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Commitment to heritage reaffirmed

Reaffirming its commitment to the religious heritage of Rochester College, the Board of Trustees recently reviewed a study and issued a formal statement about their vision for the college. The study had been in preparation for two years, with involvement of trustees, administrators, faculty, and church leaders.

"When we were dealing with the college name change, we were driven by a nagging problem, namely, a public image that we were an unaccredited seminary," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "The administration and college trustees had to act to address that problem, and God has blessed our collec-

tive wisdom. Today, Rochester College is stronger academically, spiritually, and financially for having taken action once we understood the problem."

"In this study a different problem was addressed," stated Dr. Johnson. "Our lack of a written definition of who we are often creates uncertainty for our non Church of Christ constituents and, in an era of change among Churches of Christ, increases the possibility of being misunderstood or of moving in an unintended direction."

"Therefore, we set out to identify the ideals that shaped the minds of the founders of the college," Dr. Johnson continued, "envisioning that those ideals could serve as an appropriate anchor for Rochester College, especially in times of change."

"Our founders held a strong commitment to nondenominational Christianity and to a theology that springs from the biblical text," Dr. Johnson stated. "They were a part of the American Restoration Movement, whose cry was that biblical understandings must always hold strength over tradition."

"Early restorationists created an atmosphere where inquiring minds could use the biblical text to freely challenge entrenched

philosophies and doctrines that existed in the American frontier," Dr. Johnson noted. "If a Christian liberal arts college is to develop and preserve its reputation as an institution of academic integrity, it must defend this freedom of open dialog."

"With wise leadership, a Christian liberal arts institution like Rochester College can be a marvelous environment where it is safe to question beliefs, safe to hold questioned beliefs, and safe for everyone to grow in wisdom and knowledge while preparing for a career of service and stewardship," Dr. Johnson added.

"As we encourage the biblical text to be openly discussed in the nondenominational atmosphere of our forefathers, Churches of Christ in the region will benefit because the same open spirit that builds strong Christian liberal arts colleges also builds strong congregations of Christians," the study concluded.

"The type of atmosphere that we are attempting to build at Rochester College is having a positive impact," stated Dr. Johnson. "Employees and students alike notice the blessings of a campus culture where genuine Christian faith is held in the highest regard and where such faith permeates every corner of the campus."



Macomb residents pursue bachelor's degrees at the University Center.

Macomb Center partnership formed

Officials of the University Center at Macomb Community College recently accepted Rochester College as its newest partner in one of the nation's most unique educational facilities.

Since 1991, partner institutions have been offering bachelor's de-

grees at the University Center in a beautiful facility located in one of the largest growth areas in southeast Michigan. The center provides office and classroom space for partners, and helps market available programs throughout Macomb County.

"This is one of the most significant blessings in the history of Rochester College," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "This program has the potential to rapidly grow larger than our boarding campus program, and will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to influence hundreds of students."

Immediately upon acceptance into the center, the college interviewed and hired Tracey Hebert as program director. Mr. Hebert, a native of Vermont and former employee of Northeastern Christian Junior College, currently directs the Birmingham campus of Faulkner University.

"We opened an important door when we signed an articulation agreement with Macomb Community College in 1996," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost. "Because of our unique 3+1 programs and the relationships we have built with Macomb personnel since that time, Macomb officials believe our program will be widely accepted."

Rochester College will offer a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in general studies at the University Center. The degree is designed to emphasize the three top requirements of most employers: management, writing, and communication skills. Students with associate degrees in techni-

cal fields will be able to use this program as a capstone degree.

"As in all of our degree programs, we will require our students at the University Center to complete a Christian faith component as part of their studies," stated Dr. Westerfield. "Students enrolled in our College of Extended Learning have been very receptive to this requirement, and we expect a similar response as we launch our program at the University Center this fall."

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Identified as a priority in the college's last strategic plan, prepared in 1994, a new residence hall complex now stands on the campus of Rochester College. The Board of Trustees recently approved a new strategic plan to carry the college into the next millennium. Further details will appear in the next issue of the *North Star*. Photograph courtesy of Design and Quality Electric.

College takes strong stand on biblical text and freedom in Christ



In a time of substantial change in the world, in the church, and in the religious community around us, it is important for the church and for Christian colleges to know who they are and why they are who they are. Lack of teaching in our pulpits and in our Bible classes has allowed many to reach middle age and beyond without understanding the deep commitment of restorationist leaders to the sole authority of the biblical text **and** the *inseparable* concept of individual freedom to follow Christ only and not man in religion.

Such a declaration of freedom from the creeds of men is the conviction that in the 1800's spawned the movement that today is recognized in the religious world as the Churches of Christ. In our generation, the same desire is spawning the community church movement, but many seekers are passing us by.

Recognizing that religious movements, as they mature, may become progressively more stifling and restrictive, and recognizing the detrimental effect that trend is having on our congregations, the president and trustees of Rochester College have formally expressed their commitment to our restoration roots and to the restoration plea for believers to just be biblical in faith and religious practice.

We, in Churches of Christ, must not allow ourselves to fall into the same trap that led to the nineteenth century restoration movement: the religious world had placed the biblical text in second place behind the creeds and traditions of men. To avoid falling into that same trap, we must declare again to this generation the sole authority of the biblical text **and** the *inseparable* concept of individual freedom of every Christian to follow Christ only and not man in religion.

As we execute our mission at Rochester College, we affirm our roots in the soil of Churches of Christ. We insist that no man or religious body has the right in Christ to deny the freedom of any Christian to use the best scholarship in his generation, along with his critical mind and the best linguistic tools at his command, to conclude the meaning of the biblical text. We emphasize that our primary commitment is to Jesus, who *is* the Word of God.

Since the Bible alone is our standard for religious faith and practice, and to assure that our students know Him who is the Word, all degree programs offered by Rochester College include a required set of Bible classes. Full-time students are required to attend daily assemblies that build faith and build community. Numerous devotionals and other religious events are scheduled regularly on the campus as teaching opportunities. And, of course, Rochester College employs in every discipline only those professors who understand, who practice, and who teach Christian faith.

In response, a revival of spirit is taking place on the Rochester College campus as God blesses our teaching. This academic year more than sixty students have recommitted their lives to Christ or have been immersed in response to the Good News.

Our desire is for our students to discover the passion and enjoy the freedom that captured the hearts of our forefathers who wanted to be Christian - just Christian - without the baggage of men. When a new generation catches that passion and experiences that freedom, they will usher in a revival of health and growth that will bless the church and be a haven for a lost and confused world.

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Johnson

Kenneth L. Johnson
President

Board adopts new mission statement

Following a review process led by Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost of the college, the Board of Trustees recently approved a new mission statement for Rochester College.

"Regulators of higher education encourage colleges and universities to review their mission statements intermittently," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "This process is necessary to assure that the mission of an institution continues to be well articulated in contemporary language."

"The last major review and revision of the Rochester College mission statement occurred in 1985," Dr. Johnson noted. "At this point in time, however, we desired a more concise statement to represent the goals and purposes of the institution."

At the beginning of the academic year, Dr. Johnson appointed Dr. Westerfield, who regularly serves as a consultant evaluator for the North Central Association, to lead the review process. He was joined by Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication; Dr. John Todd, professor of political science; and Beth VanRheenen, assistant professor of English.

"Our committee attempted to define the meaning of becoming

an educated person in a Christian setting," Dr. Westerfield stated. "We attempted to prepare a shorter version that would be easier to read and remember, and to make a strong Christian statement in both the primary mission statement and affirmations."

As the committee completed its draft of the new mission statement, they circulated copies to

members of the faculty and staff for refinement. At the conclusion of that process, the Board of Trustees reviewed and formally adopted the statement.

"I am extremely pleased with the work of the mission statement committee," Dr. Johnson commented. "I believe our new mission statement is the finest among Christian colleges."

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.

Through our mission we affirm:

- A quality education stresses excellence and trains students to perform scholarly research, to write and speak with elegant simplicity, and to think critically and creatively.
- An educated person reveres God and is committed to truth and justice.
- An educated person is able to connect coherently the spiritual truths of God with the wisdom of humanity embodied in the arts and the sciences.
- A Christian education demonstrates that a vibrant faith compels a life of private virtue and of social responsibility.
- An educated person possesses a lifelong desire to grow intellectually and spiritually.
- An educated person views a vocation as an opportunity for service and stewardship, rather than a passport to privilege.
- This community and its professors nurture and incarnate a Christian world view sufficient for the challenges of postmodern thought and encourage the forging of relationships with others dedicated to that view.

Vice president selected

Prospective students of Rochester College soon will begin seeing the name of a new employee. On March 8, Larry Norman began duties as vice president for enrollment services.

"Dr. Johnson and I had been talking about the possibility of my joining the staff for some time," stated Mr. Norman. "When my company recently began restructuring, I decided that this would be a good time for me to make a change in my life."

For the past twenty years, Mr. Norman had been employed by the St. Paul Insurance Company. As a regional operations manager, he directed sales and marketing efforts for his firm in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois.

"Originally, I completed my master's degree with intentions

of teaching at Rochester College," Mr. Norman stated. "However, the challenge of the position in Enrollment Services became very appealing to me."

Since moving to Michigan in 1979, Mr. Norman has served as a board member for the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus, as a board member and weekly manager for Michigan Christian Youth Camp, and as a member of the Development Council of Rochester College. Mr. Norman and his wife, Kay, have had two sons attend the college.

"We are thrilled to have a person with the skills and experience of Larry Norman join us in our work," stated Dr. Ken Johnson. "With his leadership we should see great things happening in the Enrollment Services division."

Why RC?



Why does Rochester College exist? Because of students like Andy Brockman, a business major from Mexico City, Mexico, where Andy's father works for Southwestern Bell.

"Rochester College has provided an environment that has given me the guidance I need to solidify my faith," stated Andy. "This is the first time I've been around so many Christians. Off the top of my head, I can name at least fifty people with whom I've discussed faith-related issues."

From organizing workers for an elderly woman needing help with a move to shoveling snow for local residents after a major snowstorm, Andy has developed a reputation as the guy to call for help. He has the heart of a servant.



Larry Norman visits with Laure Mathis, a student worker in his office.



Employee Highlights

Members of the North Oakland Baseball Federation League recently named **Garth Pleasant**, athletic director, to their Hall of Fame. The federation cited Coach Pleasant for sportsmanship, team record, and conduct in his work with the community program.

Four Rochester College faculty members will appear in the 1998 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. **Joe Bentley**, associate professor of music, **Dr. Ben Noah**, associate professor of counseling, **Sarah Reddick**, assistant professor of social work, and **Dr. John Todd**, professor of political science.

Frank Pitts, instructor of music, performed for the Rochester Tuesday Musicale at a March program.

Spinning off his doctoral study of individuals suffering from head injuries, **Dr. Brian Stogner**, professor of psychology, is conducting research about the relationship between stress and physical symptoms among college students. The study could produce results leading to the treatment of psychosomatic illnesses.

Dr. Michael O'Donnell, a part-time instructor in the College of Extended Learning, was a presenter at the International Conference on Christian Psychology and Counseling in April.



Members of the Ghana team collect bottles to raise funds for their trip.

Image targets needs of the suffering

Image, a student organization designed to promote interest in mission efforts, recently broadened its scope as it began sponsoring a variety of service projects. Most of those projects are aimed at the needs of the suffering in the metropolitan area.

"Early in the year, we were asked to sponsor the groups that began visiting the Cass Corridor last year," stated Jeff Simmons, assistant professor of business and a sponsor of Image. "These groups continue to provide and serve meals for the homeless in a very needy area of Detroit."

"As the year continued, two students wanted to begin a new ministry at the Ronald McDonald House, which is affiliated with the Children's Hospital of Detroit," Mr. Simmons continued. "Jim Larsen, a senior ministry major, and Nathan Oliver, a sophomore ministry major, took the lead with that group."

"On our first visit to the Ronald McDonald house, we washed windows, organized the pantry, sang, cooked dinner, and visited a lot with the parents of children being treated at the hospital," stated Nathan Oliver. "On our next visit,



Members of Image visit with a resident of a local senior care facility.

we plan to spend more time with the kids in the hospital."

In addition to their new emphasis on service projects, Image continues to promote mission work. During the fall semester, a group attended the World Missions Workshop in Lubbock, Texas. A month later, a campaign group worked with a congregation in Northern Michigan. Sev-

eral members are participating in a mission trip to Ghana.

"Since the college opened, the students of Rochester College have had a heart for serving the needs of others," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Providing such opportunities for our students while they are enrolled establishes an important pattern for their lives."

Ghana mission trip planned by team

Led by Michael Light, assistant professor of history, a group of students from Rochester College will depart on May 24 for a three-week mission effort in Ghana, West Africa. While Mr. Light will be making his fourth trip to Ghana, most members of the team will be experiencing life in a third world country for the first time.

"The team has been working extremely hard to prepare for this trip," stated Mr. Light. "They are so excited about the opportunity of sharing the gospel with people who have never seen a Bible or heard the gospel."

Since fall, members of the team have concentrated on raising their financial support and training for their work. On several occasions, Jerry Tallman, minister of the

Rochester Church of Christ, has been teaching his simple method of sharing the gospel with the team. In April, a group from the Ghana Association in Detroit, and a minister from Ghana, with his children, will be providing information on the culture and language of Ghana.

Upon arriving in Ghana, the team will be working with Fred Asare, a native preacher, and Josiah Tilton, an American missionary, both of whom are supported by the Church of Christ in Traverse City, Michigan. "I have worked with both of these men in my earlier trips to Ghana and am confident they will make our time in Ghana as productive as possible," stated Mr. Light.

"Most of our efforts will center 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," stated Mr. Light. As a result of the water drilling project, Mr. Tilton estimates that over 135 congregations have been established and more than 9,000 people converted.

"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. Ruth spent over two years working with a mission effort in Papua, New Guinea, before enrolling at Rochester College.

"I am really interested in education in the mission field," Ruth continued. "I want to see how the Village of Hope operates in case it is something that can be adapted

for use in New Guinea as well."

"The team realizes that they will be challenged by a lot of hard work in Ghana," stated Mr. Light. "As with most mission trips, this will be a life-changing experience for most of the team members. Hopefully, some will even decide to dedicate their lives to mission work as a result of this trip."

Technology Progress

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

Technology personnel recently completed installation of headend equipment for a broadband network. The network will provide better television reception in the residence halls and will facilitate broadcast of campus programs, lectures, and sporting events.

DATABASE

All campus offices will connect to a single database this summer with the installation of CAMS, a campus management system. Previously, all offices have been computerized, but have not been linked to a common database.

LAPTOPS

Personnel in both the Enrollment Services Office and Development Office soon will begin using laptop computers in home presentations with prospective students and donors.



Rochester College
Building the Infrastructure
of the Kingdom

knowledge ~ jobs
homes ~ relationships

Times change. The 1999 Ford F-150 pickup is true to the heritage of the original 1949 F-150, but changes have been made by Ford to meet the needs of the buying public while still being true to everything Ford expressed in the original truck with no compromises during the passing of time.

Most persons today would not purchase a 1949 model even if it were brand new. As a result, different designs and different leaders are needed to keep the model and the company relevant and healthy.

So it is with a Christian college and with the church of God. We must not compromise truth for any reason, not with the passing of time and not because of changes in culture. Nevertheless, *both time and culture* necessitate change if we are going to continue to attract and serve the saved and the lost.

Churches and colleges that do not adapt will go the way of Studebaker and Packard, while God will go right on working through more relevant Christians. My aspiration for the college and area Churches of Christ is that we may, for generations to come, continue to be among the relevant Christians through whom God chooses to work.

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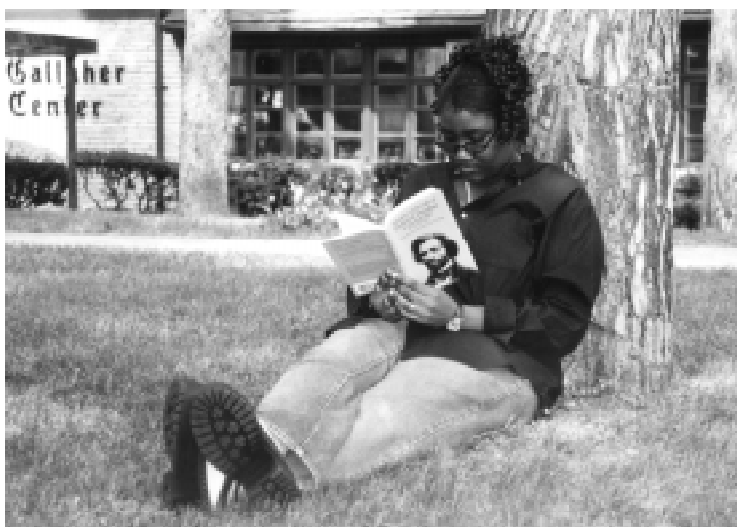
Two additional majors slated for fall

Continuing to respond to the academic needs of a greater number of students, the faculty of Rochester College recently approved two more bachelor's degree majors. Beginning in the fall, students will be able to pursue degree options in history or interdisciplinary studies.

"This year, we added majors in English and music primarily for students planning to certify," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, provost. "These programs ended up, however, providing options for students seeking employment in a variety of careers."

"The new majors in history and interdisciplinary studies also have been designed for teacher certification, but again will be applicable to many other students," Dr. Westerfield continued. "Initially, the interdisciplinary studies major will require no faculty additions, and we have already hired a highly qualified person for a new position in history."

"The interdisciplinary studies major will provide students with a great deal of flexibility in planning their academic programs," Dr. Westerfield stated. "Each stu-



Sophomore Sharene McLean reviews a history text on a beautiful day.

dent in this major will select two tracks. At this point, we anticipate offering tracks in behavioral science, business, communication, general science, history, literature, mathematics, music, professional writing, religion, and sports management. We will add other options in time."

"Since adding our cooperative program in education in 1996,

the development of teaching majors has been an institutional priority," Dr. Westerfield noted. "In Michigan, students interested in teaching at both the elementary or secondary level must obtain a degree with an appropriate teaching major. By our offering complete teaching majors, students only need to certify through our cooperative program."

Classes for police begin

Meeting another major goal of the College of Extended Learning, Rochester College recently finalized its first corporate agreement and began offering off-site courses during March. Nineteen officers from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department registered for the initial courses.

"Response to our proposal to offer classes for Oakland County officers has been tremendous at every level," stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services in the College of Extended Learning. "Already, twelve departments have expressed an interest in the new program."

"Our research indicated that police departments want officers to have diversity in their skills," Mr. Conner continued. "Since most officers entering a bachelor's degree program have an associate degree in criminal justice,

business surfaced as the primary area of interest."

Students entering the new program will receive a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Rochester College. Those entering with an associate degree will be able to finish the accelerated program in as little as seven months.

"At this point, twelve hours of the program will be taught on our campus, and the remainder in facilities of the Sheriff's Department," Mr. Conner noted. "We are offering courses at various times to accommodate shifts, and the officers are happy that they do not have to travel for most of the program."

Currently, representatives of the College of Extended Learning are negotiating a similar agreement with the Macomb County Sheriff's Department.



Responding to a growing number of students completing degrees mid-year, Rochester College held its first winter graduation exercises on December 17. The class included graduates from the first cohort of the College of Extended Learning.

Significant Statistics

SPRING ENROLLMENT RECORD

Records tumbled at Rochester College as enrollment figures hit 514 for the spring semester. For the first time in the history of the institution, more students enrolled for the spring semester than were enrolled the previous fall. The college broke the 500 level for the first time last fall.

COMMENCEMENT MILESTONE

Marking another first in institution history, Rochester College will grant more bachelor's degrees than associate degrees at the spring commencement exercises. The class will include the first graduates to receive the Bachelor of Science degree with a new major in English. Those receiving the Bachelor of Business Administration degree will lead the class with the largest number of graduates. Over half of those receiving associate degrees plan to return to Rochester College in the fall to pursue bachelor's degree programs. Currently, 92% of the students with declared majors are pursuing programs offered by the college at the bachelor's degree level.

BOARD REPRESENTATION

A recent review of the makeup of the Board of Trustees of Rochester College revealed that while all thirty-one are members of Churches of Christ, they represent twenty-four congregations in the Great Lakes region and one in Tennessee (a retired former resident of Michigan). Twenty of the trustees are elders or former elders, and several are deacons. "Even with the broad base of representation, there is a commonness of heart that leads to a great unity of spirit in the campus community that students and employees recognize and enjoy," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college.

Academic Opportunities

In addition to majors offered in their entirety on the campus of Rochester College, students may earn bachelor's degrees from Rochester College with specialized majors or degree tracks available through cooperative agreements with neighboring institutions. Students enrolled in cooperative programs may live on the campus of Rochester College and remain active in campus life.

Bachelor's Degree Majors Offered in Entirety by Rochester College

(indented fields listed in this column are tracks)

Behavioral Science
Counseling
Early Childhood Education
Social Work
Biblical Studies
Christian Ministry
Preaching
Youth & Family Ministry
English
Literature
Professional Writing
History
Interdisciplinary Studies
Behavioral Science
Business
Communication
General Science
History
Literature
Mathematics
Music
Professional Writing
Religion
Sports Management
Management
Marketing
Music
Music Education
Music Ministry
Vocal Performance
Psychology

Bachelor's Degree Majors Offered with Baker College

Accounting
Computer Syst. Management

Teacher Certification offered with Madonna University

Elementary Education
Secondary Education

Bachelor's Degree Tracks Offered with Oakland Community College

Architecture
Architectural Management
Art/Ceramics
Art/Commercial Art
Art/Fine Arts
Automobile Technology
Automobile Technology Mgt.
Aviation
Aviation Management
Computer Aided Design
Computer Aided Design Mgt.
Computer Hardware
Technology
Computer Technology Mgt.
Corrections
Criminal Justice
Dental Hygiene
Electronics Technology
Emergency Medical
Technology
Exercise Science
Fashion Merchandising
Gerontology
Health Care Administration

Medical Office Assisting and Administration
Medical Office Transcription
Medical Sonography
Nursing (RN)
Photography Technology
Radiologic Technology
Respiratory Therapy
Vehicle Design
Vehicle Design Management

Bachelor's Degree Tracks Offered with Macomb Community College

Civil Technology
Climate Control Technology
Commercial Art
Computer Electronics
Technology
Construction Technology
Crime Laboratory Technology
Culinary Arts
Culinary Arts Management
Fire Science Administration
Fire Science Technology
Food Service
Food Service/Hospitality
Management
Industrial Laboratory
Technician
Industrial Marketing
Industrial Supervision
Law Enforcement
Occupational Therapy
Assistant
Office Administration
Physical Therapy Assistant
Robotics
Veterinary Technician

For more information about programs, contact the Enrollment Services Office at 1.800.521.6010.

Molding Futures ...



Joe Bentley, Dr. Ben Noah, and David Brackney

Good instructors are the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Rochester College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Rochester College are introduced below.

Touching the lives of hundreds through his work with the Rochester College A Cappella Chorus, **Joe Bentley**, associate professor of music and director of music activities, joined the faculty in 1986. Prior to that time, he taught in Christian schools in Florida, Louisiana, and Tennessee. In addition to his work with Rochester College, he also serves as conductor of the Rochester Community Chorus and as an adjudicator and clinician for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. He holds degrees from Harding University and Northeast Louisiana University, and currently is completing a doctoral degree at Michigan State University.

Practical experience from a twenty-five year career with the United States Air Force adds depth to the classroom settings of **Dr. Ben Noah**, associate professor of counseling and director of career guidance and assessment. Dr. Noah began teaching at Rochester College in 1992, and holds degrees from the University of the State of New York, Eastern Washington University, and Walden University. He is a licensed professional counselor and a national certified career counselor. As chairman of the public policies and legislation committee of the Michigan Counseling Association, he recently assisted in the drafting of legislation for the state criminal sexual conduct code.

Having served as a campus leader while enrolled as a student, **David Brackney**, assistant professor of chemistry and chairperson of the science and mathematics department, returned to Rochester College as an instructor in 1992. Prior to that time, he taught at Valley Christian Academy in Flint, Michigan. He holds degrees from Rochester College, the University of Michigan, and Eastern Illinois University.



Victorious Lady Warriors pose for a team photograph after winning the NSCAA Volleyball Invitational.

Volleyball team captures first place

Entering the NSCAA Volleyball Invitational with a 21-8 season record, the Lady Warriors of Rochester College recently captured their first national honors. Home crowds shared the excitement of the tournament since the college hosted the event in Rochester Hills.

"I had been working hard and waiting for this for four years," stated Shari Stilson, a senior early childhood education major and captain of the team. "We had a very supportive crowd at the final game, which really made a difference. It felt great!"

"Coach Wheeler put together a good team this year," Shari continued. "We were very close and worked well together." At the end of the tournament, Shari was named All-American for the third consecutive year.

As the tournament opened, the

Warriors played teams from Virginia, New York, and Kansas in a Round Robin format. After defeating Southern Virginia College in the championship elimination bracket, Rochester College faced Kansas Wesleyan College, the defending champion.

"They were big and they dug up everything," stated Barry Wheeler, coach of the Rochester College team. "They beat us in the first game, but we found their weak spot and mounted a strong attack. Our serving was tremendous and we improved defensively, so we went on to win the next three games and the tournament title."

Just prior to the invitational, the Warriors achieved their biggest win by defeating the University of Michigan at Dearborn, who held a 28-8 record before the match. Other notable victories

included games against first-time opponents Olivet College and Spring Arbor College.

In addition to those participating in the volleyball tournament, cross country and soccer teams from across the nation also converged on the campus of Rochester College for NSCAA competition in their sports. Teams from Rochester College participated in all three events.

Newspaper Coverage

Prior to a November game with Central Michigan University, the *Detroit Free Press* ran a front-page feature in their sports section about the Warriors of Rochester College. Sports writer Charlie Vincent zeroed in on Garth Pleasant's unique style of coaching and the nature of his program.

"The Warriors are the kinds of kids you would expect to find on any college basketball team - except perhaps with a little more emphasis on the student and a little less on the athlete," Mr. Vincent observed. He also noted, "In 22 seasons of coaching at Rochester College, Pleasant has had only three losing seasons."

Mr. Vincent quoted Coach Pleasant, "We pray every day after practice and before a game. We never pray for victory. I only ask them to give their best, and I tell them that the Lord never put a stamp of approval on mediocrity. We ask that we and the opponents be free from injury and that we would glorify God with the way we play."

For a full-text version of the article, visit the college web site at www.rc.edu and look under the basketball section of the sports page.

Team plays in final four

Making their fifteenth appearance at the national basketball tournament of the NSCAA, the Warriors of Rochester College again climbed to the final four in post-season play. The team traveled to Salina, Kansas, for the tournament in February with a 14-14 season record.

"Throughout the year we prepared for the tournament by playing major institutions like Oakland University, Wayne State University, and Central Michigan University," stated Coach Garth Pleasant. "Playing such teams does not often enhance our season record, but it does sharpen our skills."

After early tournament victories over California Christian College of Fresno, California, and Clarendon College of Clarendon, Texas, the Warriors faced the defending national champion, Northwest Christian College of Eugene, Oregon.

"Northwest returned five starters from the previous year," Coach Pleasant stated. "All five were seniors who knew how to win and wanted to end their careers with another championship."

"The second half of the game with Northwest was exciting as

the lead changed hands on several occasions," Coach Pleasant continued. "With 1:16 left in the game, we led by six, but that margin dropped to a tie with only 2.5 seconds on the clock. Northwest's All-American nailed a ten-foot shot as the time expired."

In the consolation game, Rochester College faced Arkansas Baptist College of Little Rock, Arkansas. A 78-74 win over Arkansas Baptist placed the Warriors in third place.

"We finished our season with a 17-15 record, but we are graduating only one senior," noted Coach Pleasant. "We missed playing for the national championship for the sixth time since 1984 by a matter of seconds. However, we will have another chance for the title in just twelve months!"

"We plan to join the NAIA within the next few years," stated Coach Pleasant. "One of the conferences is interested in having us join, but first wants us to have a consistent home court in our own athletic center."

College officials have included construction of an athletic center in the next strategic plan. A campaign to fund the center will be launched within a few months.



Team members listen attentively to remarks by Coach Garth Pleasant.



Soloists from two decades perform Cornerstone with over seventy former and current members of Autumn.

Autumn concert marks anniversary

Nearly two-thirds of the membership of Autumn from the past twenty-five years gathered on campus in February for a reunion concert. "For two hours we were mesmerized by their music in one of the most memorable occasions in the history of the college," noted Dr. Ken Johnson.

"I knew the weekend was going to be fun, but I had no idea how truly moving the experience would be," stated Randy Gill, leader of the original group. "The reunion was one of the great spiritual highlights of my life."

The program began with a performance by the original Autumn, including Randy Gill, Lynne (Yoakum) Stewart, Mark Smith, Holly (Wiser) Rademaker, and Kathryn (Boggs) Ahart. Seven individual groups, including the current Autumn, also performed. A moving finale featured over seventy singers that have been a part of the group.

"I have never laughed and cried so much in one weekend," stated Loree (Utley) McCauley. Holly Rademaker wrote, "It was so wonderful. I won't come down from this feeling for a long time."

"It was such a thrill to sing with the original group again," stated Randy Gill, who also directed Autumn for eight years. "An even bigger thrill for me was

seeing all the other singers who have been a part of Autumn over the years. The experience was a little overwhelming."

"It was really gratifying to see so many former students who are now 'grown up' with families, and to see how healthy and happy they seem to be," Mr. Gill continued. "Most of all, it was a powerful thing to think about how the group has impacted churches and Christian young people over the last quarter of a century."

"Young and old alike, from grade-schoolers to grandparents joined in the emotional festivities," stated Dr. Johnson. As the weekend came to an end, the son

of Mark Davison asked his dad, "If I come to school here, will I have friends like you?"

During the weekend, the group honored Mrs. Audrey Gardner, wife of former president Don Gardner. "When Mrs. Gardner talked me into starting the group in 1974, I could not have foreseen what would happen with Autumn," stated Mr. Gill. "Knowing the Gardners, they had a sense of what it could become."

A limited number of recordings of the concert are available. To order a disc set or for information about reunion planning, contact Larry Stewart at 248.218.2023 or lstewart@rc.edu.



Members of the original Autumn from 1973-74 reunite for the concert.

E-mail directory grows

Since its inception on the college web site, the alumni e-mail directory has grown in use and popularity. Weekly, additional alumni post e-mail addresses on the directory in order to keep in touch with other alumni.

"Several former students have heard from classmates for the first time in several years after posting their address," stated Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities. "Some have rekindled old friendships and others have made new friendships with classmates that they did not know well while enrolled."

"Last fall, two classmates made arrangements to share the day together at the Fall Festival as a result of renewing their friendship through e-mail correspondence," Mr. Stewart continued.

"It is amazing how many similar stories have surfaced."

In addition to the e-mail directory, a variety of services are available to alumni on the web site, including a means for submitting personal news information for publication in the *North Star*, a convenient method for updating address information, and a guest book for posting messages.

Information for alumni is provided on special pages about reunions and alumni events, campus news, and transcript request procedures. A list of missing alumni is posted for assistance in finding such persons.

"We plan to add more features to the site," Mr. Stewart stated. "In the meantime, the web has been a great tool that many alumni have found helpful."

Alumni News and Notes

1963

Brent Golden is the owner of Self-Tile by Golden. He still competes in track and field events through the Senior Olympics, and is the current state champion in discus, pole vault, javelin, and high jump for his age group. Brent lives at 3169 Pioneer Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404.

1982

Margaret Joy joined Melissa and Morgan in the home of Barry and **Paula (Woodhouse) Beverly** on July 13, 1998. Paula is a human resources consultant at Duke University, and Barry is employed by Fails Construction. The family lives at 103 Lake Meadow Drive, Apex, NC 27502.

1964

Rob Ford, corporate auditor for Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, was recently awarded a certified internal auditor certificate. Rob and his wife, **Judy (Shoop-65)**, reside at 2801 Red Fern, Edmond, OK 73034.

1983

Carrie Ann joined Ben, Luke, and Nathan in the home of **John and Lisa (Rosenbaum) Carpenter** on November 15, 1998. The family resides at 34 Kehner Road, Mogadore, OH 44260.

1969

Bob Woodroof lost a struggle with cancer on October 12, 1998. Most recently, Bob served as associate professor of public relations at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California.

1984

Sabrina Isabelle joined Christina and Margaret in the home of **Gordie and Rebecca (Williams) Rush** on June 28, 1998. Rebecca is employed by Community Care, and Gordie by the Klaus Company. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 81, Delavan, IL 61734.

1973

Denise (Green) Spencer is a life skills teacher at Holt Junior High. Her husband, David, is employed by General Motors. The couple has one daughter, Amanda. The family lives at 314 Dawn Court, Pottersville, MI 48876.

1975

Pete and **Ruthann (Miller) Wackerman** recently moved to 1925 Boulder Drive, Hastings, MI 49058. Pete is the new minister for the Barry County Church of Christ in Hastings.

1986

Scott Lanning recently began work as minister of the Morganfield Church of Christ. Scott and his wife, Kim, have a daughter, Mikena Nicole. The family lives at 624 South Morgan, Morganfield, KY 42437.

1978

Living at 428 Colt Terrace, Grand Prairie, TX 75050, **Vicki (Saur) Trombly** currently is employed as a mortgage loan processor. Her husband, **Jim (73)**, provides computer support services.

Joe and **Kim (Osler) Watson** welcomed Jessica Morgan to their household on July 26, 1998. Joe is employed as an automotive design leader for Key Plastics, and Kim works part-time for National City Processing. The family resides at 8516 Congress Drive, Canton, MI 48187.

1987

Kim Zadoorian married Sam Bagoon from Sacramento, California, on June 6, 1998. Kim works for Ford Motor Company as an administrative assistant. The couple lives at 24302 Stanford, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125.

Richard and **Karla (Frazier) Conti** currently live at 4535 Laurel Road, South Euclid, OH 44121. Richard is the national information technology director for Century Business Services, and Karla is a homemaker. They have one son, Alexander Charles.

David Haywood provides computer services for Hastings Entertainment. He currently lives at 3308 Eddy Street #143, Amarillo, TX 79109.

We want to hear from you!

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

Name (maiden if appl.) _____

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Years _____ Occupation _____

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Phone (area code _____) _____

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.

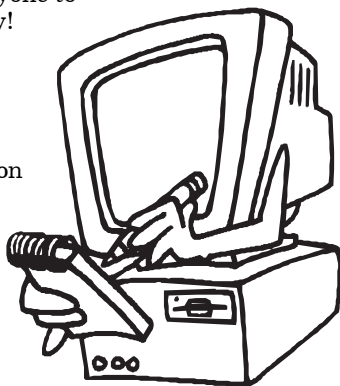
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Michael and Sandi (Jones-89) Wallace welcomed Parker Zane on October 3, 1998. Michael and Sandi are both employed by Walt Disney World. Michael was recently promoted to industrial hygiene trainee and Sandi is a communications specialist. The family lives at 117 White Marsh Circle, Orlando, FL 32824.

1988

Pam Krick married Troy Ross on February 9, 1998, and relocated in Oklahoma. Pam and Troy are both employed by the Oklahoma City Schools. The couple lives at 1521 North Independence, Oklahoma City, OK 73107.

1990

Sherrie Allen is planning a fall wedding to David Curtis. Sherrie works for the Northwest Nursing Center and lives at 2600 N.W. 3rd #61, Oklahoma City, OK 73116.

Jeff and **Stephanie (Nichols) Lawson** have three children, Alexander, Seth, and Kathryn. Jeff is a chemist with L. Perrigo Company, and Stephanie recently began home schooling the children. The family lives at 502 North Main, Plainwell, MI 49080.

1991

Scott and **Beth (Blake) Ansed** recently moved to 800 Redfield Parkway #3, Reno, NV 89509. Scott is the director of finance for Washoe Health System, and Beth is a homemaker. The couple has two children, Tony and Alexis.

1992

Elijah Corsey joined Kelsey and Sydney in the home of **Clarence**

Reunion

Members of the class of 1979 will host a twenty-year class reunion on the campus of Rochester College from July 30-31, 1999. For information, contact Julie (Summerhayes) Harper at mccddq@aol.com.

Alumnus donates fitness equipment

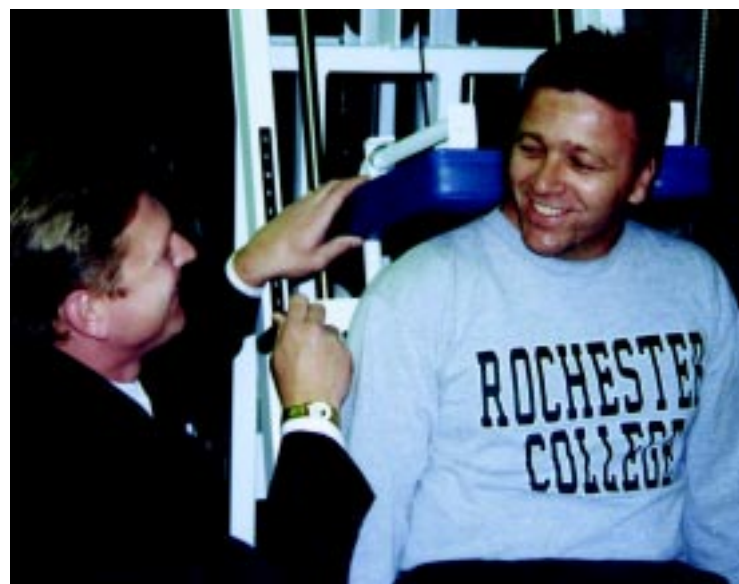
Donation of strength conditioning equipment by Dr. Joe Patrico, a member of the class of 1988, recently prompted the development of a fitness room on campus. Athletes and members of a weight training class immediately began use of the room.

"Eventually, we plan to have a fitness center in our new athletic facility," stated Garth Pleasant, director of athletic activities. "In the meantime, administrators were able to carve out a temporary location for our equipment in what once served as a root cellar on the former estate that now serves as our campus."

"At this point, we have been able to relocate the items that were stored in the root cellar so the weight equipment could be placed and the athletes could begin using the room," stated Mark VanRheenen, vice president for finance. "In time, we hope to do some painting and additional improvements to the room."

For the last couple years, the college had been collecting weight training equipment as a result of donations by Bill Fox, a local businessman, and Coach Pleasant. Dr. Patrico's donation of two top-of-the-line lower body machines gave the college ten work stations for use in the room.

Dr. Patrico operates a chiropractic office in Shelby Township



Joe Patrico assists senior Jim Larsen with use of the fitness equipment.

and a health food store in Rochester Hills. Shortly after finishing chiropractic school in 1986, he enrolled at Rochester College to obtain an additional degree in biblical studies. He has taught biology classes for the college on a part-time basis since 1989.

Because of his deep interest in Rochester College and intercollegiate sports, Dr. Patrico made a similar donation of equipment and supplies in 1996. That donation included such items as an ultrasound, muscle stimulator,

hot pack machine, training table, and an assorted variety of tapes, wraps, and ice packs.

"There are probably others in the medical field like me who have good equipment and supplies that are not being used," Dr. Patrico stated. "It seems wiser to donate such items to the college for the benefit of the students."

To discuss donation of fitness equipment or any other type of usable equipment, contact Doug Edwards, vice president for development at 1.800.521.6010.

and Michelle (Siegel) Carpenter on October 17, 1998. Clarence is the director of marketing sales for BDN Industrial Hygiene Consultants, and Michelle is a homemaker. The family lives at 13043 Balsam, Southgate, MI 48195.

1993

Matt Morningstar was married on October 24, 1998. He is teaching math in the Cabot Public Schools, and his wife, Ann Marie, is a pharmacist at St. Vincent Hospital. Matt will complete his master's degree in education soon. The couple lives at 2 Heather Drive, Ward, AR 72176.

1994

Becky (Hibbard) Morgan is approaching the date for being considered cured of leukemia. Becky, and her husband, Erik, are living at 217-7170 Bruce Avenue, Niagara Falls, ON L2G 7N6. Erik is a computer engineer, and Becky is a homemaker.

1997

Terry Kingston and his wife, Jolene, welcomed Luke Daniel on November 5, 1998. The family lives at 684 Roger Street, Sarnia, ON N7S 3X2.

Larry Leslie Scholarship established

Longtime friends of Dr. Larry Leslie, John and Rosemary Brown of Portage, Michigan, recently established a scholarship program in Dr. Leslie's honor. Dr. Leslie, an alumnus and former employee of the college, lost a battle with cancer last October.

"Scholarships like the Larry Leslie Honor Scholarship are an important element in attracting and retaining high quality students at Rochester College," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, presi-

dent. "High quality students are important to the mission of the institution, and it is especially significant when such scholarships honor a person who loved the college and its mission."

After serving four years in the United States Navy, Larry Leslie enrolled as a student with the first class in the fall of 1959. He returned to the college in 1963 for a brief time as an instructor of science and mathematics.

After completing a twenty-five

year career with the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo, Dr. Leslie returned to the college as dean of academic services in 1993. He retired to Florida in 1996.

The Larry Leslie Honor Scholarship will be granted on an annual basis in the amount of \$5,000 to the mathematics or computer science major with the highest grade point average at Rochester College. In the event that two or more students are eligible for the award based upon equal grade point averages, a student paper will be assigned and evaluated by three faculty members to determine the scholarship winner.

"We have noticed a growing interest in the establishment of endowed scholarship funds in recent years," stated Elton Albright, coordinator of the fund programs. "There are always plenty of talented students that can be assisted by such scholarships."

"A minimum of \$10,000 is normally required to establish a functional endowed scholarship," Mr. Albright noted. "However, donors often begin making gifts to a scholarship fund with smaller amounts and then build the fund to the endowed level."

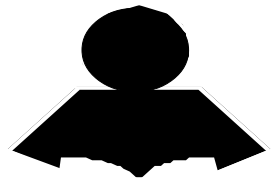
For more information about establishing an endowed scholarship, contact Elton Albright at 1.800.521.6010. Contributions to the Larry Leslie Honor Scholarship in Mathematics and Computer Science may be sent to the Development Office.



Former basketball players spanning fifteen years competed with one another in an alumni basketball game on Homecoming Day. "Having former players back for this game is a highlight of my year," stated Coach Garth Pleasant. The next Homecoming is scheduled for November 6, 1999.

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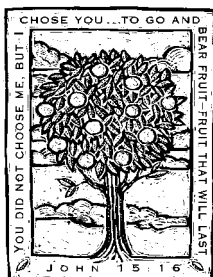
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Coming this fall!
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Founders Day scheduled for August

Marking the institution's fortieth anniversary, friends of Rochester College will gather on the campus on August 28, 1999, for a Founders Day program. "We are planning a wonderful celebration to commemorate the past and build anticipation for the future," stated Elton Albright, organizer of the special event.

"As we complete our fortieth year, we feel that it is important to return to our roots and honor those who have been involved with the college since its inception in 1959," stated Mr. Albright. "In particular, we are encouraging former board members, those involved with acquiring the property in the mid-50's, Associates, and anyone else who was deeply involved in the college's opening to be on hand for the day."

The college plans to erect a large tent on the front lawn for the occasion. Garth Pleasant, athletic director and head basketball coach for twenty-three years, will speak, followed by acknowledgment of special guests and a period for entertainment. After a dutch treat picnic, participants will take time to reminisce about the people and events of the pioneer years of the college that paved the way for forty years of growth and service.

"We want the day to serve as a means of saying thank you to those individuals who made possible the exciting things that are now happening at Rochester College," noted Mr. Albright. "The recent improvements in campus facilities, expansion of academic programs, and growth in enrollment would not have been pos-



Rochester College recently honored Otis Gatewood, founding president of the college, and his wife, Irene, for a gift that funded classroom renovations in the lower level of Gatewood Hall.

sible without the foundation that many others have laid."

"During the next year, we plan to develop the theme *Catch the Vision* at our various Partnership Dinners and public events," Mr. Albright continued. "We want to rekindle among our friends and alumni the energy and spirit of the founders to carry us into the next millennium."

"Although we are especially encouraging those who were active in the establishment of North Central Christian College to be a part of the celebration, we are also inviting all friends of the college to participate in the day's activities," stated Mr. Albright. "We selected a date at the open-

ing of the academic year so the campus will be alive with the activities of students."

"For those who have not been on the campus of Rochester College for quite some time, this will be a special day," Mr. Albright noted. "Guests will witness firsthand the remarkable progress that the college has made and will be able to spend time with others who have invested their lives in the development of a strong Christian college for the Northern United States."

For further information about Founders Day or to make suggestions about the day's activities, please contact Elton Albright at 248.218.2022.

Community Advisory Board formed

Rochester College has finalized plans to launch a new advisory board during the upcoming summer. This organization will include business, educational, civic, and professional leaders in the local community.

"Many people in the Rochester area endorse a values-centered approach to higher education," stated Mark VanRheenen, coor-

inator of the new organization. "This board is being formed so such individuals can help us advance the unique moral, ethical, and intellectual mission of Rochester College."

Initially, the college plans to enlist approximately twenty-five members who are committed to advancing the academic quality and reputation of Rochester Col-

lege by providing both strategic counsel and resources. In time, organizers hope to expand the membership to fifty.

"We are looking for key individuals who will provide input and advice in a number of areas," stated Mr. VanRheenen. "Those areas include the development of marketable academic programs; enhancement of job mentoring, internship, and job placement opportunities; input on facilities planning; support of college athletics; and the addition of international programs."

"The Advisory Board has the potential of bringing increased local, regional, and national recognition for Rochester College," Mr. VanRheenen added. "We are located in an ideal community for this type of interaction."

"While the Board of Trustees continues to guide our overall direction and policies, the support groups are becoming an invaluable resource for Rochester College," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "The Advisory Board will join the National Advancement Board and Development Council in that special realm of leadership."

Planned Giving Matters

Estate Gifts Come in All Sizes

When you think about your greatest gift to charity, does Ted Turner's \$1 billion gift to the United Nations come to mind? If you are the average donor to Rochester College ... probably not!

Most people are capable of making their largest gift to Rochester College and Christian education at the end of their earthly lives. Many do not realize the tremendous stewardship opportunity they have through wills, trusts, gift annuities, and other charitable instruments.

According to a survey of *The Charitable Giving Handbook*, 95% of affluent philanthropic donors cited an ignorance of effective giving strategies as a reason for not increasing contributions. Likely, this is also true for the average donor who does not have adequate information about establishing estate plans.

Small estates should not be ignored. If you have a home, stock, insurance, or personal savings, you need to consider an estate plan for the best stewardship of blessings God has bestowed upon you and your family. An effective plan can potentially save you taxes, probate costs, and direct your lifelong estate to family and charities in the best possible way.

Many small estates, along with larger estates, received from friends of Rochester College over the years have had a powerful cumulative impact for providing Christian education. Consider leaving a legacy for the future.

For further information, call Doug Edwards, vice president for development at 1.800.521.6010 (option 4).



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Eaton outfits classroom

Music majors at Rochester College soon will begin benefitting from technology being obtained through a \$10,000 grant from the Eaton Corporation. The grant will be used to provide new technology in a music laboratory.

"When we expanded our music program to the bachelor's degree level, the department secured primary use of an additional classroom for smaller music classes," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, provost. "The grant from the Eaton Corporation will allow us to make improvements in the room that will enhance teaching."

Last fall, the college added a sophisticated digital piano to the music lab through special arrangements with Baldwin Piano Company and Evola Music. The Eaton Grant will enable the college to purchase Sibelius, the faculty's top choice in notation

software, and install the appropriate computer and audiovisual equipment in the music laboratory for a totally integrated classroom setting.

"Alan Waites, one of the newest members of our National Advancement Board, introduced us to the Eaton grant possibilities," stated Dr. Westerfield. "During our last campaign, Eaton matched enough employee gifts that they ended up furnishing a room in the new residence hall. Apparently, this experience with the college helped us obtain the grant for the music lab."

"Many friends of the college have influence with companies that have similar grant programs for colleges and universities," stated Mark VanRheenen, vice president for finance. "We encourage people to let us know of such opportunities."



In the
End God

lessons
from Revelation

42nd Annual Bible Lectureship October 3-5, 1999

Keynote Lectures

Sunday Evening	Don McLaughlin	<i>In the End God</i>
Monday Morning	Terrance McClain	<i>Faithful Unto Death</i>
Monday Evening	Ken Greene	<i>Battle with the Beast</i>
Tuesday Morning	Steve Keller	<i>Worthy is the Lamb</i>
Tuesday Evening	Jim McGuiggan	<i>The New Heaven and the New Earth</i>

Special Activities

Sonsational Sunday and Area-Wide Worship Service
Daily Classes, Luncheons, and Dinners
Sessions for Women with Sherrylee Woodward
Revelation Forum with Several Speakers

Mark you calendar!

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To discuss donation of an item, please phone Doug Edwards, vice president for development, at 1.800.521.6010 (option 4).

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\$2 million mark in gift income reached

Donors continued to rally in support of Rochester College in 1998, as 1,914 individuals and organizations provided a record \$2,044,688 in gift income. The gift total easily surpassed last year's record of \$1,424,839. "The Lord continues to bless the college with increased funding," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for development. "The generosity of our friends and alumni has allowed us to move forward with a number of important projects that otherwise would not have been possible."

Table with 5 columns: Club Name, Gift Level, Donors, Gifts, Total of Donors and Gifts. Rows include Trustee's Alliance, Leadership Alliance, President's Circle, Progress Club, Achievers Club, Partners Club, Century Club, Student Sponsors, and Total of Donors and Gifts.

Nationwide, over 1,000 employers continued to match employee gifts during the past year. Rochester College received matching gifts from fifty-five companies, totaling an impressive \$133,004 of the college's gift income. "Many people do not realize that their employers will actually double or triple their gifts to the college without any additional cost to themselves by simply submitting a matching form with their gifts," Mr. Edwards noted. A list of matching companies can be obtained by calling the Development Office at 1.800.521.6010.

Top Matching Gift Companies for 1998. Ford Motor Company, General Motors Corporation, DaimlerChrysler Corporation, Eaton Corporation, Ameritech Corporation, Johnson Controls, Inc., Santa Fe Pacific Corporation, Warner Lambert Company, Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., National Bank of Detroit, State Farm Insurance Companies, Comerica, Inc., Kellogg's of Battle Creek, ITT Corporation.

"Rochester College salutes the many good people and organizations listed on these two pages," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "These donors have helped us continue a transformation of the campus and set the stage for our next major campaign, which we hope to launch in coming months."

New Giving Clubs for 1999. Challenge Alliance over \$10,000, Trustee's Circle 5,000-9,999, President's Circle 1,000-4,999, Progress Club 500-999, Century Club 100-499, Partners Club 1-99.

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I would like to take this moment to tell you how grateful I am to be attending Rochester College. I have been very impressed by the respect, kindness, and concern that I have received. The high standards of behavior and language that I have observed have been a welcome change from the world at large! Keeley Weber, Sterling Heights
The chorus came this morning and sang in a special assembly for my entire student body. The kids and teachers were impressed, as I was, with the group. They received a standing ovation, which my kids do not give freely. As you know, high school kids can be a tough audience. All of my kids sat so quietly throughout the entire performance, and that includes the preschoolers. Carla Payne, Christian Academy of Greater St. Louis



Annual Homecoming festivities featured the crowning of a king and queen during a halftime ceremony. Class representatives included Beth Stewart, Shelby Township, MI; Ryan Hoggatt, Lapeer, MI; Hayley Richards, Mahaffey, PA; Ryan Peasley, Blanchard, MI; Charissa Volz, Waterford, MI; Shane Gray, Lyons, KS; Bob Kofahl, Highland, MI; Melita Lock, North Bay, ON; King Moses Velasco, Scarborough, ON; Queen Holly Johnson, Garden City, MI; Dion Frasier, Buffalo, NY; Nadine Taylor, Marion, MI; Joel Lock, North Bay, ON; Vanessa Mosley, Midland, TX; Ryan Koral, Oxford, MI; and Kelly Johnson, East Chicago, IL.

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Cafeteria and atrium plans revealed

Three major gifts will soon enable the college to begin renovation of the cafeteria and construction of an atrium cafe. Current plans call for both facilities to be ready for use by the opening of the fall semester.

"For some time, we have been wanting to relieve the congestion that occurs in the hallway outside the Westside-Central Auditorium," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Not only has this been a problem on a day-to-day basis, but particularly during programs like the fall play and Celebration."

In a recent visit with Gerald Isom of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania, Doug Edwards, vice president for development, presented the need for the atrium. Mr. Isom and his wife, Lucille, immediately made a major gift to make the project possible. Mr. Isom serves as chairman of the new National Advancement Board.

Over the past two years, Mary Johnson, wife of the president, and several helpers from the Associates, have been assembling



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

and selling angel pins. The group has accumulated enough profits from the sale of the pins to fund a major portion of a cafeteria renovation project. The Associates also have committed a major gift over the next two years to assist with the project.

Plans call for construction of a 1,050 square foot glass atrium that will extend the entire length of the auditorium hallway. Upon completion, the campus cafe will

move from its current location in the Utley Student Center to the atrium. The space currently occupied by the student center and cafe will become available for the college bookstore.

"Students like to be where they can be seen and where they can see others," stated Dr. Johnson. "The cafe will provide them with an ideal location that is visible from the main walkway that runs down the center of campus."

The college constructed the cafeteria in two phases in 1959 and 1961. The tables that are currently in use were built by Ray Hyder, a volunteer carpenter, in 1975. Most of the chairs were added the same year.

"By the end of the summer, the cafeteria will have a brand new look," stated Mark VanRheenen, vice president for finance. "We plan to rearrange the floor plan and serving stations, restore the original ceilings, refinish the walls, replace all floor coverings, install new lighting, and purchase new tables and chairs."

"We appreciate the vision of those individuals who are making these significant campus improvements possible," stated Dr. Johnson. "Our students spend a lot of time in the cafeteria and will benefit from having another gathering place. Both projects will have a tremendous impact on the campus for years to come."



Celebration in Song drew hundreds to the campus in March for the 22nd annual program. By next spring, guests at campus productions will enjoy a new reception area in the atrium.



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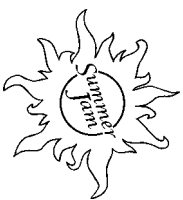
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