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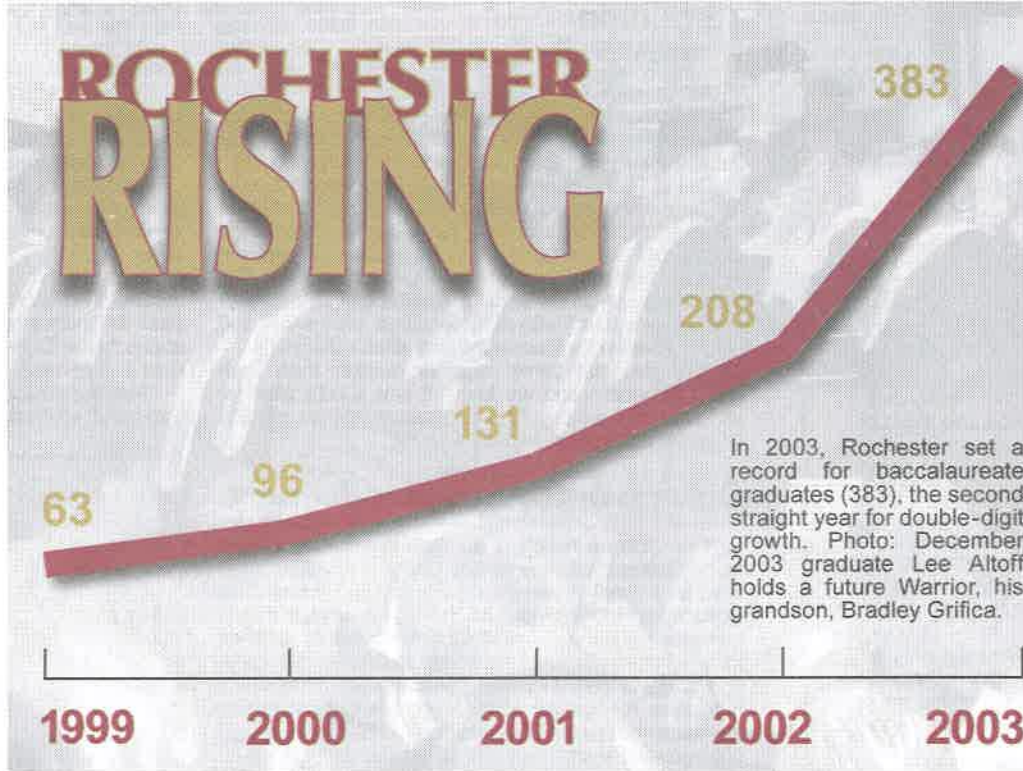


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\$3 million commitment sets record

Former student and wife provide naming gift for new academic center just in time for Christmas



A student walks into the Ham Library (foreground) as construction continues on the student center section of the Richardson Academic Center (background). The 25,500 sq. ft. building will be home to a student center, theater/conference room, administrative suites, Academic Center for Excellence and the Department of Science. Inset: David and Patricia Richardson stand with Dr. Michael Westerfield (right), Rochester's interim president, after they announced their record-breaking \$3 million commitment to *Catch the Vision Phase II*.

David Richardson, a former student, and his wife, Patricia, recently committed a Rochester College record \$3 million to name the 25,500 sq. ft. multipurpose building under construction in the campus center.

David, who attended Michigan Christian College in 1967, announced his intention to the College's interim president, Dr. Michael Westerfield, five minutes before Westerfield took the stage at the Dec. 12 commencement ceremony.

"It was and is a great Christmas present for our students and for the churches, communities, employers and schools that will benefit from our graduates," said Westerfield. "Our Lord Jesus Christ smiled on us."

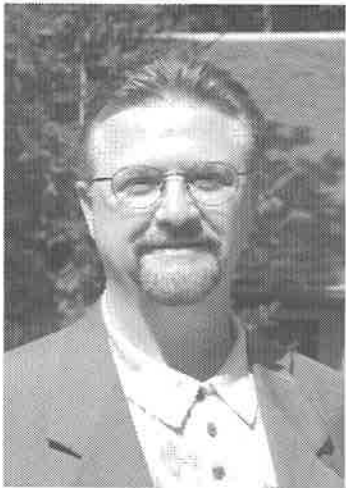
"It's imperative that we provide Christian education in today's world."

David Richardson

The Richardsons' commitment will take an enormous bite out of Rochester's \$6 million *Catch the Vision: Phase II* capital campaign, which will pay for the new multipurpose building and several other campus improvements. The building will become the new campus hub and house the Department of Science, a student center, a theatre/conference hall, administrative suite and the Academic Center for Excellence, the College's new academic support lab.

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Michael Westerfield



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Change at Rochester College

Thomas Carlyle, noted 19th century poet, stated these thoughts about change:

Today is not yesterday. We ourselves change. How then can our works and thoughts, if they are always to be the fittest, continue always the same? Change, indeed, is painful, yet ever needful; and if memory have its force and worth, so also has hope.

Change is difficult wherever you are. However, at Rochester College we have learned to live with the demands of change to meet the pressures of growing enrollment, of greater facility use and of cramped spaces. As I look across the campus at the construction of the new 25,500 sq. ft. academic center, I am reminded of how far we have come since the first group of people "walked the property" nearly 50 years ago. Could they ever have dreamed they would be establishing a college that would grow to over 1,000 students and see their vision for a quality liberal arts education in a Christian setting touch thousands of students' lives?

I then wonder about my own limitations of thinking about the future of Rochester College. What am I not allowing myself to dream? What limitations am I putting on God who has proven His blessings repeatedly? Yes, we are changing, but we remain true to our calling to Kingdom work. We are a Christian community of workers and scholars who are committed to the vision of creating an academic community characterized by the fellowship-creating reality of Christ's presence in the world.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. Together we can grow a flagship institution in the greater Midwest and Northeast. Scripture tells us in Eccl 4:12 that a "threefold cord is not quickly broken." Our threefold cord is strengthened through our partnership with God, our campus family and with you, our supporters.

May God bless us as we work together to build upon the past while looking forward to the future.

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph.D.
Interim President

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Rochester College does not discriminate on the basis of ethnic or national origin, religion, or skin color. The College does not discriminate on the basis of gender except for specific necessary religious principles held by the College and its governing body.

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

\$3 million (cont. from page 1)

Along with the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library, which opened in 2002, the total price tag of *Catch the Vision* construction projects will be in the tens of millions, the largest capital campaign in College history.

David Richardson is CEO of Richardson-Eagle, Inc., an employee benefits company headquartered in Arlington, Texas. His wife, Trish, is also active in the company. Neither had been to Rochester's campus in 16 years until they postponed a Florida vacation to pay the College a visit on Dec. 12. A campus tour and several conversations with administrators, professors and students led to their announcement later that night.

"The process came together quicker than Trish and I expected and we know it was God's plan for us," said Richardson. "It is imperative that we provide Christian education in today's world."

College outsources foodservice

The College reached an agreement with Chartwells College and University Dining, a multinational food and vending services company that specializes in campus foodservice, to manage campus dining services beginning Nov. 1. Chartwells will outsource the Fletcher Center cafeteria, Isom Atrium café, and campus catering. The company will complete a moderate renovation of the Fletcher Center during the summer break. Chartwells operates foodservice enterprises for over 100 public school districts in the state of Michigan, and Oakland University in Rochester Hills.

Ferris State signs agreement

Ferris State University and Rochester College signed an articulation agreement on Nov. 6 that will eliminate the requirement for Rochester graduates to take the GRE or GMAT exam for admission to Ferris State's MBA and MS Information Systems programs.

Honorary doctorate

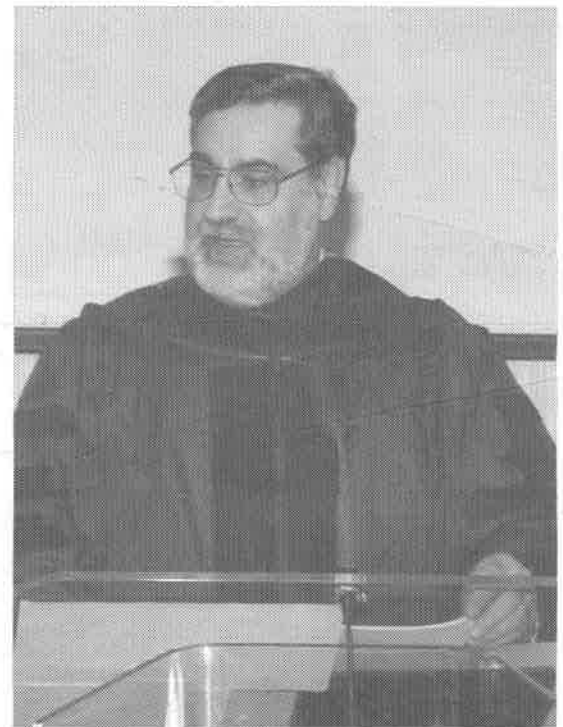
Khalil Jahshan, a 20-year veteran activist for Arab American civil rights and a champion of Middle East peace, received the College's honorary doctorate on Dec. 12. Jahshan, a native Palestinian who was baptized in the Sea of Galilee, is former vice president of the National Association of Arab Americans. Jahshan periodically consults for the White House and frequently appears on international news programs as an expert commentator on Middle Eastern and Arab American issues.

State OK's programs

Reviewers from the Michigan Department of Education recently approved Rochester's English, history and language arts programs for students pursuing teacher certification, only a few months after approving the College's integrated science program.

Rochester's eight-year old teacher education program, developed in partnership with Madonna University in Livonia, Mich., holds "preliminary" status from the state. Under this arrangement, education students take classes at Rochester, but receive recommendation for teacher certification from Madonna. That authority will pass to Rochester when the state grants "probationary" status to the College's education program. Officials expect that to happen within the next year.

Teacher education is the most popular major among traditional students at Rochester College.



Khalil Jahshan addresses the Class of 2003 after receiving an honorary doctorate of laws from Rochester College on Dec. 12. Photo by Keith Brooks.

Rochester College

Celebration 2004: Everything '80's, a student-written, student-directed musical review, March 19-20 at the Rochester Church of Christ.

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Our Vision

Rochester College is an academic community characterized by the fellowship-creating reality of Christ's presence in the world.

Our Mission

Engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service. Such engagement will lead to a College that values excellence, the pursuit of truth, and service.

We affirm:

A Christian education demonstrates that a vibrant faith compels a life of private virtue and social responsibility.

A quality education stresses excellence.

We will nurture/incarnate a Christian worldview.

An educated person: reveres God, is able to connect coherently the truths of God with the wisdom of humanity, views vocation as an opportunity for service and stewardship, possesses a lifelong desire to grow intellectually and spiritually.

Our foundational assumptions:

Rochester College is:

- an academic institution
- a Christian community
- a moral and ethical community

Rochester College believes that:

- truth is open to scholarly pursuit and inquiry
- human life has meaning and significance
- we are part of a greater community
- we are stewards of the natural world

Our goals:

- a learning community where scholarship is valued
- a Christian community where service reaches beyond the College community
- a highly-credentialed, diverse faculty that values teaching and scholarship
- attract and retain outstanding students
- buildings that serve an academic community
- quality interaction between faculty and students
- global awareness among campus constituencies
- graduate programs in select areas
- an endowment to support the Vision

Leaders

Employees name Cain 2003 "Staff Member of the Year"

The Rochester College staff nominated Candace Cain, associate vice president for student services, 2003 "Staff Member of the Year" (see interview on this page). Cain received the \$500 award from Pat Kirby, chairman of the board of trustees, at the annual Employee Appreciation Banquet on Jan. 23.

Cain came to Michigan Christian College in 1991 as dean of students. Her promotion to associate vice president last fall made her only the second woman vice president in the College's history.

HIRINGS

Tammy Balk. Advancement office manager. Balk will be responsible for advancement office business processes.

James Bentley. Director of information technology services. Bentley will be responsible for campus learning and operational technology.

Paula Bonbrisco. Director, Academic Center for Excellence. Bonbrisco will be responsible for operation of the Academic Center for Excellence.

Dan Curtis ('03). Admissions counselor. Curtis will be responsible for recruiting traditional students in southern Ohio and Indiana.

Todd Greer. Admissions counselor. Greer will be responsible for recruiting traditional students in Ohio.

Terrill Hall ('03). Assistant dean of students. Hall will be responsible for student organizations and assembly.

Allison Ketter. Director of food-service. Ketter will be responsible for campus dining and catering operations.

Chris Osburn. Director of Title III programs. Osburn will be responsible for all Title III programs, including the Academic Center for Excellence and student retention.

Jason Ragsdale ('96). Director of learning technology. Ragsdale will be responsible for Internet-based learning technology for the College of Extended Learning.

PROMOTIONS/CHANGES

Sara Barton. Campus minister life from associate director of spiritual life.

Melanie Cramp ('98). Assistant dean of students from director of residential life.

Larry Norman. Vice president for career services from vice president for enrollment services.

Toby Osburn. Vice president for enrollment services from vice president for student services.

An interview with Rochester's staff member of the year: Candace Cain

NS: Describe how your experience compares with your expectations when you came here 13 years ago.

CC: I expected routine, but students and generations change so we have to change.

NS: Describe how student services changed since 1991.

CC: The model that I came into was what I call "The Terminator": The dean of students monitors and punishes. Now we try to proactively help students become who they need to be.

NS: Describe your philosophy of working in student services.

CC: It's important to know your students so you can get them where they need to be. They have to face God one day, so, when given the opportunity, I'll do what it takes to make them better people even if they dislike me.

NS: What experience of the last 13 years was most rewarding to you?

CC: God put me where I have the ability to touch at least one life every day.

NS: When did you feel most demoralized and how did you deal with it?

CC: Until recently, I was the only woman

administrator. I attended cabinet meetings for twelve years and was the only person not asked to lead prayer. I feel like I wasn't taken seriously by some of my male colleagues. I shared this at a deans' conference and they prayed over me. Right then, I knew that God would act and that I needed to keep trying.

NS: What is the most ridiculous situation you ever experienced at Rochester?

CC: Back when I was in the "catch and prosecute" mode, I got a tip that some students were having a drinking party. I drove over and knocked on the door. I could hear them yelling, "It's Dean Cain! Don't answer!" So I hid in the bushes for a couple of hours. They made fun of me for years.

NS: Describe the habits that contributed most to your success on the job.

CC: It's important to be a model of good behavior. The way I act, the way I dress, the way I respond to people. Humor is something I use a lot. I have to be willing to learn. If I want students to change their perspectives, then I have to be in that mode, too.

NS: What must you accomplish here to consider yourself successful?

CC: I would consider myself to have made a lasting impact if students want to be around me because I have something to offer them—even after they graduate. **NS**



The Cain file

Title: Associate vice president for student services (promoted last fall)

Duties: Campus programs (cultural, social, spiritual), discipline, residential services (campus dining and housing), student organizations, cooperating with academic division to enhance campus learning environment.

Service: Came to Michigan Christian College as dean of students in 1991.

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Education: B.A., Louisiana State; M.A., University of Phoenix.

Home: Sterling Heights, Mich.

Church: Troy Church of Christ

Family: Sherri Matusz (adopted daughter), two dachshunds: Scout and Buckshot

Currently reading: *Waking the Dead* by John Eldredge

Hobbies: Reading, interior design, mentoring students

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Faculty

Faculty names Stevenson 2003 "Professor of the Year"

The Rochester College faculty nominated Dr. Greg Stevenson 2003 "Professor of the Year" (see interview on this page). Pat Kirby, chairman of the board of trustees presented the award and its \$500 stipend to Stevenson at the annual Employee Appreciation Banquet on Jan. 23.

Stevenson is professor of religion and Greek and recently completed his second book: *Televised Morality: The Case of Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, due this spring from Hamilton Books.

Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and assistant professor of philosophy, will lead a six-week African missions internship this summer. Fourteen students will join Barton, his wife, campus minister Sara Barton, and Danny Hardman, assistant professor of business, on the excursion to Uganda, East Africa. The Bartons and Hardman returned from the Ugandan mission field in 2002 and hope the summer internship will equip students for professional missions after college.

Dr. Craig Bowman, professor of religion, will lead a contingent of Rochester students on an archeological dig in Israel in March 2004.

Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, and Dave Bland co-edited *Preaching From Hebrews* (ACU Press) and *Preaching the Eighth Century Prophets* (due in May). Fleer also edited the December issue of *Leaven*, a quarterly academic journal published by Pepperdine University. Fleer contributed an article, "Preaching in the Churches of Christ: Moving Toward a Theology," to the issue. Fleer delivered three keynote lectures at the Oklahoma Christian University Sermon Seminar.

Pam Light, assistant professor of English and communication, recently published several of her poems in *The Oakland Journal*, a quarterly literary review published by Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Mich. Light's poems are entitled *This Must Be Heaven*, *Real Assessment* and *Hope*.

Beth VanRheenen, associate professor of English, successfully defended her dissertation and received the PhD from Wayne State University in Detroit. VanRheenen crafted her dissertation from a thorough study of literature written by American minorities.

Rochester opens Academic Center for Excellence in time for spring semester



Xander Waites (left), a senior from Rochester, Mich., gives math advice to Angela Shamoon, a freshman sports management major from Sterling Heights, Mich., in the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE).

The Academic Center of Excellence (ACE) provides supplemental instruction and tutoring for Rochester College students.

Subjects

Most academic subjects; skills "coaching" in note-taking, studying, test-taking and time management.

Staff

Three full-time employees, two full-time faculty tutors, ten paid student tutors.

Rochester College recently opened its Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), a source of free supplemental instruction and tutoring for students.

"ACE is a critical new component of our mission to make sure every single student benefits from Rochester's extraordinary academic quality," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, the College's interim president. "This will be a turning point for many students who might think they don't have what it takes to master a college education."

Staffed by three full-time professional staff, two faculty members and ten trained student tutors, ACE will help students in a broad field of college subjects, with an emphasis on English and math. In addition to tutoring, ACE will offer "coaching" in vital skills like how to study and manage time.

"ACE will have a strong effect on students' lives," said ACE director Paula

Bonbrisco. "I've seen students jump up out of their seats and hug their tutors."

Bonbrisco said that ACE offers something for all students, regardless of their academic success.

"Any student can use ACE, not just struggling students," said Bonbrisco. "For example, we'll be happy to edit students' papers or help them overcome writer's block."

The College funded ACE with a \$1.6 million Title III grant from the federal government. Rochester received the money to create an initiative that would keep students from dropping out of school.

"We will know that ACE is successful when we see fewer students, particularly freshmen, dropping out," said Bonbrisco. "We also want to see fewer students on academic probation and evidence that more students are interested in their classes, in general." **ns**

An interview with Rochester's professor of the year: Dr. Greg Stevenson

ns: Why do you teach?

GS: James Walters, my first Bible professor at Harding, influenced me to develop a love for teaching.

ns: What is your teaching philosophy?

GS: I see myself as a coach who is trying to get my students to learn and work off each other.

ns: What have you learned on the job?

GS: I've learned how to get by on less sleep! You learn a lot from your students. When you teach, you throw yourself into ideas and information that is kind of sterile, but the students have this passion and enthusiasm that I regain from them.

ns: Tell me about the most rewarding experience you enjoyed as a professor.

GS: I had a girl in my Old Testament survey class who clearly didn't want to be there. I encouraged her and worked with her extra hard. I saw her back on campus three years later. She talked about how much she gained from my class. That was a good moment.

ns: How do you prepare for your classes.

GS: The challenge is when you have a classroom full of students where some come into Bible class having been in church all their lives and some haven't.

I try to challenge all of the students to set the bar high for themselves and to challenge each other.

ns: How do you respond to students who don't care about learning?

GS: The student has to bring something to the table or it's simply not going to happen. By focusing on the students who really want to learn, I hope their passion will rub off on the other students.

ns: What are the personal rituals that make you a better professor?

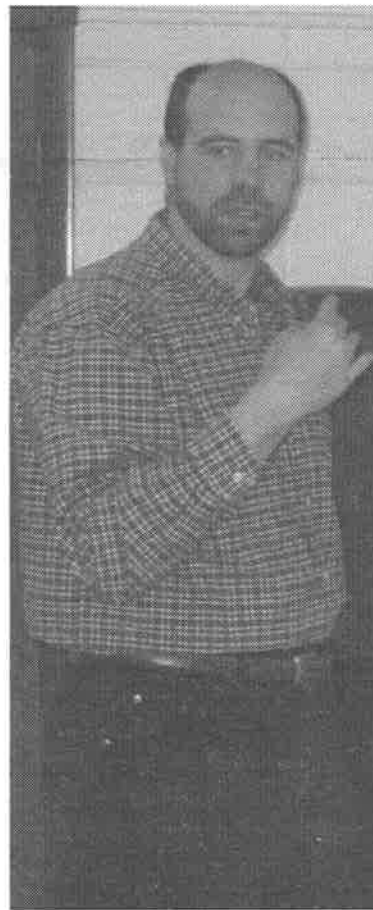
GS: I've taken an interest in pop culture because those are a lot of the things that the students are interested in. I can connect the subject to today's culture in ways that students can see value in it.

ns: What more would you like to achieve?

GS: I'd like to get better at making connections with students so that ten years down the road we'll still be in touch. I'm half finished with a book about the theology of evil and suffering in the book of Revelation. I'd also like to write a historic novel.

ns: If you didn't teach at Rochester, where would you be and what would you be doing?

GS: I'd be a scientist—I enjoy research—or forensics. Detective work. **ns**



The Stevenson file

Title: Professor of religion and Greek

Teaches: New Testament text courses, Greek, Hollywood and religion

Tenure: Came to Rochester in 1999

Hometown: Effingham, Ill.

Education: B.A., Harding University; M. Div., Harding Graduate School of Religion; Ph. D., Emory University.

Home: Auburn Hills, Mich.

Church: Rochester Church of Christ

Family: Sally (wife of 11 years); three children: Nicholas (4), Alexandra (2) and Isabella (four months)

Currently reading: *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, *Spider-Man* comics, biography of Alexander the Great

Hobbies: Reading, watching movies, piano, laido (art of Samurai swords)

Accomplishments: Wrote *Power and Place: Temple and Identity in the Book of Revelation* (Walter de Gruyter) and *Televised Morality: The Case of Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, due for publication this spring by Hamilton Books.



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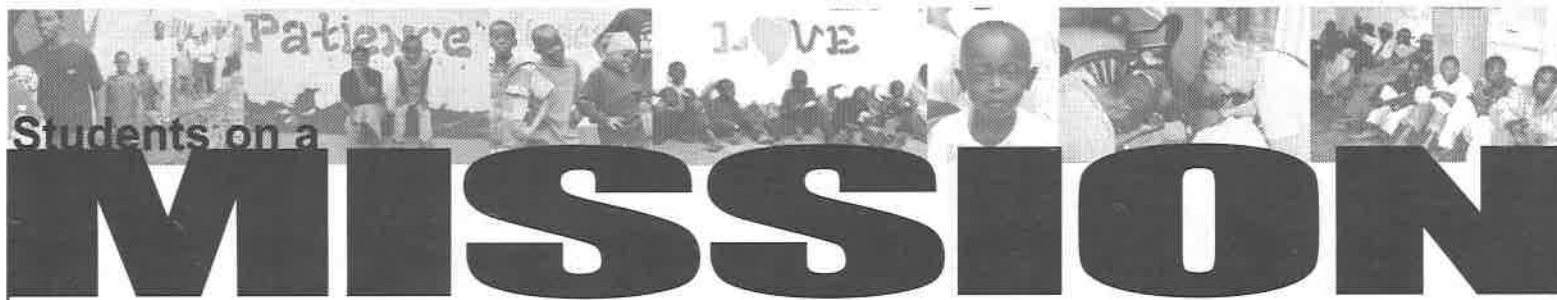
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Students on a

MISSION

Rochester students are participating in evangelistic missions in greater numbers. Here's why.

Rochester's missionary legacy

Some people so believe in Jesus Christ that they do crazy things for Him. Otis Gatewood was one of the craziest. Barely beyond adolescence, the lanky Texan moved to Salt Lake City, the Mormon Jerusalem, to preach the New Testament message. Gatewood converted enough Latter Day Saints to establish a Church of Christ within a short drive of the Mormon Tabernacle. When World War II ended, Gatewood's war began. As the Communists closed their iron fist on Germany, Gatewood was the first Christian missionary to enter the country. His ten-year campaign to save lives often endangered his own as he taught Christianity on both sides of the Iron Curtain.

Gatewood returned to America in 1958 to become the founding president of North Central Christian College in Rochester, Mich. The College's fathers envisioned a comprehensive four-year liberal arts college that would strengthen the Churches of Christ in the midwestern and northeastern United States. Gatewood wanted to create a sort of "West Point" for Christian missionaries.

As president of NCCC, Gatewood tried to persuade his students to commit to foreign missions. Some alumni remember chapel services that resembled old-time revivals, where students would publicly commit to international evangelism. The *North Star* printed the names of students who announced their intention to follow their president's footsteps to the mission field.

In 1960, NCCC hosted a prototype of what would become the annual World Mission Workshop among colleges and universities associated with the Churches of Christ. About 500 people attended that event. By the time NCCC became Michigan Christian Junior College in 1961, it enjoyed a reputation for being the "missions school" among Church of Christ institutions.

Gatewood's enthusiasm for evangelism got the best of him and in 1964 he returned to professional mission work. He took his passion with him and with the exception of a brief resurgence in the 1970's, the voices of student missionaries grew faint. By the 1990's, Gatewood's dream of a college that turned out an army of Christian missionaries seemed long-forgotten.

Missions revival comes to campus

In 1998, Jeff Simmons, a business professor who used to live in Austria, helped form a new student organization that would promote evangelism and ministry among the student body. IMAGE invited evangelistic organizations and veteran missionaries to tell their stories on campus. Students responded and, for the first time in several years, the College began sending out foreign mission teams on a more regular basis. Momentum has been building ever since.

"We have a lot more opportunities now and people are stepping up to lead them," says Erin Beamer, a junior social work major from Flint, Mich., and one of IMAGE's leaders. "I think missions were always in students' hearts."

This year, about 50 students will participate in foreign and domestic missions, the most in recent memory and more than double the number that participated in 2003. In 2004, Rochester students will carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Australia, Brazil, Honduras, Kenya, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda. Chicago's inner city will be the destination for the College's first spring break mission in as long as anyone can remember.

Students deserve most of the credit for the missions revival on campus. "A lot of what is happening now started in 2001 when IMAGE brought World Wide Youth Camps to do a presentation in chapel," says Joe Howard, a senior computer systems management major from Marion, Ohio, an IMAGE leader. "That presentation resulted in a summer campaign to Kenya, which started building more interest on campus."

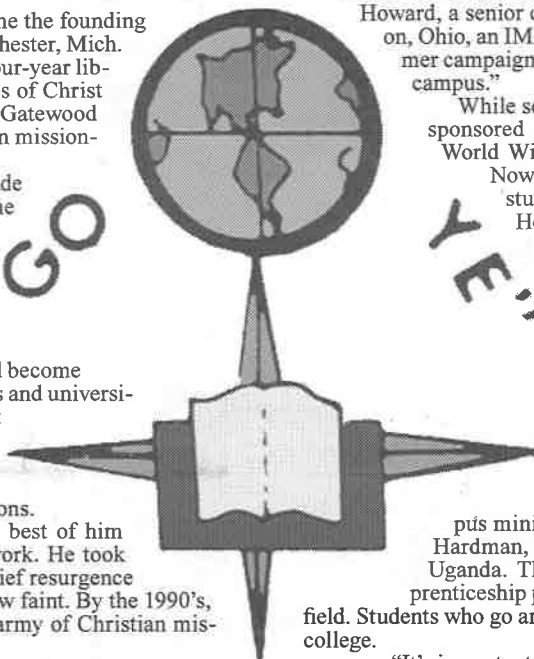
While some mission campaigns developed from IMAGE-sponsored campus visits by evangelistic organizations like World Wide Youth Camps, Let's Start Talking and China Now, others came from the idealism of individual students and employees. For example, Beamer and Howard took the initiative to form a team to go to Thailand last year. Bradley Irwin, a College employee, created the Chicago spring break mission.

Howard says another boost to the missionary spirit are employees who came to Rochester from the mission field. "Having faculty and staff who have done long-term missions starts people thinking," says Howard. "It also gives the missions some consistency."

Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Science, and his wife, Sara, campus minister, evangelized for ten years in Uganda. Danny Hardman, assistant professor of business, also came from Uganda. The three will sponsor an intense missionary apprenticeship program this summer on their old African mission field. Students who go are expected to consider professional missions after college.

"It's important for students to participate in missions during college because it helps them explore the possibility of doing long-term missions later in life," says Sara Barton. "College is a great time to take a trip to a foreign country or an inner-city area. After college, it's hard to find time to go on mission trips."

Despite the growth trend, however, the IMAGE leaders say most student missionaries do not plan to go to foreign mission fields after they graduate. This may be attributed to the small number of student missionaries



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"I think missions were always in students' hearts. We have a lot more opportunities now and people are stepping up to lead them."

Erin Beamer, junior, Flint, Mich. 21

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Graph: Number of Rochester students participating in domestic or international missions during the last five years. Source: IMAGE.

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Students



Hall and Riley reign at Homecoming '03

The Rochester College student body crowned **Kendra Riley** (senior social work major, Flushing, Mich.) 2003 Homecoming Queen on Nov. 8. **Terrill Hall** (senior management major, St. Louis, Mo.) was crowned 2003 Homecoming King.

The following students represented their classes on the 2003 Homecoming Court:

Freshmen:

Kristin Graham (undecided, Fenton, Mich.)

Tim Martin (natural science, Rochester Hills, Mich.)

Sophomores:

Sally Madurski (social work, Grand Blanc, Mich.)

Zak Lynn (interdisciplinary studies, York, Neb.)

Juniors:

Lindy Emerson (interdisciplinary studies, Mt. Vernon, Mo.)

Darren McCullough (mass communication, Midland, Mich.)

Seniors:

Erin Ablett (interdisciplinary studies, Livonia, Mich.)

Cassidy Greiner (psychology, St. Louis, Mo.)

Andrea Koral (communication, Auburn Hills, Mich.)

Luke Flear (psychology, Rochester Hills, Mich.)

Chris Shields (interdisciplinary studies, Richton Park, Ill.)

Kevin Stewart (marketing, Shelby Twp., Mich.)

Sophomore fights cancer for the second time

Last fall, **Katie Kirkpatrick**, a sophomore secondary education major from Metamora, Mich., contracted cancer for the second time in two years. Conventional treatments did not work and doctors switched to experimental methods in January. To stay in shape, Katie is training for a 25-mile bicycle race with Lance Armstrong in May. To support Katie, visit her Web site at www.katiekirpatrick.com.



Growing up in churches of Christ, I often heard truisms about "faith" from those around me. I remember such phrases as "We walk by faith, not by sight" and "Faith is the substance of things hoped for." I always viewed faith as an abstract idea that one could not really articulate into practical terms. However, after serving Christian higher education for thirty years, I now realize I see faith in action every day. Faith is our students feeding the Detroit homeless on Saturdays; faith is our college community in prayer for a student fighting a serious illness; faith is the belief that one who loved us has saved us and that same faith leads us to serve one another. Faith is alive and well at Rochester College.

Michael Westerfield, PhD
Interim President



I am honored to serve as the Rochester College Board of Trustees for the year of that body's existence. I have volunteered to be entrusted with the mission of a new college. In 2004, 28 mature Christians carried on that trust with the Rochester College Board of Trustees to Christian higher education. Rochester trustees are working professionals. At the Rochester mission and countless hours for the College. We do this because we are one of the finest institutions in the Midwest. More than anything, we are committed to building a Christian college that will change lives all over the world.

Patrick Kirby
Chairman, Rochester College

CELEBRATE

Foundations

The College's founding fathers established several traditions to carry forward Rochester's Christian commitment. Those traditions—and the College's Christianity—have endured for nearly 50 years. Today, those traditions still preserve Rochester's Christian mission for perpetuity.

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Cumulative number of years students have spent in Bible class at Rochester (not including Bible majors). That's over 1.9 million hours.

Every Rochester student (including adults in the College of Extended Learning) since 1959 has been required to complete the equivalent of a Bible minor. That adds up to over 226 years of Bible instruction.

Trustees



The Rochester College Board of Trustees (2003). The Churches of Christ in southeastern Michigan and northwestern Ohio selected the first board members in 1954. Since then, the men and women to whom the College's mission is entrusted have been selected for their genuine devotion to Jesus Christ as demonstrated by their Christian lifestyles and active membership in the Churches of Christ.

6,230

Number of chapel services on campus since 1959.

Rochester has held chapel services on campus almost every day school has been in session since 1959. Except for adult students in the College of Extended Learning (who attend class at night or on one of Rochester's three satellite campuses), every student is required to attend this daily event that is the heart and soul of life around Lake Norcentra.

Church of Christ



The Churches of Christ in the Detroit metropolitan area gave birth to the Rochester College idea after World War II. The Strathmoor Church of Christ (pictured) was home to the first Michigan Christian College in 1953. Some of the men who participated in Strathmoor's college joined with other Churches of Christ in 1954 to form what would become Rochester College. To this day, the Church of Christ remains Rochester's greatest support and greatest mission field. Photo provided by Dr. Vernon Boyd.

Faculty and staff



Rochester College hires only the best men and women to teach in its classrooms and to work in its offices. These men and women are not motivated by paychecks; they work because they love Jesus Christ and the 1,000 students who matriculate around Lake Norcentra. Photo by Holly Hebert.

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Employees who have worked at Rochester since 1954, all of them Christians.

Alma Mater

We hail from Rochester College
The college we've all grown to love.
Her visions are dreams of perfection
Her guide is God's Word from above

Her banner we'll hold e'er before us,
It's colors of crimson and white.
We'll ever go forward with courage
Push onward with all of our might

To our Alma Mater, give honor,
We'll cherish her though we must part
Our dear Christian college
Each mem'ry will live in our hearts

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With the Bible classes, Rochester students [who are not just students but also how God is and what He's like and how to act up in a Christian perspective] refer to the Bible and a Christian perspective as well too, so you get a balance.
Geoffrey Davis
Business management
Novi, Mich.



I went to another Christian school. That was a time where I was stressed. My first year at Rochester, I was stressed. Rochester has really helped me. People showed me how it was to be going through the motions of being a Christian.
Gretchen Hine
Criminal justice/behavioral science
Boston, Mass.



Rochester College has affected my life when you come to a Christian college who are Christians and there's someone accountable to whatever you need. It's a huge community of a family. Thank you Rochester College.
Mike Johnson
Sports management
Flint, Mich.

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Traditions

Most of the 5,500 alumni who matriculated around Lake Norcentra agree: There's no place like Rochester College. A visitor would find all the normal extracurricular activities of a comprehensive four-year college: Greek scene, honor societies, men's and women's intercollegiate athletics, student government and theatre, for example. The air at Rochester seems to have a golden glow, however, and the unmistakable aroma of Christ. That "magic," as some would call it, transforms ordinary college life into something heavenly. **Photos:** 1. Almost one-fifth of Rochester's alumni sang in the "Golden Voice of Rochester," the A Cappella Chorus. 2. The Rochester Greek scene is distinctly Christian, as organizations like Epsilon Theta Chi challenge one another to greater Christian service and unity. 3. Worship defines the Rochester culture as daily chapel, the weekly Offering worship hour, and countless "improv" gatherings in classrooms, dorms, outdoors and meetings create a constant hum of praise all over campus. 4. A 2001 survey revealed that half of Rochester's students volunteer on a monthly basis. Many students travel to Detroit once or twice a semester to prepare a meal for and visit with homeless people. 5. Students try to stir up some excitement at a Warriors home basketball game. 6. Professors Rex Hamilton (center standing) and Jeff Simmons (right) serve beverages at Midnight Breakfast. During finals week each semester, the faculty and staff cook and serve a late-night breakfast for the student body. 7. Students take a moment to pray outside the Gallaher Center.



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The biggest reason to be at a Christian college is to have the freedom to get your Bible out and read it anywhere on campus without the fear of being ridiculed or made fun of. The freedom to talk to your friends about God any time you need or want.

Jeremy King
Marketing
Beamsville, Ontario, Canada



Rochester College is different because the teachers actually care about you. At the college I transferred from, you were a number and not a name. Here, at Rochester, you are a name and not a number. Teachers put an emphasis on spirituality. They really care about us and want to see us succeed.

Scott Bennett
Youth and family ministry
Swartz Creek, Mich.

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I've been to a lot of different places and I've only learned to not express my feelings. Coming to Rochester was a really cool thing because everyone seemed to show a lot of concern for me and whenever I had a problem, people would ask, "How are you doing?" I've become a lot more open, have a lot more friends. I'm praying more and singing more.

Morris Gbee
Architecture
Sudan



Being at a Christian school keeps me focused. The teachers are really great! You have a personal relationship with them. The education here contributes to me as a whole; it helps me become a complete person. It makes me a better person and it challenges me.

Michelle Woody
Communication
West Lafayette, Indiana

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Being here at Rochester has helped me grow spiritually by just being around everybody in the Christian atmosphere. I feel like I know more of what God wants me to do when I leave here. I feel like I have a clearer sense of where He's calling me and I don't think I would have found that at a big state university.

Andrea Allen
Music
Warren, Mich.



Coming to Rochester College has been a big influence on me. Before I came here, I wasn't a Christian and then I met my girlfriend here and she helped me find God. I became a Christian and it's a big part of my life.

Steven Hendershot
Accounting
Macomb, Mich.

The man who won't quit

Even the death of his mother could not make Joel Gallo stop playing the game he loves

by Matthew Pierce ('03)

Across the country, thousands of students attend Church of Christ colleges and universities. They are preachers' children, missionary children, generational believers and social attendees. Some come to fulfill a calling; a select few come to play sports.

Enter Joel.

Joel Gallo is a junior education major at Rochester College. Raised a nominal Catholic in the quiet town of Oxford, Mich., commuting to a private Protestant college 40 minutes away might not have been his first choice.

Enter basketball.

Joel is what they call a "gym rat." He loves the game. He loves the sounds, the feel of the ball in his hands, the sweat on his jersey after a two-hour practice in a baking gym. He was a good player in high school, but a couple of things kept him from getting noticed by area colleges: First of all, he played for a small high school that rarely fielded a winning team. Second, he spent significant time during his senior year nursing injuries that kept him off the floor during crucial games. Despite his endless hours of practice, the window of getting noticed by colleges with scholarships to dole out closed rather quickly. No one could see his talent if he was too hurt to play.

"He had carved out a reputation as the hardest working player on the team."

Enter Rochester.

Through some method or another, the Rochester men's junior varsity team came calling. It was not a glorious invitation to play for the Warriors freshman squad. There wasn't much fanfare in playing for Rochester's varsity team, much less its JV team, since the school is one of the smallest in the state.

Still, he accepted. It was what he wanted. Starting over at the bottom of a new program, looking at four more years of endless practice, coaxing his body up to the higher standard of college competition—he craved it all. At a juncture where many high school athletes decide to hang up their shoes after graduation, Joel pushed on all the harder.

The end of the JV bench

His first year was a long, hard road. Starting out on a crowded JV team, Joel quickly was lost in a sea of flashy players eager to leave JV behind and jump to varsity. Joel's quiet, unselfish play won the favor of the coaches, but ultimately he was passed over for playing time. Still, he did things the other players did not. He dove for loose balls in practice. He was always the loudest voice from the bench, the first to congratulate his teammates after a good play. In no time he had carved out a reputation as the hardest working player on the team.

Soon, his first season was over. He had tasted playing time as the JV season wore down, and it bored into him, making him work all the harder during the offseason. Sometime during the summer he was notified that he was going to be promoted to the varsity roster for the next season. It seemed that his "Energizer Bunny" style of practice had caught the attention of varsity coach Garth Pleasant. It was an honor to be invited to the varsity, but at the same time it was understood that Joel was not expected to be much more than a cheerleader at the end of the bench for the varsity team.

Practicing with upperclassmen and talented recruits on the varsity, Joel did what he always did: he simply did not stop until the whistle blew. The other young men were more heralded, more athletic. They were bigger. They carried a certain swagger that Joel did not.

But they all stopped.

Joel never stopped.

He never stopped moving, running, dribbling, practicing. The turnovers and the dropped passes that kept the coaches from playing him on the JV team gradually disappeared. Now he was drawing attention for different reasons. His first step, for instance: If you gave him an inch, Joel would lurch past you with the ball and attack the basket fearlessly. Many times his airborne body crashed into the walls of the Rochester practice gymnasium after either teammates or the laws of physics punished him for his acrobatics.

About that time, the wheels of the Rochester basketball program began to come off: Season-ending injuries. Defections. What had been a handpicked group of 15 top

athletes was now at half strength, with the brunt of a difficult schedule remaining. Joel was one of the few left standing.

From cheerleader to varsity starter

Whether the coaches ever had full confidence in him or not, Joel Gallo took the floor for Rochester College long and often during the 2002-2003 season. He played the same way he practiced. Whether the opponent was a pitifully overmatched club team, or an NCAA Division I team ready to pound the Warriors for 40 minutes, Joel never stopped. He was a terrific defender, as his quick feet allowed him to stay with the other team's fastest players. Because of the emergency shortage of size on the roster, he routinely banged and bruised with heavier and taller opponents around the basket.

The highlight of the season came as the Warriors crossed the border to play a talented team from St. Clair, Canada. Joel was called upon to start the game (his first career Rochester start) and promptly scored seven of his team's first nine points in what turned out to be a solid Warriors victory. Not bad for a guy who spent the last season on the end of the junior varsity bench.

To make a long story short, Joel and the rest of the Warriors had inexplicable success, clawing their way to 22 wins and a number four national ranking with a roster that dipped as low as eight players during the course of the year. The 2002-2003 season was a resounding success, and Joel had to have liked the feeling of playing for a winner. The next year looked even brighter, and with two whole years of eligibility left, Joel was sure to be a part of future success as well.

Man of his family

Then, something horrible happened. Joel's mother, the backbone of his family, succumbed to illness and died.

And this is why you need to know his story. Not because of the basketball. You see, Joel had to learn how to be a man a little sooner than some of us and a lot sooner than most of us. Joel quietly quit the team in the offseason and assumed control of his family, which now consisted of just he and three younger siblings. He became the legal guardian of his brothers and sister, and he made sure that they were able to keep their home in Oxford.

Joel quietly quit the team in the offseason and assumed control of his family.

School started, and Joel returned to classes at Rochester. He wore the same clothes, drove the same car, even sat with the same group of basketball players during daily chapel services. But after class, things were painfully different. The other players reached for their gym bags. Joel reached for his keys. Every day he drove back to Oxford to do what needed to be done at his family's home. Maybe it was cleaning. Maybe it was grocery shopping.

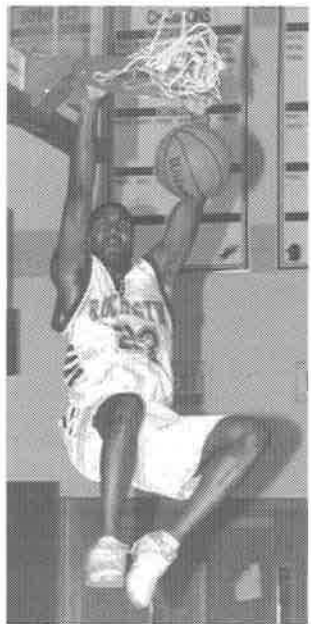
The house, however, was always empty.

At the insistence of his siblings, who were busy with after-school activities and other ways to keep themselves occupied, Joel considered returning to the team. Those around him thought he needed an out. He needed to play ball again.

In the history of the basketball program at Rochester College, surely there was never an easier reinstatement for the coaches to agree on than Joel Gallo. It was not a player seeking a second chance for academic problems. It was not some kid with his tail between his legs after getting caught drinking or cheating on a test. It was a man, and the doors of the Rochester gym opened just as easily for him the second time as they did the first. There you will find him, this year and next, in the gym working on his three point shot or sprinting up and down the court to build stamina. Regardless of what happens on the court, his mind will understandably drift elsewhere: to a small town 40 minutes north of Rochester, where his younger brothers and sister eat and sleep in their childhood house, and wait for their big brother to get home. **ns**

Matthew Pierce played basketball for the Warriors from 1999-2003. He graduated from Rochester in May 2003 and now attends graduate school in Alabama. This summer, he will marry 2003 Rochester College Homecoming Queen Kendra Riley, a senior from Flushing, Mich. Contact Matthew at (205) 366-0969 or rcwarrior13@aol.com.

Men's Basketball



J.D. Austin throws down a dunk during the Warriors' 74-39 Homecoming win over St. Clair College on Nov. 8. Photo by Jeff Bennett.

Warriors #1 despite tough schedule

The hardest schedule in years, a 15-10 record and the third-best defense in the country gave the Warriors enough power points to assume the number one ranking in the United States Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA).

The Warriors played three NCAA Div. I teams and five NCAA Div. II teams through January. The schedule also took the team on exhausting road trips to Tennessee and Texas.

Senior G **J.D. Austin** (interdisciplinary studies, Baldwin, Mich.) leads the team in scoring with 18.4 ppg. Junior C **Mike Tobin** (sports management, Highland, Mich.) leads the team in rebounding with 6.3 rpg. Senior PG **Justin Sherlock** (interdisciplinary studies, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.) leads the team in assists with 4.3 apg, closely followed by junior PG **Derek Evans** (sports management, Waterford, Mich.) with 4.1 apg.

Women's Basketball

Lady W's roll

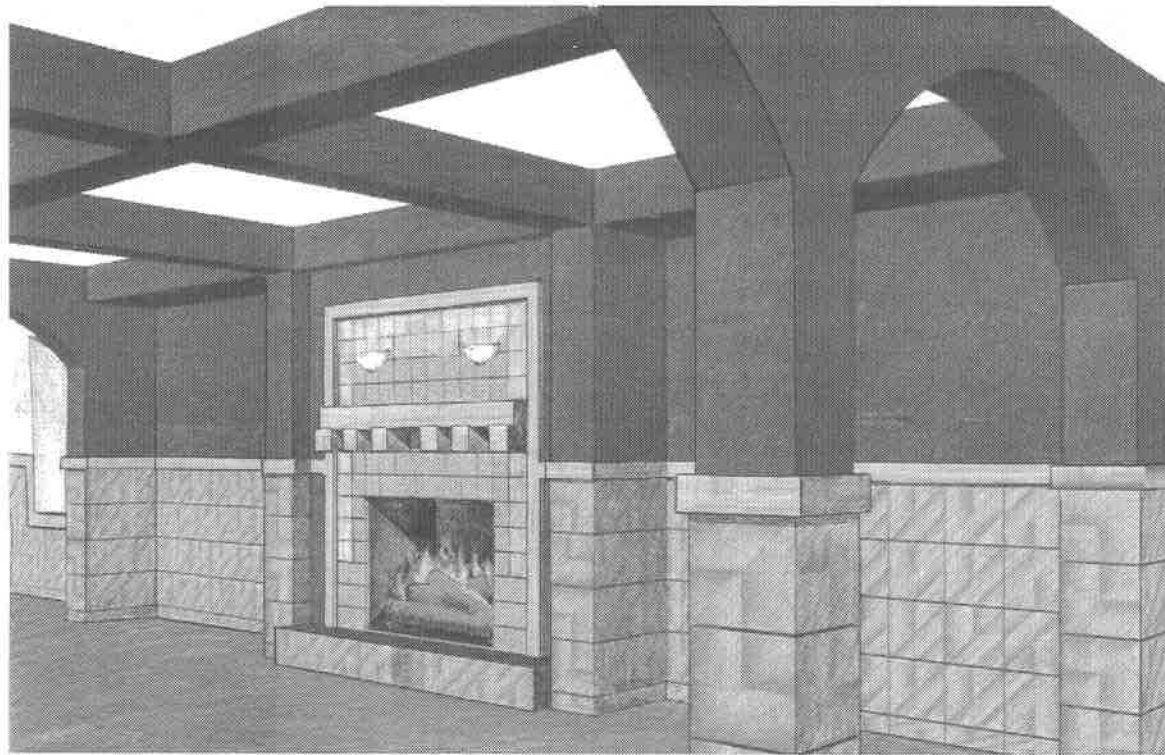
After losing nine of their first 11 games, the Lady Warriors posted an 8-2 record in their last ten games, including two wins of 30-point margins over rival University of Michigan-Dearborn. The Lady Warriors are 10-11 with five games remaining.

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- Brockwell, Clara**
Carletta Miller
- Campbell, Florence**
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Greg & Karen Campbell
- Campbell, LaReita**
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- Dickinson, Leonard & Naomi**
Betty Dickinson
Everett & Maxine Foster
Cornell Stamoran
- Dickinson, Royce**
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Cornell Stamoran
- Dittrich, Sadie**
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- Felzien, Thelma**
Joe & Sarah Reddick
- French, Gordon**
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- Hannah, Jackie**
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- Kenady, Robert**
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- Kimble, Chris**
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- Lawrence, Linda**
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- Loftis, Lawrence**
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- Magee, Coy**
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John W. Smith
- Stowe, Jamie**
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- Truchan, Vince**
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Carletta Miller
- Watterworth, Marvin**
Julie Watterworth
- Wood, Jim**
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- Worten, Mark, Jr.**
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- Wright, Willie**
Carletta Miller
Ken & Gayle Mitchell

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Anonymous
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- Motsinger, Mary**
Martha Bouman



The lounge section of the student center presently under construction in the campus center. The Student Government Association recently pledged \$20,000 to help pay for the new student hot spot. Photo: TMP Assoc.

Students pledge \$20,000 to Catch the Vision campaign

SGA pledge:

Goal: \$20,000

Target finish date: December 2004

What the pledge will buy: Furnished lounge with fireplace in the Richardson Center, presently under construction.

How the SGA is raising funds: Direct mail campaign that netted approximately \$2,500 dollars so far.

To donate: Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 4.

"We're going to have to do some major, major fundraising."

**Tim Parker
SGA president**

The Rochester College Student Government Association recently pledged \$20,000 to the *Catch the Vision Phase II* capital campaign, the largest student fundraising initiative since 1973. That year, students raised \$12,000 to buy a bus for Michigan Christian College.

"We're going to have to do some major, major fundraising," said SGA president Tim Parker, a junior Bible major from Flint, Mich. "This is a large task, but we can handle it."

The SGA will pay for the lounge section of the student center now under construction on the campus mall. The lounge will feature a large fireplace and cushy seating—just the place for students to meet friends for cups of joe or to doze off while studying for tests.

Last October, Parker sent an appeal to about 200 former SGA officers. That netted about \$2,500. Although the SGA wanted to finish its campaign by summer, Parker expects the project to carry over into the fall since his staff is still working on fundraising ideas.

Don Robinson, the associate vice president responsible for raising the millions necessary to complete *Catch the Vision Phase II*, said students would benefit in more ways than just a new room.

"Raising money for a worthy cause is a rewarding experience," said Robinson. "Students who get involved with this effort will gain valuable experience they can take with them when they graduate."

Parker wants more than experience. He wants a legacy. "[This campaign] will hopefully set the bar higher for the SGA," said Parker. "When we accomplish our goal, it will make the SGA something that has more value for the students." **ns**

Doug Edwards



Tom and Connie Higginbotham planned ahead as great stewards of God's blessings. They wanted their life's financial blessings to go toward helping young people grow in their walk with the Lord, so they remembered several Christian schools in their estate planning. Tom preceded Connie in death, but Connie continued to see the value of investing in youth and in her passing, we see a dream fulfilled.

Because of their concern to serve others and their foresight to plan what they would do with God-given resources, Tom and Connie Higginbotham are funding a new Bible scholarship for students who will attend a new graduate program in religion at Rochester College. Many future ministers and church leaders in the Midwest and beyond will be trained through this thoughtful stewardship plan.

The key is planning. Sometimes it is hard for us to look ahead. In the back of our minds, we know we want to make some arrangements to provide for our families when we pass from this world. We often know that we want to leave something that would encourage mission work in a local church, or to build up young people, but it is hard to get to the planning in our busy lives. Sometimes we just need some help to know how to go about the process.

Many times, it is as simple as turning to a financial advisor or attorney. In other circumstances, it is often having someone to get you pointed in the right direction. I will be happy to be that person.

Sometimes, literature is a helpful start. I'll be glad to send you a brochure entitled *How to Make a Will That Works*. I have another brochure that describes some of the instruments used in planning that include trusts and annuity options. I also have software that can provide sample options for planned giving through your estate and the tax advantages, annuity payments and the like.

If I may be of help in any way, I will be happy to talk with you and help you get started in the right direction. Give me a call!

Doug Edwards
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Celebrate the Vision:
Become a Rochester College Visionary
Call 800.521.6010, ext. 4
to invest in one of the following opportunities

Construction/institutional improvement: Funds administrative, academic, and campus growth

- Catch the Vision:* Your gift will help build our new academic center and athletic complex
- Corporate gifts:* Support the College that supplies your best employees
- Donor clubs:* You may be a guest of the College president at the Circle of Honor Luncheon
- Foundation gifts/grants:* Your investment brightens the College's light in the community

Endowment: Goal to reach \$12 million by 2008

- Estate gifts:* Estates or trusts protect your wealth and propel your Christian college
- Tree of Life:* Your name will be engraved on a bronze tree leaf in Ham Library atrium

Operations: Keeps the lights on every day for Rochester's students

- Annual fund:* Your gift feeds, shelters, and supports a student every day
- 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



**Loree (Utley) McCauley ('78)
(1959-2003)**

Loree (Utley) McCauley, 44, died Dec. 22, 2003, in Houston, Texas, after a one-year battle with cancer. Loree is survived by her two daughters, Jacquie and Stephanie Santellan of Houston, Texas; brother, John Utley; sister, Patricia Harrison; and her parents, Bob and Mary Utley, all of Rochester Hills, Mich. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob McCauley, who died of cancer in 2001.

Loree attended Michigan Christian College in 1977-78, and was a member of Autumn, the A Capella Chorus, and Beta Gamma social club. She was Phi Beta Kappa and valedictorian of her class when she received her RN degree at Harris County College, Houston, Texas, in 2001, and worked as a cardiac nurse at Houston's Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital until just a few months before her death.

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Alumni News

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CLASS OF '74 REUNION

**July 23-25, 2004
Rochester College**

Contact Lynne (Yoakum) Stewart at (248) 218-2092 or lestewart@rc.edu.

1979

CLASS OF '79 REUNION

**July 23-25, 2004
Rochester College**

Contact Julie (Summerhayes) Harper at (248) 218-2226 or jharper@rc.edu.

Denise Bond married J.R. Lucas on March 9, 2003. Denise is a teacher with the North Forest Intermediate School District. 10741 Burkett Lane, Cleveland, TX 77328.

Loyal Osterhoudt married Hyun Joo on Oct. 25, 2003. Loyal is in Thailand as a missionary. Srivara Garden Condo 3, 1207/03 FL 3 Ladphrao Road, Ladphrao 94 Wangthonglang, Bangkok, Thailand 10310.

1990

Sara (Anthony) Vickstrom recently received certification as a child development associate and is a teacher for the St. Paul Head Start. 37614 Willow Lane, Westland, MI 48185.

1994

Donald and Dawn (Crews) Williams expect their first child in March. Donald works for Havre Day Activity Center and Dawn is a homemaker. 1121 17th Street West, Havre, MT 59501.

1995

Kevin Norman recently accepted a sales position with Salem Communications, which operates both a Christian and a conservative radio talk station. His wife, Gina, is employed by Saint Paul Bagelry. 1242 Minnehaha Avenue East, St. Paul, MN 55106.

Aubrey Elizabeth joined Andrew and Jesse in the home of **Bill and Becky (Stutts) Langlois** on May 20, 2003. Becky is a homemaker and Bill is employed by SBC. 7389 Starlawn Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

1998

Samuel Jude joined Donald, Josiah and Abigail in the home of Brian and **Carrie (Pier) Ellerbrock** on Oct. 26, 2003. Carrie is a homemaker and Donald is an electrical engineer. 15855 Road B, Leipsic, OH 45856.

2001

Andy Brockman and Bethany Johnson were married on May 17, 2003. Andy is an adjuster for Auto-Owners Insurance and Bethany is the youth librarian for the Clinton-Macomb Public Library. 1940 Crystal Lake Court West #B-22, Shelby Township, MI 48316.

Trenton Mark joined Tyler in the home of **Doug and Jenny (Stowe) Ouhl** on Oct. 16. Jenny is a materials analyst for Setex, Inc., and Doug is a technician for the same company. The family lives at 203 Christie, Anna, OH 45302.

To publish your news in the alumni news section of *north star*, clip and send the form below or log on to www.rc.edu/alumni.

Then & Now



Above: Students and faculty gather for chapel in the Cafetorium in 1978, when Westside-Central Chapel opened. Below: Students and faculty gather for chapel in Westside-Central Auditorium in 2004. Next to the annual Bible lectureships, daily chapel is Rochester's longest-standing tradition.



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Missions

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who major in Bible or Christian ministry and who plan to make their living from ministry. The rest may be considering vocational ministry in America and want the foreign experience to test their evangelistic mettle.



Beamer.

"Mission trips give students a sense of adventure," says David Brazle, an education major from Tallmadge, Ohio, who grew up in Belgium. "Some people do it to get out of their comfort zone."

Whatever their motives, Gatewood would be proud of the students' passion and devotion to their work on foreign soil. For example, last summer nine students defied a terror alert by the U.S. State Dept. to complete their mission to the street children of Nairobi, Kenya.



Brazle

College officials note how student missionaries affect campus culture.

"Student missionaries have a tremendous effect on the campus culture," says interim Rochester president Dr. Michael Westfield. "They bring an awareness of other cultures and a sensitivity for the needs of people beyond the usual world in which we live. They become proactive in expressing a multicultural point of view."



Howard

Sara Barton says missions are a natural fit for the College's mission:

"As a Christian liberal arts college, we are about serving others by following the example of Christ. I think that by promoting missions at the College, we are equipping students for service beyond their years on our campus."

What will happen next?

The student leaders of IMAGE hope the growth trend will lead to bigger things at Rochester.

"We need to broaden students' perception of what missions are," says Beamer. "It's not just going into the bush in your bare feet in Africa."

"I hope this trend will lead to developing an institutional missions program in the Dept. of Bible and Religion," says Howard. "At least a missions minor and someone to coordinate student missions."

The College used to have a missions department, but like Gatewood's dream, it disappeared a long time ago. Students and staff alike say that if the trend is to become an institution at Rochester, changes must be made. The current student leaders will move on soon and so will their passion.

"This will not continue unless the College hires someone to encourage this to happen," says Howard. "The missions trend could become another flash in the pan."

"The College could do more," says Barton. "It would be a good idea to have a missionary-in-residence on our campus each year. And it would be good to have a staff person who helps prepare groups to go on mission trips: keeps up with money, advises about shots, etc. Those would be good goals to have for the future." ns

Terrence McClain ('79, '03):

Too blessed to be stressed

by Bradley Travis Irwin ('96)

Terrence McClain hugged me the moment I met him. A howling Michigan snowstorm seemed to blow him into my office on a recent January afternoon. I work in the old president's house, a drafty building that might as well be made of paper on days like that one. A cloud the color of boredom spread over campus, smearing my workspace with a gloom and sensation like frost on my fingers, nose, and brain tissue.

Terrence crashed into this blah like a lightning bolt. Before he rolled me into his embrace--before I even got to within six feet of him--I noticed the air seemed lighter and cleaner and happier around him, as if July 4 follows him like a puppy.

"Thank you for coming, how are you?" I asked. "Too blessed to be stressed, too anointed to be disappointed," said Terrence in the evangelistic cadence he might use from his pulpit week after week. He pumped my hand and looked at my eyes, smiling like a prince.

I invited Terrence to my office that day because I wanted to write a story about a person who graduated from Michigan Christian/Rochester College twice in two different decades: He earned the Associate of Arts in 1979 then returned to earn the Bachelor of Science in counseling psychology in 2003. I anticipated that Terrence would give me a "compare and contrast" story that would make the College look very good to its constituents, a PR professional's dream.

I quickly recognized clear tones of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Terrence's story and fell trance to the music that is the retelling of a life well-lived. No, the walking symphony that is Terrence McClain is too big to package for the sake of institutional marketing. To know Terrence is to be reminded that colleges are to people what notes on a page are to the A Cappella Chorus: The former is worthless but for the sake of the latter.

"My parents raised me to be a doctor," said Terrence. "So I went to the University of Michigan in 1971 to major in pre-med. I played basketball with [NBA All-Star] Campy Russell and that crew."

Then, one year from graduation, Terrence walked away. "God wanted me to preach," said Terrence. "Ministry is where He wanted me."

By 1976, Terrence had a wife and child and his own congregation, but not enough education to satisfy his craving for knowledge. He looked for a school that would give him flexibility to study while being a husband and father. He found Michigan Christian College and a basketball coach named Garth Pleasant.

"[Coach Pleasant] always made me feel like somebody," said Terrence. "He even called me 'Preach' and still does when we talk."

Pleasant persuaded Terrence to come back from two hernia operations to play basketball for the Warriors. "Preach" played like a man possessed by the Spirit and captained the team on his way to winning the Wes Taphin Award in 1979.

"My fondest memory from MCC is coming through the [paper] hoop as the captain of the basketball team," said Terrence. "I was the one who got to break through the hoop first when we came out of the locker room."

This image of the Warrior basketball captain is a perfect metaphor for the man. While most people hit a wall after so much activity, Terrence crashes straight through and doesn't stop. Every day, from 1977-1979, he worked at UPS, commuted to Michigan Christian from Inkster, played basketball, preached on weekends, supported his wife and raised his children.



The McClain file:

Family: Mary (wife of 30 years), four grown children and three grandchildren.

Home: Wayne, Mich.

Profession: Minister for the Annapolis Park Church of Christ in Westland, Mich.

Education: A.A. Michigan Christian College (1979); B.S. Counseling Psychology, Rochester College (2003)

On campus: Captain of Michigan Christian College men's varsity basketball team in 1978-1979. Voted "Mr. Michigan Christian College" in 1979. Graduated magna cum laude from Rochester College, December 2003.

The student body voted Terrence Mr. Michigan Christian College in 1979, but his title did not come without some difficulty.

"There was still this issue of the black/white thing and some people were upset that an African-American was Mr. MCC," said Terrence. "That helped me understand that not everybody is the same and that all God expected of me was to work hard and treat everybody right and change their perspective."

If Terrence worked hard in college, he worked harder after graduation. He ministered to churches in Florida, Georgia and Michigan, taught in both Christian and public schools, served on boards of education in almost every town he lived, developed mentoring programs for troubled youth, coached high school basketball, consulted with city mayors on youth initiatives, traveled to Africa and Trinidad on evangelistic missions, hosted radio and television programs, and wrote a book, *Build Your Own Fire*. He raised four children (two teachers, an assistant county prosecutor, and a high school basketball star) who, thus far, have given him three grandchildren. For the last 30 years, Terrence has tenderly cared for his wife, Mary, who suffers from lupus and several other health issues.

"She is a great Christian lady," said Terrence. "I couldn't think of a better preacher's wife."

Today, Terrence ministers to the Annapolis Park Church of Christ, a fast-growing congregation in Westland, Mich. That ministry led him back to his alma mater in 2002.

"I needed more knowledge to deal with some of the cases that were coming through my office," said Terrence. "I decided to return to Rochester to get a counseling degree."

"God didn't give me a plate. He gave me a platter."

Most people would be intimidated after 24 years away from a college classroom, but not Terrence.

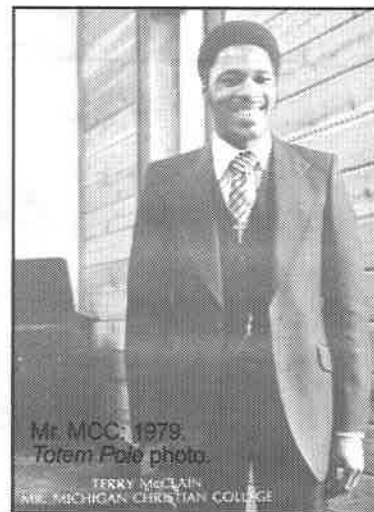
"It wasn't difficult at all. I love to read and to study," said Terrence. "Most people think my office is the church library."

He relied on self-discipline, his professors and colleagues to keep up with the accelerated pace of adult classes.

"The College is still the same as 1979 in that the people there still have a genuine concern for the students and still emphasize spirituality," said Terrence. "That's one of the things I enjoyed about my classes at Rochester. There were times we'd pray together even though we were from different faith backgrounds."

Terrence achieved his goal of graduating *magna cum laude* and now has his sights on a master's and, eventually, a doctoral degree in psychology or divinity. He likes the idea that next time he returns to Rochester, he may be a professor.

"My personal mission is to positively impact as many people as God allows me to come into contact with," said Terrence. "God didn't give me a plate, He gave me a platter." ns



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