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## Rochester College mourns

The Rochester College family mourned two tragedies that struck within one week of each other in November. Michel Roy, 36, an economics instructor for the College of Extended Learning (CEL), succumbed to cancer on Nov. 5. A week later, Adolph Jones, 20, an accounting student in the CEL, was killed in a traffic accident caused by a drunken driver.

"Michel was one of the most dynamic, energetic, enthusiastic and incredibly positive people I have ever known," said Angela Hazel, a former CEL colleague of Roy. "His students loved him tremendously and were very

loyal to him."

Jones died on Nov. 12 when his car burst into flames when struck from behind by a Jeep driven by a drunk driver. According to *The Oakland Press*, Jones and a passenger were traveling on Interstate 75 in Troy, Mich., when the accident occurred.

"I admired Adolph because he was one of those people who wasn't going to allow any obstacles to stand in the way of getting his degree," said Tracey Hebert, vice president for the College of Extended Learning. "He was determined and I'll remember him for that."



Adolph Jones



Michel Roy



## Bavaria!

Rochester College to launch study-abroad program in the heart of Europe



### Rochester College's new European home Munich, Bavaria, Germany

- Population:** 1.3 million (Germany's third largest city)
- Established:** 1158 A.D.; became capital of Bavaria in 1255
- Location:** Center of Europe; within two hours of Paris, Vienna, Rome, Prague and Berlin; foothills of Alps; near the Black Forest
- Nicknames:** *Northernmost City in Italy, Village of a Million*
- Universities:** Ten universities with nearly 100,000 students
- Libraries:** Most in Germany (183 total); many have English sections
- Commerce:** Europe's "Silicon Valley", 75 percent work in technology; second only to New York City in publishing
- Culture:** Over 200 museums, galleries and collections; 50 theatres; seven concert halls; baroque, classic and rococo architecture
- Quotable:** American author Tom Wolfe said: "This is one of the most wonderful and charming cities in the world."

Rochester College recently designated Munich, Germany, as the new official home of GEO, the College's study-abroad program. Officials cited the city's cosmopolitan culture, central European location and vast resources that could support special business and education programs as the factors that made Munich their clear choice over 28 other prospective European sites.

"Munich is a vibrant city, filled with all sorts of opportunities," said GEO chairperson Jennifer Hamilton. "There are museums, operas, theatres, historical sites and sports to take in. Munich is a travel hub, so even a two day weekend will provide opportunity to visit other cities in Europe."

The College's decision came nearly a year and a half after GEO's first overseas summer experience in Aberdeen, Scotland, which will serve as the program's temporary home until the College locates facilities in Munich. After narrowing 29 suggested sites down to two--Salzburg, Austria, and Munich--a team of business, English, history and religion professors traveled to Europe last November to scout the finalists. The team graded the two cities on their academic resources, infrastructure, safety, accessibility and

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**Ken Johnson****We're building to transform lives**

Dear alumni and friends,

For 44 years, **north star** has chronicled the progress of this institution. From significant changes in leadership to significant changes in brick and mortar, **north star** provides alumni and friends an opportunity to know what is happening.

The most important happening at Rochester College is transformation in the lives of young people who come to a deeper faith in the God of the universe. Transforming lives is the reason we exist. Yet, the context for our endeavor is higher education.

Today, the higher education marketplace is more complex than ever. With great strides, we have been able to strengthen our academic presence. Yet, much remains to be done and must be done in a relatively short time if we are to hold our place--or carve out a larger place--in the highly competitive arena of higher education.

In terms of academic presence, our highest need is credible science laboratories. In terms of campus life, our highest need is a student center. In terms of co-curricular activities, our highest need is a gymnasium.

Plans for all of these facilities are in place. Tuition and fees generally cover operating costs but do not cover new buildings. Buildings are constructed only when God touches the hearts of donors who believe in our mission. Our hope is for God to touch the hearts of donors as we seek and ask and pray for funding.

The new facilities of the last six years -- Hoggatt Hall, Ferndale Hall, Dearborn Commons, Isom Atrium, and Ham Library -- have reshaped the face of the College and have contributed significantly to enrollment growth. Yet, our greatest growth will occur after the additional new facilities are in place. With that growth will come significant additional transforming opportunities.

Thank you for your continual encouragement and for your investment in the future of Rochester College as it seeks to be responsible in the task of building up the Kingdom of God.

Cordially,

Dr. Ken Johnson  
President

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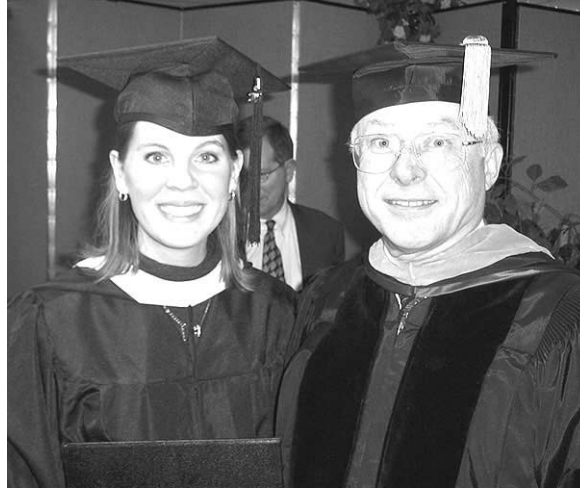
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*The mission of Rochester College is to engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a **Christian community** for a life of **study and service.***

**News Briefs**

Megan Graham (left) of Fenton, Mich., poses with Rochester College President Dr. Ken Johnson after she received the first Bachelor of Arts degree to be conferred by the College.

**College confers first BA**

Rochester College awarded its first Bachelor of Arts degree on Dec. 13 to Megan Graham, an English major from Fenton, Mich.

"The addition of the Bachelor of Arts means we now offer a full range of bachelors' degrees," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, College provost.

The difference between the Bachelor of Arts and other degrees is its emphasis on humanities subjects like literature, philosophy, languages and history.

On May 29, 2002, the state of Michigan granted the College the authority to confer the BA. Rochester currently offers communication, English, history and music under the new BA degree. Graham's graduation marked the completion of the College's nearly 50-year quest to become a true four-year liberal arts college.

In addition to the Bachelor of Arts, Rochester College confers the Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Religious Education, Bachelor of Science, including two accelerated bachelors' degrees through its adult learning division.



U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Mich.) addresses his constituents at a Jan. 10 forum hosted by the College and the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**College hosts U.S. representative**

About 60 business and community leaders gathered at Rochester College's new Ham Library on Jan. 10 to meet U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Mich.), State Sen. Mike Bishop (R-Rochester), and State Rep. John Garfield (R-Rochester) in a public forum sponsored by the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce.

"I believe hosting the chamber of commerce and our elected representatives placed the College in the minds of the many who attended," said Rochester College Provost Dr. Michael Westerfield. "The activity set an attendance record and allowed the College to be a partner with the community."

Westerfield delivered a brief presentation about the College's recent growth, the new Ham Library and plans to construct an academic center by as early as next year.

The event, held periodically by the Rochester Regional Chamber, set an attendance record.



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# College caps tuition at 2002 level

*Official: "We want to do what we can to help students"*

Rochester College officials recently announced it would buck a growing trend of tuition increases at small private colleges by not raising the amount of money most of its traditional students would pay for the 2003-2004 academic year.

"We understand that the tight economy has a real impact on our students," said Rochester College Executive Vice President Mark VanRheenen. "We want to do what we can to make it possible for students to get a quality college education."

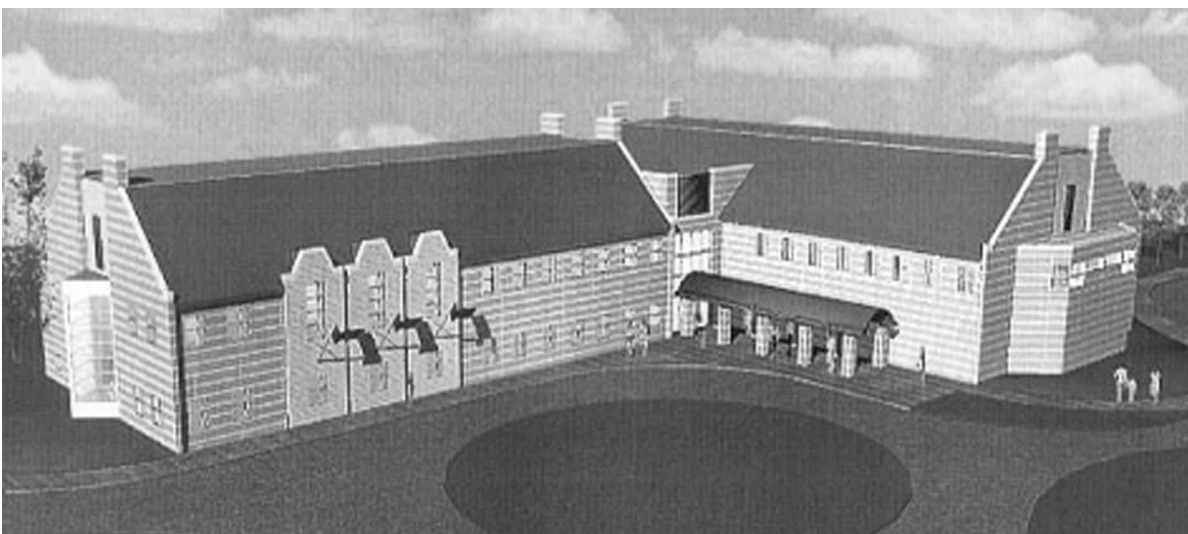
On average, Rochester College tra-

ditional students (those not enrolled in the College of Extended Learning) presently pay \$5,136 for a "block" of 16 credit hours per semester. The College's recent decision will keep that dollar amount static for 2003-2004, but will reduce the number of credit hours to 15 per block.

"We chose to reduce the tuition block from 16 to 15 credit hours to be comparable to most other colleges and universities, which use a 15-hour block when calculating tuition," said VanRheenen. He added that about 70 percent of the College's traditional stu-

dents take 15 hours or less and will directly benefit from the College's decision to hold tuition at the 2002 level.

"It's a great decision from a student's perspective because tuition [usually] goes up on a yearly basis and college is already out of reach for a lot of people," said Ryan Pawloski, a junior transfer from Macomb Community College. "I think it also shows the true colors of the administration and that their emphasis is on accommodating students. They're very focused on allowing students to come and making it as affordable as can be."



An artist's rendering of the planned academic center (right) to be added to the Ham Library (left) by 2004 or 2005. The new building will catalyze the College's expanded science department and a new pre-med program.

## New facility moves closer to reality

*Academic center could lead to science department growth*

The faculty and students of the Rochester College Department of Science can hardly wait for College administrators and departmental representatives to complete the planning phase for a \$4.8 million, 28,000 sq. ft. academic center to be built by as early as next year.

Department chairman David Brackney, whose students are presently confined to a tiny building constructed from an old greenhouse on a remote fringe of campus, believes the science labs and classrooms planned for the new center could feed a growth boom for the College.

"The science department will be able to offer classes that are currently not offered due to lack of space, equipment and labs," said Brackney. "The department could design courses to launch a natural science major and eventually a strong pre-med program."

The new facility will also bolster the College's growing teacher certifi-

cation program by enhancing opportunities for education students to prepare to teach science at the primary and secondary levels.

"Having adequate and properly equipped work space will be a tremendous improvement," said Brackney. "We are planning fully-equipped

*"The [science] department ...could...launch a natural science major and eventually...a pre-med program."*

*David Brackney  
science dept. chair*

biology and chemistry labs, a physical science lab and a lab where students can conduct undergraduate research."

The board of trustees approved construction of the new center at its last fall meeting. The facility will adjoin Ham Library, opened last year, in the center of campus. In addition to pro-

viding a new home for the science department, the building could house administrative offices and a recital hall for the College Theatre. Several other departments and campus groups also submitted "wish lists" that Gary Carson, vice president for special projects, said would be evaluated based on viability and added cost.

Carson expects to finalize plans and seek project bids by this summer. In the meantime, a capital campaign will be launched by the end of this year.

That may seem awfully close for Carson and the College's fund raisers but it can't come soon enough for the students who must get by in the existing space. Tim Parker, an education major and student body president, said he applauded the College's decision to give the science department priority in the new building.

"The College is in desperate need of labs to accommodate the growing number of science majors," said Parker.

## Board appoints new trustees



### Harrison (Hank) Davis

Nashville, Tenn., resident Davis is director of public relations for **Nations University**, a distance learning program with 1,335 students in 71 countries. He and his wife, Robbie, have two children. Their extended families have been involved in Christian education for generations.

"I'm looking forward to helping Rochester College progress to become one of the outstanding colleges in Michigan," said Davis.



### Connie (Kinser) Graham ('71)

A former Michigan Christian College homecoming queen, Graham and her husband, Todd ('71) reside in Fenton, Mich., where Connie teaches language arts for **A.G.S. Middle School**. Graham's parents helped found the College in the early 1950's. Two of her three children attended Rochester.

"We are so proud of where the College has been and where it is going," said Graham.



### Norma Morris

A native of the Philippines, Morris is vice president of **Old Homestead Records and Publishing Co.** and former assistant director of food services at the **University of Michigan**. She and her husband, John, have three children. Morris is an active Christian, leading the women's ministry at church. She is a lifetime member of the **Associates of Rochester College** and is glad to be a trustee.



### Jon Raymond

Raymond, a resident of Granville, Ohio, is the retired founder of **Raymond Professional Management**, a consulting firm that was a national leader in the field of electronic disaster prevention and recovery. He is on the board of trustees for **Willowbrook Christian Communities** in Columbus, Ohio.

"I've been so impressed with...the College that I wanted to be more involved," said Raymond.

## Leaders



**Renovations complete.** The College recently completed a \$225,000 interior and exterior renovation of the 25-year old Westside Central Auditorium.

**Birgie Niemann** was promoted to associate vice president for institutional relations and assumed responsibility for the **offices of alumni, church, community and media relations**. Niemann's previous role was associate vice president for community and foundation relations.

On Feb. 14, **Ohio Valley College** in Vienna, W. Va., will present **Tracey Hebert**, vice president for the College of Extended Learning, a medal for his accomplishments in the field of higher education.

The **Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association** invited **Hebert** to speak on the topic of "Partnerships in adult learning: Delivering bachelor degree completion programs" at its annual conference in Chicago, April 13-16, 2003.

**Debi Hoggatt**, associate dean of the College of Extended Learning, recently completed several months of participation in the Head Start-funded **Early Childhood Higher Education Initiative** in Sequoia, Calif.



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## Unusual business

### New prof wants to turn students on to concept of "redemptive business"

Danny Hardman wants her students to change the world.

Fresh from two years in an innovative business-oriented Christian ministry in Uganda, Africa, Hardman comes to Rochester College on a mission: Persuade students to pursue business as a tool for social change.

"I want to open their minds to understand that nontraditional business can make a big impact," says Hardman. "Perhaps I can encourage them to do what I did; to take a year or two--or a lifetime--and go make a difference somewhere."

Hardman practiced what she plans to preach. Shortly after earning the MBA from Harding University in Searcy, Ark., in 2001, she moved to Jinja, Uganda, where a team of American and Ugandan Christians was perfecting an innovative new style of mission work that used business to connect with the community. There, she became director of The Source, a small business that functioned as a resource for the townspeople and a source of funds for expanding ministry in the region.

"The Source is unique among American Christian missions in that it does not rely solely on money from the United States to fund its ministries," says Hardman. "Its founders hoped it would eventually be self-supporting and ultimately come under Ugandan ownership and management."

Among other things, The Source provided computer and skills training, a public library and a café with com-

puter terminals and Internet access. The business eventually became one of Jinja's primary Internet service providers. The Source also packaged and sold its own brand of coffee and merchandised crafts made by locals.

As the resident business graduate, Hardman managed bookkeeping, marketing, public relations and training the enterprise's Ugandan employees. As a Christian, she did many tasks most MBA grads would scorn.

"I took time to make sure the cafeteria was clean and to gently and patiently teach the Ugandan workers

climb Mt. Kilimanjaro, but the top of my list would be being a friend to those women in Uganda."

Hardman sees the connection between teaching and mentoring her Ugandan friends and co-workers and doing the same for Rochester students.

"I want to get involved in students' lives," says Hardman. "I want to relate cross-cultural issues that I learned from working with the Ugandans to communicate and overcome cultural barriers to accomplish our goals."

Even though she's back in America, Hardman hasn't forgotten the passion

*"Perhaps I can encourage them to do what I did; to take a year or two--or a lifetime--and go make a difference somewhere."*

**Danny Hardman**  
assistant professor of business

about everything from salmonella to computers," says Hardman.

It was that "gently and patiently teach" part that inspired her to pursue teaching as a profession.

"I was constantly teaching," she says. "I was constantly taking something that was not understandable to the workers and putting it in a way that they could understand. I was constantly spending time with them and getting involved in their lives."

Hardman's eyes get teary as she remembers the tender teaching moments she shared with people who, on the surface appeared to have so little and yet gave her so much.

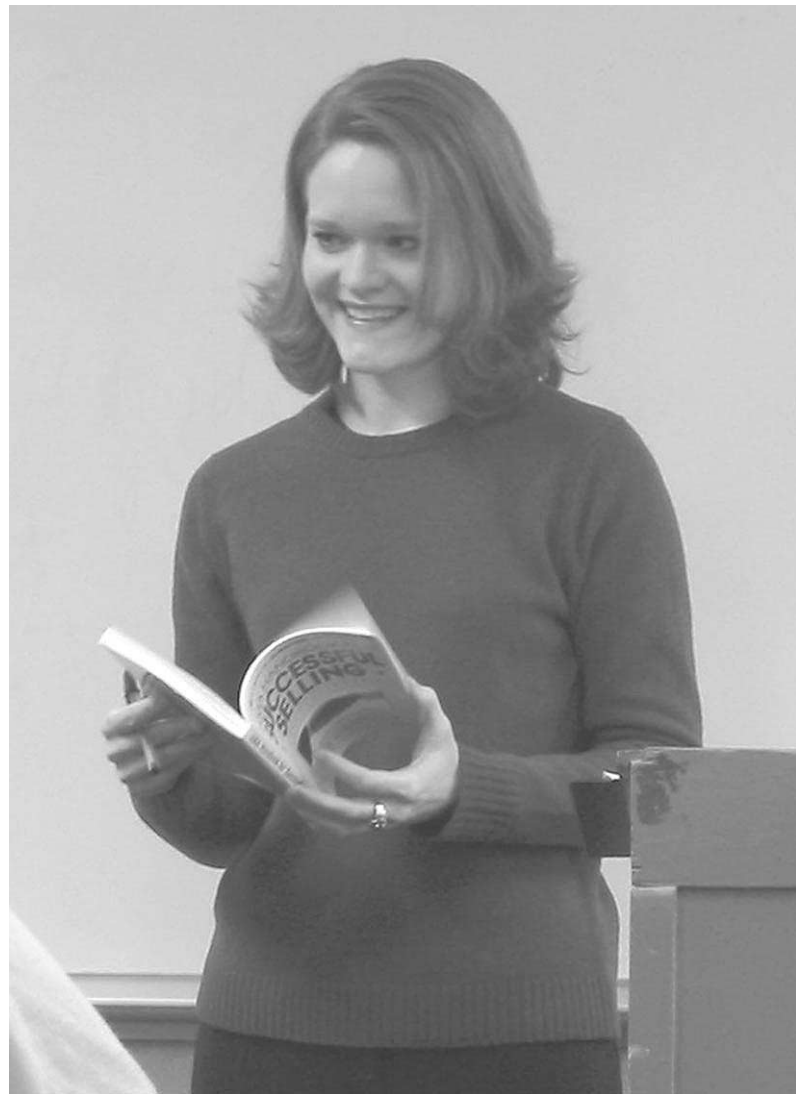
"The teaching and mentoring were, hands-down, the best part of it," she says. "I've done some cool things, like

that pulled her away to Uganda. In fact, she says she would like to return with a few of her students in tow.

"I'd love to see a program where the College helped educate Ugandans," says Hardman. "I could go over to teach a college course or two over the summer and take a group of students to show them what's going on there."

Hardman's vision is part of the non-traditional business philosophy that she will impart to her students.

"How come we don't encourage our business students or education students to go to the mission field?" she says. "I will encourage my students to not just be about making money because that's not the thing that provides happiness in life. I will encourage my students to find a mission and purpose."



Assistant professor of business Danny Hardman listens to one of her students in her professional sales class. Hardman hopes some of her students will catch on to what business can do for the needy.

## Faculty

The American Psychological Association invited Dr. Brian Stogner, professor of psychology, and four of his students to present at the association's conference in Toronto, Ont., Canada, this August. Stogner and the four students co-wrote the paper as part of a project for the professor's directed research class.

Jeff Simmons, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences will speak at the International Conference on New Directions in the Humanities at the Institute of Education, University of London, England, July 15-18.

Carol Van Hooser, assistant professor of biology, published an article entitled "The function of abdominal stroking in the paper wasp, *Polistes fuscatus*" in *Ethology, Ecology and Evolution*.

Dr. Joseph Reddick, professor of business, was named chairman of the business division. Reddick previously served as director of the division's computer systems management program.

The business division added Danny Hardman as assistant prof. of business.

Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, delivered a presentation at the Academy of Homiletics' annual meeting held in Boston, Mass.

## Bavaria

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marketability. Munich emerged as the clear favorite.

### "Village of a Million"

Munich is a visitor-friendly "world city" that hosts 3.5 million visitors each year, according to its tourism bureau.

"Someone with very little knowledge of the German language can effectively live in Munich," said the team's report. "Meanwhile, students will meet people from all over the world."

Munich's popularity may be due to its location in the geographic center of Europe. Over 750 high speed trains stop and go each day in Munich, making two-hour connections to Vienna, Prague, Zurich, Rome and Paris.

Lest students forget that they're in Europe to study, Munich has more libraries than any other city in Germany. Many of those libraries contain English collections. The city also boasts ten universities that enroll nearly 100,000 students. Munich's status as one of Europe's business capitals and reputation as a European "Silicon Valley" make it an ideal location for business students to taste the flavor of global commerce. In addition, education students could attain experience in cultural



diversity, a requirement for teacher certification in some states.

The GEO team found friends in Munich, including a Rochester College alumnus who lives nearby. The team also cultivated a relationship with a relocation firm that could attain facili-

ties and government contacts.

German "test-drive" College leaders hope to launch GEO's first semester in Munich by fall 2004. Getting the new program going, however, will depend on costs and finding the right facilities. Hamilton said that GEO would evaluate the new location for three years before making a commitment.

Another challenge could be marketing Munich to students, who may not be familiar with the city or how it could augment their college education. To address such a concern, the GEO report suggested marketing Munich's access to all of Europe and naming the program "GEO Bavaria".

"Bavaria" communicates "old world" quaintness, the rolling hills of the Black Forest and the heart of Europe," said the report.

### High liberal arts

Regardless of any challenges, Rochester leaders believe Munich could augment the College's liberal arts mission.

"We believe that a quality liberal arts education includes exposure to the diverse cultures of the world," said College President Dr. Ken Johnson. "Our program in Germany will introduce students to many significant cultures."

Erica Watson, a junior business management major from River Rouge, Mich., said that her overseas experience in Aberdeen, Scotland, helped her realize what the world is really like.

"We learned so much more than we could have in a classroom," said Watson. "You can be told about cultural differences but when you experience them is when you know for sure."

Hamilton agreed: "Students learn a lot about the world and other cultures when they travel overseas. In this age, global awareness and understanding are necessary--and not just for being competitive in the job market. If we are to be good stewards of all that we have been blessed with, we must understand who we are and what responsibility we bear globally."



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## In the name of love



### Two students travel to the Ukraine to deliver Christmas to over 300 orphans

Some people take Christmas as it comes; others make Christmas as it should be.

Suzu Goffin, a senior social work major from Grand Ledge, Mich., and Rochester College's 2002 homecoming queen, and Kendra Riley, a junior social work major from Flushing, Mich., spent their Christmas vacations collecting and hand-delivering presents to over 300 orphans in the Ukraine.

Last fall, Riley, who wants to be a missionary in Kenya, heard about a group of Americans that planned to deliver gifts to Ukrainian orphans. She told Goffin about the opportunity and the pair decided to help out.

"The kids there hardly have anything and we have so much," said Goffin, who wants to find a career working with homeless people. "Kendra and I both felt like God placed this opportunity in our hands."

After collecting 400 presents and about \$1,400 each from their churches, classmates and families, the women spent Dec. 28-Jan. 12 traveling thousands of miles to orphanages in Amvrosievka and Mariupol, Ukraine. They gave more than just the presents.

"The kids...were starving for attention. If you just smiled at them, they would start giggling and they were immediately your friend," said Goffin. "They'd run over to you and grab your hand. They're not used to someone paying attention to them."

Between the time their impoverished parents abandon them and the date of their 16th birthday, most Ukrainian orphans will waste away in the government-run orphanages, their little hearts and teeth rotting from neglect. Sweet sixteen usually signals the beginning of a life of crime or, for girls, prostitution.

"Hopefully some of the kids will get adopted," said Goffin. "Just before we arrived, two of the girls got adopted by a family in Ohio."

The hole in the children's hearts and the warmth in Goffin's and Riley's made the language barrier nearly non-existent. Any trace of



Riley (left) and Goffin.

kindness shown by the American students communicated far more than words.

"We touched them and hugged them," said Riley. "We taught them how to thumb-wrestle."

Goffin and Riley made especially good friends with the girls.

"Some girls wouldn't let us go," said Goffin. "They couldn't hug us enough."

The women said they regretted that they had so little time to play with the children.

"We didn't have a lot of time since we went to two orphanages and the fact that we had to give every single kid a present took up a lot of time," said Riley.

"The other people in our group would say we had to go to the next roomful of kids but the kids were holding on to us so it was hard to leave," added Goffin.

The pair recently decided to try to return to one of the orphanages later this year to spend more time with the children. They say going back will be worth the Ukraine's apparent disregard for common American amenities like toilet paper and breakfast food.

"It's totally worth it," said Riley. "I remember their smiles and how tightly they hung on to me and just how much they wanted to be loved."

Sara Barton, the College's associate director of spiritual life and a former missionary to Africa, said Goffin's and Riley's mission of mercy helped the Ukrainian children in more ways than they might have expected, and represented a kind of charity that many Americans do not practice.

"The way Kendra and Suzu served 'in person' was valuable for the children in Ukraine," said Barton. "They didn't just receive gifts from faceless, nameless people, but they were delivered by these two girls who held them, hugged them and shared the love Jesus has shared with them."

*"I remember their smiles and how tightly they hung on to me and just how much they wanted to be loved."*

*--Kendra Riley, junior social work major*



## Students



### Homecoming 2002

The 2002 Rochester College Homecoming court, crowned Nov. 9:

Queen: **Suzu Goffin**, social work, Grand Ledge, Mich.

King: **Joe Howard**, accounting, computer systems management, Marion, Ohio.

Freshmen royalty: **Rebekah Parsons**, communication, Rochester Hills, Mich.; **Fady Jan**, West Bloomfield, Mich.

Sophomore royalty: **Brandi Smith**, English, communication, Ithaca, Mich.; **David Brazle**, education, Tallmadge, Ohio.

Junior royalty: **Erin Beamer**, social work, Flushing, Mich.; **Chris Shields**, Richton Park, Ill.

Senior royalty: **Autumn Gallahar**, social work, Perry, Mich.; **Terrill Hall**, interdisciplinary studies, St. Louis, Mo.; **Martha Traylor**, communication, Oxford, Mich.; **Xander Waites**, Biblical studies, Hebron, Ky.; **Megan Graham**, education, Fenton, Mich.; **Michael Robinson**, social work, Detroit, Mich.

### A Cappella Chorus sings its way South

The A Cappella Chorus, directed by **Joe Bentley**, associate professor of music, completed a seven-day performance tour south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

The Chorus performed in Cincinnati, Ohio; Nashville, Tenn.; Atlanta, Ga.; Lexington, Ky. and Marion, Ohio. Bentley and his singers also performed at the annual **Christian College Choral Festival**, held this year at **Faulkner University** in Montgomery, Ala.

### Psi Chi admits four

**Psi Chi**, the national psychology honor society, recently inducted four students from the College of Extended Learning: **Naomi Kittredge** of Dearborn Heights, Mich.; **Denise Kosenko** of Macomb Township, Mich.; **Amy Roche** of Macomb Township, Mich.; and **Valerie Stone** of Westland, Mich.

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# Sacred WORK

*These men left global corporations, six-digit salaries, or comfortable retirements to come to work at Rochester College. Here's why they did it.*



Don Robinson ('72)  
Assoc. VP for Institutional Advancement

**Previous job:** Commercial development manager, Johnson Controls, Inc.

**What is the difference between working for Rochester College and working in the so-called "secular" business environment?**

I am able to use my God-given sales skills in a way that benefits Christian education and makes a difference in young people's lives. I enjoy the opportunity to worship God during the week with my colleagues and students.

**Why did you choose to come to work for the College?**

I attended here and later worked here in various positions during the 1970's and, when the opportunity presented itself for me to come back, I took it.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

I manage fund raising for new construction. We just completed Phase I of the *Catch the Vision* campaign that built the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library.

**What are your goals in regard to your position at the College?**

My goal is to successfully manage the fund raising efforts to build the facilities on the College's ten-year master plan.

**How does your position contribute to the mission of the College?**

Successful capital campaigns will allow us to upgrade our facilities so we can continue to accomplish our mission.

**What advice would you give the next graduating class?**

Work hard, be flexible but never compromise your integrity. Being successful in your career is important but getting to heaven is most important!

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

It has not been that difficult. We spend less because we have less to spend.

**What is your greatest career achievement?**

I was the first headliner salesperson Johnson Controls ever hired. As the sole headliner salesperson, I not only penetrated the U.S. headliner market but captured 10 percent (\$50 million in sales) in just two years.



Ed Miller  
Chief Information Officer

**Previous job:** Retired hub center manager for BNSF

**What makes working at Rochester College different?**

The mission of the corporate world is to secure money and success. The College's mission is to introduce young people to the Holy Spirit through exposure to His Word and godly people.

**Why did you leave retirement to come to work for the College?**

I'd been praying about a ministry and felt this was His will.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

My department provides technology, which gives students a high quality, Christ-centered education.

**What are your goals in regard to your position at the College?**

Provide quality technology for students, faculty and staff and manage the process so that Christ is honored.

**How does your position contribute to the mission of the College?**

It presents technology in a way that [students] are able to receive educational benefits and feel like Christ dwells on their campus.

**What advice would you give to the next graduating class?**

You can weather the world if you have faith in God, a strong relationship with Him and surround yourself with good people.

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

When you reach my age, money seems less and less important. My relationship with God and with people are where "real life" is.

**What is your greatest career achievement?**

Marrying [my wife], Judy, bringing my three children into the world. My children has been all I need to feel that my life has been worth it.

**Previous job:** Founder and CEO of Intellectual Assets, Inc.; information technology consultant

**What is different about working for Rochester College?**

It is refreshing to start staff meetings with prayer. There is no better ministry than this unique opportunity to minister to others while they are entrusted to the College for a few short months or years.

**Why did you choose to come to work for the College?**

My faith in God's infinite wisdom in guiding me to serve Him where my work would affect more of His people. At my previous positions required weekly business travel and little time for spending with family.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

I apply information technology to the teaching and learning environment. My position includes supporting faculty, developing WebCT infrastructure and protecting its return on investment through continuous improvement.

**What are your goals in regard to your position at the College?**



Osama Kheir  
Director of  
Instructional Technology

Help the College grow beyond the physical campus, especially to diverse ethnic and multicultural students who may have never heard about Christ and to reach that end using instructional technology. My desire is to facilitate the College's on-line degree program (once approved).

**How does your position contribute to the mission of the College?**

I help instructors understand and apply the "distance learning" model.

**What advice would you give students?**

Pray that God lead you to where you can serve the most. Let God guide your career as He leads you to your place of "highest use".

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

The biggest adjustments were leisure-time. With the on-line classes offered there is little opportunity to take well-deserved vacations.

**What is your greatest career achievement?**

Most memorable clients include The First Reserve, TIAA/Cref, SunTrust, Prudential, Cornell University, KRAFT Foods, Allmerica Financial, Garth Brooks, Amy Grant and Alabama.

Gary Carson  
Vice President for Human Resources  
and Special Projects



**Previous job:** Executive vice president of RDS, Inc.

**What is different about working for Rochester College?**

The end product in business is profit. At the College, the end product is Christian businesspeople.

**Why did you choose to come to work for the College?**

RDS, Inc. was sold, providing an opportunity for a career change.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

I develop human resources processes and provide guidelines for facility expansion and upgrades.

**What are your goals in regard to your position at the College?**

Create a work environment where each individual is productive and feels they are contributing. Also provide facilities that enhance learning.

**How does your position contribute to the mission of the College?**

Any organization succeeds or fails as a result of its people. The College's people are my responsibility.

**What advice would you give to the next graduating class?**

Be honest and fair. Expect people to perform and recognize them when they do.

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

This career decision was not financially motivated. There have been adjustments but my years in business provided supplemental income.

**What is your greatest career achievement?**

Being considered a successful businessman while being recognized for my Christian principles. From a secular standpoint, it is probably saving a business that was destined for closure by the parent company.



Mark VanRheenen  
Executive Vice President

**Previous job:** Managing partner, VanRheenen, Miller, & Rose

**What is different about working for Rochester College?**

I enjoy working with people that have comparable spiritual and world views.

**Why did you choose to come to work for the College?**

Having retired at age 45 I felt I had a few more productive years to make a contribution to the Lord's kingdom.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

My role involves [managing] all areas of the College.

**What are your goals at the College?**

To make the College a viable alternative for students seeking a Christ-based higher education experience.

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

I have never taken a job for more money than the previous job, but the Lord has always blessed the situation and the money has always come in abundance.

**Previous job:** Regional operations manager for St. Paul Insurance

**What is different about working for Rochester College?**

The attitude of the secular world is generally "me" and the purpose is generally "bottom line" and "profit margins". At the College, the attitude is "service" and the purpose is to impact lives.

**Why did you choose to come to work for the College?**

I had been interested in working for the College for several years but thought it would be as a professor when I retired. When the admissions position became available, I decided to pursue that instead.

**Describe what you do for the College.**

I manage admissions, student life, retention, financial aid and athletics.

**What are your goals in regard to your position at the College?**

First, effectively communicate what the College has to offer to young people and their parents. Second, make it possible for any student who chooses Rochester to be able to attend.

**How does your position contribute to the mission of the College?**

First, by encouraging students to attend the College and be impacted by the employees as they perform their role in carrying out the mission. Second, by my personal example to students with whom I have contact.

**What advice do you give students?**

Find a good woman who loves you, second only to God.

**How difficult has it been to adjust to making less money?**

God provides a way. I have fewer needs now.



Larry Norman  
Vice President for Enrollment Services



# WARRIORS

spring 2003

## Cross Country

Warriors runner **Jayson Hammond** placed third overall at the **USCAA Cross Country Championship** on Nov. 2 in Dallas, Texas. Hammond's 30:08.54 in the 8K race placed him ahead of 29 runners.



Hammond

"Jayson ran the race of his life," said **Eric Green**, head cross country coach for Rochester College. "He was up there running with the big boys."

Sophomore **Kari Herron** represented the Lady Warriors at the championship. She finished 20th in the women's 6K race with a 33:04.36 time.

## Men's Soccer

The Warriors finished **9-9** in their first season under head coach **Eric Diehl** and secured a berth in the **USCAA National Soccer Tournament** in Dallas, Texas, in November.

At the tournament, the Warriors upset fourth seed Vermont Tech (9-3-1) 2-0 in the first round before succumbing 4-0 to top-ranked University of Texas-Tyler. Midfielders freshman **Brandon Brent** and sophomore **Kevin Garner** were named to the All-Tournament Team.



Garner

"I felt like we accomplished what we set out to do [this season]," said Diehl. "We'd like to have done better but we were happy [get back] to the tournament. Next year we'd like to go back to the nationals knowing what it's all about and win it."



Porter

At the conclusion of the season, the USCAA named Lincolnshire, England, native Garner to the **USCAA All-American Team**. Garner scored 23 points for the Warriors and led the team with a 1.35 points per game average.

"Kevin is a dynamic player who has the ability to change the game," said Diehl. "He's one of the hardest-working players on the team and always goes 100 percent."

Sophomore forward **Josh Porter**, of Lafayette, Ind., was given honorable mention in the USCAA All-American voting. Porter led the team with 24 points in 18 games.

"Josh's greatest asset is speed and that he's left-footed tends to be an advantage. He has a good shot," said Diehl. "He's a dedicated athlete who works hard."

## Volleyball

Sophomore middle hitter **Lindy Emerson** and sophomore libero **Krystal Lambert** each received honorable mention in the USCAA All-American balloting last November.



Emerson

Emerson's .242 attacking average and 2.6 kills per game led the team on offense. On defense, she tallied 110 blocks.



Lambert

"Lindy is simply a great person, one of the most positive people ever," said Lady Warriors head coach **Julie Coss**. "She works hard on and off the court and demonstrates the kind of leadership I want from every player. Her GPA last semester was 4.0."

Lambert's 561 digs led the nation and gave the Lady Warriors the second-best dig average in the nation. "Krystal is a fire ball. If I could clone her, I would," said Coss. "She's aggressive and determined on the court and in life. She exemplifies everything that I could ever ask for in a student athlete. Her GPA last semester was 3.66."

The Lady Warriors finished the 2002 campaign 13-23, an improvement of nine wins over the 2001 season.

## Women's Basketball

The Lady Warriors' (5-14) five wins this season with six games to go eclipses their win total from one year ago when they finished 4-21.

"Our greatest accomplishment this year is our improvement on offense and our competitive attitude," said head coach **Jeff Debandt**. "We are scoring more points and beginning to believe that we can compete."

The Lady Warriors' Achilles' heel this season has been their defense.

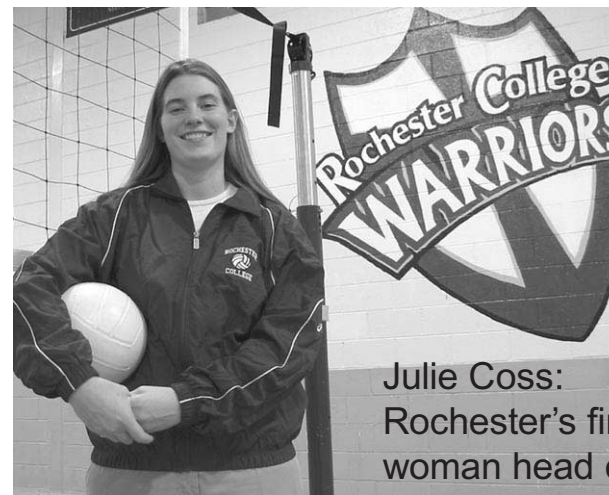
"We give up too many points," said Debandt. "We have to learn that defense leads to scoring opportunities."

Experience may be the most important factor in the Lady Warriors' improvement since the 2001-2002 season. Last year all but two players were freshmen. This year, veterans like three-year starter **Lauren Randolph** and transfer **Brandi Winrow** have given the team the kind of leadership that was missing in the past.



Randolph

"If we can add a few more players in the right positions next year we will be able to take another step toward the next level," said Debandt.



Julie Coss:  
Rochester's first  
woman head coach

Julie Coss may have one of the most difficult jobs at Rochester College: Developing both the women's softball and women's volleyball programs at once. In her first two years on the job, she's handled both with grace.

**NS: What is your mission as a coach?**

JC: To make good athletes great. To encourage my athletes to be better Christians and to know God better.

**NS: How do you manage coaching two sports at once?**

JC: I try to be all about volleyball during volleyball season and all about softball during softball season.

**NS: How do young women benefit from participating in sports at Rochester College?**

JC: They learn how to push themselves past where they think their best is. They have the opportunity to be Christian influences for the teams they play. Playing ball is just icing on the cake.

**NS: What will it take for Lady Warrior volleyball to compete in the national tournament next year?**

JC: Good recruits and the same effort and improvement [we had] last season.

**NS: What are some of the weaknesses that keep the Lady Warriors from making it to the next level?**

JC: We [need] a larger squad of about 12-15 [women].

**NS: What are your goals for the 2003 season?**

JC: We will have a strong junior and senior class for the first time since I came here. My goals are a .500 season, which will get us a bid to nationals; to take a game or more from the schools that beat us 3-0 the last two years; and to bring in five to seven girls who have achieved success in high school or club ball that are going to dedicate themselves to God, school and volleyball/softball, in that order.

**NS: What's the outlook for softball this season?**

JC: It will be exciting to have a full schedule! Last season-my first-we only played [four games] because no schedule had been made before I came.

**NS: What challenges will your young women have to overcome on the diamond this year?**

JC: We only have nine players so there is no one on the bench if someone is having a bad day or is sick or injured.

**NS: How will the new softball field help the program?**

JC: It's almost impossible to recruit an athlete to play just softball [at Rochester]. A field [will give] the girls a sense of commitment from the College and make it more likely for them to stay all four years.

**NS: What are your goals for this coming season?**

JC: Number one is to keep everyone healthy and injury free and make sure every athlete does her personal best every day. If we can do that, our season will be a success no matter what is in the win-loss columns. Eventually, [with] 18-20 girls on the team, [we could] get progressively better and make the national tournament.

## Men's Basketball



Junior forward **J.D. Austin (#23)** attempts a pass over an Adrian College defender at a Jan. 24 home game. Austin is the Warriors' leading scorer with 18.4 ppg.

The **third-ranked Warriors (15-8)** have disproved the notion that 2002-2003 would be a rebuilding year, posting a better record than last year's star-studded squad that featured All-Americans **Mike Robinson** and **Bennie Theriot**.

"Our strengths have been our team play and everyone raising the bar when faced with adversity," said Warrior head coach **Garth Pleasant**, now in his 26th season at Rochester.

The Warriors third ranked-defense (69.96 ppg) is led by senior **Wes Hazel's** 58 steals (third in the nation). Junior transfer forward **J.D. Austin** leads the team with 120 rebounds, followed by freshman forward **Etienne Davis's** 110 boards.

Austin leads the Warriors' ninth-ranked offense with 18.4 points per game. Meanwhile, Hazel has accumulated 82 assists, followed by junior point guard **Justin Sherlock's** 66.

The Warriors' record compared to last year is remarkable considering the team has played one of the hardest schedules in the USCAA, with games against several NCAA II teams and NCAA I Eastern Michigan University, and that starting center **Mike Tobin's** season ended when he broke his foot early in the season.

"I am hesitant in mentioning top performers since everyone has played a valuable role," said Pleasant. "The key for us down the stretch is to stay focused on the execution of fundamentals and for each player to play within their assigned roles."

The Warriors expect to play in the USCAA National Tournament Feb. 24-28 in Tulsa, Okla.



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College "plants"  
living endowment

"Tree of Life" campaign goal: \$300,000

Last November, Rochester College planted the seeds of what could grow into a \$12 million endowment by 2008.

College officials unveiled the *Rochester College 'Tree of Life' Living Endowment Campaign*. Doug Edwards, vice president for institutional advancement said that, while most endowments receive funds from the deceased, a living endowment gets its contributions from the living.

As if to give visual substance to the idea, Barbara J. Clark of Jeffersonville, Ind., donated a six-foot bronze "tree" that the College hung in the main lobby of the new Ham Library.

"An endowment is so important to the life of a Christian college," said Clark. "Perhaps alumni, parents and friends will use the 'tree of life' to memorialize family and friends just as I did."



Left: Barbara Clark (center) of Jeffersonville, Ind. poses with Doug Edwards (left) Rochester College's vice president for institutional advancement and Dr. Ken Johnson (right), College president. Clark helped originate the "Tree of Life" living endowment campaign and made the first gift.

Right: The bronze "Tree of Life" that hangs in the main lobby of the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library. Donors' names are inscribed on its leaves.



Dr. Ken Johnson (right center), Rochester College president, accepts a check from Anthony Tuppins (left center) director of the Rochester Hills Meijer store. In November, Meijer helped the College finish its "Catch the Vision" campaign ahead of schedule. Sandy Wagner (left), Meijer training team leader, and Birgie Niemann (right), Rochester College associate vice president of institutional relations look on.

## Doug Edwards

Remember  
Rochester College  
in your will or trust

Putting together a living trust or a gift annuity may seem too complicated or too much bother, but with proper guidance it can be a relatively painless task. I want to encourage you to at least put together a simple will. If you do not have a will, the state where you live will be very happy to receive your estate!

You need to plan for your family and consider how you want to steward the blessings God has granted you in life. For many, the greatest opportunity to help a charity or ministry in a major way is at the end of earthly life. You can do this with a simple will that will not take long to put together. Please do it *now*, while you have life and health.

Like many, my wife and I have not accumulated much wealth in life. We have a modest home with a mortgage, furniture, some retirement funds and a few miscellaneous things. We never thought of what we have as an "estate", but we realize there is more than we once thought. We decided to take out an insurance (wealth replacement) policy, with small monthly payments, which will provide tax-free help for our children and perhaps the grand kids' education. The rest of our estate will go toward ministries, including a scholarship to be established at Rochester College.

Your will or trust could make Rochester College's future strong to provide a quality education to students in a Christian setting here in the Great Lakes region. You will prepare moral, Biblical and ethical leaders for our churches and communities.

*Have you remembered Rochester College in your will or trust?*

Please let me know if I may assist you as you prepare for the future. Contact me if you need help setting up an estate plan. Please let us know if you have an existing will, trust or estate plan that includes Rochester College. Please call me at (800) 521-6010 option 4.

Doug Edwards  
Vice President for  
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My recent travels in England drove home two realities: (1) how ancient was the spread of Christianity to the English speaking world (second century) and (2) the historic horrors of religious conflict.

Wonderfully, in the last two hundred years, educated English-speaking peoples have been at the forefront of the international spread of Christianity. Tragically, during those two centuries educated English-speaking peoples also have been at the forefront of harsh religious conflict over doctrine. Accomplished in the right spirit, doctrinal discussion helps understand Scripture; carried out improperly, it severely damages the cause.

Our desire at Rochester College is to prepare our graduates to be knowledgeable about "the Faith" and to be responsible with their use of that knowledge as they serve in career, in community and in church, recognizing that the learning process lasts a lifetime.

Dr. J

## Alumni win faculty, staff honors



Two alumni received honors from their colleagues and coworkers at the annual employee appreciation dinner hosted by the Rochester College trustees on Jan. 24 in Rochester Hills.

The College faculty selected 1995 graduate Steven Bowers the 2002 Faculty Member of the Year. Bowers is director of the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library.

"It is encouraging to be recognized by my peers because it means that the people of Rochester College view the library as a vital part of the academic life of the College," said Bowers. "Academic librarians are not always seen as a vital part of the faculty of an institution."

Bowers earned the Michigan Christian College associate's degree in 1995 before receiving the Bachelor of Arts from Oakland University and the Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University.

Top left: Steve Bowers ('95), director of the Ham Library. Bottom left: Mark Johnson ('01) accepts his award from Pat Kirby (left), chairman of the board, and Catherine Englehart (center), trustee.

In 2000, the College hired Bowers to manage the Muirhead Library. Upon completion of the master's degree in 2002, he became director of the new Ham Library.

Jennifer Hamilton, the 2001 Faculty Member of the Year, said that in the Ham Library, Bowers organized and created a resource that supports every academic endeavor at the College.

"[Steve] launched [the College] into the 21st century," said Hamilton. "He connected us with a plethora of resources."

Rochester College employees chose 2001 graduate Mark Johnson to be 2002 Staff Member of the Year. Johnson is a telecommunications administrator for the College's information technology services office.

"[Mark] is a constant, positive promoter of the College," said Ed Miller, Johnson's supervisor. "Being a former student, he really does have an understanding of what the College is about. He never complains. He is self-motivated and actually looks for work or how to better do a job constantly. You can place a lot of trust and delegate responsibility to a person like him. He is a pleasure to work with."

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### Alumni News

#### 1960

**Ed Monroe** and his wife, Gerri, live at 4 Grayburn Drive, Marlton, NJ 08053. An endowed scholarship is named for Ed's mother, **Mary Monroe**, a longtime treasurer of the **Associates of Rochester College**. The couple has six grandchildren.

#### 1968

**Bob Stewart** was awarded **United States patent number 6,484,175** on Nov. 19, 2002. His design for a method and apparatus for providing network management data was developed before his retirement from **Cisco Systems**. Bob and his wife, **Vivian (Hale-67)**, live at 976 Mason Rd., Wilton, NH 03086.

#### 1983

**Barry Wheeler** finished his first season as **Stockton High School** volleyball coach with a 32-4-2 record, the school's first conference championship since 1989, the district championship and state quarter-finalist status. He was named **Mid-Lakes Conference Coach of the Year**. Contact Barry at P.O. Box 953, Stockton, MO 65785.

#### 1985

Judah Nathaniel Terry joined Elisha, Gabriele, Elijah and Micah in the home of **Blake and Becky (Blake) Eubanks** on Oct. 4, 2002. He was named for Becky's dad, **Terry Blake**, who taught at the College and who died in March 2001. Blake is employed by **EDS** and Becky is a homemaker. The family lives at 318 East Rd., Holly, MI 48442.

Justin joined Jacob in the home of **Ben and Terri (Teachworth) Ewald**. Terri works in research and development with **Spectrum Health Hospital**, and Ben is an engineer. The family resides at 6988 Andale, Grand Rapids, MI 49548.

#### 1987

On July 31, 2002, Amelia Jae joined Alyssa and Makenna in the home of **Jim and Lori (Truex) Calkin**. Jim is youth minister for the **Plymouth Church of Christ** and Lori is a substitute teacher for the **Plymouth-Canton School District**. The family lives at 680 Georgetown, Canton, MI 48188.

#### 1991

**Vic Bliss** and his wife, Mary, welcomed Evan Bryan on Oct. 11. Vic is youth and family minister for the **Trenton Church of Christ** and

Mary is a homemaker. The family lives at 22500 Canterbury, Woodhaven, MI 48183.

Along with their daughters Megan and Kaitlyn, **Scott and Julie (Dover) Morgenstern** now live at 9492 Treetop Drive, Galesburg, MI 49053. Scott is a mechanical engineer at **Byce and Associates**, and Julie is a homemaker.

#### 1994

**Dave Eaker** recently graduated from the **Illinois Center of Broadcasting** and was promoted to the position of E-4, 3rd class petty officer in the **United States Navy**. He is an optician at the **Naval Hospital in Great Lakes**, and works on a part-time basis for **Lenscrafters** and radio station **WXLG**. Dave can be contacted at 3001 6th Street #A, Great Lakes, IL 60088.

#### 1995

Jonah DeLoss joined his sister Micah in the home of **John and April (Shepard) Batty** on Sept. 2. The family lives at 16258 West Woodland Ave., Goodyear, AZ 85338.

#### 1997

**Amy Bull** is working as a preschool teacher at **Creative Concern** and helping a church for the deaf. She can be contacted at 1505 1/2 Riverside Drive, Dayton, OH 45405.

#### 1998

On Sept. 23, **Trevis and Nicole (Caprio) Willis** welcomed Parker Jay. Trevis is employed by **Bankers Life and Casualty**. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 252, Eminence, KY 40019.

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Please attach children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc.

Alumni Brian and Lisa Cain are

# God's Helping Hands



The Cain family poses in the clothing warehouse of God's Helping Hands, the nonprofit charitable organization they run in Rochester Hills, Mich. Left to right: Lisa (Barnett) ('87), Darren (11), Devin (5 mos.) and Brian ('89).

Brian and Lisa (Barnett) Cain recall what it was like to be students at Michigan Christian (Rochester) College in the mid-1980's.

"Everybody was friends with everybody," says Brian. "If you saw someone sitting alone in the cafeteria, everybody at your table would pick up their tray and go sit with [the person]."

The Cains took this "leave no one behind" spirit with them when they married and moved on from Michigan Christian. Even after their first son, Darren, was born and a comfortable suburban life began, the couple continued to ask God for an opportunity to help someone in need.

God's response caught them off guard. When Kevin, their second son, was born in 1993, Brian and Lisa soon discovered the child had severe cerebral palsy. For as long as he would live, Kevin would totally depend on his parents for everything.

Brian and Lisa grieved their son as medical bills piled up and many friends deserted them. The young family sagged under the dead weight of trouble. In that gloomy corner of their lives, Brian and Lisa promised God two things: That their family would stick together and that they would help people in similar situations.

Lisa became a parent representative for the Oakland County (Mich.) government. As she interacted with other parents of special needs children, she learned that many families just like her's could not find the assistance they needed to make ends meet.

Meanwhile, the Lake Orion (Mich.) Church of Christ collected clothing for a "giveaway" that drew 13 needy families. A few months later, the Lake Orion church and the Rochester Church of Christ hosted a second giveaway. This time, Lisa used her government contacts to promote the event. Over 150 families responded.

Lisa realized that if the suburban

churches worked together, they could provide clothing for the many families that needed assistance.

Brian continued to work full-time but Lisa shifted her attention to nurturing her two boys and the new cloth-



Kevin Cain (1993-2001)

ing charity. As churches donated more clothing and Lisa found more needy families, the give-aways became a regular event. The Cain family spent weeknights sorting clothes in a garage behind the Lake Orion Church of Christ. The garage became a storage shed. The storage shed became a warehouse in Rochester Hills.

The periodic clothing giveaways became a continuously operating organization called God's Helping Hands. People started coming from as far away as Ann Arbor, Detroit and Flint for clothing or food.

Every week they came: Welfare moms, foster parents, mothers of special needs children and unemployed businessmen. Some of them were white.

Some of them were black. All of them had faces creased by the exhaustion of hard lives.

Brian and Lisa welcomed every person "as family" and committed not to judge anyone based on their appearance. No need was too large or too small. No one, regardless of their income or situation, would ever leave God's Helping Hands empty-handed.

Brian and Lisa remembered going to the government offices for help where the public employees treated them like "the scum of the earth" and numbers instead of people. They vowed to respect and dignify each person who sought assistance from God's Helping Hands. Brian and Lisa began praying for their "customers" by name and encouraging people at church to do the same. They mailed a monthly newsletter to every person on the organization's list of patrons. For some customers, it was the only piece of mail they would receive all month.

When Kevin died on April 26, 2001, Brian and Lisa briefly felt as if they were sitting alone at an empty table. On the day of Kevin's "wedding"--as Brian calls it--hundreds of people crowded into the church to say goodbye to Kevin and thank-you to Brian and Lisa. On that day, the poor people the Cains served at God's Helping Hands became the people who were rich in kindness. Brian and Lisa weren't alone at the table after all.

Neither are the more than 2,100 families that have received clothing, food and friendship from Brian and Lisa Cain since 1998. God blessed them with a new son, Devin (a combination of the names "Darren" and "Kevin"), in 2002, but they have not forgotten the son whom God used to teach them how to help the helpless.

When they were students at Michigan Christian College, Brian and Lisa befriended the needy. They still do. That's why they're God's helping hands.

Then & Now



Many students gathered in the lobby of Associates Campus Center in 1973 to welcome fellow student Robert Gaisey back from a stay in the hospital. As the campus "hang-out" for most of the College's first 20 years, "CC" lobby always seemed to hum with student interaction.



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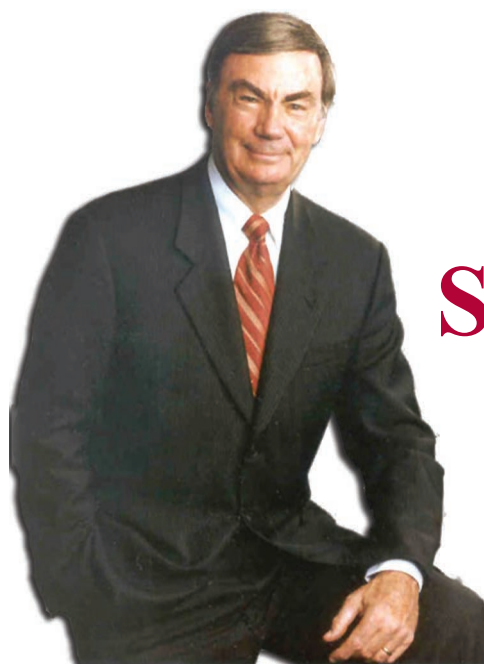
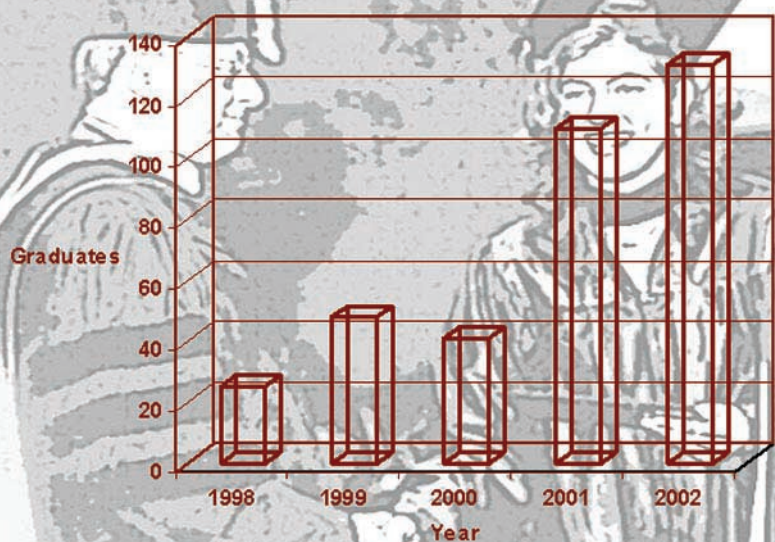
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