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Community is the strength of a college or university. Only in community can we successfully navigate the uncertainties of the world and find a sense of peace and fulfillment.

At Rochester College, we are determined to strengthen our Christian, academic community. We want to be a place where students can find their place in the world, can see that service is the greatest hallmark of success. This issue of the *North Star* is dedicated to the theme of home. As you read the articles, I hope you catch a part of the vision for what we aspire to be at Rochester College.

You are also a part of our community and we value your support. Thank you to the many who have made financial gifts to the College. Your active community participation makes it possible for the Rochester College community to serve future generations of young people.

May God Bless You,

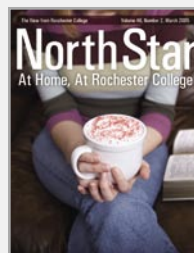
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael W. Westerfield".

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph.D.
President, Rochester College

As a student of language and composition, I have always been interested in words and the multitude of meanings one word can carry. Some words make us feel good when we hear them and others create unpleasant feelings. Home is one of those words that most often creates positive, warm feelings for us.

I hear people talk about their college experiences using language filled with references to home. We return for Homecoming; students refer to residence halls as home; students have dorm "parents" who serve as mentors and, yes, sometimes disciplinarians. On campus we refer to the College as a community, from our mission statement to our daily language.

Community and home create strong feelings in all of us. Home allows us to explore in a safe environment - allows us to search for truth in an open and honest atmosphere. Home helps us to connect with others and learn about life in ways that are good and in ways that are difficult.



On the Cover

Photo by Jeffrey L. Bennett

The theme of this issue is "Home." The places one feels most comfortable and at peace may be considered home. Alumnus Kelly (Coleman) Bennett ('01) enjoys sitting down with a Bible & hot chocolate.



People at Home

Dr. Michael Westerfield and his wife Sharon invite students Fady Jan, Benny Lumpkins, Tim Parker, Crystal Shields and Jenny Hoggatt to their home.

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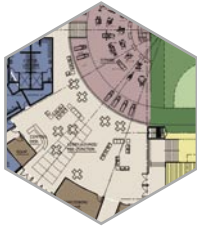
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The College's mission is to engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service.

The mission of the *North Star* is to give glory to God by telling of his mercy, his blessings and his continued provision for Rochester College.

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News Briefs



Warriors march in parade

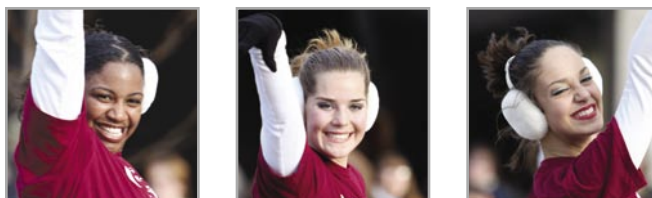
Rochester College appeared in the 53rd Annual Rochester Hometown Christmas Parade on December 5, 2004. This is the first year the College co-sponsored the parade. WXYZ Channel 7 broadcast live from Main Street in downtown Rochester. Deeper Still, an a cappella group of Rochester College alumni and students, sang for the crowd. Expression, one of the College's performance groups, appeared publicly for the first time. Additionally, Student Government and the College mascot, a Warrior, also represented the institution.

Master's degree still in progress

Rochester College expects a visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of North Central Association (NCA) to evaluate the College's request to offer a graduate program in religion. The HLC could make their decision as early as April. The College receives inquiries about the program on a regular basis. Direct inquiries to Director of Graduate Studies, Dr. Melvin Storm at mstorm@rc.edu.

Men's soccer team wins 2nd at Nationals

The Rochester College men's soccer team took 2nd place at the USCAA National Championships in Virginia Saturday, October 30, 2004. The Warriors, considered underdogs upon entering the tournament, overcame a rocky season, narrowly earning an invitation to Nationals. After winning every tournament game leading to the final match, other teams recognized the Warriors strong presence. Faced with inclement weather and exhaustion, the Warriors played with determination and won the number two spot.



Erika Watson, Bethany Laster and Nicole Chiles, members of the Expression performance group in the Rochester Christmas Parade. Not pictured, team member Jillian Werhowatz.

Faculty and staff preach off campus

From Director of Athletics, Garth Pleasant, starting his 26th year at Lake Orion Church of Christ, to Shaun Westaway, enrollment counselor, filling in as youth minister for Metro Church of Christ, faculty and staff at Rochester College note the importance of ministry within the church community. While some stay in the Rochester area, others like Professor of Religion, Dr. Greg Stevenson, travel as far as Port Huron to fill the pulpit. Dr. David Fleeer, vice president of church relations, visits churches from Detroit to Thousand Oaks, Calif. nearly every week. Over 15 faculty and staff regularly preach at area churches.

Concert Band debuts

The new Rochester College Concert Band performed its debut concert for students, faculty and staff on December 9, 2004. The band, conducted by Don Platter, started the academic year with four inaugural members and more than tripled its size by their first performance. The concert consisted of familiar Christmas medleys and the Alma Mater, which the audience joined in singing. The Concert Band recognizes students and employees joining this academic year as charter members.



201 receive diplomas at Fall Commencement

The fall class of 2004 received diplomas for their hard-earned academic accomplishments on December 18, 2004. Rochester College awarded the bachelor's degree to 194 students. President Dr. Michael Westerfield presented traditional and College of Extended Learning (CEL) graduates their diplomas.

Opportunities



ElderLink 2005

On January 28-29 Rochester College hosted ElderLink 2005 in partnership with Abilene Christian University. The College provided a forum to equip, encourage and link those who lead as elders. More than 150 participants heard such influential speakers as Monty Cox, Randy Lowry, Rhonda Lowry, Charles Siburt, Greg Stevenson and J C Thomas, Jr.

Faculty earn doctorates

Recently, three Rochester College faculty members successfully defended dissertations for their doctorate degrees. Joe Bentley completed his Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting from Michigan State University. Jennifer Hamilton received her Ph.D. in English from the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. Rex Hamilton finished his Ph.D. in systematic theology from the University of Aberdeen. Ron Cox, assistant professor of religion, awaits his dissertation defense in March.

Who's Who at Rochester

Who's Who Among American Teachers, 2004, honored several Rochester College faculty members. Those named included Dr. Joe Bentley, Linda Park, George Evjen, Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, Dr. Andrew Kronenwetter, Madelyn Teasley, Kay Norman, Jeff Simmons and Dr. John Todd.



Sermon Seminar

Rochester College hosts Sermon Seminar on May 23-25. The theme for this year is "Who are you? Preaching Mark's Unsettling Messiah." Keynote speaker is Fred Craddock, professor of preaching and New Testament, emeritus, in the Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Other presenters include Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Rochester College, John Barton, Morna Hooker, Jerry Taylor, Richard Wood, Fredrick Aquino, and John York.

Rochester College at Pepperdine Lectures

Dr. David Fleer, vice president of church relations, is the opening keynote speaker for Pepperdine Lectures, held May 3-6 in Malibu, Calif. This year's theme is "Lifted Up: Great Themes from John 18-21." Others speaking at the conference are Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester College president; Birgie Niemann, vice president for public relations and grants; and Sara Barton, campus minister. A luncheon for Rochester College alumni and friends will be held Friday, May 6.



Partnership Dinner 2005 welcomes Paul Harvey

Paul Harvey, nationally renowned radio personality, speaks at Partnership Dinner 2005, held at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit on May 7. This event continues to provide the most funding annually for student scholarships. Ticket and sponsorship information available by contacting the event coordinator, Elton Albright, at 800.521.6010 x4.

Fall Festival returns

Fall Festival returns Saturday, October 1, under the direction of the College's Public Relations Office after a break of three years. This tradition, established originally by the Associates of Rochester College as a fundraiser and outreach to the community, will draw alumni, church and community friends to the campus. A wide range of activities, entertainment and food will appeal to all ages. Booth set-up and volunteer inquiries may be directed to Birgie Niemann, vice president of public relations, at bniemann@rc.edu.

Changing Home



1959

Chemistry students use the former greenhouse for a laboratory until completion of a more permanent science building



1962

The new physical education building in its first stages of construction



1997

Ferndale-Hoggatt Residence Hall, home for upperclassmen students

Throughout the years, Campus Center has had multiple uses including a residence hall, student center and bookstore

1959-2005



1964
One of many locations for the College's library
- the former recreation room of the mansion



1965
On a wintry afternoon, students walk past what
was then known as the Administration Building,
but named Gallaher Center in 1972



1969
Instructors Robert Waggoner and Curtis Sampley
watch the progress of the Alma Gatewood Residence
Hall



2001
Associates brick plaza and the Isom Atrium



2002
Ham Library sets new facilities standards

RAC Details



Richardson Center

Affectionately known on campus as the “RAC,” Richardson (Academic) Center opened in October 2004. Fall 2004 *North Star* introduced this impressive 25,000 square foot building. This issue provides further details.

The Royce Dickinson Executive Offices, housing the College’s president and some of the senior management, occupy much of the south end of the Richardson Center. Additionally, the executive conference room provides the ideal setting for interaction with government, corporate, community and church representatives. The office suite honors Royce Dickinson, former vice president of the College from 1974-1978. Dickinson also served as vice chairman and chairman of the Board of Trustees from 1980-1993.



Don and Audrey Gardner Science Center

The spacious science labs hold three separate work areas—one for chemistry, another for biology and the last for a prep area with dedicated lab space for student research. The cabinet casework and lab benches are all top-of-the-line as well as the technology which boasts LCD projectors, video cameras and Power Point accessibility. Additionally, an attached greenhouse allows year round botany study.



Theatre

This flexible playing space theatre provides versatility that was not present in the prior auditorium. The seating and stage configuration adapts to allow for several types of performances. The Theatre comes equipped with state-of-the-art acoustic, lighting and sound technology and comfortably seats 180. A naming gift opportunity for this facility exists.



Utley-McCauley Student Center

A true recreational area for students to enjoy has been missing from the campus for the past few years. Today, students watch the large screen TV, warm themselves by the fireplace and play various games available to them in the new Utley-McCauley Student Center.



ACE Lab

The ACE Lab, established in 2004, provides academic support to students through peer tutoring and supplemental instruction. Made possible by a Title III Grant from the federal government, the ACE Lab improved student retention rates after its first semester by seven percent. Tutors assist in most subjects, but focus on mathematics and English. Open seven days a week, support is available to both residential and commuting students.

Pathway of memories



Brick path paves way for nostalgia by Amanda M. Wolfe with Kara (Nulty) Tipton, '04

It is so much more than a path. It is a time capsule. Memories captured with words, forever engraved on a walkway that makes dreamy reveries of yesterday invade the mind.

Upon first glance, it's just a way to get around the lake, but the history that took place beside that water gives the path new meaning.

Since fall 2003, Elton Albright, director of annual funds, along with Student Government, raised funds to lay the new brick pathway around Lake Norcentra. Scott Niemann, director of campus beautification, led design. Grounds man, Larry Adams oversaw construction during fall 2004.

As a way to commemorate life that happens on this campus, people engrave messages on the bricks for the path. \$30 guarantees two lines of writing (14 characters with spaces). A third line may be added for an additional \$10.

"What started as renovation turned into an opportunity for alumni, students and friends of the College to remember and honor people in their lives and from days past. This will be around for future generations to enjoy," says Albright.

"Inviting others to place their mark on this new path is a great way to involve the past and present Rochester College community in an activity that desperately needed to happen," agrees Timothy Parker, senior and former student government president.

The old, worn path is indeed full of memories. Larry and Lynne Stewart, Rochester College alumni and current employees, remember their children, Beth and Kevin, playing in the leaves around the path when they were little.

For Debi Rutledge, Rochester College adjunct instructor and residence hall supervisor, the lake area holds many firsts. She remembers her initial visit to the College in 1987 where the beauty of the lake first caught her attention. One year later, on a warm spring night in 1988, Debi had another first. She told her husband-to-be, Burt Rutledge, that she loved him.

This past fall, the pathway became home to a new memory when Marty Morrice, senior, surprised Roxanne Florescu, senior, with a diamond ring and asked her to be his wife—and she said yes!

The 1500 bricks that construct the trail already have become the resting place for 131 memories. 60 more messages are ordered for placement on April 1. Albright expects this to be an ongoing project with many more available bricks for order.

Terrill Hall, assistant dean of students, explains that not only does the money buy a brick, but it also helps fund student government projects. Such projects include the purchase of items for the new Student Center.

"The Jehn Gang—God made us a family."

"I enjoyed the fellowship. Jamie, '93."

"In memory of Ronald H. Wood."

"Remembering You. Borawski Family."

"Dorothy Brandes. 2001 CEL."

"Frank B., 2002. Dedicated to my love, Carol M."

"Dan & Diana Allen. Married in 1982."

"Phyllis Wilson - Class of 1973. Joyful Times!"

-Pathway quotes

Home Builders

The Associates of Rochester College

by Amanda M. Wolfe

Since Rochester College's opening in 1959, the Associates continue to be one of the largest financial supporters of the College. As of May 31, 2004, Catherine Sadurski, treasurer for the Associates, records nearly \$4.3 million raised.

The Associates began with one woman's idea. Alma Gatewood, wife of the College's first president, wanted to support the new college and Christian education in every available way. She cast her vision to groups of women throughout her community, hoping others would share her interest. Over 300 ladies saw the potential in such a group and with Gatewood at the helm, began what is now 45 years of service.

Gazing around Rochester College's campus, the Associates' lasting presence is evident. Almost every building on campus bears the Associates' touch, made possible by their contributions. These ladies helped build this home.

"I believe that if it were not for this group of women, Rochester College would not be what it is today," says Kirsten Larsson, enrollment counselor for CEL and new member of the Associates.

The Associates Endowment Fund through the College furthers their impact. Elton Albright, director of institutional advancement, leads an ongoing effort to build this fund as a tribute to what he calls "an inspirational group of ladies." The endowment directly subsidizes library resources and student scholarships, two aspects of the College near to the ladies' hearts.

"We believe a state-of-the-art library provides the vital support needed for the programs of study offered. Investing in the library means investing in the future of our students," says Tamera Conner ('90), president of the Associates.

Not content to rely on the standard bake sales and clothes drives to raise money, the Associates set their sights higher. A community festival, with the sole purpose of raising money for Rochester College, arose from these desires in 1960. Originally known as the Harvest Festival, the first attempt succeeded with \$3,538 in revenue. Throughout the years, the name changed to Fall Festival and the tradition of crowning a queen was born. This year on October 1, 2005, Fall Festival returns to the College's campus with all the tradition of days past including the "Queen's Crown."

Clearly, what started as one woman's idea grew into a reality that impacts every area of the College's existence.

Julie Harper, past president (2001-2003) and current chairman of the Rochester chapter, cites several factors for the Associates' success.

"Persistence and willingness to do the little things that add up has a lot to do with it. These ladies will do almost anything to raise money for Rochester College and have been doing so for many years," surmises Harper.

Current Projects:

1. Associates Brick Plaza

A loved one can be memorialized or honored through this contribution. Size and cost of a brick vary

2. Gordon Food Service

Become a "Fun Foods Member" and a percentage of your purchases will go to the College

3. Scrip Gift Certificates

A percentage of proceeds from a wide variety of merchants such as restaurants, retail stores and grocery markets go to the College from these gift certificates

4. Inkjet Cartridges

Recycle old printer cartridges and \$2 goes to the College

5. eBay

Donate items for the Associates to list and collect proceeds on this website

6. Recycle old cell phones

A monetary donation to the College given for every phone received. Many phones distributed for emergency services to battered children, adults and seniors

7. Fine Furnishings Offer

Quality furnishings at 50% off retail price with 3% of sales given back to the College

8. Limited Edition Prints

A percentage of sales from these water colors of landscapes, florals and water scenes go to the College

9. Afghan

4X5' Rochester College embroidered afghan sold in the Bookstore with proceeds going to College

see <http://associates.rc.edu/projects.html> for more info

Membership Information:

Any woman may become a member upon her pledge to abide by the bylaws and upon her contribution of \$20 per year. She may join an area chapter or become a "Member at Large." Each chapter has individual projects, while specific projects are the combined effort of all members.

To become a member contact:

Linda Jones at (734) 420-7924.
39662 Dun Rovin Dr. Northville, MI 48167

Gifts specifically designated for the Associates Endowment Fund may be made to the College.

A home away from home
by Amanda M. Wolfe

GEO Bavaria



The "Eagle's Nest" built as a 50th birthday present for Adolf Hitler from the Nazi Party



The Brandenburg Gate, constructed in 1791, originally part of the Berlin Wall, now a symbol of the reunification of the city



Castle "Neuschwanstein Fussen" in Germany

On September 5, 2004, seven students embarked on a journey that changed their lives. Julianna Blankenship, Allison Cox, Nicole Hornbaker, Jason Langston, Jon Mills, Amanda Nelson and Jessica Traylor spent a semester in Munich, Germany, where their studies of European history, Western humanities, German and cultural studies enriched the surrounding sights. David Greer, associate professor of history, and his wife of ten years, Branka, accompanied the seven, supervised trips and taught classes.

The journey began in London, England, where the group explored the city by way of land and water. A bus tour of the city brought Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace to them, while a boat ride on the Thames River showed off such wonders as the Tower Bridge, the London Eye and Shakespeare's Globe Theatre. After three days in London, the group flew to Munich, Germany, where they spent the rest of the semester.

"Munich was an ideal spot for a rich cultural experience. Our location next to a major city square with subways and bus lines was convenient. Additionally, we were only three subway stops from the main train station, which made our travel much easier," comments Greer.

The students took advantage of "free" days and traveled extensively. Some explored Paris, Amsterdam and Vienna while others went to Budapest, Prague and Switzerland.

"We had an unusual academic schedule of four-day classes, Friday through Monday. This allowed students to have the middle of the week for free travel and also gave them the opportunity to attend church on Sundays," explains Greer.

Additionally, the group traveled throughout Italy. Excursions took them through Rome, Naples, Pompeii, Venice and beyond. Over eleven days, the Roman Colosseum, the Pantheon and the leaning tower of Pisa became more than a picture in a history book—they became part of a new reality. No longer held captive by the restrictions of a far-away land, these architectural and geographical wonders sprang into the here-and-now.

"Seeing these works of art makes it more real than just reading about it in a book. Being there gives your imagination the chance to work in greater detail on a much more specific scale," explains Greer.

Nicole Hornbaker, a student on the GEO Bavaria trip, felt that Munich became "her home away from home." Even though the trip required adjustment, Hornbaker identified similarities between Germany and America to help the transition.

"Over time we each found ways to make it like home." She finishes, "Whether putting up pictures of family or finding a little café that reminded us of where we came from, all of us made Germany our own."



The Roman Colosseum where gladiators fought lions, panthers and each other starting in AD 80



"Feldherrnhalle," a monument in Munich, the sight of a Nazi rally to overthrow local government



"Vernazza, Cinque Terra" in Italy, which means five lands, named for the five cities on the coast

Homeless Warriors



Warriors stand on the vacant land where the new athletic center will one day stand. From L-R (Back row): Beth Eaves, Derek Evans, Danielle Elwood, Kristen Debandt, Mike Tobin. L-R (Front): Michelle Jackson, Sally Madurski, Lyndsay, Jackson, Julia Pickert.

Campaign strives to build new home by Amanda M. Wolfe

The Reality

Darkness from the forlorn structure engulfs anyone who dares enter. The dingy walls construct a space barely large enough for a team to practice, let alone play a game. Coaches fight against the constrictive environment. And sadly, the fans turn away, for no additional room exists.

As you stand, you peer right and then left. Up and then down. Seeking evidence of the National Champions that call this sad building home. But they are nowhere in sight and the questions begin to form as you look at the Rochester College gymnasium.

Where will the cheerleaders cheer?

Where will the fans roar?

Where will the coaches coach?

Where will the players win?

Surely not here. A new home must be found for the Warriors that have won countless championships, call 83 students All-Americans and continue to participate in tournament after tournament—and win.

For this reason a campaign—Catch the Vision, Phase III—is underway. This comprehensive campaign seeks to raise capital for the centerpiece of the project, a 65,000 square foot athletic facility. This center boasts a

performance gym, activities gym, aerobics center, fitness center, lounge, pro shop, running track, training room, weight room and more. Not only will this superstructure provide amazing new necessities, but it will also provide new social areas for students, faculty and the community alike.

The Dream

Now, imagine a glorious structure occupying an eight-acre stretch of land. Floor to ceiling windows compose one entire wall, allowing sunlight to stream in. Two gymnasiums sit side by side, dominating the central part of the facility. And lining up around the long-awaited courts, like obedient followers paying homage to one revered, gather the obvious companions to any sports facility. The afore-mentioned fitness and aerobics center bookend the free weights area. The pro-shop and student lounge sit conveniently next to classrooms. Ample locker rooms abound. And ten faculty offices provide sufficient room for coaches to instruct the athletes.

But this is not all. This facility potentially provides the opportunity for campus-wide gatherings such as commencement. Other activities may include Partnership Dinner. Elton Albright, director of annual funds, explains that Partnership Dinner is Rochester College's largest annual fundraiser for student scholarships. Indeed, this highly anticipated event attracts high-profile speakers. In prior years, Partnership Dinner boasts of speakers such

as General Colin Powell, Barbara Bush, Elizabeth Dole, Sam Donaldson and Mary Lou Retton. A night devoted to such festivities deserves an exceptional facility to accommodate. The new location would only serve to enhance the night's festivities.

Overcoming the Reality

He is a coach like none other. The *Detroit Free Press* recognized him as one of Michigan's Best for 2004—and rightly so. With 570 wins in 32 seasons, head basketball coach Garth Pleasant, rose above the obstacles imposed on him by inadequate facilities and led countless teams to victory. Though he has no home court or satisfactory training area for his teams, on March 6, 2004, Pleasant saw the Warriors claim the 2003-2004 United States Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA) National Championship against the Beacons of Northwest Christian College. This truly was a victory in every sense of the word, for without any tangible recruitment tools Pleasant still attracted some of the most talented young men in the Metro area and beyond.

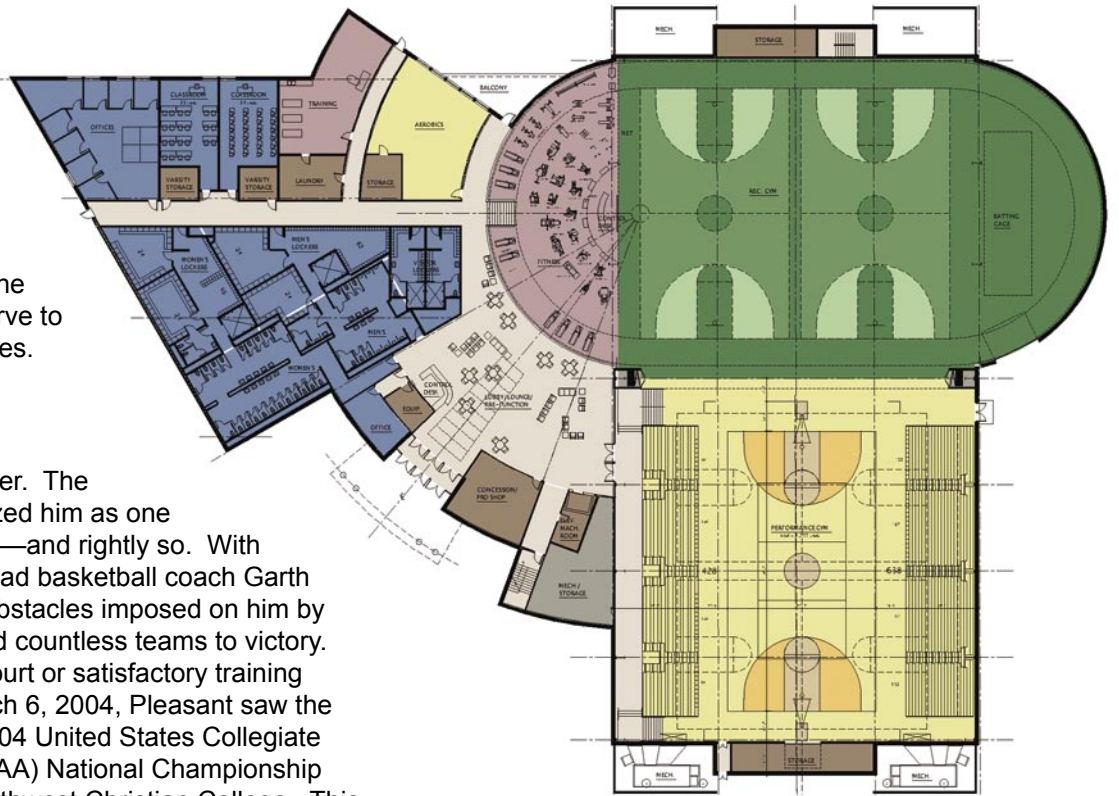
And these really are some of the most exceptional basketball players Michigan offers. A halftime deficit at last year's championship game could not discourage MVP and then-captain PG Justin Sherlock (Sherlock has since graduated). He saw his team fight hard and claim victory, bringing home the trophy one more time.

...65,000 square foot athletic facility

"In my 30 years of coaching I have never had a player who loved the game of basketball as much as Justin," comments Pleasant. "He may only be 5'8" in height, but the size of the kid's heart can't be measured."

The size of this team's heart fuels their drive. Opponents undoubtedly view the Warriors as an unstoppable force. This team appeared at the National Tournament 20 times. Won the Championship title twice. And held the position of National Runners-up for three years.

But, the men's basketball team does not stand alone with its many victories. Bill Shinsky (1930-2004)



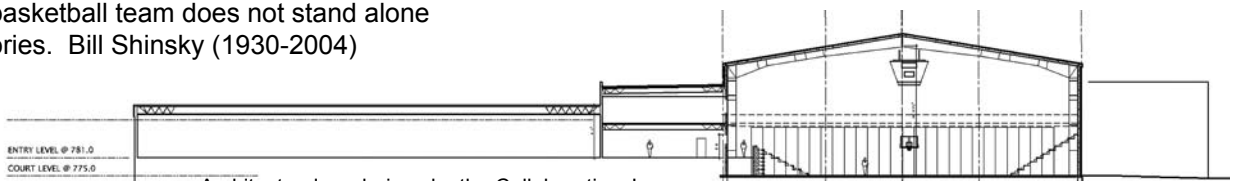
pioneered and coached the College's baseball team for 21 years before retiring in 1992. Among his many accomplishments, Shinsky built what is known as the "field of dreams" where athletes played for 34 years. Today, Art Dudal assumes responsibility as the head baseball coach and continues Shinsky's legacy of legendary players.

The women's volleyball team also has two National Championships to speak of, as well as five appearances at the Final Four tournaments.

The men's and women's soccer teams, are led by coach Eric Diehl, who came to Rochester College just three years ago. The men's soccer team took second place at the USCAA National Soccer Tournament. They upset the number one team and host college, Bluefield, 3-2 to advance to the championship game. They completed the season with 11 wins, six losses and two ties.

"We've always had a great deal of skill among the men. This year there was a better sense of cohesiveness," Diehl says.

The women's soccer team started in 2002 when Diehl signed on. They overcame the growing pains of a young team through determination and willpower. Because of this, they met their goal of completing the first season with the added bonus of winning one game.



Architectural renderings by the Collaborative, Inc.

“Much of my time that year was spent teaching the basics of the game. Some players had no experience, but the desire. Others needed to meet higher physical fitness expectations, all of this while rallying and retaining enthusiasm,” comments Coach Diehl.

The women that stand on the field today transformed themselves into a competent, skillful team of true athletes. Steadily, the team succeeded in becoming a stronger force among the nation’s elite. This season brought three wins, nine losses and one tie—another step forward.

Imposing victors such as the Warriors require an equally imposing fortress. Yet, the land where one should stand lays vacant.

Making the Dream a Reality

Will the future Warriors have a place to lay their weary heads? Can the dream become a reality? Don Robinson, vice president for capital campaigns and the man leading the team behind Catch the Vision, thinks so.

“Look what we have already accomplished. Think how much more can be achieved once our teams have the appropriate facility to aid them in their success,” comments Robinson.

If current fundraising goals can be met, the College will break ground this year. Robinson says the first commitments have been made at home. The staff, faculty and administration at Rochester College have shown enormous support by pledging over \$400,000 for the campaign. The employees of Rochester College recognize their involvement for what it truly is—an investment in the future.

“Without your strong financial and emotional support, this project would be far short of the stunning success we have witnessed so far.”

“The pledges given by Rochester College employees make it obvious they stand behind this campaign,” says Robinson. “Their sacrificial commitment sets a standard for alumni and friends to ‘catch the vision’ and create a new reality for the Warriors. In this way, our employees lead by example,” continues Robinson.

Robinson does not act alone in guiding the campaign. Nine different divisions targeting specific groups aid Robinson in identifying funds and collecting donations. Dr. David Fler, vice president for church relations, and

Scott Samuels, assistant professor of business, co-chair the employee division. In a statement sent out to employees, Fler clearly stated his enthusiasm for the campaign and gratefulness to the employees for their commitment.

“You have made a remarkable contribution to this cause.” Fler goes on to say, “Without your strong financial and emotional support, this project would be far short of the stunning success we have witnessed so far.”

Undoubtedly, with God’s guidance and the wisdom given by him, Rochester College will meet its goals and see the dream become the new reality.



The New Reality

Envision it. The brilliance of the gleaming floorboards shout out, “Victors!” as you dare to enter the home of the Warriors. You glance right and then left. Up and then down. And you feel their presence. You are standing in their home. Suddenly, the gym doors are thrown open and the Warriors burst forth. All the questions have been answered.

The cheerleaders stand cheering.

The fans are in the stands roaring.

The coaches run the sidelines coaching.

And the players. The players are there, still winning.

“Think how much more can be achieved once our teams have the appropriate facility to aid them in their success.”



Accomplishments

Men's Baseball

6 All- Americans
USCAA National Tournaments
Final Four Appearances in 2003 and 2004
National Runners- up in 2004

Men's Basketball

17 All- Americans
NSCAA National Tournaments
20 National Tournament Appearances
National Champions in 1989 and 1997
National Runners-up in 1984, 1994, & 2000
Final Four Appearances in 1984, 1989, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, & 2000
USCAA National Tournaments
Final Four Appearances in 2002 and 2004
National Champions in 2004

Women's Basketball

6 All- Americans
NSCAA National Tournaments
Appearances in 1996 & 1998

Men's Cross Country

14 All-Americans
NSCAA National Meets
National Champions in 1989, 1990 & 1999
National Runners- up in 1992 & 1998

Women's Cross Country

14 All- Americans
NSCAA National Meets
National Runners- up in 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1997 & 1998

Men's Soccer

13 All- Americans
NSCAA National Tournaments
National Champions in 1996
National Runner-up in 1995
Final Four Appearances in 1993, 1994, 1995 & 1996
USCAA National Tournaments
National Runners-up in 2004

Women's Volleyball

13 All- Americans
NSCAA National Tournaments
National Champions in 1998 & 1999
Final Four Appearances in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998 & 1999

Note: Rochester College was a member of the National Small College Athletic Association (NSCAA) until 2001. Since 2001, Rochester College has been a member of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA).

Katie Kirkpatrick Godwin



An angel goes home—we remember Katie by Amanda M. Wolfe

“Thus, therefore, they walked on together; and as they walked, ever and anon these trumpeters, even with joyful sound, would, by mixing their music with looks and gestures, still signify to Christian and his brother, how welcome they were into their company, and with what gladness they came to meet them...”

-Excerpt from “The Pilgrim’s Progress” by John Bunyan

Heaven celebrated on Thursday, January 20, 2005, for one of its most beautiful angels had come home. Katie Kirkpatrick Godwin, 21, succumbed to the dark enemy, cancer that plagued the last years of her life. But, the sadness which fills the hearts of all that knew Katie does not compare to the joy which filled heaven’s gates on that day.

“Heaven is a beautiful place, but it has to be a little more beautiful today because Katie is there. In the ears of my heart, I think I can hear the trumpets sounding for our girl,” spoke Garth Pleasant during Katie’s funeral at the Rochester Church of Christ on Monday, January 24.

Her smile. That is what everyone remembers about Katie. As a little girl, Katie smiled through the tumbles off bikes, the skinned knees, the growing pains. She smiled through the awkward middle school years as she learned the difficult lessons of friendship making, wading through the heartbreaks and finding her place. Katie’s smile shined brighter as Lapeer East High School crowned her 2000-01 homecoming queen and as she graduated co-valedictorian. And that glorious smile never wavered as the doctor’s gave her the news of a brain tumor in 2002 and cancer’s return in the form of a lung tumor the following year.

Perhaps that smile shined brightest on her wedding day as Katie Elizabeth Kirkpatrick married Nick Godwin

on Saturday, January 15, 2005. In a gown sparkling with crystals, Katie made the walk down the aisle without the aid of her oxygen tank. On her father, David’s, arm this princess met her prince and before 500 guests became man and wife.

But, five days after wedding her high school sweetheart, God welcomed his child home.

Two hours before Katie’s funeral service began, people started arriving. Most of Rochester College attended the service in remembrance of its beloved student. The ceremony began with a photo collage and as the first strands of Sarah McLachlan’s “I Will Remember You,” filled the air, tears began to fall from the eyes of 1200 guests.

Garth Pleasant, minister where Katie attended at the Lake Orion Church of Christ and Rochester College’s head athletic director, officiated the ceremony. Randy Speck, her youth minister, led Katie’s favorite worship songs, “We Shall Assemble,” “I Stand in Awe” and “The Joy of the Lord.” Eric Magnusson, associate minister, finished in prayer.

Katie’s valedictorian address to the Lapeer East class of 2001 seemed to foreshadow what lay ahead. Here in her own words Katie reminds those she left behind how to live life to the fullest.

“Life is a fragile chain of experiences held together by love. If there could be only one thing in life to learn, it would be to learn to love. There is no difficulty that enough love will not conquer, no door that enough love will not open, no gulf that enough love will not bridge and no sin that enough love will not redeem. It makes no difference how deeply seated may be the trouble, how hopeless the outlook or how great the mistake, a sufficient realization of love will not redeem. If only you can love enough, you will be the happiest and most powerful person in the world...”

Katie, we will remember your words and try to live as you lived.

Accomplishments

- Vice President of Student Council at Lapeer East High School
- Chairperson for “OMNI” Council at Lapeer East High School
- In “Who’s Who Among American High School Students”
- Captain of Lapeer East’s Basketball team
- Captain of Lapeer East’s Soccer team
- MVP of Lapeer East’s Soccer team
- Received “Eagle Award,” top athletic award at Lapeer East
- Lapeer Youth Advisory Council officer
- On the National Honors Society
- Junior board member of the Metro Detroit Youth Chorus
- Received a Presidential Scholarship to Rochester College
- Received an athletic scholarship to Rochester College for basketball
- Retained a 4.0 GPA at Rochester College throughout her illness

House Warming



McCulloughs and Bartons

Darren McCullough came to Rochester College looking for higher education, but he found much more. His future wife, a family and a home became his when he asked Kara Westerfield to marry him. Immediately, the couple sought wise counsel to prepare for a marriage that reflected Christ.

After nine years in Uganda, Africa, as missionaries, John and Sara Barton brought their family back to the United States. Beginning a new life and establishing a home may seem an overwhelming task. But undaunted by what lay before them, the Bartons quickly started anew.

John began his career at the College as chairman of the interdisciplinary studies program and as a professor of philosophy. Sara also began working on campus as the associate director of spiritual life.

At these crossroads in the lives of all four, God combined their journeys. Darren and Kara, seeking a couple to mentor them, saw the Bartons as people they could learn from. Being new, John and Sara desired to know students better. So, the four began to meet on a weekly basis to discuss life, relationships and marriage. Hard questions were asked and real answers were given—by both couples.

“Receiving an invitation into other’s lives is like being invited to walk on holy ground. To journey into someone’s vulnerable places and into their souls is a gift,” says John.

“There is nothing fake about John and Sara. They make it clear that their marriage is a work in progress. We see their faults and we learn from that,” comments Darren.

Through their journeys together, these two couples define home as the people placed in their lives.

“Home is about the people around you, not about the house. Home is when we’re all together,” concludes Sara.

Dr. Russ Bone with Victoria Tucker

by Kelly Galloway '05

Dr. Russ Bone became a member of the Rochester College family in 1998 when he started as an adjunct Bible instructor for the College of Extended Learning (CEL). He teaches at several Rochester campuses through the CEL program including Macomb Community College and Specs Howard. Bone influences many students through his Survey of Biblical Literature and Life of Christ classes.

“Teaching on a Christian campus,” Bone said, “lends itself to being able to interact with students. The subject matter I teach leads to sharing and discussion of life’s situations and relationships.”

Bone makes his students feel at home by inviting them to the Lincoln Park Church of Christ where he is the pulpit minister. It was through such an invitation that Bone met Victoria Tucker. Tucker is a CEL student studying mass communication at the Specs Howard campus.

Tucker and her family accepted the offer, and also met with Bone for private counseling. She says that Bone holds a “profound, intimate knowledge of the Bible” that made trusting him as a friend and professor simple. Bone feels through this type of relationship, lasting impressions are made.

“Ministers can’t keep their personal lives to themselves,” Bone said. “It is my job to help people. Life is messy and everyone needs help from time to time.”

Tucker, pictured below with Bone, said that she had never encountered someone as encouraging to her and that believed in her as much as Bone.

“He is more than a teacher,” Tucker said, “he’s a role model. I never had positive, white male influence in my life until I met Dr. Bone,” Tucker said.

Bone believes the community on Rochester College’s campus draws students. He finishes his thought with, “And I hope that’s what they find in my class.”



Carol Van Hooser with Krystal Lambert

Krystal Lambert says as a result of her parent's divorce, she grew up without a sense of belonging that family should provide. Instead, she learned to care for herself. And until Lambert came to Rochester College, her experience with Christians had been less than positive.

"Every Christian I met wanted to shove the Bible down my throat. I don't respond to that. I need to figure things out for myself," explains Lambert.

Over time, Lambert saw something different happening on her college's campus—people living out their faith, not just talking about it. One person in particular drew Lambert's attention. Carol Van Hooser, assistant professor of biology, stood out because of her gentle ways and bold stance for her beliefs.

"I felt drawn to her. One day after class, I went up to her out of nowhere and asked for a hug. We talked about life's struggles and she prayed for me. I was surprised by her kindness," says Lambert.

For Van Hooser, teaching science is not only about the textbook, it is also about the people sitting in her class.

"I'm not here just to teach. People are what matter and God has placed me here to help meet their needs, whatever they may be," she says.

After that day in class, the two formed a relationship. Long talks, lunchtime meetings and weekend outings deepened their bond. Lambert also formed relationships with others on campus. She credits her roommate, Brandi Smith, and her first resident advisor, Kelly Johnson, as two others that made Christianity desirable. Because of their example, these friends saw Lambert baptized in 2002.

God placed integral people in Lambert's life to guide her to him. Through professors, students and faculty across the college campus, one life was transformed. Others like Krystal Lambert fill Rochester College's campus, today.

"My perspective on life has changed. Carol helped in that change. She doesn't judge me and let's me be who I am. She makes me feel like I am worth so much more than I ever thought."



Dr. Joe Bentley with Benny Lumpkins

In his nineteen years of conducting music at Rochester College, Dr. Joe Bentley never met a student quite like Benny Lumpkins. Lumpkins first joined Bentley's Chorus performance group in 1992. Because of personality differences, the two faced obstacles at first.

"Dr. Bentley's name and reputation preceded him. I wanted to stay on my toes..."

"Benny joined Chorus because he liked to sing - not because he liked me. We both have strong personalities and it took a while for us to figure out how to work around that," comments Bentley.

Lumpkins explains that his desire to perform excellently added pressure.

"Dr. Bentley's name and reputation preceded him. I wanted to stay on my toes," says Lumpkins.

The United States Army called Lumpkins to active duty in 1995, and his time in Chorus ended abruptly. Lumpkins realized that the foundation of discipline laid for him by Bentley helped his transition to army life. Thankful for the instruction he received at Rochester College, Lumpkins wrote Bentley explaining his thoughts.

"One day, out of the blue, I got an email from Benny thanking me. I was completely surprised and glad to hear how he felt," Bentley says.

With his army duty finished, Lumpkins returned to the College to complete what he started. In the fall semester 2003, Lumpkins reunited with Bentley, but not for long when he was once again called to duty in 2004. Each time Lumpkins returned, Bentley readily accepted Lumpkins back to Chorus because of the integrity and leadership he brought to the group. Bentley says that he would always welcome Lumpkins back, though his duties might pull him elsewhere.

A Diverse Home

Diversity relations - a campus priority

by Amanda M. Wolfe

Since the days of Cain and Abel, the children of God have found reason to hate each other. Because the “Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,” Cain believed his brother should die. And, as the Lord looked upon the field where the blood of Abel’s body lay spilt, he asked this question of Cain, “What have you done?”

On a spring day in Memphis, Tennessee, a man stood on his motel room balcony. A visionary not yet welcome in his lifetime, he had seen victories won and some lost in the effort to help black men and white men see past the color of skin. It was on this day that someone else found reason to hate.

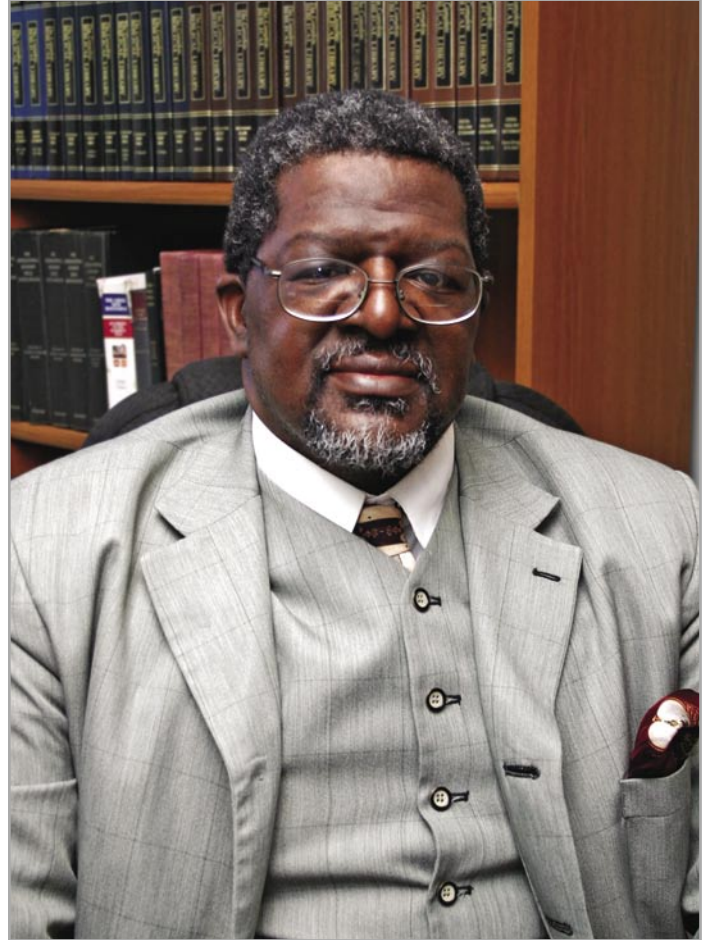
Sorrowfully, on April 4, 1968, a single bullet took this visionary’s life. James Earl Ray admitted to assassinating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on that spring day. Once again, God asked the question, “What have you done?”

This legacy of hate and jealousy, killing and violence, racism and bigotry introduced by the first brothers seeped down the genealogical lines to the present. Yet, today Christian communities work to remove the stain hate left behind. J C Thomas, Jr., the new director of diversity relations at Rochester College, believes Christ calls his children to a higher standard. Christians must exemplify what Christ meant when he said, “Love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27 NIV).”

Rochester College works to uphold Christ’s words. Because the College acknowledges the need for diversity, hiring Thomas was the only logical step forward in the pursuit of a diverse campus community.

“The reality is that Jesus Christ wasn’t just for one people. He was for all people, for all times...”

Thomas’ life has been a practice in racial harmony. In high school, he lobbied for black history to be taught in public schools. In the United States Army, Thomas became the specialist that developed procedures for race relations now practiced. In the 33 years following his military service, Thomas devoted his life to preaching in churches of Christ throughout the nation, eventually becoming the coordinator of the West Coast Forum for Churches of Christ. Now, Rochester College is honored to welcome Thomas as the director of diversity relations.



Hearing Thomas speak proves the fact that God granted him a unique gift. The strength of his voice and the soulful tone of his words ring throughout a person’s body and creeps into their soul.

“The reality is that Jesus Christ wasn’t just for one people. He was for all people, for all times. Separatism was never intended to exist,” explains Thomas.

Armed with these Biblically founded ideas, Thomas steps into a new era at Rochester College. As a community seeking to further cultivate a diverse landscape, the College identified Thomas as someone more than qualified to head the initiative. Dr. Michael Westerfield, president, believes Thomas’ expertise brings faster growth.

“For the goals the College wants to accomplish and the ground we want to break, Thomas is an integral and vital part. We could not move forward without aggressively pursuing a diverse community. Selecting J C helps convey the importance we place on the subject,” comments Westerfield.

These sentiments are felt campus-wide. Dr. David Fleer, vice president of church relations, describes Thomas as someone who effectively communicates to a wide range of constituents.

A Diverse Home Continued:

“Thomas is a gifted orator and thinker. He has a keen intellect and profound wisdom as well as a desire to serve God in church and academia. His mature lifestyle, commitment to family and life of integrity will be a model for faculty, students and the church. Thomas’ remarkable talents will make an immediate, lasting and positive impact. I know of no one better qualified to lead in this area,” says Fler.

Thomas sees a climate ripe for implementing these goals on campus.

“Hearts are opened wide, welcoming an attitude of diversity. The time is right. We need to seize the moment,” he says. “I don’t want diversity to just be a program we offer here, but an entire culture.”

So, the first brothers may have started a story of hate, but the people that followed continue to rewrite the tale, even today. The hurt caused by years of unrest and turmoil created a society that yearns for the day when the question, “What have you done?” no longer has to be asked of a brother.

The Diversity Committee

The committee of key faculty, students and church leaders, will support Thomas in his new role. Over the past year and a half, the committee created a vision of diversity that entails goals such as:

- Create a campus culture that encourages respect and appreciation for all individuals regardless of differences
- Achieve representative numbers in the student body, faculty, administration, staff, board and constituents of groups historically denied access to opportunities for higher education and employment
- Develop programs of study that help students learn of the experiences, perspectives, challenges and contributions of a wide variety of individuals representing various cultures and groups, resulting in a greater understanding of and appreciation for those cultures and groups
- Provide opportunities for building relationships with individuals of various groups and supporting causes that will enhance the quality of life for all

Alumni

by Dick Miller



As the idea of “home” is considered, the fact that half of Rochester College employees are alumni, seems to emphasize the fact that there is an overwhelming sense of home and family at the College. As students, the lives of these individuals were impacted by faculty, administration, staff and each other. Now, they commit to serving Christ

through their various occupations at Rochester College. But, it is not only a commitment to the College, but also to the dreams and goals of the future. This kind of loyalty only comes from witnessing the impact of academic excellence within a Christian community. Because of this, the alumni employees celebrate our home—Rochester College.

Many people attend college, receive a degree and move on without a backward glance. College years fade into memories. Yet, a college remains a living organism, constantly changing. This is a sign of healthy life. This is evidence of a future. The alumni who work on campus are part of this growth and future. Faculty, administration and staff do not just “put in their time.” Their campus involvement is an investment in the lives of more than 1,000 students.

Not only has the College become a home for alumni, but area churches also provide a similar sense of family. Rochester College alumni lead and serve in churches across the state, the nation and beyond. Rochester College students, traditional and CEL alike, come from various faith backgrounds. Employees model the importance of church life and encourage attendance and participation as servant leaders.

Certainly, through the perseverance and example of Rochester College employees, students experience the integration of academics and faith in every course and in daily life. Truly, this is what a good home does.

Alumni Career Services

Alumni, Career Services would like to assist in your career planning. For more information go to

http://www.rc.edu/careerservices/cs_alumni.htm

At this site you will find:

- Survey for graduates each semester
- Career resource information
- Graduate school Information
- Job posting information

Any questions may be directed to Larry Norman, vice president for career services, at 248.218.2190 or by email to lnorman@rc.edu.

Alumni, please take a moment to fill out the online survey at: www.rc.edu/alumni/alumni_survey.htm

Alumni News

Employees New to Our Home

January 2004

Terrill Hall ('04)
Karen A. Hart
Jason Ragsdale

February 2004

Daniel R. Curtis ('02)
Justin Lewis ('94)

March 2004

Todd W. Greer
Doug Van Slambrouck
Joan M. Sullivan
Lee Y. Watson

April 2004

Eric R. Campbell ('01)

May 2004

Scott M. Cagnet
Denise D. Flynn ('76)
Amy N. Mitchell ('01)
Donna J. Mosley
Gerald L. Poet
Jayson B. Rainsberger ('04)
Delyan Z. Raychev ('04)
William R. Waters ('04)
Alexander Waites ('04)
Amanda M. Wolfe ('03)

June 2004

Tedd A. Case
Kirsten A. Larsson
Charles F. Myer, Jr.

July 2004

Kelvin Brown ('95)
Richard A. Miller ('76)

August 2004

Ann Bryan
Susan E. Grant
Suzanne M. Goffin ('04)
Amanda Johns ('04)
Amy L. Maust
Billie Miller
Caye L. Randolph
Christopher L. Shields ('04)
Zachary D. Watson

September 2004

Anne Garrison ('84)

October 2004

Lindsey M. Dunfee
Michael N. Kaufman

November 2004

Catherine E. Belkowski
Barbara Huey

December 2004

Jacqueline Guye

January 2005

Michael J. Muhitch
J C Thomas, Jr.

Departing Home

January 2004

Jim Lewis

March 2004

Bill Burns
Geraldine Christopher
Cindy Corey
Ed Miller
Gerald Poet
John Wriston ('03)

April 2004

Anne Nichols ('00)

May 2004

Wendy Burcham ('03)
Sarah Traylor ('02)
Rick Woodall
June 2004
Mark Davison ('84)
Lucille Green
Julie Moran

July 2004

Chris Osburn
Toby Osburn

August 2004

Bradley Travis Irwin ('96)
Vergil Smith
Mary Beth VanRheenen

September 2004

Sherri Clarke ('84)

October 2004

Gary Carson
Jason Debandt
Ryan Koral ('02)

November 2004

Jeffrey Ledger

December 2004

Steven Bowers ('95)
Lisa Carnes ('99)
Gary Carson
Terry Pitts ('83)
Shannon Williams

1971

Ed and Judy (Sparks-70) Stewart are living at 3136 Laclede Street, Lincoln Park, MI 48146. Ed is employed by Ford Motor Company. Their daughter, Heidi ('97), is a crisis intervention social worker at the Downriver Guidance Center. Their son, Eddie ('98), and his new wife, Alexis, are living in London, England, where Eddie is employed by the Nova Corporation.

1979

Steve and **Julie (Summerhayes) Harper** recently moved and can now be contacted at P.O. Box 732, Leonard, MI 48367. Julie is an advisor in the College of Extended Learning at Rochester College and a sponsor of Epsilon Delta Psi. Steve is a consultant with EDS. Steve and Julie have two children, Lauren and Dan. Dan is a freshman at Rochester College and a member of Company. He played a lead in the college's fall drama production.

1985

Deanna Burns was sworn into her second term of office as deputy supervisor of the Charter Township of Oxford on November 20. Deanna can be reached at 880 Rochester Road, Leonard, MI 48367.

1994

Stacianne (Russeau) Boling was recently selected as a public health officer in the United States Air Force, and is working on her master's degree in public health. Her husband, Jeff, is a dental lab technician in the Air Force. Jeff and Stacianne have two children, Kayla and Emily. The family lives at 13 Galaxy Street, Pope AFB, NC 28307.

1999

D.J. and **Yolanda (Crites) Fett** welcomed Noah Duane on June 27, 2004. Yolanda recently completed her master's degree in education and is substitute teaching in the local county schools. D.J. is vice president of Lima Contracting Company. The family lives at 109 Pioneer Road, Elida, OH 45807.

2000

Hegira Programs recently named **Bill Simons** as director of Inkster Youth in Action. His wife, **Shannon (Perne) Simons**, is the general manager of Insta-Plak, Inc. The couple recently moved to 5728 Summit Street, Sylvania, OH 43560.

2002

Aaron Cox and Miranda Jones plan to be married in August. Aaron is a designer for Consumers Energy, and Miranda is a buyer for Yazaki North America. Aaron can be contacted at 15841 Lennane Road, Redford, MI 48239.

James R. Bentley

As we go to print, we are saddened by the untimely death of James R. Bentley, director of information technologies, who suffered a heart attack on February 5, 2005. The Summer 2005 issue of the *North Star* will contain our tribute to him.

Advancement

Partnership Dinner by Elton Albright

When I began working at Rochester College in January of 1996, two campus events always seemed to be topics of discussion. One was the Associates Fall Festival and the second was Partnership Dinner.



Partnership Dinner began in 1971 when President Don Gardner launched the event to raise funds to pay off the new Alma Gatewood Residence Hall. I've been told the first event, held in the gymnasium, drew 800 guests who ate spaghetti off paper plates! There are many college friends and alumni who were a part of that first event and have attended nearly every Partnership Dinner since 1971.

On May 7, 2005, Rochester College holds the 34th Partnership Dinner. Celebrated at Cobo Convention Center in Detroit because of the large number of attendees, Partnership Dinner XXXIV remains the biggest gathering of college friends each year. For many it serves as a "homecoming" activity. Net proceeds benefit student scholarships at Rochester College.

**"Paul Harvey...
America's number one
news commentator
for decades..."**

The 2005 speaker is Paul Harvey, America's number one news commentator for decades. Harvey's radio show, "The Rest of the Story," is heard by literally millions of Americans each day who appreciate his candid approach to the news.

Paul Harvey, the Rochester College A Cappella Chorus and the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus, along with several hundred friends of the College, will make the 34th edition of Partnership Dinner an evening to be remembered!

Ticket and sponsorship information are available by contacting Elton Albright at ealbright@rc.edu or 800.521.6010 ext. 4.

Endowment: Celebrating a home with a solid foundation by Doug Edwards



Rochester College became a home to so many because of numerous friends who donated time, money and love to help create a Christian environment for students seeking something more than the world has to offer. The pioneers of the early days passed on this legacy to those working today to make the dream a reality.

Donald and Marie Carter, part of the pioneering friends of the College, were two that lived a life filled with Christian service, always seeking ways to contribute - specifically in their community and here at the College. Always a forward-looking people, the Carters saw the need to help students. Through their estate, they established a scholarship for future business majors who had a financial need. Four students presently benefit from the annual scholarships the Carters started.

Scholarships are just one way to build endowment.

Two of the three Carter children attended the College (then Michigan Christian College). Because of their close ties, the family continues to grow the scholarship fund.

"I'd rather give a check to the College than give flowers that only last a day at a funeral," says Don Carter, Jr.

Present donors, alumni, and friends of Rochester College will be greatly missed when they move on from this earth, like Don and Marie Carter. However, the legacy does not have to end. Don and Marie did not have overwhelming wealth, but managed their estate to allow for what was important to them in life—helping others. Similarly, others have the same opportunity to bless students and impact their lives.

Scholarships are just one way to build endowment. Rochester College offers multiple ways to honor friends and loved ones while benefiting generations of students to come. For example, estate gifts and donations are valuable ways to benefit and contribute to the growth of the College.

A free brochure, "Charted Giving Plans," which may be mailed to homes, helps begin the planning process. Additionally, advisors at the College are available for financial planning advice.

For more information call Doug Edwards at **248.218.2020** or **800.521.6010 ext. 4** or e-mail dedwards@rc.edu.

Remember Rochester College in your estate planning

Honor Gifts

Troy A. Butler

Michael and Jeannette Forster

Tom and Ann Carpenter

John Filiczowski

Sonia Everson

Bertsel and Marguerite Everson

Milton and Evelyn Fletcher

John and Mary Barton

William Clay Ford

James and Helen Costello

God's Provision

Bruce and Noreen Bryant

Joan Hagerman

Howard Hagerman

Jon Horst

Michael and Tina Dinnan

Ken and Mary Johnson

Jean Schwallie

Mary Motsinger

Martha Bouman

Ida Palmer

Henry and Maxine Hunter

Harold and Helen Slater

James and Debbie Slater

Bob Utley

John and Mary Chalk

Bob Utley's Retirement

Art and Marge Pope

Memorial Gifts

Jim Avey

Jesse and Andrea Clayton

Mabel Barker

Dean and Ruth Clutter

Stephan Bilak

Dieter and Marlyn Balzat
Thomas and Dorothy Olbricht

Alvis and Viva Blackburn

Everett and Maxine Foster

Larry N. Bouman

Martha Bouman

Lareita Campbell

Betty Dickinson
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Richard Cardona

Scott and Lynn Beck

Bill Clovis

Jesse and Andrea Clayton

Ralph Collins

Scott and Birgie Niemann

Ralph and Glenna Dayton

Earl and Janet Carpenter

Leonard and Naomi Dickinson

Betty Dickinson
Everett and Maxine Foster

Royce Dickinson

Betty Dickinson
Everett and Maxine Foster
Cornell Stamoran

Richard and Lorraine Durocher

Robbie Reynolds

John Fisher

Woodmont Hills Church of Christ

Helen Fouk

Livonia Church of Christ

Gordon French

Warren and Mary Etta Whitelaw

Edna Henson

John and Barbara Krebs

Iva Jacobs

Warren and Mary Etta Whitelaw

Nora Frances Kirchner

Ed Alford

William Lemons

David and Niki Kirkpatrick
Ken and Gayle Mitchell

Earl and Erma Lomax

Earl and Janet Carpenter

Wilma McKeel

Jean Schwallie

Gerald and Ollie Montgomery

Jerry and Judy Montgomery

J.J. Montgomery

John and Barbara Krebs

Richard Mough

Dean and Ruth Clutter

Jack Murray

Jean Schwallie

John Murray

Nick and Geneva Schafsnitz

Ed Niemann

Jean Schwallie

Arnold and Helen Oz

Ray and Sharyn MacDonald

Lucien Palmer

Mary Ellen Adams
Shirley Alexander
Dieter and Marlyn Balzat
Mary Clark
Dean and Ruth Clutter
Ray and Sharyn MacDonald
Scott and Birgie Niemann

Ina Pleasant

Brent and Letha Harshman
Raymond and Katherine Harshman
David and Niki Kirkpatrick
Ernie and Ginny May
James and Rosie Mead
Scott and Birgie Niemann
Larry and Kay Norman
Ed and Joan Palmer
Klint and Rachel Pleasant
Denise Rogers
Max and Mary Schofield
Joanne Shinsky
Roger and Fran Smith
Gay Young

Ronald Reagan

Gordon and Louise Addington

Earl Reed

Ken and Gayle Mitchell

Annette and Cheryl Anne Riley

Albert Meress

Bill (Coach) Shinsky

Dean and Ruth Clutter
John and Pamela Lewis
Ernie, Ginny and Caitlin May
Wallace and Virginia Mays
Curtis and Pat Shinsky
Joanne Shinsky

Jamie Carole Stowe

Warren and Mary Etta Whitelaw

Bob Turner

Dean and Ruth Clutter

Rosalie Turner

Robert Turner
Theresa Turner

John Van Horn

Jan Van Horn

Larry Witzeling

Sandra Witzeling

Employee Appreciation Awards

Presented by Dr. Michael Westerfield

January 21, 2005

Faculty Member of the Year Award 2004-05

Vivian Turner, assistant professor of mathematics

"This faculty member is a shining example to students, faculty and staff. She is adored by her students and has a unique way of getting them to be successful in situations where many have not seen success before...She is an outstanding Christian example and a 'jewel.'"

Staff Member of the Year Award 2004-05

Debi Hoggatt, associate dean of the College of Extended Learning

"Many students have referenced her as the reason they made it through their degree program. She handles the stress and workload in the department extremely well and is a 'rock' for the staff to turn to. She truly loves the students and this institution."

25 Year Award

Kent Hoggatt
Cathy Ries

20 Year Award

Jan Coe

15 Year Award

Andrew Kronenwetter

10 Year Award

Elton Albright
Doug Edwards
David Fleer
Frank Pitts
Terry Pitts
Don Robinson
Debi Rutledge
Brian Stogner
Michael Westerfield

5 Year Award

Charles Blake
Craig Bowman
Ron Cox
Brenda Davison
David Deaton
Judy Dunham
Julie Harper
Holly Hebert
Toni Deaton
Julayne Hughes
Holly Johnson
Elliot Jones
Jeanette MacAdam
Elaine May
Kara Miller
Matt Miller
Scott Niemann

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