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Sites to be visited by a study group include King's College in Scotland.

## Two families commit \$1 million gifts

Ensuring continued growth of the college, Gerald and Lucille Isom of Penn Valley, Pennsylvania, recently issued a \$1 million challenge to the friends of Rochester College. Once the challenge is met, funding will be in place to construct the first phase of a new academic facility.

Within sixty days of the Isom challenge, Ennis and Nancy Ham of Lansing, Michigan, stepped forward with a second \$1 million gift toward the new facility. Like the Isoms, the Hams are members of the college's new National Advancement Board.

"Rochester College is blessed to have good friends like the Isoms

and the Hams, who are strong believers in our mission," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "These families are providing the catalyst we need to raise the \$3.5 million required to make this project a reality."

By the fall meeting of the Board of Trustees, college officials announced that the first part of the Isom challenge had already been met. Members of the Board of Trustees and the National Advancement Board each had surpassed their individual goals of \$500,000, and the employees their goal of \$100,000.

To meet the final portion of the Isom challenge, college officials must raise \$1 million from other friends of the college. Continuing efforts to meet that goal currently are underway.

"Getting to know the Isoms and the Hams has been a delightful experience," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for development. "Both couples are wonderful people who are actively involved in their congregations and their communities."

Mr. Isom, who serves as chairman of the National Advancement Board, is the retired president of CIGNA, a leading provider of employee benefits. Mr. Ham is the director of recruiting for Auto-Owners Insurance, and

Mrs. Ham is president of Occupational Consulting Services.

"These financial commitments are significant for a number of reasons," stated Dr. Johnson. "In addition to enabling us to move forward with facility planning, they represent a new level of giving to the college."

In May of 1998, a couple that has been deeply involved with the college for many years donated a stock gift valued at nearly \$300,000, representing the largest single gift received by the college until that date. A few weeks later, the college received notification of an estate gift that totaled \$680,000, setting another gift record.

"For the college to achieve its full potential, we must begin to attract major gifts on a regular basis," Dr. Johnson stated. "A number of new facilities are needed for us to maintain our current rate of growth. In addition, we must continue to build our endowment for long-term financial stability."

Currently, college officials and the Board of Trustees are developing plans for the second phase of the academic facility, as well as other needed facilities. Results of that planning are expected to be announced in the next issue of the *North Star*.

## International studies program slated

Rochester College recently announced the establishment of a formal international studies program. Entitled GEO (Global Educational Opportunities), the program will begin with two study opportunities in Europe during the summer of 2001.

"College officials identified the

need for an international program in the most recent strategic plan," stated Jennifer Hamilton, assistant professor English and coordinator of GEO. "When three of our committee members joined the faculty last year, we all had an intense interest in developing such a program."

Andy Kronenwetter, associate professor of communication, Rex Hamilton, assistant professor of religion, and Jennifer Hamilton will host a six-week study tour in Scotland. Dr. Mike Westerfield, provost and professor of English, and David Greer, associate professor of history, will host a tour from Vienna, Austria.

"Our two groups will begin by sharing three days together in London for orientation and tours of the city," stated Mrs. Hamilton. "After separating for our individual study tours, we will converge several weeks later in London for our return trip."

The Scotland tour will include visits to such places as Oxford, Stratford-upon-Avon, Hadrian's Wall, Stirling Castle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Vienna participants will include Venice and Florence, Italy, as well as Innsbruck, Austria, in their trip. Both tours will include from six to nine credit hours of course work.

"In addition to hosting study tours in future years, we also are seeking a permanent location for the establishment of a semester abroad program by 2003," Mrs. Hamilton stated. "We hope to find a location that will make access to both Eastern and Western Europe convenient."

International programs are a growing trend among academic

institutions. Educators feel that the learning process is enhanced when students can see and experience the atmosphere where history took place and where artists and writers created. Students enjoy seeing the world with a group of their friends.

"With proper planning, international programs are a safe, protected means of experiencing our global community," noted Mrs. Hamilton. "The fact that students can also obtain credit for the experience is an added bonus."



Construction on the Isom Atrium began shortly after the opening of the new academic year. The glass structure, attached to the Westside-Central Auditorium, will provide additional social space for the campus community and will house the Solid Rock Cafe. Full occupancy of the facility is expected by the end of the semester. Further details will appear in the next issue of the *North Star*.

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## Rapid growth spurs major adjustments in strategic plan



Dear Friends,

The period of transition at Rochester College continues. During the final quarter of the year 2000, we are engaged in the most intensive strategic planning since 1992. Back then we were laying plans to achieve a total enrollment of about 500 by the year 2000. Today, our planning is designed to take the college from the current enrollment of 828 to 1,500 students by the fall of 2005.

Growing beyond the current number of students necessitates additional personnel, facilities, systems, and financial resources yet to be assembled. Our highest goal, however, is not growth, but is to serve our students with high quality academic programs in an environment that develops Christian faith and understanding.

God continues to send outstanding personnel to the college. Total faculty, including part-time faculty, now number about ninety persons. Our support staff numbers more than sixty. All are committed to our mission - *engaging students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service.*

Increasingly, Christian families are recognizing the high quality of the Rochester College degree programs, notwithstanding the marginal facilities in which the programs are delivered. The next decade will see remarkable improvements in college facilities, not unlike the remarkable improvement during the last decade in academic offerings.

The administration and trustees of Rochester College are grateful for your faithful participation, your continual encouragement, and your confidence in the future of Rochester College. Together, we can accomplish much for the Kingdom of God.

Generations yet to be born will be blessed by the sacrifices you are making to build a larger, stronger Rochester College. Thank you for your continued interest.

Yours for the Master,

*Kenneth L. Johnson*

Kenneth L. Johnson  
President

## Faculty Openings

Rapid growth at Rochester College has resulted in the need for additional faculty members. The college is seeking applicants for full-time teaching positions in accounting, biology, chemistry, communication, and English. A doctoral degree is preferred and a master's required for each position. Also, the college is seeking an M.S.L.S. credentialed librarian. For an application or information, contact Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost, at 248.218.2100 or mwesterfield@rc.edu.



Volunteers remove the old built-in desks and closets from Barbier Hall.



Business students meet in one of two classrooms formed from space formerly occupied by the student center.

## Space needs relieved by renovations

Preparing for an enrollment increase that proved to be much larger than expected, Rochester College completed a number of significant renovation projects over the past few months.

"When planning our summer projects, we attempted to address both space needs and improvements that would enhance the quality of campus life," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president. "As the summer progressed, however, it became obvious that those plans would be needed to help us accommodate the largest increase in enrollment ever experienced by the college."

Partial renovation of Barbier Hall topped the priority list as maintenance personnel began their efforts in early May. Although original plans called for a first phase renovation that included only the restrooms and hallways, the scope of the project changed within weeks.

"Once we began work and saw the significant need in Barbier, we decided to finish the entire

project in one summer," stated Mark VanRheenen, executive vice president. "Funding was in place, so we made every effort to meet that goal."

In order to update the appearance and functionality of Barbier rooms, workers removed all built-in desks and closets. Removal of those units, built during a 1976 renovation, allowed for installation of new carpeting over the entire floor surface and the addition of modular furniture.

"Students in the new residence hall complex have enjoyed the ability to arrange modular furniture in their rooms," stated Candace Cain, dean of students. "We wanted to give the residents of Barbier that same advantage, so we purchased similar closet, desk, and dresser units."

In addition to preparing Barbier for full occupancy, workers also converted the Utley Student Center into two classrooms and three offices. Relocation of the Solid Rock Cafe to the Isom Atrium and usage of the Dearborn Commons for social space made that adjustment possible.

"The need for classroom and office space has become critical," stated Dr. Johnson. "Renovation of the student center temporarily eased some of those needs and allowed us to accommodate a larger number of students."

Currently, the college is finalizing plans to construct a new library and classroom building. Upon completion of that facility, the bookstore will move into the Utley Student Center, and the current library building will be renovated for the College of Extended Learning.

Rounding out the summer projects, Mary Johnson and a group of volunteers repainted and recarpeted the hallways and stairwells of Gatewood Hall. Workers also installed new flooring in the kitchen and a piano laboratory in the Gatehouse.

"We have made tremendous progress by maximizing use of present facilities," Dr. Johnson noted. "The challenge that now lies before us is finding the resources needed to provide additional space for our rapidly-growing student body."

## Why RC?



Why does Rochester College exist? Because of students like Tina Ries, a senior English major who is certifying to teach.

"Being in an environment where God and education are integrated daily has given me a model for how I want my own classroom to be," stated Tina. "In addition, working with Tau and Jump Start has allowed me to explore the abilities that God has given me."

The daughter of two former students, Tina grew up near the campus. As soon as she enrolled, she became an active member of Tau social club. Currently, she is president of the group. She also has served as co-director of Jump Start, the new student orientation program, for the past two years.



## Employee Highlights

Hosted by the Bloomfield Republican Women's Club, **Dr. John Todd**, professor of political science, recently spoke at a symposium on the Federalist Papers. He appeared with two members of the Michigan Board of Education and a professor from the University of Michigan Law School.

Following months of writing and recording, **Shannon Williams**, director of spiritual life, recently completed a recording of praise music. The CD, produced by the Winterfest Group, includes thirteen songs and a companion curriculum.

Addressing the topic *Hope Again*, **Sarah Reddick**, associate professor of social work, was the featured speaker for a Ladies Retreat in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Cited for her accomplishments in music composition, **Patricia Gibbons**, adjunct instructor of music, recently received the Matilda Award from Oakland University. Some of her works were published during the summer.

**Dr. Ben Noah**, associate professor of counseling, was selected as president-elect of the Michigan Counseling Association in September. He will assume duties as president of the organization next July.

## Education secretary selected to lead department

Dr. Floyd Coppedge, secretary of education for the State of Oklahoma, recently agreed to serve as interim dean of the College of Education at Rochester College. Dr. Coppedge will lead the institution through the state approval process for its education program while completing his duties in Oklahoma.

"I continue to be amazed at the people God is sending our way," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "It is almost unbelievable that we could attract a person of Dr. Coppedge's professional status."

Prior to his current state appointment, Dr. Coppedge served as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and as dean of the College of Education at Oklahoma Christian University. He served for nine years as a member of the Board of Examiners for NCATE, the national association that accredits teacher education institutions.

"Dr. Coppedge's knowledge and expertise with NCATE requirements is extremely significant," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost. "The state of Michigan is aligned with NCATE requirements for teacher certification, so Dr. Coppedge is aware of ex-



Dr. Floyd Coppedge conducts a meeting as the college develops its model for a teacher education program.

actly what we must do to meet the expectations of both groups."

"Dr. Coppedge is on the cutting edge of educational methodology," Dr. Westerfield added. "He is familiar with the people and thinking in educational circles, enabling him to bring a wealth of experience to our planning."

The college has submitted an application for preliminary state approval as a certifying institu-

tion. The faculty of Rochester College began offering education courses this semester through a mentoring agreement with Madonna University.

"We hope to host our first inspection visit in about two years," Dr. Westerfield stated. "If everything goes well, we will receive probationary approval, which will allow us to begin awarding teacher credentials at that time."

## Significant Statistics

Ninety-seven students received bachelor's degrees from Rochester College last year. Over half of the nineteen students that received associate degrees enrolled at Rochester College again this fall to complete their bachelor's degree as well.

Second generation students set a record as the sons and daughters of ninety-two former students enrolled for classes in August. The number of second generation students increased by nearly 50% over the previous year's record.

## Image targets local service projects

Image, a student organization designed to promote interest in missions, strengthened its commitment to local service projects as the new year opened.

"We are doing more in our community than ever before," stated Jeff Simmons, sponsor. "We are encouraging this approach since a person must learn to serve at home before serving effectively in a mission field."

During the summer, three student coordinators planned a full slate of activities for Image, enabling the group to begin their efforts soon after classes started. Within the first month of the new

academic year, students conducted worship at small congregations, prepared and delivered lunches to the homeless in Detroit, and conducted a clothing and food drive in the Rochester Hills community.

"When considering how to help the homeless, we decided to prepare lunches and simply approach the needy on the streets," stated Stephanie Britten. "Each time, we asked to pray with the people we met and found most to be very responsive."

After distributing flyers to a Rochester Hills subdivision for a clothing and food drive, Image volunteers filled a large capped pickup truck with donations. Residents of nearly half of the homes participated.

Last year, members of Image helped Children's Outreach restore a playground in River Rouge. The group plans to return to that area in the near future to help conduct a free carnival for neighborhood children.

"As we worked on the playground last year, people would stop their cars so they could clap and cheer for us," stated Nadine Taylor. "Children from the community also joined us as the day progressed."

This semester, Image will sponsor a trip to the World Mission Workshop at Western Christian College in Manitoba. The group also is promoting mission efforts to Brazil and New Guinea for the upcoming summer. The mission teams will be led by two Roches-

ter College faculty members, Jeff Simmons and Michael Light.

"Image exists to provide opportunities for spiritual growth by reaching out and serving those who do not know Christ," stated Beth Stewart. "In the process, we influence the world around us, honor God, and encourage each other by our actions."



Students help a child prepare the playground for an intercity daycare.



**Rochester College**  
Building the Infrastructure  
of the Kingdom

knowledge ~ jobs  
homes ~ relationships

College students who learn to distinguish between man-made religious rules and biblical rules enjoy a wonderful sense of freedom in Christ that refreshes the spirit (John 8:32). That joy of freedom in Christ is shaping a wonderful spiritual climate at Rochester College, fostering growth like we never before have seen and attracting a student body with a heart to remain as straight as scripture.

In every generation, Christian scholars must faithfully teach their students to avoid making, binding, and perpetuating religious rules that are not found in scripture. Jesus' resistance to rules-beyond-scripture frustrated the Pharisees of His generation. In each generation since, such resistance has frustrated church leaders who would force their opinions on believers. The result is an ever-present tension that accompanies generational transitions.

The strength of the Kingdom increases when Christians return to scripture, and scripture alone, for religious authority.

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## Religion program grows in strength

Bringing the number of full-time faculty in the Department of Religion to six, Dr. Ken Johnson recently announced the appointment of Dr. Craig Bowman to the Bible faculty.

"As we have added faculty in the Department of Religion, we have sought individuals who could cover all the major areas of religious study," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost of the college. "Dr. Bowman's excellent credentials and strong background in Old Testament studies blended perfectly with our needs."

Three members of the full-time

religion faculty now specialize in New Testament studies, one in Old Testament, one in theology and ethics, and one in homiletics and ministry. "Our strength in New Testament textual studies is particularly appropriate because of our religious heritage," stated Dr. Mel Storm, chairman of the department.

In the most recent strategic plan, college officials identified the addition of a master's degree in religion as a major academic goal for the college. Based upon the growing strength of the department, the religion faculty re-

cently initiated the first steps toward meeting that goal.

"A master's program in religion has been the dream of Dr. Steve Eckstein since his arrival on campus in 1986," Dr. Storm noted. "Even though Dr. Eckstein is now teaching only a part-time load and nearing retirement, he has been a motivating factor in this entire process."

In the months ahead, the college will approach the state of Michigan and the North Central Association for approval to offer the master's degree. "The level of academic preparation of our faculty and the prestigious institutions from which they received their degrees will play an important role in the response of the state and North Central," stated Dr. Westerfield.

Also enhancing the image of the department, publishers are preparing three new books involving members of the Rochester College faculty. DeGruyter, a highly-respected German publisher, recently accepted Dr. Greg Stevenson's book on Revelation for publication. ACU Press soon will release two volumes on preaching that feature essays and sermons by Dr. David Fleer.

Recent graduates of the department have excelled in master's degree programs. Jeremy Hoover and Richard Maddeaux, 1999 graduates, have been appointed to graduate assistant positions at



Drs. Storm and Bowman discuss the master's degree with Jim Calkin.

### Full-time Bible Faculty

Melvin R. Storm, Professor of Religion, Department Chair  
Ph.D., Baylor University

Craig D. Bowman, Professor of Religion  
Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary

Ronald R. Cox, Assistant Professor of Religion  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Notre Dame

David L. Fleer, Professor of Religion and Communication  
D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary  
Ph.D., University of Washington

Rex E. Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Religion  
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Aberdeen (Scotland)

Gregory M. Stevenson, Professor of Religion and Greek  
Ph.D., Emory University

the Harding University Graduate School of Religion and Abilene Christian University.

"Jeremy Hoover has been a model student," stated Dr. David Bland, associate professor of homiletics at Harding. "It has been quite evident to me that Rochester College prepared Jeremy well. He came with a solid foundation, enabling him to meet the rigors and challenges of a graduate education."

"We look forward to the day when our graduates will be able to return to Rochester College for their master's degree," Dr. Storm noted. "We anticipate the same type of quality program that has characterized our bachelor's degree for many years."

### Technology

#### PIANO LAB

Evola Music recently provided six Yamaha digital pianos for a new lab. The system allows the professor to listen to individual students during practice sessions.

#### LOBBY COMPUTERS

Technical support personnel recently installed computers in the residence hall lobbies. The terminals provide network access for students who do not have computers in their rooms.

## Major in communication developed

Faculty members achieved another goal in the college's strategic plan this fall as communication joined the list of majors offered by Rochester College. The new program immediately attracted student interest.

"We are pleased with the number of students enrolled in upper-division courses this semester," stated Andy Kronenwetter, associate professor of communication.

"We already have twenty who have named communication as their major, and another fifteen who have selected communication as one of two concentrations required for the interdisciplinary studies major."

While providing a balanced overview of communication, media, rhetoric, and theatre in foundational requirements, the major offers specialized tracks in me-

dia, speech communication, and theatre. Students may also select a related minor.

"We designed our program to expose students to the breadth of the discipline," Mr. Kronenwetter noted. "The core concepts of communication are the same regardless of specialty, so we built a program that stresses those fundamental concepts."

"All of our courses focus on the various ways people construct, convey, and interpret messages in all types of contexts," Mr. Kronenwetter continued. "Our program also is designed to enable students to think critically and to communicate clearly, effectively, and ethically."

This past summer, the college signed an articulation agreement with the Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts that facilitates transfer to Rochester College. That agreement also allows the students of Rochester College to take highly specialized courses in radio and television toward the communication major.

"Over the next few years, we also hope to add a track in communication education as the college develops its education program," Mr. Kronenwetter stated. "In that process, we plan to expand our theatre program in particular since most communication teachers will also direct their school plays."



Theatre students build the set for the college's annual fall production.

## Bachelor's Degree Options

Rochester College offers a number of majors, concentrations, and tracks at the bachelor's degree level. Consequently, a growing number of transfer students are enrolling in order to complete their academic program in a Christian setting.

Accounting*	History
Behavioral Science	Interdisciplinary Studies
Counseling	Behavioral Science
Social Work	Business
Biblical Studies	Communication
Business Communication	General Science
Christian Ministry	History
Preaching	Literature
Youth & Family Ministry	Mathematics
Communication	Music
Media	Professional Writing
Speech Communication	Religion
Theatre	Sports Management
Computer Systems Management	Management
Early Childhood Education	Marketing
Education*	Music
(state certification)	Music Education
English	Music Ministry
Literature	Vocal Performance
Professional Writing	Psychology

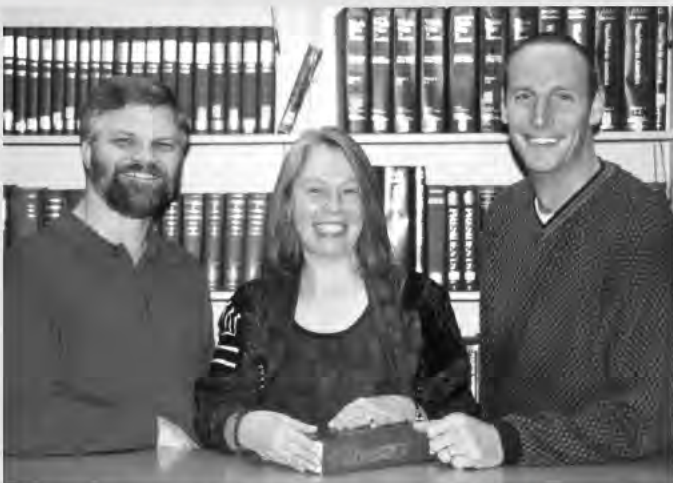
In addition to the above options available to the students of Rochester College, a number of concentrations in technical fields are available through cooperative programs with neighboring institutions. Some of the twenty-nine choices include:

Computer-Aided Design	Interior Design
Gerontology	Retail Fashion and Buying
Graphics and Commercial Art	Robotics
Health Care Administration	Vehicle Design

For more information, contact the Enrollment Services Office at 800.521.6010 or visit [www.rc.edu](http://www.rc.edu).

\*Cooperative Program

## Molding Futures ....



*Dr. Tony Mowrer, Pamela Light, and Jeff Simmons*

Good instructors are at 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.

Twenty-one years of experience enrich the teaching abilities of **Dr. Tony Mowrer**, professor of music. Dr. Mowrer began his career at Northeastern Christian Junior College, where he taught from 1979 until 1991. After completing a doctoral residency, he began teaching at Faulkner University in 1992. He joined the faculty of Rochester College in 1998. He also serves as an adjudicator for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. He holds degrees from Lubbock Christian University, West Chester University, and Temple University.

Returning to college after raising a family, **Pamela Light**, assistant professor of English, completed both her bachelor's and master's degree at Oakland University. For thirteen years she taught courses for Oakland University, Macomb Community College, and Oakland Community College. After serving on the adjunct faculty of Rochester College for four years, she joined the full-time faculty in 1998.

Known for his interest in both marketing and world missions, **Jeff Simmons**, assistant professor of business, completed a bachelor's degree at Oklahoma Christian University and a master's at the American Graduate School of International Management. After working as an assistant trade specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, he taught at International Christian University in Vienna for two years. He joined the faculty of Rochester College in 1996, and is pursuing a doctoral degree at Nova Southeastern University.

## Athletic teams affiliate with NCCAA

Officials of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) recently accepted Rochester College as a member institution. The association is made up of over 120 colleges and universities across the nation.

"The National Small College Athletic Association (NSCAA) has provided a good level of competition for us in sports like men's basketball," stated Garth Pleasant,

athletic director. "Yet the number of institutions participating in some of the other sports has not provided the level of competition that we desire."

"We believe the mission of Rochester College and this association are particularly compatible," Coach Pleasant continued. The NCCAA upholds a strong commitment to the "enhancement and promotion of intercollegiate athletic competition with a Christian perspective."

As a liberal arts institution, Rochester College will compete in Division I of the NCCAA. Initially, the cross country, track, and volleyball teams will participate in the new association.

"Many colleges maintain dual membership in two associations," noted Coach Pleasant. "At this point, we plan to remain active in the NSCAA, but will make a choice for each team based upon the level of competition."

Last year, for example, the women's volleyball team moved directly from local competition to a national invitational. Because

of the larger number of participating institutions, NCCAA tiering for volleyball includes a regional tournament before the national finals.

"Being involved in a second national association lends credibility to our intercollegiate program," Coach Pleasant commented. "In addition to enjoying a greater level of competition for our teams, we anticipate an increase in our exposure with other institutions and the media as a result of this move."

Eventually, Rochester College still plans to affiliate with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). While the college's current strategic plans identifies that goal, the college must first provide a consistent home court before the plan can be realized.

Currently, the college maintains a practice gymnasium on campus, but must rent local facilities for home games. The strategic plan identifies a new athletic center as a major priority for campus construction.

### Sports

#### Men's Teams

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Soccer  
Track



#### Women's Teams

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Softball  
Track  
Volleyball

## Soccer team represents four nations

Adding an international dimension to the soccer team, players from England and Croatia joined those from the United States and Canada for the fall 2000 season at Rochester College.

"In addition to the countries represented, our team is unique this year because it is made up mostly of freshmen," stated Kurt Fleischhut, head coach. "Since most have had to learn to play together at the same time, we are experiencing more cohesiveness than normal."

Juniors Joel and Chuck Lock of North Bay, Ontario, are among seven players returning to the team. Both attended Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, prior to enrolling.

"Rochester College recruited at my high school regularly and since my sister was already at Rochester, I decided to attend as well," stated Chuck. "I played soccer in high school, so I decided to tryout for the team as a walk-on."

"I really enjoy playing sports," stated Joel. "Since soccer was one of my stronger sports, I tried out as a walk-on and made the team along with my brother."

Steve Farrell, a new student from Bracknell, England, began playing soccer at age seven. Prior to enrolling at Rochester College, he played for the Ketting Soccer Club in Waterford, Michigan, a team composed primarily of British players.

"I came to the United States through Camp America to work in a YMCA summer camp," stated Steve. "I liked the work so much that I ended up working for a full year until I was contacted by Coach Fleischhut."

Branko Rebrovic, a freshman from Zagreb, Croatia, learned of Rochester College through his aunt Branka, wife of David Greer, associate professor of history. He played soccer throughout his high school career.

"When deciding to enroll at Rochester College, I was interested in learning how American soccer differed from European," stated Branko. "In many ways they play the same, except the American teams play rougher than those in Europe."

Maintaining a 7-5-1 record for the first portion of their season, the soccer team must win three of their four remaining games to consider participation in the NSCAA national tournament in South Carolina.

"Early in our current season

we had already scored more than the entire previous year," stated Coach Fleischhut. "However, we must achieve a win over the strongest team in our remaining four games to be competitive at the national tournament."



### Athletics

#### VOLLEYBALL

Strong performances in three September tournaments helped the women's volleyball team mark their third consecutive season with over twenty wins. The team took first place at the Lady Warriors Invitational in Rochester Hills, and second at the Taylor University Invitational in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The team competed throughout the season as a new member of the NCCAA.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

Competing against fifty runners from three NCAA Division I universities, Jim Primeau of Gladwin, Michigan, and Caden Ruohomaki of Negaunee, Michigan, placed twelfth and thirteenth in a recent tournament. Hosted by Wayne State University, the event also featured Oakland University and the University of Detroit-Mercy.



*Coach Fleischhut discusses the possibility of a tournament trip with the soccer team at a practice session.*

## Opening of 42nd academic year

Excitement filled the air as students began arriving on campus for the beginning of a new academic year. New students participated in Jump Start, a week-long program designed to help them develop new relationships and become acquainted with the campus. Though challenged by full residence halls, classrooms, and parking lots, the entire campus community demonstrated a remarkable spirit of joy and cooperation.



LEFT: Returning students greet newcomers to the campus in the Dearborn Commons.



David Brackney, assistant professor of physical science, reviews class options with a new student.



ABOVE: Michael Light, assistant professor of history, and Pamela Light, assistant professor of English, help a new student with the class registration process.

LEFT: Returning students Johnny Pleasant and Dan Curtis help a new student move into Hoggatt Hall.

## Summer programs attract hundreds

Quiet summers on the campus of Rochester College disappeared years ago as renovation projects, class reunions, workshops, seminars, and special youth activities became commonplace. During the past summer, youth activities alone attracted over 2,000 guests to the campus.

The summer season for youth opened with Summer Jam in late June. The week-long program, which combines the best features

of a youth rally with those of a summer Bible camp, attracted teens from several states.

"Thank you for the wonderful week," stated Cathy Wroblewski, a youth sponsor from Morgantown, West Virginia. "I think it was no coincidence that I happened to be reading Nehemiah the week of Summer Jam. Summer Jam was no less spectacular than the revival of Nehemiah."

In the weeks that followed,

Garth Pleasant, athletic director, hosted his twentieth season of Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp on the campus. The camp drew over 650 participants in four sessions, as well as parents who participated in a special program on the final day of each week.

"We experienced a record year," stated Coach Pleasant. "The registration forms just kept coming. We finally had to stop accepting applications because we were completely filled."

For the fourth consecutive year, the college made facilities available to Cheer Michigan. The organization hosted one session for cheerleading coaches and two for cheerleaders, bringing about 800 guests to the campus.

"Programs like Cheer Michigan are a great outreach that give us a chance to introduce Rochester College to a lot of students," stated Burt Rutledge, coordinator of the summer schedule. "An enrollment advisor always visits the camp to share information about the college."

"Special activities are taking place almost every week during the summer," Mr. Rutledge continued. "We are now booked so heavily that it has become very difficult to schedule dead time for facility improvements!"



Summer Jammers pray for the college students during a prayer walk.

## Worth Repeating

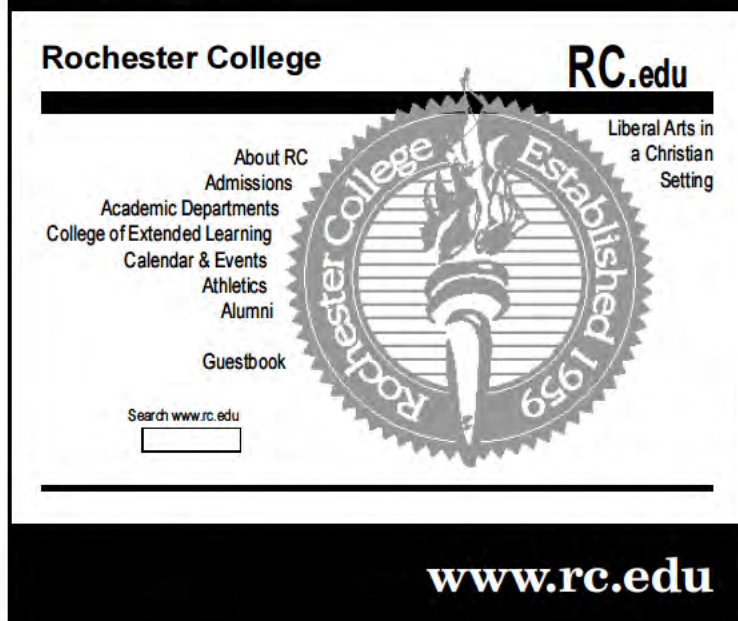
"My experience at Rochester College was rewarding beyond expectation. I literally could see my knowledge and horizons reaching new heights with each class I took. If it were in my power and ability, I would alert everyone that skipped college to go back and fill this void. I thank the Lord for leading me to Rochester College, my wife for being His messenger, my professors for showing His love and patience, and for the great CEL staff that has dedicated themselves to His service." Rick Weaver, director of vendor training, education, and communication for the Kmart Corporation and a 2000 graduate of the College of Extended Learning of Rochester College

"When moving to Rochester a year ago, my daughter, fearful of me getting homesick, encouraged me to attend a Bible class at Rochester College. I found it so enjoyable. I've been a Bible reader all my years, but there are always new insights put forth by my teachers. This fall will be my third class. I'm thankful that God has allowed me to attend the classes and hope I can have a few more years to enjoy more." Doris Jackson, age 84

"Just a note to thank you for being there for Julie. So far, she seems very happy at Rochester and I have to attribute part of that to a very caring staff and faculty. She has made many friends and seems to enjoy her classes. We're very grateful that Julie is at a school like Rochester. Months ago we asked God's help in making the right decision about which school she should attend and we believe He has answered our prayers." Randy and Cindy Robertson, Oak Forest, Illinois

"We had our first class on Monday evening. Once again, I am very impressed by the caliber of students who attend Rochester College. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity." Dr. Lawrence Selaty, director of special education for the Troy School District (Dr. Selaty teaches an education course for Rochester College entitled *Exceptional Learner*.)

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## Alumnus redesigns college web site

Web users recently began viewing a newly-designed web site for Rochester College when accessing [www.rc.edu](http://www.rc.edu). Jeff Bennett, a 1998 graduate, provided design services for the project.

"For quite some time we had been feeling a need to update our site," stated Larry Norman, vice president for enrollment management. "We were on hold with our plans, however, until Jeff contacted us about doing a summer internship."

While enrolled at Rochester College, Jeff designed a contemporary jacket for the 1998 Autumn and Spectrum disc, *We Were Made for This*. Based upon that experience and Jeff's training in graphic arts since that time, the college secured his services for the summer.

"Most institutions and businesses redesign their sites periodically to keep users coming back," stated Mr. Norman. "In our case, we also had a desire to give the site a new look that would continue to be appealing to high school students."

Once arriving on campus, Jeff worked with Mr. Norman and Bob Jones, instructor of computer science. Mr. Jones has served as webmaster on a volunteer basis



Larry Norman and Jeff Bennett discuss options for the college web site.

for several years, coordinating efforts for three site designs.

"Nationally, most students are learning about colleges through the web," Mr. Norman noted. "The percentage of students that own computers is astounding, so we must stay on the cutting edge with technology."

Other than prospective students, alumni are the other major users of college web sites. The

alumni page on the Rochester College site adapts the new design by featuring photos from the past four decades.

"Our contact with alumni has increased substantially since the introduction of our first site," stated Larry Stewart, director of alumni activities. "Almost daily, we have contact with former students because of the site and the availability of e-mail."

## Alumni buy centerpiece

Engraved in the centerpiece of the Associates Brick Plaza, the Rochester College torch soon will be on display in a new campus landmark. The plaza will honor individuals and groups that have been involved with the college for many years.

"As we began to finalize our initial order for engraved bricks, I learned that no one had yet purchased the centerpiece for the plaza," stated Rob Clarke, president of the Alumni Association and designer of the plaza. "The need for a donor presented a perfect opportunity for alumni involvement."

Plaza bricks ranged in price from \$50 to \$250, depending upon the amount of text. Marble pavers, benches, lights, and flag poles ranged from \$350 to \$2,000 each.

The Alumni Association made a donation of \$1,500 to cover the cost of the centerpiece.

"The Associates Brick Plaza will provide an important focal point on the campus for many years," stated Larry Stewart, coordinator of alumni activities. "The Alumni Association is honored to play a role in the development of this project."

The torch, as it will be displayed in the plaza, often is used as a logo on college publications. It also appears in the college seal. Developed by Ken Stewart, a member of the class of 1982, the logo and seal have been used extensively on college materials since the name change.

Bricks can still be purchased for a second phase by contacting Lora Jones at 810.793.1078.

## Roles in Associates filled by alumni

Alumni filled a number of key roles among the Associates as the group recently selected its leadership for the new academic year. Currently, approximately half of the officers, trustees, and project chairpersons are alumni.

"Getting more alumni involved with the Associates has been one of my major goals," stated Sharon Whitlatch (Conner-'78), president

of the Associates. "As alumni join our ranks, we always challenge them to get their alumni friends involved as well."

In addition to those serving in leadership roles in the overall organization, several alumni serve as chapter chairpersons. "It is significant that alumni chair both of our newest chapters," Mrs. Whitlatch stated.

"Alumni are critical to the Associates' ability to assist the college financially," stated Julie Harper (Summerhayes-'79), vice president of the Associates. "We need their energy and ideas for new projects."

Alumni serving as officers of the Associates include Sharon Whitlatch, Julie Harper, and Sherry Cummins (Taylor-'79), co-corresponding secretary. Tamera Conner (Robrock-'90), Sherry

Cummins, Delores Dickinson (Berry-'80), Julie Harper, Fonda Robinson (Waller-'80), as well as Sharon Whitlatch serve as trustees of the organization.

Alumni filling roles as project chairpersons include Tamera Conner, Fashion Show and Historian; Delores Dickinson, Hostess; Julie Harper, Gift-a-Rama; Ginny May (Fidler-'78), Mobile Kitchen and Inventory; and Barbara Williams (McDonald-'68), Fall Festival.

"Several of us already have children at Rochester College, and many more are sending others in the next few years," stated Mrs. Whitlatch. "We want those interested in joining the Associates or starting a new chapter to let us know. Barbara O'Rourke can be contacted about membership information at 810.739.4826."



Rochester College recently adopted an official flag to represent the institution. Prepared by Ken Stewart ('82), designer of the college logo, the flag will fly over the Associates Brick Plaza. The plaza is nearing completion and will become a focal point on campus. It also will display flags of the United States, Canada, Michigan, the state with the second highest number of students, and the Associates. Bricks for a second phase of the plaza can be purchased by calling Lora Jones at 810.793.1078.



Janine French (Birk-'76) assists in the Gladwin booth at Fall Festival.



Opening a door for future mission efforts, Ellen Mao ('95) recently participated in a relief project that served flood victims in central Vietnam. While many medical teams have been refused entry by the Hanoi government, the team was invited to return next year. Ellen, who is fluent in both Vietnamese and Chinese, served not only as a nurse but as the official team translator.

According to Allen Jang of Temple City, California, Ellen credits her experience at Rochester College for her interest and involvement in mission work. The Vietnam team was a collaborative effort of churches in Temple City and Sierra Madre, California. Maurice Hall, a former college employee and missionary, promotes such efforts from his home in Sierra Madre.

## Author honored as Alumnus of Year

Rochester College named John Smith, a member of the class of 1965, as *Alumnus of the Year* at the annual Bible Lectureship in October. Mr. Smith has distinguished himself as a minister, author, and storyteller.

Drawing upon his early roots in Southeast Michigan, Mr. Smith achieved a lifetime ambition in 1993 with the release of his first book, *My Mother Played the Piano*. Two years later, he followed with *My Mother's Favorite Song*, another treasury of heartwarming stories about home.

In 1997, Mr. Smith provided a series of short stories to anchor the popular new Hugs series by Howard Publishing. His writing is featured in *Hugs for Mom*, *Hugs for Dad*, *Hugs for the Hurting*, and *Hugs to Encourage and Inspire*. *Hugs for Mom* made the national best-sellers list of Christian books after only three months in circulation.

In 1965, Mr. Smith graduated from Rochester College, where he met his wife, Judi Parsons. While working on his bachelor's degree at the University of Michigan, he preached in Flint, Michigan, and became acquainted with Garth Pleasant, current athletic director at Rochester College.

"John Smith had a tremendous impact on my life," stated Coach Pleasant. "As a high school senior, I was heading to another college, but John convinced me to enroll at Rochester College and I am still here!"

After moving from Michigan, Mr. Smith taught in the public school system of Kingman, Arizona. During this time period, he also completed a master's degree at North Arizona University and served as a minister and an elder. In the years that followed, he



John Smith is honored by Dr. Ken Johnson as Alumnus of the Year.

preached for churches in Texas and Alabama, and taught English at both Lubbock Christian and Faulkner University.

In 1992, Mr. Smith took a sabbatical from full-time ministry to pursue his longtime writing ambitions. In addition to working on his writing projects over the next couple of years, he completed another master's degree at Lubbock Christian University and traveled extensively to deliver inspirational, motivational, and entertaining speeches.

Mr. Smith returned to a role in full-time ministry in 1994, when he accepted a position as pulpit minister of the Canyon View Church of Christ in San Diego, California. Currently, he is relocating near a son in Alabama, where he plans to counsel on a part-time basis while speaking throughout the nation.

## Alumni News and Notes

1964

During the past eight months, **Brent Golden** has competed in six Senior Olympics. He has won a total of thirty-five medals, including twenty-seven gold. He competes in javelin, discus, shot put, high jump, and pole vault. Brent lives at 3169 Pioneer Drive, Lake Havasu, AZ 86404.

1973

**Linda (Pate) Lawther** is now serving as executive director of the Michigan Center for Assisted Living. Her husband, Jeff, is a middle school teacher in the Ann Arbor school district. The couple has two children, **Melody Coyle (95)**, who just welcomed her first child (see 1995 Alumni News), and Josh. Jeff, Linda, and Josh reside at 2984 Golfview Court, Ypsilanti, MI 48197.

1975

**Albert Swindle** is running for the Lenawee County Commission. He can be contacted at P.O. Box 1454, Adrian, MI 49221.

After a recent move, Pete and **Ruthann (Miller) Wackerman** are now living at 2608 16th Street, Great Bend, KS 67530. Pete is the pulpit and youth minister of the Great Bend Church of Christ, and Rudi is actively involved in the congregation as well.

1977

**Bonnie (Culler) Phillips** and her husband, Mark, recently moved and began teaching at Village Christian School on the campus of Mid-Western Children's Home. The couple has two children, Seth and Hannah. The family can be reached at P.O. Box 48, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162.

1978

**Cindy (Foulk) Schofield** was recently elected to the school

board of the Wayne-Westland school district. She also works as property manager of Norplex Associates. Cindy and her husband, **David Schofield (81)**, have three sons, Josh, Justin, and Jacob. David teaches fifth grade. The family lives at 35235 Elm, Wayne, MI 48184.

1982

Joe and **Jill (Jeziarski) Vincent** recently moved to 647 Charles Drive, Gilbertsville, PA 19525. Joe was transferred by his employer, Merck Pharmaceuticals.

1984

**Sonia Everson** is employed as accounting coordinator for the Saturn Corporation. She resides at 601 Boyd Mill Avenue #G4, Franklin, TN 37064.

1985

**Deanna Burns** is serving as executive assistant to the Oxford Township supervisor and as president of the Romeo Band Boosters. She lives at 800 Rochester Road, Leonard, MI 48367.

1986

David Jacob joined Rachael in the household of Dave and **Bonnie (Clayton) Daniel** on November 7, 1999. Dave is a general contractor and builder, and Bonnie is a homemaker. The family resides at 9974 West Fork Road, Georgetown, OH 45121.

**Cheryl (Ingersoll) Wilson** and her two sons, Chris and Drew, recently moved to 76 Grove Place #8, Frankfort, MI 49635.

1987

**Suellen Cadle** recently completed a bachelor's degree and plans to begin an M.B.A. program in the fall. She lives at 8528 Leader Drive, Galloway, OH 43119.

On April 29, **Becky Richardson** married Donald McGuire. Becky currently is employed as a sales assistant for Nat City Investments. The couple lives at 2150 Stirling, Troy, MI 48098.

1988

On September 3, 1999, Todd and **Amy (Herren) Draffen** welcomed Nathan Roosevelt. Todd is the assistant supervisor for the Old Collier Golf Club of Naples, and Amy is a homemaker. The family lives at 18508 Sarasota Road, Fort Myers, FL 33912.

Jeff and **Kali (Ponder) Hacias** recently moved to 2274 Shimmering Bay Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45244. They have one daughter, Michelle. Kali is employed as a financial analyst at Proctor and Gamble, and Jeff works in brand management for the same firm.

## 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.

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Years \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

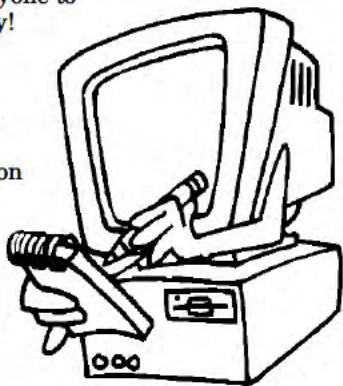


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### 1989

**Jim and Beth (Mason) Truex** recently moved to 980 Surrey Heights, Westland, MI 48186. Jim is an employee relations specialist for Acro Service Corporation, and Beth is the warehouse administrative specialist for Aisin World Corporation.

### 1990

Rebecca Rita joined Caleb and Stephen in the home of **Mark and Christine (Campbell-89) Brackney** on May 4. Mark is the family life minister at the Rochester Church of Christ, and Christine is a homemaker. The family lives at 2862 Corinthia Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

### 1991

Kayley Patrice joined Ashley in the home of **David and Karen (Petrich-90) Christian** on August 15. David is a sales representative at Art Van Furniture, and Karen teaches at Homewood Elementary School. The family recently moved to 3423 Cherry Tree Lane, Flint, MI 48532.

**Jeff and Wendy (Barnett-90) Denny** recently moved to 206 Bent Stream, Brownsburg, IN 46112. Jeff is a customer trainer for IKON Office Solutions, and Wendy is a unit representative at St. Vincent Hospital. Jeff and Wendy have one son, Alex.

Canaan James joined Sierra Joy in the home of **Chris and Gail (Rathbun) Gonzalez** on March 16. Chris serves as the youth and family minister at the Richfield Church of Christ, and Gail is a homemaker. The family resides at 7530 Blaisdell Avenue South, Richfield, MN 55423.

### 1995

Scott and **Melody (St. Charles) Coyle** welcomed Malachi Charles on June 22. Scott is an engineer at Tyco Electronics, and Melody is a homemaker. The family lives at 213 Susquehanna Avenue, Enola, PA 17025.

Jesse Michael joined Andrew in the household of Bill and **Becky**

## Reunions

**Class of 1991**  
July 20-21, 2001

Coordinators are needed to plan summer reunions for the classes of 1961, 1971, and 1981. To volunteer, contact Larry Stewart at 800.521.6010 (option 4) or [lstewart@rc.edu](mailto:lstewart@rc.edu).



Classmates pose for a photograph in front of the Westside-Central Auditorium at the class of 1990 reunion.

**(Stutts) Langlois** on January 26. Bill is employed by Ameritech, and Becky is a homemaker. The family lives at 7259 Lunitas Lane #B, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

**Benny Lumpkins** moved recently to 4111 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508. Benny presently is completing a degree in theatre education.

**Kevin Norman** recently began working as an assistant account executive for Fallon McElligott. He lives at 940 Franklin Terrace, Minneapolis, MN 55406.

### 1998

**Chris and Tannon (Ashlock) Davis** recently moved to 2180 East 56th Avenue #109, Anchorage, AK 99507. Chris is a police officer with the Anchorage Police



Guests of the class of 1970 reunion gather in front of the Associates Campus Center for a group photograph.

## Two classes enjoy summer reunions

Members of two classes gathered on the campus of Rochester College during the past summer for reunions. The class of 1970 marked thirty years on July 8, and the class of 1990 celebrated ten years on July 29.

Participants traveled from such places as Arkansas, Georgia, and

Texas, as well as the Midwestern states, for the events. At each reunion, guests enjoyed meals together, devotionals, campus tours, and lots of unscheduled time for reminiscing.

The class of 1970 included an outing to Meadow Brook Hall in their weekend schedule. Meadow

Brook, a hundred-room tudor mansion built by the widow of auto baron John Dodge, opened for public touring in the early 1970's, soon after the class graduated from the college.

During the class of 1990 reunion, planned by Wendy Denny, several members of the class of 1991 began forming a committee to plan a reunion for next summer. Under the leadership of Boise Walker, the committee already has made preliminary plans and has established a reunion e-mail list to which classmates can be added by contacting Boise at [boisewalker@hotmail.com](mailto:boisewalker@hotmail.com).

Each reunion is scheduled, organized, and promoted by volunteers from specific classes. The type and amount of formal activity varies from class to class. College officials provide lists and mailing labels of class members, schedule campus facilities and food services, and provide guidance for reunion planners.

Currently, reunion coordinators are needed for the classes of 1961, 1971, and 1981. Those interested in assisting can contact Larry Stewart at 800.521.6010 (option 4) or [lstewart@rc.edu](mailto:lstewart@rc.edu).

Department, and both are completing master's degrees.

### 1999

**Bob Kofahl and Charissa Volz (00)** were married on September 23. Bob is an account manager for Federal-Mogul, and Charissa is a provider relations representative for the Preferred Provider Organization of Michigan. The couple lives at 3210 Christopher Lane, Keego Harbor, MI 48320.

### 2000

**Dion and Kristy (Petrich-97) Frasier** welcomed a daughter, Kaitlynd Michelle, on July 25. Dion serves as the new youth and worship minister at the Holmes Road Church of Christ. The family lives at 2600 Pleasant Grove, Lansing, MI 48910.



Following a keynote address by Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication at Rochester College, friends and alumni gathered for a luncheon at the Pepperdine Lectureship last spring. Randy Gill, a member of the class of 1974, spoke to the guests. Doug Edwards, vice president for development, reported on the growth and progress of Rochester College.

## Golf Classic revamped

Building upon a twenty-year tradition, the planning committee for the Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic recently announced plans for their 2001 tournament. The restructured event will feature a new location, day of the week, and pricing structure.

"Even though we have been building an endowed scholarship fund through sponsorships, we have not been able to meet our operational costs for several years," stated Dr. Tony Mowrer, campus coordinator of the event. "Consequently, the college has had to subsidize the participation fee for quite some time."

The 2001 classic is scheduled for July 27 at the Graystone Golf Club in Romeo, Michigan, on a Friday instead of the traditional Saturday date. The fee will be \$125 per player.

"By moving the outing, we hope to improve our financial contribution to the college," stated Dr.

Mowrer. "In the process, we feel that we also can improve the event for everyone involved."

"As a new feature, a clinic will be offered prior to the outing by the Graystone Club's golf pro," Dr. Mowrer continued. "The clinic will be limited to the first twenty individuals who reserve and pay an additional fee of \$25 for the clinic."

The tournament committee again will be offering hole sponsorships for the event. Proceeds from sponsorships are donated to the Fletcher-Shinsky Endowed Scholarship fund, which awarded its first scholarship to a student this academic year.

"Planners originally started the tournament to foster relationships between friends of the college," Dr. Mowrer noted. "While the event continues to accomplish that goal, we are pleased that it is now starting to provide scholarships as well."



Former festival queen Barb Brooks ('71) crowned Kay Norman as the 2000 Fall Festival Queen in September. Barb Williams ('68), chairperson of the festival committee, reported that the Associates raised \$18,800 through the queen contest with candidates Kay Norman and Lisa Ramsay ('86).

## Awards foster tradition

Each academic year, the lives of such people as Gene Fletcher, Lynn and Sandi Bliss, Peggy Matthews, and Wes Taphin are recalled on the campus of Rochester College. A vital spirit of tradition is revived each time a student receives an award in memory of those individuals.

"People often are looking for a way to honor loved ones who had admirable traits in their lives," stated Elton Albright, director of church relations. "By endowing a named award, families can see those characteristics lived out in the lives of others."

The Gene Fletcher First Lady Award honors a person who demonstrates Christian womanhood. The student who is best known for service to others receives the Bliss Second-Miller Award. The Peggy Matthews and Wes Taphin Awards honor the female and male athletes known for their Christian commitment.

"Every institution desires to foster a spirit of tradition among its student body," Mr. Albright stated. "In the case of a Christian institution like Rochester College, it is very appropriate that we honor those who have demonstrated positive characteristics in their lives."

Over the years, families have remembered loved ones by naming rooms and facilities, endowing scholarships, and most recently by purchasing engraved plaza bricks. Each method has honored special people and left an important heritage for future generations.

"Each time I walk by the stone and plaque placed in memory of Ron Lockett, I think about the people who have made a difference in the lives of others," stated Mr. Albright. "Such people continue to make an impact on the lives of our students."

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Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President at the college address on the mailing panel. Be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.

## Associates Annual Gift-a-Rama

December 2, 2000  
Rochester Church of Christ

crafts and gift items  
food and fellowship

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## Planned Giving Matters

Doug Edwards  
Vice President  
for Development

### Do Not Procrastinate - Now is the Time to Plan

Did you know that taxes could take between 37 and 55 percent of your estate's value and are due nine months after death?

Many times, heirs sell family assets quickly in order to pay the tax bill. Imagine the scenario: Just at the time family members are grieving over the loss of a loved one, they are having to pay attention to serious financial planning. Proper estate planning is the key to reducing taxes and assuring that wealth is distributed according to your wishes.

It is easy to put off estate planning, so put it on the front burner. Think through some of the following:

- What will happen to your assets if you have no plan in place? Will your assets be distributed in a tax-advantageous way?
- Have you made provisions for minor or special needs children?
- Would a living trust be useful to avoid probate?
- Have you considered donating part of your estate to a charity, which counts on your annual giving while you are alive?
- Should you begin giving to heirs or a charity now?

It is important that you receive knowledgeable help in the process of making these important decisions. Please call me at 800.521.6010 (option 4), if I may be of help.

## Elizabeth Dole scheduled for dinner

Elizabeth Dole, a cabinet member for two United States presidents and former president of the American Red Cross, will be the featured speaker at the 30th annual Partnership Dinner in Detroit on May 12, 2001.

"Elizabeth Dole is perhaps the best speaker in the country," General Colin Powell stated in a private conversation at the conclusion of his appearance at the 2000 dinner. The previous two Partnership Dinners featured General Powell and Barbara Bush, former first lady of the United States.

In 1983, Mrs. Dole joined Presi-

dent Reagan's cabinet as the first female to serve as secretary of transportation. In 1989, President Bush named Mrs. Dole as secretary of labor. She served as president of the American Red Cross from 1991-1999.

"We are extremely pleased with the response to our recent Partnership Dinners," stated Elton Albright, event coordinator. "By hosting nationally recognized speakers and developing a sponsorship program, attendance and income from the dinner has grown dramatically."

In 1999, the college began offering dinner sponsorships. Sponsors are invited to attend a reception with the speaker prior to the dinner, are photographed with the speaker, sit in a special section near the speaker, and are listed in the program.

"Sponsorships have resulted in a higher level of commitment for many attending the dinner," Mr. Albright noted. "Last year, sponsorships generated \$170,000 of the dinner income."

In coming months, congrega-



Elizabeth Dole

tional chairpersons and members of the Development Council will continue to meet for discussion on ways to enhance the dinner and its promotional efforts. Planners expect a pattern of continued growth for the dinner in the years ahead.

To obtain Partnership Dinner tickets or sponsorship information, contact Elton Albright at 800.521.6010 (option 4).

## Dinner Growth

1998 Partnership Dinner  
attendance: 930  
income: \$97,000

1999 Partnership Dinner  
Barbara Bush  
attendance: 1,050  
income: \$205,000

2000 Partnership Dinner  
Colin Powell  
attendance: 1,550  
income: \$306,000

## Appreciation dinner hosted at estate

Friends of Rochester College gathered on September 14 at the Henry Ford Estate in Dearborn, Michigan, for the first in a series of appreciation dinners for donors. The evening included a guided tour of the auto baron's former mansion.

"We had an enthusiastic response to the evening," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for development. "Everyone enjoyed the dinner and the fellowship with other friends of the college."

Following the meal, Dr. Ken Johnson shared with guests news about the college. In addition, he announced the availability of a new service being provided by some members of the Estate Planning Advisory Board.

"The financial planners on the

advisory board recently offered a plan which allows selected friends of the college to obtain up to \$3,000 of estate planning services at no cost," Mr. Edwards stated. "We felt that this would be an appropriate occasion to announce this service."

"As my wife and I recently did some estate planning, it occurred to us that perhaps others have procrastinated as we did," Mr. Edwards continued. "I wanted friends of the college to know that a circle of ethical and honest planners have offered some free assistance that may help reduce estate taxes, provide a life income, more smoothly pass assets to heirs, and/or help a favorite charity."

Organizers of the dinner plan to host similar occasions at both

the Ford Estate and other locations in coming months. Invitation lists are being developed to include those who have supported the college in significant ways over a number of years.

"So many people have assisted the college in many ways," Mr. Edwards noted. "These dinners are just a token of our appreciation for such individuals."



Members of the Whitelaw family are photographed with Colin Powell.



Friends of the college visit with one another at the appreciation dinner.



Rochester College honored three couples at the annual Bible Lectureship in October. Dr. Joseph and Geneva Jones were honored for fifty-eight years of sharing the gospel. Dr. Steve and Mildred Eckstein and Bob and Mary Utley were honored for exemplary service to the church and the college.



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## Enrollment skyrockets past 800 level

Enrollment at Rochester College set a record for the fourth consecutive year as the number of students skyrocketed past the 800 mark. By the time the last students registered for classes in the College of Extended Learning in late October, the student count reached 828.

"The figures are remarkable," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president. "The fact that we have been able to serve this number of students with almost no hitches is even more remarkable. It is a testimony to the willingness of our employees to go the second mile in many situations."

The college served an average of 330 students per year during the two decades prior to the 1997 college name change. That fall, the college set a record with 434 students. Since that time, enrollment has continued to rise at a dramatic rate.

"Many things have fallen into place over the past four years," Dr. Johnson stated. "The availability of a broad spectrum of four-year degree programs, improved facilities, the introduction of a program for working adults, and a renewed Christian commitment on campus have all had an impact on the enrollment."

The student count in the traditional program increased by 26%



Students fill every available space at the opening assembly of the year.

to 548, almost entirely with full-time students. Enrollment in the College of Extended Learning grew by 94%.

In order to accommodate the greater number of students, the college had already accomplished several facility improvements and had made adjustments to the course schedule. Maintenance personnel marked areas of the lawn for temporary parking while awaiting construction of a 108-car parking lot.

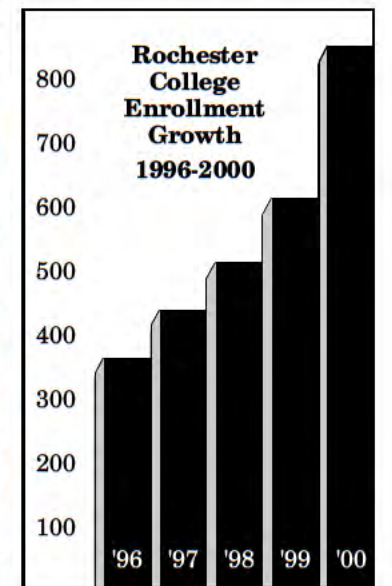
"Assuming a growth rate that is one-half that experienced during the last five years, we could

have 1,380 students by the fall of 2005," Dr. Johnson noted. "Since we are near capacity in almost every aspect of our campus operations, we are moving forward as quickly as possible with the construction of new facilities to meet future needs."

"It is an exciting time to be involved with Rochester College," Dr. Johnson continued. "We have been abundantly blessed with an incredible opportunity to serve and to touch the lives of many."



Lawn parking accommodates extra cars until a new lot is completed.



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### Two families commit major gifts for academic facility



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## Great Special Events Coming Next Spring!

### 24th Annual Celebration in Song

March 16-17, 2001



### 30th Annual Partnership Dinner

May 12, 2001



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