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# Inside Rochester College



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## Campus improvements enhance student life

Students enrolled at Rochester College this fall are benefitting from one campus improvement project and soon will benefit from yet another. The cafeteria recently underwent a complete renovation, and construction will begin soon on an atrium.

"By the end of the summer, the cafeteria took on a complete new look," stated Mark VanRheenen, executive vice president. "The floor plan was rearranged, workers installed air conditioning, and the facility was redecorated with attractive new tile, carpeting, and lighting. New furnishings completed the project, giving the facility a pleasant new atmosphere."

Campus improvement plans also call for con-



Students gather in the hallway that soon will be adjoined by the atrium.

struction to begin soon on a 1,050 square foot glass atrium to be located on the front side of the auditorium. Upon completion of the facility, which will be named in honor of Gerald and Lucille Isom of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania, the campus cafe will move from its current location in the Utley Student Center to the atrium. The college bookstore will then be able to move into the area currently occupied by the cafe.

"We are now awaiting final approval of the project by the city of Rochester Hills," stated Mr. VanRheenen. "As soon as that approval is granted, we will begin construction. Since the project is not extremely complicated, we anticipate opening the new facility sometime during the fall semester."

"The atrium will provide students with another great location to interact with one another," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "It will be visible from the main walkway that runs down the center of campus and, along with the cafeteria, will have a tremendous impact on campus life for years to come."



Stage productions like Celebration in Song will use the atrium as a spacious new reception area for hosting guests.

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Known for its natural beauty, the campus of Rochester College displays the vibrant colors of each season. Whether visiting on a tree-lined sidewalk or walking among the wooded trails traveled by the cross country team, students enjoy peaceful on-campus surroundings. Within minutes they have access to one of the nation's most dynamic regions.

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# Men's basketball program expands to two teams

Two men's basketball teams will represent Rochester College in intercollegiate competition for the first time this fall. Dating back to the opening of the college, men's basketball has the longest tradition among the five sports offered by the college for men and the five for women.

"For years we have discussed the possibility of adding a freshman team," stated Garth Pleasant, athletic director and head basketball coach. "We had only two spots opening on the team this year due to graduation, so it seemed like an appropriate time to add a second team."

George Evjen, who has served for the past two years as assistant coach of the men's team, has been selected as coach of the freshman team. Both Coach Pleasant and Coach Evjen will work closely as they recruit and select team members.

"A lot of colleges have freshman teams to de-

velop players for the level of competition encountered by their varsity teams," stated Coach Pleasant. "Our freshman team will help meet that need and provide many more players with a chance to participate in intercollegiate competition."

"Once people began finding out about our freshman team, we started getting phone calls almost every day," stated Coach Evjen. "Our focus, however, has been on students who will fit into the mission of the college. Consequently, we have selected several players who have experience playing for Christian high schools."

Initially, the freshman team will play several junior colleges and freshman teams from larger four-year schools. The varsity team currently competes with several NCAA and NAIA institutions including Wayne State University, Central Michigan University, and Oakland University.

"As soon as our new athletic center is completed, we hope to join the Wolverine-Hoosier league of the NAIA," stated Coach Pleasant. "Many of the colleges competing in that league have freshman teams that we will play in the coming year."

"All of our teams continue to excel and achieve new levels of success," Coach Pleasant noted. "Our volleyball team won their national invitational last year, and our baseball team defeated Oakland University just days after Oakland defeated the University of Michigan. We are excited to watch our teams in action again this year."

## At a Glance

### COMPUTER SERVERS

Addressing increased demand for use of the campus computer network, the college is in the process of installing new servers. Since access to the network from the residence halls became available last fall, students continue to connect personal computers to the system on a regular basis.

### BROADBAND NETWORK

Technology personnel recently completed installation of headend equipment for a campus broadband network. The network provides campus residents with better television reception of all local and ten satellite stations. Eventually, the broadband network will facilitate broadcast of campus programs, lectures, and sporting events.

### FITNESS ROOM

Athletes and members of a weight training class now have access to a fitness room on campus. While a more extensive room is planned in a new athletic center, the current room includes a variety of equipment for weight training and strength conditioning. College officials are now in the process of raising funds for a new athletic center.

## Did you know?



Beginning this fall, you will be able to pursue a new interdisciplinary studies major at Rochester College. Under this flexible degree program, you can blend two concentrations from such diverse areas as business, communication, music, behavioral science, professional writing, and sports management. If you have a strong interest in a specialized field like commercial art, fashion merchandizing, or vehicle design, you can complete one of your concentrations through cooperative programs with nearby colleges. Inquire today!



## Rochester College Sports

### For Men

Basketball  
Baseball  
Soccer  
Cross Country  
Track

### For Women

Basketball  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Cross Country  
Track

## New at Rochester College

Amber Smith recently completed her senior year at Romeo High School. A member of the National Honor Society and a participant in several school activities, she is a certified open water scuba diver. Amber stated, "I have heard so many wonderful stories about Rochester College. My mother attended and has shared many fond memories. From the moment I stepped onto the campus, I have been overwhelmed with the genuine warmth and kindness everyone has shown to me."



Chris Shields, a 1999 graduate of Richton South High School in Richton Park, Illinois, enjoys drawing, painting, singing, and reading. He performed in a high school musical and has been selected as a member of Autumn. Chris stated, "I chose Rochester College because I wanted to further my education at a college that would aid in my spiritual growth. As a new member of Autumn, I'm looking forward to using the gifts God has given me to glorify Him and help others."

Eden Swanson completed her first year of college at Harding University. She transferred to Rochester College this fall as a sophomore and plans to pursue certification as an elementary school instructor. At Harding, she participated in Spring Sing and earned a spot on the Dean's List. Eden commented, "Everyone I've met from Rochester College has made me feel welcome. I can see that God is at work on this campus, and in the lives of the students and faculty."



## Check out Rochester College at a Senior Preview!

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1999-2000  
October 14-15  
November 18-19  
March 17-18  
April 20-21

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Enrollment Services  
1.800.521.6010

## Students discover benefits of early application

Enrollment skyrocketed at Rochester College again this fall, highlighting the importance of early application. Students planning to enroll next fall are encouraged to begin the application process soon in order to secure a place in the student body and to benefit from a number of early application incentives.

“Since we now conduct an ongoing registration system, those students who apply and complete their files early get the best selection of classes,” stated Larry Norman, vice president for enrollment management. “As the past summer progressed, classes began filling on a daily basis, so those who applied and registered early generally got their first choice in courses.”

Along with a prime selection of classes, early applicants also will benefit from an automatic 5% tuition discount if their application and \$25.00 application fee are received by the Enrollment Services Office before January 1, 2000. Early application enhances eligibility for several scholarship and grant programs as well.

“In addition to the early application discount for those who apply before January 1, we are also offering two awards that will cover the cost for room and board for one year,” stated Mr.

Norman. “Those interested in these awards must submit a 500 word essay detailing why they want to attend Rochester College and must apply for admission before January 1. We will then select one male and one female to receive the awards based upon originality of the submission. More details will be sent to seniors soon.”

“It is an exciting time to be a student at Rochester College,” noted Mr. Norman. “Those who begin the application process early will find their transition to college life much smoother, and will benefit from their advanced planning.”



Enrollment information is discussed by Larry Norman.



## Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Fall Drama Production .....	November 12-13, 1999
Spring Semester Classes Begin .....	January 17, 2000
Celebration High School Day .....	March 17-18, 2000
Autumn and Spectrum Auditions .....	March 30-April 1, 2000
Company Auditions .....	April 8, 2000
Home School Science Camp .....	June 12-16, 2000
Summer Jam .....	June 18-23, 2000
Cedar Point Sonshine Rally .....	June 26, 2000
Warrior Soccer Camp .....	July 17-21, 2000
Warrior Cross Country Camp .....	July 23-28, 2000

**For information on any of these special events, phone  
the Enrollment Services Office toll-free at 1.800.521.6010.**

## Lives impacted by Ghana mission campaign

Led by Michael Light, assistant professor of history, a group of students from Rochester College recently participated in a three-week mission effort in Ghana, West Africa. Most members of the team experienced life in a third world country for the first time.

"The team realized that it would be challenged by a lot of hard work both before and during the trip," stated Mr. Light. "As with most mission efforts, however, the trip was a life-changing experience for most of the team

members as well as the people they came in contact with while in Ghana."

Upon arriving in Africa, the team worked with Fred Asare, a native preacher, and Josiah Tilton, an American missionary. Most of the group's efforts centered around evangelism, work with water drilling projects, and assistance with construction at the Village of Hope, a home and school for orphaned and abandoned children.

"Last fall, Fred Asare visited the college and spoke to Image about the Village of Hope," stated Ruth Zimmerman, a sophomore from Vineland Station, Ontario, who spent two years working with a mission effort in New Guinea before enrolling at Rochester College. "Because of my interest in education on the mission field, I wanted to see how the Village of Hope operates in case their work could be adapted for use in New Guinea."

"Each member of the team was so excited about the opportunity of sharing the gospel with people who had never seen a Bible or heard the gospel," noted Mr. Light. "It was an incredible experience for everyone."



*Junior Mark Johnson visits with children in Ghana.*