degree."

Nichols said the CEL designed the 120-hour degree to appeal to everyone from professional ministers to regular folks who simply want an in-depth, academic study of the Bible. Although the CEL won't open the first classes

until January, 13 students already enrolled with 40 prospects besides.

Officials believe the accelerated Bible degree could become a feeder for the College's forthcoming Master's program in religion.

The CEL will deliver all Bible degree courses at the main campus in Rochester Hills.

Meanwhile, the CEL will introduce a Bachelor of Science in mass communication at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Art in Southfield, Mich.

Last year, Rochester College signed an agreement with Specs Howard that created a joint venture between the two schools. Rochester's College of Arts and Sciences created a mass communication major that included intensive

broadcast training at Specs Howard. At the same time, the CEL introduced Associate of Science courses at Specs Howard.

Starting in January, students who graduate from the CEL's associate's program at Specs Howard may continue to work toward the Rochester College BS in mass communication at that location.

"The CEL's mass communication degree will allow our current students who are finishing associates' degrees in Southfield to continue on with Rochester," said Nichols. "The Rochester BS in mass communication is specifically designed to compliment the technical training students receive at Specs Howard."

## Rochester on "Best Colleges" list again

*U.S. News & World Report* placed Rochester College in its third tier of best comprehensive four-year colleges and universities in the Midwest for 2004.

"Rochester College is emerging as one of the best small colleges in the Great Lakes region," said interim president Dr. Michael Westerfield. "Our latest rank in *U.S. News* exemplifies the strides the College has made in terms of academic and institutional quality. It's also a foundation for continuously and vigorously strengthening the College's capacity to serve its students."

## Homecoming Queen, PhD

### Psychology professor turning students' heads

by CAROLINE McMAHON

As a student at Michigan Christian College in the mid-1980's, Sonja Barcus was so popular her peers voted her Homecoming Queen and Miss MCC. Seventeen years later, Dr. Barcus is back on campus to win students over again. This time, however, she's not a Lady Warriors cross country star, Gatewood Hall resident advisor or active member of Sigma Phi.

She's back as an assistant professor of psychology.

"Dr. Barcus [has] excellent academic and clinical training," said Dr. Brian Stogner, chairman of the department of behavioral science. "She is personable and a fine communicator. Of most importance, she is a woman in whom the light of Jesus shines."

After she earned the associate's degree from MCC and the bachelor's degree from Abilene (Texas) Christian University, Barcus earned the master's and PhD in counseling psychology from Ball State University and taught at Abilene Christian before returning to Rochester.

"I feel at peace to be back home near friends and family," Barcus said. "It was a blessing to go to Texas and

teach, but Texas was not my home."

Barcus holds a unique perspective on psychology. Her dissertation included research on the relationship between spiritual and religious well-being and psychological health. Barcus found that purpose in life and a relationship with God positively and significantly contributed to psychological variables such as autonomy, relationships, self-esteem and mastery of environment.

"I found it interesting to see that spiritual health impacts psychological health more than psychological health impacts spirituality," said Barcus. "The more spiritual the individual, the more psychological health is manifested."

Being a Rochester professor affords Barcus an opportunity to share that connection in a very special way.

"I knew when I was a little girl that I wanted to be a psychologist," said Barcus. "My friends would always come to me with their problems."

As much as she enjoys listening to people, Barcus said that she enjoys teaching because working with students creates a different kind of energy from working with clients.

"I enjoy counseling because every

*"I found it interesting to see that spiritual health impacts psychological health more than psychological health impacts spirituality."*

*Dr. Sonja Barcus, professor of psychology*



Dr. Sonja Barcus ('86), assistant professor of psychology and a former Michigan Christian College homecoming queen, reveals a psychological principle to her students. Photo by Kara Nulty.

day is different and very rewarding," said Barcus. "Working as a full-time counselor, however, can sometimes be emotionally draining."

Barcus would like to teach full-time and counsel part-time.

Today's students seem to like Barcus as much as the ones who made her Homecoming Queen in 1986.

"I like how Dr. Barcus shares her experiences in class and how she is very sincere and personable with her students," said Samantha Winterrowd, junior social work major from Jamestown, Ohio.

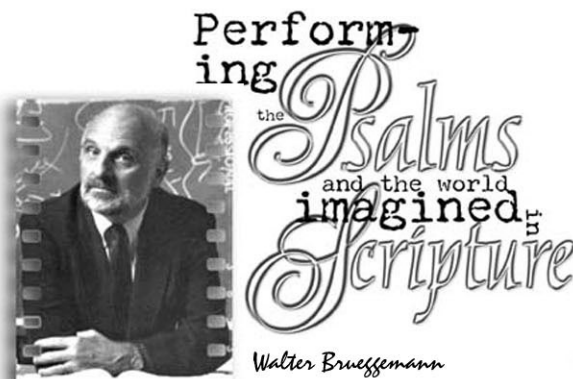
Barcus said she hopes to earn the reputation of being effective and fun and that students will remember her as

a professor who cared about them and taught them something valuable.

"My teaching philosophy is still changing because I am still learning," said Barcus. "I feel it is important to slow down and keep things simple, to give students time to process information. Also, to make things apply to everyday life."

The experience, so far, has been richly rewarding.

"Students have come to me after a lecture with questions about Christianity," said Barcus. "One of my students was actually baptized and others went to counseling. It's amazing to see how much a student can be touched through a class lecture."



Rochester College  
Sermon Seminar

May 24-26

# At students' service

New vice president for student services Toby Osburn is changing campus culture for good

Toby Osburn's high school guidance counselor told him to not take the ACT. After all, why would the heir of a successful small business owner in Pilot Point, Texas, need a college education?

"I'm glad my dad set higher standards for me," says Osburn.

Osburn did work for the family business, but only to support himself through college. On a business trip in 1985, he visited Michigan Christian College.

"I fell in love with the beautiful campus environment," says Osburn. "I knew in my heart that I would have a relationship with the College."

That dream came true. The Rochester Church of Christ brought Osburn to Michigan as youth and campus minister, but his talent for relating to students eventually landed him a job as dean of enrollment services at the College.

In 1995, Osburn left to pursue a graduate education, but hoped to return to his beloved college on the Clinton River. That dream came true, too, when Rochester appointed him vice president for student services earlier this year.

"I prayed...for an opportunity to return to Rochester," says Osburn. "The Lord made this happen by keeping us close with friends at the College and by planting a desire in our hearts to be here."

That desire empowers everything Osburn does for the students.

"I'd like my contribution at Rochester to involve shaping a campus life experience that is exciting, draws students in and keeps them here throughout their academic careers," says Osburn.

Students say Osburn is making a big difference around Lake Norcentra.

"He makes it a lot easier for students to get what they want," says Tim Parker, student government president. "He's the students' direct link with the administration. He gets things done quickly."



Toby Osburn (right), vice president for student services, shares a laugh with a few students after chapel. Photo by Caroline McMahon.

## Toby Osburn Vita

**Duties:** Campus life, career guidance, discipline, food service, residence halls, retention, spiritual life, student development

**Education:** BS Abilene Christian University; ME University of North Texas; EdD candidate (higher education administration) University of North Texas

**Career highlights:** Dean of student services, North Central Texas College (2001-2003); Mayor, Pilot Point, Texas (2000-2002); Trustee, Pilot Point Independent School District (1997-2000); Commissioner, Denton County Substance Abuse Commission (1998)

## Toby Osburn in his own words

### NS: How does your job relate to the College's mission?

TO: Our work in student services is to build an environment that supports learning in and out of the classroom. We seek to educate students on spiritual, emotional and intellectual issues that are not the primary focus in academic courses. We facilitate growth and development so students leave here as masters of their academic subjects and as servants of their Lord, families, churches and communities.

### NS: What are some of the challenges you face in student services?

TO: Our residential population is an easy target for programs and activities, but we have to make our commuters feel plugged into campus life, too. Religious diversity among the students requires us to be true to the historic roots of the College, but at the same time be sensitive to the varied faith backgrounds from which our students come. Retention is a challenge that will require us to rethink every aspect of customer service and quality of life issues confronting our students.

### NS: Describe how you'd like to see the campus culture develop.

TO: I'd like the College to continue to be a place where students from Churches of Christ know their faith is affirmed and where students from other Christian faith backgrounds, or no faith background, are welcomed and embraced. I hope to use the residence halls to develop a living/learning culture that promotes academic success. I'm interested in working with the campus community to remove barriers that discourage students from getting the most out of their time on campus.

## Students



## Students rake leaves to cure breast cancer

About 40 students raked dozens of yards on Oct. 18 to raise money for breast cancer research. **Kristen Alderson**, a sophomore interdisciplinary studies major from Franklin, Indiana, organized the event, which raised about \$700. Alderson's mother is a breast cancer patient.

**David Brazle** (jr., secondary education, Tallmadge, Ohio) interned at the **Courtland (Ohio) Church of Christ**.

**Bob Busquaret** (sr., secondary education, Ray, Mich.) qualified for the **U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials**.

**Stephanie Burr** (jr., marketing, Clinton Twp., Mich.) spent the summer in Wolfsburg, Germany, at **Volkswagen** world headquarters.

**Suzy Goffin** (sr., social work, Grand Ledge, Mich.) worked as a mission trip coordinator at **Confrontation Point Ministries** in Crossville, Tenn.

**Chris Hughes** (fr., elementary education, Rochester Hills, Mich.) placed first in the **Nas-track** Friday night bicycle race in Rochester Hills on Aug. 22.

**Krystal Lambert** (jr., Swartz Creek, Mich.) worked as youth group service project coordinator at **Confrontation Point Ministries** in Crossville, Tenn.

**Caroline McMahon** (sr., psychology, Ferndale, Mich.) is an intern for the **Rochester College** public information office.

**Del Raychev** (sr., computer systems management, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria) built the College's new intranet site, [warrionet.rc.edu](http://warrionet.rc.edu).

**Chris Shields** (senior, interdisciplinary studies, Richton Park, Ill.) was a youth and worship intern at **Mid-County Church of Christ** in St. Louis, Mo.

**Kevin Stewart** (sr., marketing, Shelby Twp., Mich.) interned at **Daniel Bryan & Associates**, an advertising firm in Rochester, Mich.

**Ron Stowers** (jr., Christian ministry, Perrysburg, Ohio) interned at the **Whitehall (Pa.) Church of Christ**.

**John Wriston** (sr., Christian ministry, Warren, Mich.) interned at the **Rochester (Mich.) Church of Christ**.



## Where Rochester's international students come from

Albania	Bulgaria
Canada	China
Croatia	Denmark
Egypt	Honduras
India	Kenya
Lebanon	Liberia
Poland	Romania
Russia	Tanzania
Tunisia	United Kingdom
Zimbabwe	

## International "Flavour"

International students make Rochester a melting pot of cultures

by CAROLINE McMAHON

From Europe, Africa, South America and Asia, international students bring their cultures, histories and languages to Rochester College. This fall, students from 19 countries enrolled at the College.

"Having international students on campus is good for American students. They give us a [cultural] flavor that is different than our own," said Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "It's beneficial for international students to come to a small college to fit in."

Several international students recently started a series of weekly expositions to highlight their countries and cultures for their American peers.

"When I came to the States I began

to see how experiencing two different cultures makes you a different person," said senior management information systems major Delyan Raychev of Bulgaria. "As international students, we carry two different lifestyles and we want to expose our American friends to our cultures."

On Oct. 16, Branko Rebrovic hosted an exposition about his country, Croatia. Rebrovic's uncle, associate professor of history David Greer, explained the history of this former Yugoslavian province. Greer's wife, a native of Croatia, brought a Croatian dish, *burek*, for students to taste. Rebrovic showed pictures and spoke about the Croatian culture, lifestyle and climate. He also compared the economies of his country and the U.S.

"Everybody gains from having in-

ternational students on campus," said Dr. Andrew Kronenwetter, chairman of the department of communication. "They enrich the campus community and in turn are enriched by being a part of our community. They give us the opportunity to expand our worldviews by interacting with people who experience the world differently."

Henry Oyier, a computer science major from Nairobi, Kenya, came to Rochester three years ago. The last two summers, Oyier led American students on mission trips to his homeland and, after graduation, plans to establish a computer school in Nairobi.

"Being at Rochester has strengthened my faith, kept me focused in terms of the reason I came to the States and reminds me of why I am here," said Oyier.

# Celebrate the VISION

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2004

Fifty years of the Rochester College dream.



## Betty (Work) Watson Class of '62

Director of early  
childhood education,  
Harding University;  
Searcy, Ark.

### Three-time distinguished professor award winner

**MCC memories:** "The singing groups under Professor Fred Alexander. I was privileged to sing in a trio called 'The Centras,' which the College scheduled for recruiting and entertainment."

**The MCC influence:** "Two of the most wonderful years of my life. It gave me opportunities to travel, learn and forge lifelong friendships. I will be forever grateful for the time I spent there."



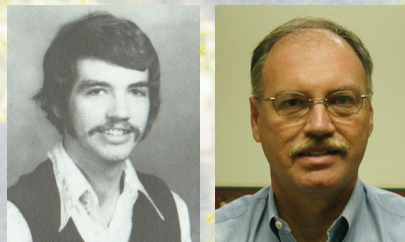
## Karen (Kocher) Joyce Class of '68

Registered nurse,  
Rochester General  
Hospital  
Rochester, N.Y.

**Director of international program development for InterVol.** Coordinates teams of health care professionals to volunteer in medical clinics in developing countries. Worked in Ethiopia, Somalia, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Peru and Belize.

**MCC memories:** "The family members who followed in my footsteps and attended MCC: Three sisters, my brother, several cousins, my daughters and several nieces and nephews."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC felt like a warm blanket, surrounding me with Christians with the same values I grew up with."

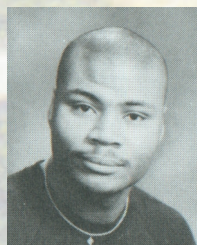


## Steve Hudson Class of '74

Managing partner,  
Hydro-Temp Corp.  
Jonesboro, Ark.

**MCC memories:** "Floating down the Clinton River in innertubes and having a good time with friends. My favorite memory was working with Dr. Don Gardner (president). He was a dedicated servant and a tremendous leader. He was passionate about his work, tireless in his efforts to serve God and the church."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC helped me grow while being away from home for the first time, and to establish friends I still have to this day. It helped me to mature."



## Kelvin Brown Class of '95

Business  
development,  
Comerica Bank  
Detroit, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "I never thought I'd say this, but I miss chapel. It was a great way to get centered for the day."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC showed me that, whether you have a lot or a little, you still have issues if you're not accompanied by the love described in 1Co13:4-8. I was also prepared scholastically, though initially, I worried about having a [business] degree from a Christian school."

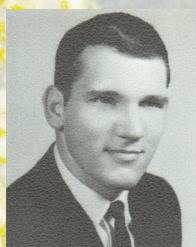


## Connie (Kinser) Graham Class of '71

Principal,  
State Rd. Elementary  
Fenton, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "Laughing with my roommate, Judy (Sparks) Stewart. We loved [A Cappella Chorus] and the trips we got to take on tour. MCC is where my love began for my very best friend who is now my husband."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC had a huge impact on my life and that continues to be true even though it has been many years since that campus was my school home. I am thankful for the godly influence and encouragement of the faculty, staff and students. We may have been somewhat sheltered, but at the same time, we were being prepared to live Kingdom lives in the 'real world.' From Bible classes to Chorus and everything in between, MCC built on the foundation of godliness that I received from my home and my home church."

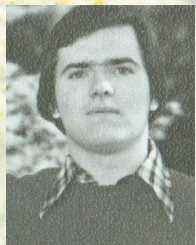


## Berkeley Hackett Class of '62

President,  
Kenya Christian  
Industrial Training  
Institute  
Nairobi, Kenya

**MCC memories:** "Nothing is greater than the friends. Even those I haven't seen in 40 years are still in my heart and mind."

**The MCC influence:** "I caught a missionary's vision from Otis Gatewood (president), Maurice Hall (Gatewood's assistant), Lucien Palmer (dean) and Hugh Mingle (admissions director)."



## Bob Norton Class of '82

Senior staff counsel,  
DaimlerChrysler  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "There was a snow day and a group of us went sledding in Oxford, Mich. We helped push cars out of snow banks (and out of our way). I remember going to a scary movie [that] unnerved Wynn Hudson--especially when, later that night, his roommate put a fake leg in his bed. It was great to have fun in a Christian environment. Later, when I went to a state university, I realized how unique that experience was."

**The MCC influence:** "It was the best educational experience that I could have received. Dr. [John] Todd, in business law, would sit on the desk in front of me and ask me to read my notes [aloud]. He pointed out things that I missed. I started to consider going into law. The greatest benefit I received was in my spiritual life. I came feeling pretty good about my relationship with God, but I soon realized that I should attempt to achieve a much deeper commitment and faith. My wife, Kathy, came in as a new Christian and the College provided a wonderful environment for her to grow. I will always be grateful for how the College played a role in making her the fine Christian she is today."



The A Cappella Chorus (1960's)



## Ron Hadfield Class of '76

Director,  
creative services,  
Abilene Christian  
University  
Abilene, Texas

### Editor of award-winning "ACU Today" magazine

**MCC memories:** "I enjoyed playing baseball for [Bill] Shinsky before transferring to play for ACU. I had a 'Twilight Zone' experience when he (a former ACU ballplayer and graduate) came to our alumni baseball game. For the first time in 24 years, we wore the same color jersey, and he sat in the dugout ragging his then 43-year old former MCC pitcher who was trying to retire the side in order to please his old coach. It was one of those moments that brings back a flood of memories."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC was a good fit for me: not too far away, not too close to home. Its size created opportunities for involvement and service and leadership that are not always possible at a larger school. I regret I can't see former classmates because of the 1,300 or so miles separating many of us, but I think of them often. Still, some of my MCC classmates live down the street or work across campus from me. I had a blast at MCC. I sometimes wish I could go back and do some things better, but I graduated with a more clear sense of what God wants me to do with the talents He provided. And I am grateful for finding [my wife], Pam, my greatest blessing, there."



# ALL Celebrate



## David Matthews Class of '73

Pediatrician,  
Jonesboro, Ark.

### Managing partner for the Children's Clinic of Jonesboro

**MCC memories:** "The summer I spent with [music professor] Ed Ritchie and three others [when] we traveled Europe and recorded Ukrainian hymns for evangelistic radio programs prior to the Soviet Union's collapse."

**The MCC influence:** "The teachers cared whether I did well or not, and were accessible. It wasn't until I reached MCC that I took my education seriously, and MCC took my education seriously, too. I was adequately prepared for Harding University upon transfer, and medical school after that. MCC prepared me well for the long haul to my education goal."



## Sandra (Woodroof) Milholland Class of '64

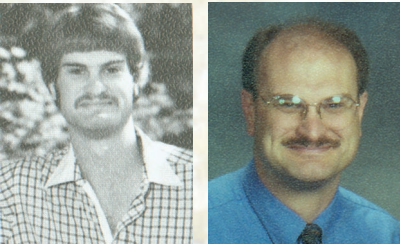
Associate clinical  
psychologist,  
Texas Department of  
Criminal Justice,  
Abilene, Texas

**MCC memories:** "[Former president] Milton Fletcher calls me the 'oldest living homecoming queen of Michigan Christian College.' That was an honor, but my favorite memories are of 'Fessor Fred [Alexander] and the [A Cappella] Chorus. The music, the laughs, the travel, the friends...I cannot sing 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' without hoping that I'll be able to stand with the A Cappella Chorus and sing that one more time this side of eternity."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC shaped my life spiritually through music and the mentoring of wonderful Christian professors."



Chapel assembly in Westside-Central Auditorium, 1970's

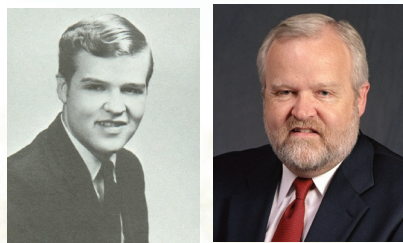


**Rob Clarke  
Class of '82**

President,  
architect,  
CBI Design  
Professionals, Inc.  
Bloomfield Hills,  
Mich.

**MCC memories:** "Chapel and the sense of community. My wife and I were married in [Westside-Central Auditorium]."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC helped solidify my spiritual life in an environment with others doing the same. [I met] my wife and had the family that has become the core of who I am."



**Larry  
Bridgesmith  
Class of '68**

Managing partner,  
Waller, Lansden,  
Dortch & Davis, PLLC  
Publisher,  
New Wineskins

**MCC memories:** "[A Cappella Chorus] was a life-changing experience."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC introduced me to the personal pursuit of the will of God."



**Garth  
Pleasant  
Class of '69**

Head coach,  
Rochester College  
men's basketball  
Rochester Hills, Mich.

**Second most wins (543) by any coach in Michigan college basketball history. Minister, Lake Orion Church of Christ.**

**MCC memories:** "The totem pole, chapel, basketball trips, dorm life and Beautiful Day."

**The MCC influence:** "At MCC, I developed a relationship with my Lord."

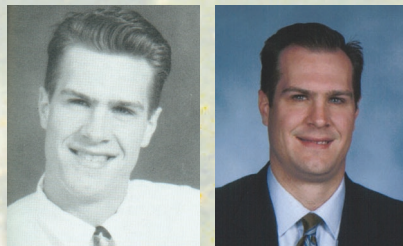


**Paul  
Shinsky  
Class of '78**

Math teacher  
Rochester H.S.  
Rochester, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "We looked forward to the announcement of Beautiful Day. 'Fifties Day' in the old cafeteria. Basketball games. Devotionals in the gym. The 'Great Turtle' pranks."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC allowed me to develop my leadership skills, especially in leading Bible studies and worship. It gave me a place to make lifelong friends."



**Randy Speck  
Class of '92**

Superintendent,  
Oakland Christian  
School  
Auburn Hills, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "[Playing] basketball for Garth Pleasant."

**The MCC influence:** "The relationships I developed continue today. The environment of a small college that prides itself on being excellent in academics, athletics, arts and extracurricular activities helped shape the way I lead Oakland Christian."



**Joyce  
(Whitaker)  
Todd  
Class of '67**

Assistant  
prosecuting attorney,  
Oakland County,  
Mich.

**MCC memories:** "Sitting around the bonfire singing songs and telling tall stories! The anticipation each semester for Beautiful Day, when we would have fun with faculty and students alike."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC helped me realize that one person can make a difference. [It] helped me seek opportunities to affect the lives of persons who are hurting. The faculty and staff were role models who, at personal sacrifice, wanted to impact the lives they came into contact with every day, to glorify God."



**Amos Rice  
Class of '75**

Senior buyer  
Chick-Fil-A  
Stone Mountain, Ga.

**MCC memories:** "We got snowed in and all there was to eat were hot dogs. We organized a football game that ended in a huge snowball fight on the front lawn. I was Most Improved Basketball Player in 1973."

**The MCC influence:** "MCC accepted me for who I was and challenged me to be better, to have Christ as my foundation. MCC was the right size for me. Garth Pleasant gave me a chance to play basketball and never gave up on me."



**One Time  
Blind**

Traveling Christian  
drama troupe that  
has performed for  
over 200,000 people  
nationwide

**MCC memories:**

Darryl Canty ('96): "Relationships with students, faculty and staff."

Jason McCullough ('01): "Swimming in Lake Norcentra with guys from Hoggatt Hall and gasping for air, only to receive a gulp of green water."

Tony Shaver ('96): "I loved the music program. [Music professors] Joe Bentley and Frank Pitts rock! The [A Cappella Chorus] tours were a highlight. A tradition that I hope lasts is the role playing activity 'Romans and Christians' at chorus camp. I didn't care for chapel and, most of the time, I took it for granted. But now, being away from chapel, I miss it. I did, however, enjoy Tues./Thurs. night devotionals. Even though it was time-consuming and hard work, Celebration is one of my favorite memories."

Kathleen (Cotter) Smith ('96): "Playing euchre in the cafe with friends and dance parties outside of Palmer [Hall]."

**The MCC influence:**

Darryl: "Andy Kronenwetter (communication professor) asked me to try out for Pied Pipers. He taught me to bring the message of Christ through drama. Toby Osburn (the director of admissions at the time) asked me to travel with a drama production geared toward teens. That production eventually turned into what is *One Time Blind*. The College is where I met my wife and almost everyone who ended up being in *OTB*."

Jason: "I never had a personal relationship with Christ until college. Being around people who were 'sold out' for the Lord encouraged me to form my own faith."

Tony: "I grew up in a non-Christian home. I was wet behind the ears when I started at MCC. My faith in the Lord grew. I gained knowledge in the classroom and wisdom on the campus. I found a deep love for the Lord. Through my victories and my scars at MCC I can say that the Lord used MCC to shape and lay solid foundations in my life."

Kathleen: "MCC started me on a personal journey with Jesus Christ. Through the College, the Lord led me to godly people who helped me understand who I am in Christ."



Lake Norcentra, 1960's

**JMNI**  
*Grate*



**Wayne  
Baker  
Class of '62**

President,  
York College  
York, Neb.

**MCC memories:** "The people! They remain my best friends. I remember [A Cappella Chorus] rehearsals and tours across the country. I remember staying up all night to guard the totem pole from cross-town rivals at Oakland University."

**The MCC influence:** "I am in Christian education today because of MCC. Not only did I receive an excellent foundation in the liberal arts, but witnessed dedication at its best by observing the faculty, staff and administration. Many faculty had early morning paper routes, sold insurance door-to-door or did other jobs just to have the privilege of teaching at a Christian school. Watching and being shaped by men and women who sacrificed to make a Christian school 'in the North' a reality made me want to be like them."



**Tom  
Rellinger  
Class of '80**

Minister,  
Petoskey Church of  
Christ,  
Petoskey, Mich.

**MCC memories:** "David Cole, professor of physical science and chemistry, demanded that we take our studies and Christian walk seriously. The skills I learned from David stayed with me throughout my career. Twenty-three years later, I still keep in contact with friends from my two years at MCC. We shared a common experience. We shared Jesus. Jesus came to give us life. I found it to its fullest at MCC."

**The MCC influence:** "At MCC I realized that career, family and faith are all bound together. I saw in my professors a real desire to not only teach their subject matters, but share their faith as well. At MCC, the concept began to take shape that my purpose in life was to serve God no matter what profession I chose."



# WARRIORS

fall 2003

## Women's Soccer

### Lady Warriors add skill, get more wins

The Lady Warriors made a quantum leap forward from their first season, finishing the 2003 campaign 6-11 compared to 1-8 in 2002.

"We're still very thin in numbers and are looking for a lot of recruits," said second-year head coach Eric Diehl (7-19). "We're only going to lose one senior so I hope the other players plan on returning."

The Lady Warriors' improvement is more impressive considering they played a much tougher schedule of NAIA and NCAA II and III teams in 2003.



Jaloszynski

MF Candice Jaloszynski (fr., sports management, Davison, Mich.) tallied the eighth-best scoring average in the USCAA with 2.07 points per game. MF Michelle Woody (soph. communication, West Lafayette, Ind.) averaged 1.38 points per game and F Naomi Cochran (fr., secondary education, Liverpool, N.Y.) averaged 1.08 points per game for the Lady Warriors.

Woody



Woody

"Our schedule was challenging from the start this year and our schedule for 2004 will be similar," said Diehl. "I'd like to see us get above .500 and get into the playoffs."

Diehl said the team is hopeful that the College will finally construct a

home field for the Lady Warriors in time for 2004.

D Jessica Porter (soph., psychology, West Lafayette, Ind.), D Kim Griswold (sr., management, Brownstown, Mich.) and MF Heather Hammond (soph., psychology, Frederick, Md.) received USCAA Academic All-American honors.

Find Lady Warriors and Warriors rosters and schedules at [www.rc.edu/athletics](http://www.rc.edu/athletics). To see the latest Lady Warriors and Warriors national rankings, player statistics and USCAA standings, go to [www.theuscaa.com](http://www.theuscaa.com).

## Baseball star shines for Christ in Central America

In his final season of eligibility with the Warriors baseball team, Vergil Smith made USCAA All-American honorable mention with a .377 batting average and perfect (1,000) fielding percentage. Smith, an elementary education major, also made the USCAA's Academic All-American team with a 3.77 GPA.

Apparently, the long list of honors didn't make the season memorable enough for Smith. At the end of the Spring 2003 semester, he signed up to spend several weeks playing baseball in Central America, but with more in mind than improving his game and seeing new countries.

Smith played with a team organized by Athletes in Action, a Christian organization that evangelizes through sports. Smith tried out and won a spot on the AIA's Central American team and spent several weeks playing and preaching in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Here's what Smith had to say about his unique mission experience:

**ns: Describe some of the cultural barriers you encountered.**

VS: I knew no Spanish before the trip and only picked up a few basic sentences during the trip. In Guatemala, we were hindered from ministering because of violent riots.

**ns: Describe the purpose of your mission and what you did to accomplish it.**

VS: The purpose was to use baseball to challenge people to know God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. After every game, we would have one person tell about our ministry, one person give their testimony, and one person tell how they could have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

**ns: Describe the people you met.**

VS: It was incredible to see how happy they were, when by American standards, they had nothing to be happy about. In some aspects, we learned more about God through them than they did through us.

**ns: Who was Vergil when he left and who is he now?**

VS: I was timid with sharing my faith with others. It has really helped me to leave that comfort zone and take the initiative when I feel God tugging at me to talk to someone.

**ns: What motivated you to do this?**

VS: God and baseball are the two greatest loves in my life so when I heard about the opportunity, I couldn't turn it down.



Senior Warriors baseball star Vergil Smith III signs autographs for young fans in Guatemala. Smith participated in a summer evangelistic mission sponsored by Athletes in Action. Photo by Vergil Smith III.

**ns: What message did you take to the people in Central America?**

VS: We explained the importance of having a real relationship with Jesus instead of trying to act religious. Doing good works, will not "save you", knowing Jesus as your Lord and Savior will.

**ns: What message did you bring back for people in the United States?**

VS: We cannot let the things the world uses to define who we are (jobs, money, reputation) make up who we are. Who we are in God should not be affected by those things.

**ns: How did people receive you?**

VS: Entire towns would come out to watch our games. A couple of times, we were welcomed with bands, parades, and fireworks. Because we were Americans and baseball players, we were treated like celebrities.

## Men's Soccer

### Warriors tough enough in 2003

The Warriors played up to the challenge of a much tougher schedule in 2003 with good results. The team finished 6-8 in Coach Eric Diehl's second season on the sideline.

The Warriors held NCAA I Western Michigan close in a 3-1 loss on Aug. 22. Led by USCAA All-American Honorable Mention MF Kevin Garner's (sr., sports management, Lincoln, England) 1.92 points per game and D/MF Aaron Riley's (jr., Utica, Mich.) 1.57 points per game, the Warriors managed to keep most games close.

Unfortunately, "close" still fell short of the USCAA National Tourna-

ment. "We have a similar schedule next

year and will be recruiting players to improve our record," said Diehl. "All returning players need to be challenged to improve or step aside for a newcomer."

Diehl said recruiting will be especially important since long-time captain Sean Stockman and Garner will graduate.

D Chris Greene (soph., psychology, Hartland, Mich.) received USCAA All American Honorable Mention. MF Linganga Linganga (soph., business communication, Tanzania) averaged 1.08 points per game.

MF Branko Rebrovic (sr., management, Zagreb, Croatia) earned USCAA Academic All-American honors.

Diehl, who coaches both the Warriors and Lady Warriors soccer teams, said he especially hopes for two major changes for the 2004 campaign: An invitation to join the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference of the NAIA, and a new home on Avon Road built exclusively for soccer.



Garner



Riley



Greene



Linganga

## Men's Basketball

### Warriors load up for run at national title



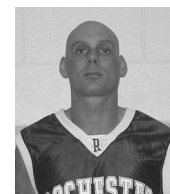
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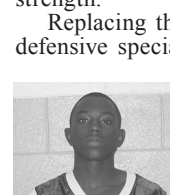
Sherlock

Coming off a 22-11 season which exceeded fans' expectations, the 2003-2004 Warriors feature more talent than last year's squad. Seven new players join nine veterans. Returning lettermen include F/G J.D. Austin (sr., interdisciplinary studies, Baldwin, Mich.), who averaged 20 points per game for the Warriors in 2002-2003. Three-year starter and team captain PG Justin Sherlock (sr., interdisciplinary studies, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.) is, by now, an expert at running Coach Garth Pleasant's system.

Pleasant added size by recruiting 6'8 transfer C Christian Adolfs



Adolfs



Gray



Wilkenson

(sr., management, Copenhagen, Denmark). G Colin Wilkenson (jr., secondary education, Dearborn, Mich.), a transfer from Grand Valley State University, will give the Warriors more strength. Replacing the Warriors' long-time defensive specialist, Wes Hazel, who graduated, will be G Vaughn Gray (fr., computer systems management, Clinton Twp., Mich.), who transferred from Kirkland Community College. If the chemistry is right, the Warriors could make a run in March. "We have good shooters, good post players, good handlers and people committed to defending and rebounding," said Pleasant (543-288, 27 seasons). "Of course, we won't know [how good they are] until March."



FALL 2003  
MEMORIAL GIFTS

- Jean Adams**  
Norma Jean Ryan
- Lucy Benham**  
Barbara Krohn
- Harold Biggs**  
Norma Jean Ryan
- Fleetie Blackburn**  
Mary Blackburn  
Stasia Boisvenue  
Gateway Church of Christ  
Mark & Janice McColm
- John Bonbrisco**  
Paula Bonbrisco
- Don & Marie Carter**  
Don & Shane Carter
- Violet Comps**  
Floyd & Beverly Fair  
Ken & Gayle Mitchell
- Martie Dunn**  
Don Dunn
- Ada Fletcher**  
Jim & Pam Flannery
- James & Betsy Gallaher**  
Nick & Geneva Schafsnitz
- Eugene Graham**  
Sheila Ockerman  
Bobby and Doris Robb
- Joanne Gunter**  
John & Beth Fisher  
Carletta Miller
- Anita Hawkins**  
Scott & Lynn Beck
- Sara Hurianek**  
Sarah Yoakum
- Francis Jones**  
Ron & Mary Zavitz
- Marie Lee Kreul**  
Employees of  
Comerica Securities  
Carole & Jim Collins  
Beverly A Johnson  
Pat & Jane Kirby  
Scott & Birgie Niemann  
Joe & Sarah Reddick  
Rochester Church of Christ  
Blanca Saenz
- Warren D. Krohn**  
Barbara Krohn
- Dwight G. Lane**  
Larry & Kay Norman
- Phyllis C. LePage**  
Mr. & Mrs. William Briston
- Lynne M Libbey**  
Norma Jean Ryan
- Mattie Lovelace**  
Carletta Miller
- John McClelland**  
David & Niki Kirkpatrick  
Scott & Birgie Niemann  
Larry & Kay Norman
- Reggi Nail**  
Carletta Miller
- Katheryn Palmer**  
Ann Cantu
- Rudelle Perry**  
Ed & Joan Palmer
- Lillian Reaume**  
Ed & Joan Palmer
- Annette Riley**  
Joan Rogin
- Cheryl Ann & Annette Riley**  
Richard & Betsy Brice  
Albert Meress
- Roland "Rosie" Roseland**  
Norma Jean Ryan
- Jeffrey Schafsnitz**  
Nick & Geneva Schafsnitz
- Cecil Stephens**  
Brighton Church of Christ  
John & Beth Fisher  
Robert & Nancy Stevenson
- Alvin Tallman**  
Milton & Evelyn Fletcher
- Erlon & Maydell Turner**  
Bertha & Jim O'Rourke
- Rosalie Turner**  
Elton Albright
- Robert E Wineinger**  
Velma Wineinger
- Karen M (Smith) Wise**  
Ted & Margaret Wise

FALL 2003  
HONOR GIFTS

- Orville A. Amorose**  
(Charter member of 82nd  
Airborne Association)  
Pat Amorose
- Maurice & Marie Hall**  
Judy Harbottle
- Howard & Joan Hagerman**  
(50th wedding anniversary)  
Jerry & Janet Tarrant
- Ken & Mary Johnson**  
Don & Shane Carter
- Ron & Rena Jones**  
John & Julie Boag
- Ed & Catherine Sadurski**  
(60th anniversary)  
Jim & Bertha O'Rourke
- Ashley Thomas**  
Greg & Judy Thomas

Associates raise \$18,600

The Associates of Rochester College—the oldest volunteer fundraising organization for Rochester College—raised \$18,600 at their annual Queen's Banquet on Oct. 10 at the Fletcher Center.

About 100 people attended the event where Delores Dickinson of the Associates' Parkside chapter became Associates Queen. The other queen candidate, Gayle Mitchell, represented the Lake Orion chapter.

Each year, the Associates choose queen candidates from the organization's local chapters. The Associates crown the queen from the chapter that raises the most money for its candidate.

Delores Dickinson of Dearborn, Mich., reacts to being crowned Associates of Rochester College Queen at the Associates' annual fundraising dinner in October. Photo by Sharon Westerfield.



Doug Edwards



Alumni:  
Key to the future

Rochester College alumni come in a variety of academic fields, ages, geographical regions, professions and interests. What we all have in common is the excellent academic preparation we received on a beautiful campus where we made lifelong friends in a special spiritual setting. In short, we became part of a family. We want to share what we gained and help today's students receive an even better education at Rochester.

Rochester friends and alumni should first consider helping themselves through estate planning. Some are just starting out in life while others of us are now in the later stages of life. It is important to begin planning early for what lies ahead. Sometimes people wait too long to begin the estate planning process. It is to *your benefit* and your family's benefit to have a plan for your estate, no matter how small.

Most alumni and friends make their greatest gift to Rochester College in their final estate. Colleges tend to build their endowment through estate gifts. Endowment is important to undergird the College with financial strength. Many small colleges go out of existence without a strong endowment.

It is important for alumni to plan early for their families and also consider what they will do with their final estate. At the least, you should create a simple will to insure that your state of residence doesn't become the beneficiary of your lifelong savings. I'd be happy to send you a brochure entitled *How to Make a Will That Works*.

There are ways to proactively plan ahead for your family financial needs. If there is any way I may assist you, please let me know.

For your free brochure, write **Doug Edwards c/o Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, Mich. 48307**. Or call **800.521.6010, ext. 4**. You may e-mail me at **dedwards@rc.edu**.

Sincerely,

Doug Edwards  
Vice President,  
Institutional Advancement

Scholarship beneficiaries do lunch with benefactors



Scholarship benefactors Jim and Mary Langford of St. Claire Shores, Mich., meet scholarship beneficiary Shane Wilson, a sophomore from Clarkston, Mich., at the annual President's Circle of Honor luncheon in September. The Langfords fund the Gene and Mary Monroe Scholarship for students who maintain a GPA of 3.00 or higher. The luncheon creates a setting for students to meet the people who help them pay for their Rochester College education. Photo by Alex Safonov.

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*Associates of Rochester College:* Join these women who champion Christian higher education

**Scholarships:** Supports students with financial needs in their quest for a college education

*Endowed scholarships:* Help transform today's student into tomorrow's generous leader

*Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic:* Annual "fun"draiser honors two Rochester College legends

*Partnership Dinner:* Buy a meal or a sponsorship; all proceeds pay students' way to college

Johnson

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ambitious construction program in College history, completed the most successful fundraising campaign in College history and added several new baccalaureate degrees and programs of study.

Johnson said that after 12 years of nearly non-stop work and many sleepless nights spent in prayer, the time finally came for him to spend more time with his family.

The board of trustees voted to make Johnson president emeritus in honor of his accomplishments as the College's sixth president.

Trustee and former board chairman Robert Utley stepped into the interim president's role for one month after Johnson's resignation. Utley served in the same capacity in the early 1980's between Walter Gilfillen's and Milton Fletcher's administrations.

On Sept. 1, Utley stepped aside for Dr. Michael Westerfield to assume interim presidential duties. Westerfield came to Michigan Christian College in 1995 as chief academic officer, a role he filled with distinction. Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Jeff Simmons, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies will act as chief aca-

demical officers for their divisions until the board selects a new president.

Westerfield received the PhD from the University of Nebraska and is a member of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. He is also a past president of the National Council of Academic Deans.

In his first address to the Rochester College family, Westerfield said he would build upon the College's momentum during the last ten years and would give special attention to the College's heritage.

"We will look back to those who went before us and look forward to building Rochester College together," said Westerfield.

While the trustees form a committee to conduct a nationwide search for a permanent president, Westerfield promised to:

- Travel the Great Lakes region to raise goodwill for the College.
- Enrich the residential culture.

- Address the challenge of paying for growing operating costs without significantly raising tuition.
- Seek God's leadership through prayer.

"As I travel throughout the Great Lakes region, I'm encouraged by the support and interest I'm seeing from the College's many friends," said Westerfield. "The future is bright for Rochester College."

Forty years ago: First Homecoming



Virginia Wash (second from left) reacts after being named queen of Michigan Christian College's first homecoming in 1963. Totem Pole photo.

Alumni News

1968

**Darrel and Joy (Pippin) Emerson** retired. Darrel taught for **Wayne-Westland Schools** for 32 years and Joy was secretary for **Livonia Church of Christ, 109 Turnberry Dr., Franklin, TN 37064.**

1986

**Michael Holder** works for the **Department of Justice**. His wife, **Francie (Martinez)** is a homemaker and homeschool teacher. Their children are Matthew, Benjamin, Rebekah, and Hannah. **602 S. Wilson, Royal Oak, MI 48067.**

1990

On June 17, Jonathan Mark joined Caleb, Stephen and Rebecca in the home of **Mark and Christine (Campbell '89) Brackney**. Mark recently began his ministry at the **Arlington Church of Christ** and Christine is a homemaker. **4218 Vercelli Ln., Knoxville, TN 37938.**

1991

On May 31, Raymond joined Emma in the home of **Jeff and Lydia (Ferguson) Horvath**. Lydia is on leave from teaching and Jeff works for the **U.S. Postal Service, 2050 Glenwood, Toledo, OH 43620.**

Mary joined Betty, Jason and Adam in the home of **Paul and Camille (Parsley '92) Yoder** on June 26. Paul works for **Bluewater Trucking** and Camille is a homemaker. **7084 Fisher, Warren, MI 48091.**

1996

**Natalie Atkinson** married **Mike Taylor ('92)** on July 26. Natalie is a retail merchandising and training specialist for **GM**, is working on a master's degree and is a manager at **Michigan Christian Youth Camp**. Mike works for **Vehema International, 897 N. Lake George Rd., Attica, MI 48412.**

1996

**Jennifer Garrity** married **Michael Moody** on May 10. Jennifer is marketing director for **MetroLINK** mass transit system and Michael is sales manager for **Brenney's Motorcycle Clinic, 975 S. Iowa St. #3, Geneseo, IL 61254.**

1997

**Allan and Amy (Young) Durham** welcomed Joshua Allan on Aug. 16, 2002. Allan is district manager for **Wachovia Bank** and Amy is a homemaker. **4226 Stockbridge Dr., Dumfries, VA 22026.**

Noah Michael joined Audrey in the home of **Chris and Andrea (Shotts) Fraser** on Aug. 11. Chris works for **Safeguard Security** and Andrea works for **QCSI, 8951 E. Posada Ave., Mesa, AZ 85212.**

**Lucas and Serenity (Raper) Summers** welcomed Hannah Elizabeth on Aug. 7. Lucas is a nurse with **Maxim Healthcare** and Serenity is a homemaker. **4973 Leland Point, Colorado Springs, CO 80916.**

1998

**Steven Bruce** became worship and outreach minister for **North Central Church of Christ**. He and his wife, **Angela (Qualls)**, have a daughter, **Kyra, 4028 Willow Ct., Franklin, IN 46131.**

1999

**Bob Kofahl** received a promotion from **Federal Mogul Corp**. His wife, **Charissa (Volz-'00)** is vice president of recruitment for **Big Brothers-Big Sisters of South-west Virginia, 4849 Golfview Dr., Roanoke, VA 24019.**

2001

**Josh Fleeer**, a graduate student at **Pepperdine University**, wrote two features for the student newspaper, named the best student paper in California. **J24255 Pacific Coast Hwy. #3354, Malibu, CA 90263.**

**Hal Forgie** became a village council trustee for **Pinckney, Mich. 592 Cattail Ln., Pinckney, MI 48169.**

Reunions

1964

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1974

July 23-24, 2004  
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1979

July 23-24, 2004  
Director: Julie Harper, [jharper@rc.edu](mailto:jharper@rc.edu)

1984

Dates to be announced  
Director needed

1994

Dates to be announced  
Director needed

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[lstewart@rc.edu](mailto:lstewart@rc.edu)

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# Five decades, one alma mater

Five alumni recall their years around Lake Norcentra and envision what the future holds for their "dear Christian college."



1964

*Nola (Lee)  
Cucheran*

**ns:** What are your fondest memories from Michigan Christian College?

**Nola:** Dorm life! Late night talks. Chapel, where I was touched spiritually and began to *know* Jesus and His plan for my life. I met and fell in love with Bob Cucheran.

**ns:** What did MCC give you?

**Nola:** I feel like everything I am and have today began at the campus on Avon Road.

**ns:** What about the College has changed the most?

**Nola:** The academic programs and the quality of the faculty and staff. It is wonderful to see the new facilities looking so good and adding to the beauty of the area. The College is also more inclusive of believers and more gender-friendly.

**ns:** What about the College has stayed the same?

**Nola:** The godly influence of faculty and staff. It's still a great place to learn and "do" life.

**ns:** Describe the College as you'd like to see it in 40 years.

**Nola:** Rochester will be one of the largest Christian universities in the U.S. with top-notch academic programs where people can be trained to be leaders in businesses, churches, schools, homes and neighborhoods across the nation. Spiritual values will still be the core. Jesus Christ will reign supreme.



1978

*David  
Arbaugh*

**ns:** What are your fondest memories from Michigan Christian College?

**Dave:** Friendships, playing basketball in the gym and going sledding on Suicide Hill [in College Woods].

**ns:** What did MCC give you?

**Dave:** MCC pointed my life back in the right direction and gave me friends that will last a lifetime.

**ns:** What about the College has changed the most?

**Dave:** The new buildings [such as the Ham Library and Ferndale and Hoggatt Halls], and the size of [the student body]. There were only 300 or 400 students when I went to school there.

**ns:** What about the College has stayed the same?

**Dave:** Gallaher Center and the "back walkway" by Lake Norcentra.

**ns:** Describe the College as you'd like to see it in 30 years.

**Dave:** I'd like to see continued growth and building modern facilities. It's expensive to live in Rochester Hills so I think the College should build some married housing and maybe some housing for faculty and staff. I'd also really like to see the College build a gymnasium. Homecoming doesn't feel much like home when it's in someone else's gym. I'd also like the College to offer more degrees to change with the times. Who knows what will be hot in 30 years?



1983

*Kathy  
(Butterfield)  
Norton*

**ns:** What are your fondest memories from Michigan Christian College?

**Kathy:** Living in "AG" [Alma Gatewood Hall] where Terri (McClure) Pitts was resident advisor. It was lots of fun. Dorm devotionals.

**ns:** What did MCC give you?

**Kathy:** Associate of Arts and a real interest in studying the Bible. I learned how to do research.

**ns:** What about the College has changed the most?

**Kathy:** The campus. There are a lot of new buildings and they've renovated a lot of older buildings. I really like the new library building and I'm really excited about the science building that's going to be built. It's good to see the College promoting science degrees.

**ns:** What about the College has stayed the same?

**Kathy:** [Alumni relations director and Rochester College Bookstore manager] Larry Stewart. He was there even when I was a student. He's the nicest guy.

**ns:** Describe the College as you'd like to see it in 20 years.

**Kathy:** I'd like to see it serving a bigger student population, especially the needs of young people in Michigan. Two things that would help a lot would be for the College to become a university and to have more relationships with the local churches.



1990

*Vic  
Bliss*

**ns:** What are your fondest memories from Michigan Christian College?

**Vic:** Meeting new friends. My top two or three best friends, I met here as a student and those relationships are still going strong and are still key. My roommate for two and a half years was Mark Brackney. That was a real pivotal experience.

**ns:** What did MCC give you?

**Vic:** MCC allowed me to experience Jesus in a whole new, fresh way. My parents' faith became *my* faith. It was a critical step in my relationship with the Lord.

**ns:** What about the College has changed the most?

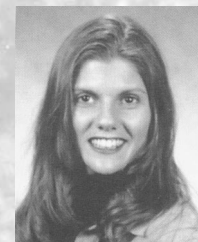
**Vic:** Facilities. We didn't have a lot of the things we have today. The size of the student body. It's about four times larger now.

**ns:** What about the College has stayed the same?

**Vic:** This is still a community of believers. We're a family. The emphasis is still on Jesus and having a relationship with God.

**ns:** Describe the College as you'd like to see it in ten years.

**Vic:** My daughter, who is six, will be looking for a college and I pray that it will be Rochester. I'd like to see more facilities, especially a sports facility with stadium seating and work-out room. I'd also like for the education department to have its own building.



2002

*Nadine  
Taylor*

**ns:** What are your fondest memories from Rochester College?

**Nadine:** Intramural sports, meeting new friends and having deep spiritual conversations with people.

**ns:** What did Rochester give you?

**Nadine:** It gave me an experience in a Christian setting that I couldn't have gotten anywhere else.

**ns:** What about the College has changed the most?

**Nadine:** The landscape and the very recent changes in administration. When I first visited the College [in the early 1990's], it didn't look like much. It seems like they have a better focus on aesthetics than they used to. I like looking around and seeing green grass and rolling hills.

**ns:** What about the College has stayed the same?

**Nadine:** Relationships with professors and staff.

**ns:** Describe the College as you'd like to see it in five years.

**Nadine:** I'd love to see it blooming and for the quality of facilities to be as high as the quality of people. I'd really like to see a performing arts center, since I was a music major. I think the College needs to improve the physical appearance of its [music] facilities to set new standards and improve the program.

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  - Johnson resigns presidency

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<b>January 2-15</b> Wintersession	<b>January 24</b> Board of Trustees Meeting
<b>January 16</b> First day of classes	<b>February 20</b> College Life Preview Day
<b>January 23</b> Board Appreciation Dinner	<b>February 21</b> Father- Son Event

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