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Rochester College family dedicates new library

A steady rain could not stop the Rochester College family from gathering on Sept. 27 to dedicate the new Ennis and Nancy Ham Library to the service of God, the student body and the Rochester region.

"This building exceeds a simple collection of books," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, College provost. "It is a building that sets a new standard for excellence on our campus and the centrality of the academic experience at Rochester College."

The new library is more than twice the size of the old building and features 300 percent more seating for individual and group study. Nearly every seat in the library offers access to the Internet via network plug-ins.

Worship and remarks by College and local officials accented the 45-minute ceremony that resonated the theme of Proverb 2:10: "For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul."

State Sen. Alan Sanborn presented a senatorial tribute signed by Gov. John Engler and applauded the College for being "an opportunity for young people to get a Christ-centered education."

The mayors of Rochester Hills and Rochester thanked the College for its contribution to the quality of life in the Rochester region. College President Dr. Ken Johnson thanked the donors who made the new building possible.

Wayne Hodges, chairman of the College's newly-appointed board of regents, said the library symbolized more than learning: "What is even more important is Rochester College's commitment to Christ-centered character development along with knowledge and lifelong learning. If you're not convinced, just look at what went wrong recently at places like Enron and WorldCom."

Terry Pitts ('83) performed a song she penned especially for the event.

In dedicating the building that bears his and his wife's name, Ennis Ham gave special recognition to Almerry Wash, a family friend for whom the Hams named the library's circulation center.

"Almerry has been our mentor for 18 years and a good friend of the family," said Ham. "We wanted to see her name in [the library]."

Just before he and his wife cut the ribbon, Ennis Ham reminded the crowd of who rightfully owns the new building: "It's the Lord's library. It just happens that our name is on it but don't think of it as ours. It's your library and God's library."

Take a virtual tour of the new library. Pages 6-7

Library benefactors Ennis and Nancy Ham are flanked by Rochester College and public officials at the dedication ceremony for the new Ennis and Nancy Ham Library, opened on Aug. 22. Left to right: Doug Edwards, vice president for institutional advancement, Rochester College; Dr. Ken Johnson, president, Rochester College; Dr. Howard Hagerman, chairman, Rochester College Board of Trustees; State Sen. Alan Sanborn; Ennis and Nancy Ham; Pat Somerville, mayor, Rochester Hills; Wayne Hodges, chairman, Rochester College Board of Regents; David Katulic, mayor, Rochester; Don Robinson, associate vice president for institutional advancement, Rochester College. Photo by George Luenberger.

ABC's Sam Donaldson to headline Partnership Dinner

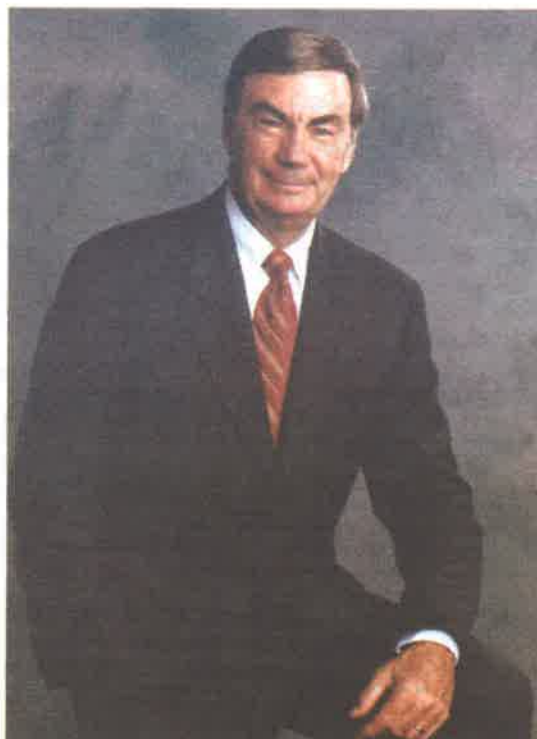
Rochester College announced on Sept. 13 that ABCNEWS correspondent Sam Donaldson would headline Partnership Dinner XXXII on May 3, 2003.

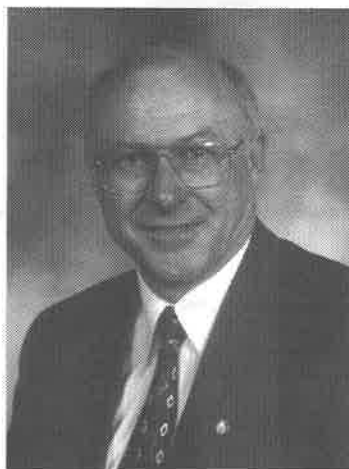
"We wanted someone who would continue our tradition of inviting speakers who have firsthand stories to tell about the events that shape the world in which we live," said Partnership Dinner director Elton Albright. "Sam Donaldson certainly fits the bill."

As ABCNEWS chief White House correspondent from 1998-1999 and 1977-1989, Donaldson covered Presidents Clinton, Reagan and Carter. He currently hosts "The Sam Donaldson Show--Live in America" on ABC Radio and is a correspondent for ABC's 20/20. The National Press Foundation named Donaldson its Broadcaster of the Year in 1998.

Partnership Dinner was established in 1971 to ease the cost of constructing Gatewood Hall and grew into the College's premier fund-raising event for student scholarships. Over a thousand people attend the event each year to hear speakers such as Colin Powell, Elizabeth Dole and Barbara Bush expound upon current events.

For more information, contact Elton Albright at (248) 218-2022.





Dr. Ken Johnson,
president
Rochester College

Dear friends,

"Remarkable" is my favorite word to describe the continuing transformation of Rochester College. Without diminishing its historic Christian mission, today the College serves over 900 students who are preparing for careers in a variety of professions. As the newly approved "next" academic building becomes reality in 2004, our capabilities will substantially increase.

Quality colleges are typically known for their strong science programs. Until this next academic building is in place, poor laboratories substantially handicap our science programs. That is about to change. Within five years we will be able to offer the final pieces of a pre-med program that will take students directly from Rochester College into medical school! Our new science laboratories, like our new library, will not be the largest in the region, but the laboratories will set a remarkably high standard of integrated technology.

The new science laboratories also will serve our students who are preparing to teach science in elementary and secondary schools. Though the regulatory process moves slowly, in 2004 (after nine years of planning and process!) we expect to receive state approval for Rochester College to certify elementary and secondary teachers.

I am grateful for the trustees' desire to continually take significant steps to strengthen our academic capabilities. I am thankful also for the trustees' deep commitment for all progress to happen within the context of our historic Christian mission.

Thank you for your friendship, for your continual encouragement to our faculty and staff and for the good word you so often express on behalf of Rochester College. Together we can . . .

Cordially,

Dr. Kenneth L. Johnson
President

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

College to build academic center by 2004

Just one week after Rochester College dedicated the new Ham Library, its board of trustees voted on Oct. 5 to construct a new academic center by 2004 or 2005 in the heart of the College's 83-acre campus.

"We believe in producing a superior education to prepare superior leaders for the 21st century," said newly-elected Chairman of the Board Pat Kirby. "It was the board's unanimous decision to accelerate the College's pursuit of quality by moving forward with our dream to build an academic center."

Officials estimate the new building will contain between 20,000 and 30,000 square feet and house classrooms, science laboratories, a small auditorium and possibly some faculty offices.

"This thrilling decision will bring another major change in the visibility and quality of Rochester College," said Dr. Ken Johnson, the College's president. He estimated that the new building would cost about \$4 million.



John Flowers accepts his 2002 Distinguished Christian Award from Dr. Ken Johnson at the Annual Bible Lectureship on October 19.

College honors Christians

Rochester College presented the following Distinguished Christian Awards at the 45th Annual Bible Lectureship:

Greg Campbell ('85) of Walled Lake, Mich., received the Workmanship Award for 15 years of leadership for the Great Lakes Bible Bowl.

John Flowers, 94, of Southfield, Mich., for his many decades of servant leadership for Detroit's African-American churches.

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Dr. Jerry Rushford ('63), of Malibu, Calif., for his leadership with the Pepperdine University Lectureships.

Catherine Sadurski of Troy, Mich., for 35 years of service in the Associates of Rochester College.

Mary Etta Whitelaw of Lincoln Park, Mich., for 43 years of service in the Associates of Rochester College.

Newsbriefs

CEL expands

The College of Extended Learning announced it would expand its Bachelor of Science program in early childhood to Macomb Community College in Clinton Township, Mich., in January.

At the same time, the CEL announced it would deliver courses at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield, Mich.

Money addresses employees

Abilene Christian University President **Dr. Royce Money** addressed Rochester College employees at their opening session on Aug. 15. Money praised the College's leadership for its clear articulation of institutional beliefs and core values and called on each member of the Rochester College family to take responsibility for shaping the College's culture and identity.

Trustees elect new chairman

On Oct. 5, the Rochester College Board of Trustees elected **Axiem CEO Pat Kirby** of Rochester Hills, Mich., chairman of the board. Kirby replaced **Dr. Howard Hagerman**, who retired from office.

Provost contributes to book

Provost **Dr. Michael Westerfield** recently contributed to a book entitled "College Faith", published by Andrews University Press. In the book, 150 Christian leaders and educators shared personal stories about how their college years transformed them as followers of Jesus Christ.

Bookstore moves to Utley Center

The College Bookstore recently moved to a new location in the Utley Center, which more than doubled inventory space and made room for a larger selection of books and apparel.

The lower level of the Utley Center building was built in 1966 to house the bookstore but served as the student center from 1974 to 2000, and briefly as classrooms before the recent renovation.

College hosts national conference

Rochester College hosted the annual **Christian College and University Business Officers' Conference** Oct. 6-8. Chief financial and business officers from colleges and universities affiliated with the Churches of Christ gathered to discuss current business issues in higher education.

Dr. Ken Johnson (president), **Gary Carson** (vice president for human resources) and **Bill Potere** (board of regents) delivered presentations.

Accreditation continues

Four representatives from the **Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools** visited campus in October to gather information to recommend a 10-year continuance of the College's accreditation.

"The visit was the culmination of over two years of preparation," said Provost **Dr. Michael Westerfield**. "Three out of every four employees performed research to support our formal request for continued accreditation."

College forms new board

Regents to participate in campus planning, PR

In 1958, shortly after the North Central Christian College Foundation bought land for a college campus near Rochester, Mich., about 500 residents of that rural village attended an open house the Foundation held in their honor.

Almost 50 years later, Rochester College is once again inviting its neighbors to participate in the College's future. In August, the College named 10 people to its new board of regents, a diverse group of leaders from Oakland County and Macomb County that will be responsible for creating synergy between the College and metro Detroit.

"The time is right to strengthen the partnership between Rochester College and its home region," said Dr. Ken Johnson. "Our regents will enable Rochester College to better serve its neighbors in the surrounding communities."

The board of regents will operate under the authority of the College trustees and will shape the College's campus development and capacity for serving its home region. The regents' main objective will be to develop the campus master plan.

William Potere, the new board's vice chairman, said he was glad to be chosen, especially in light of the College's 167 percent growth since 1997.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to help shape the future of one of this region's significant community assets," he said.

Board of Regents

Chair: Wayne Hodges—retired auto executive; Rochester Hills

Vice chair: William Potere—board member, Rochester Downtown Development Authority, Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce; Rochester Hills

Nola Cucheran—homemaker; Shelby Township

Lois Haack—consultant, North Oakland Community Bank; Rochester Hills

John Hammond—vice president of basketball operations, Detroit Pistons; Auburn Hills

Melinda Hill—Rochester Hills City Council; Rochester Hills

Ken Johnson—president, Rochester College; Rochester Hills

Frank Rewold—president, Rewold & Sons general contractors; Rochester

James Ridge—president, The Ridge Group; Shelby Township

Brad Upton—president, Dillman & Upton Lumber Co.; Rochester



Adult learners fill a basic communication night class in the new Ham Library. Since 1997, when the College of Extended Learning began offering adults opportunities to earn college degrees, enrollment has grown to 400 students at three locations in southeast Michigan.

College for grown-ups grows up

Adult learners now make up 45 percent of total student body

What eventually grew into Rochester College began as an experiment in adult education. Shortly after World War II, Harmon Black and James Groves of Detroit began teaching night courses for about 85 part-time students. That experiment started a chain of events that led to the formation of the North Central Christian College Foundation in 1955. The rest is history.

Fifty-three years later, adult education has once again become the driving force behind Rochester College's phenomenal growth. Since the adult program began five years ago, enrollment has grown 1,500 percent on the development of three degree programs at three locations in southeast Michigan. In fact, most people in the Detroit metro area probably know Rochester College, not for its traditional programs, but for its adult programs.

Today, 45 percent of all students enrolled at the College belong to the CEL program.

This growth has infused the College with resources to expand its degree portfolio and profile in southeast Michigan. Just this month, officials announced that the CEL would soon expand its degree programs to a fourth location (pending approval from the Higher Learning Commission).

Officials said that the catalyst for the CEL's growth spurt is simply being at the right place at the right time to take advantage of the latest trends in the higher education market.

"Nationwide, more than half of college students are nontraditional," said Dr. Ken Johnson, Rochester College's

president and one of the visionaries that brought the CEL to life. "That reality will cause the CEL to become a flagship program for Rochester College. Within two or three years it will be our largest educational division."

"The CEL is providing a program designed to fill the unique needs of adult learners," said Tracey Hebert, vice president for the CEL. "Rochester College has become an adult learner-friendly institution in a higher education market that is now comprised of a majority of

an orientation that includes discussion of how they can impact the students both spiritually and academically. Every student is required to take Christian values/Bible courses as part of their degree program and the Christian nature of the program is also realized through the interaction between the instructor and the students regardless of the specific discipline being taught. Every subject can be impacted by the Christian perspective that the instructor brings to the classroom discussion. Instructors are encouraged to share their faith with students and to demonstrate their Christian commitment through the manner in which they work with students. This is part of what makes CEL unique in adult higher education and it also speaks to why we consistently realize retention rates that are far above national norms."

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people now agree that the CEL is successfully broadcasting the Rochester College mission to an ever-widening audience of people in southeast Michigan. This success has guaranteed that the CEL will be a key component of the College's continuing progress.

"In the coming months we expect to receive approval from The Higher Learning Commission to offer our programs anywhere in Michigan, which will open doors for us to bring the College's influence and services to more people," said Hebert. "We will continue to expand our on-line offerings to provide greater flexibility for our adult students."

CEL Facts and Figures

Established: 1997

Degrees: Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Bachelor of Science (BS), Associate of Arts (AA)

Locations in Michigan: Clinton Township (Macomb Community College), Flint (Mott Community College), Rochester (main), Southfield (Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts--January 2003)

Current enrollment: 413 (Fall 2002)

Growth since 1997: 1,500 percent

CEL as % of total student body: 45 percent

CEL as % of bachelor's degree graduates (2001-2002): 43 percent

Average age of CEL student: 38

Employees: Nine full-time employees and about 30 faculty

nontraditional students. Naturally, the students will go where their needs will be met, and the community is recognizing Rochester College as a viable option."

Naturally, some people wonder how the College's historic mission and special Christian traditions fare in such a nontraditional environment. Hebert said the CEL widens the circle of those elements to a broader audience.

"The CEL contributes to the mission of Rochester College by extending that mission to markets that it otherwise would not be able to influence," said Hebert. "Each instructor goes through

Leaders

The Southfield (Mich.) Public Schools recognized **Mark VanRheenen**, executive vice president, for his contributions to the school district's **Partnerships for Education Council**.

Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost, chaired a visit for the **Higher Learning Commission** to **Holy Cross College** in South Bend, Ind., in September and will serve on a review committee for the Higher Learning Commission in October.

Westerfield will also chair a visit for the Higher Learning Commission to **West Liberty State College** in West Virginia in February. He currently is serving as a consultant for **Great Lakes Christian College** in Lansing, Mich.

The College of Arts and Sciences promoted **Dr. Andy Kronenwetter** to chairman of the liberal arts division.

The College of Extended Learning promoted **Debi Hoggatt** to associate dean of the CEL.

Osama Kheir, former CEO of **Intellectual-Assets.com, Inc.**, assumed the role of director of instructional technology.

Rochester College's coed amateur running team took first place in the inaugural **Standard Federal Bank 10K** in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Sept. 14. The team, made up of **Dr. Craig Bowman** (professor of religion), **Michael Light** (assistant professor of history), **Bradley Irwin** (director of public information), **Sarah Traylor** (admissions advisor), senior **Luke Fleer** and Dr. Bowman's daughter, **Julia**, a junior at the **University of California-Santa Cruz**, beat four other teams, including **General Motors**.

Sara Barton, associate director of spiritual life, spoke at the **Zoe Worship Conference** in Nashville, Tenn. and will speak at the **Pepperdine University Lectureship** in Malibu, Calif. next spring.

Mona Kheir joined the administrative support staff of **Gary Carson**, vice president for human resources, **Mark VanRheenen**, executive vice president and **Dr. Michael Westerfield**, provost.

The College of Extended Learning named **Mark Davison** ('84) to the admissions team.

The College named **Jeanne Sandella** ('93) resident supervisor for Gatewood Hall.

Cathy MacKenzie was promoted to payroll administrator in the business office.

Amy (Tice) Lewis ('97) became office manager for the academic services department.

Steven Bowers ('95), director of library services, was elected to the executive board of the **Detroit Area Library Network**.

Faculty

Dr. John Todd, professor of political science and a Vietnam veteran, delivered a speech at a community memorial service held Sept. 11 at the Rochester Church of Christ in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Dr. Ben Noah, associate professor of counseling, delivered a presentation on organizational leadership at the American Counseling Association's Midwest Leadership Development Conference in South Dakota on Oct. 3-6.

In October, the Michigan Counseling Association presented Noah its Distinguished Service Award. Also, the Michigan Association of Clinical Counseling presented Noah with its Outstanding Service Award.

Noah was also chosen for the 2003 edition of "Who's Who Among American Executives and Professionals".

In September, Dr. John Barton, assistant professor of interdisciplinary studies, delivered a lecture on modernization in Africa, at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Dr. Gordon MacKinnon and Dr. Brian Stogner of the department of behavioral science, counseled construction workers at Ford Field in Detroit after one of them died in an on-the-job accident.

Dr. Brian Stogner led a marriage and family retreat in May for the Flanders Road Church of Christ in Toledo, Ohio.

Beth VanRheenen, assistant professor of English will speak at the Pepperdine University Lectureship next spring. VanRheenen also published a review of the movie "Signs" in "New Wineskins".

Jennifer Hamilton, assistant professor of English, received recognition from Gov. John Engler for her outstanding contribution to education in the state of Michigan.

Kent Hoggatt, assistant professor of communication, spoke at a conference at the Brighton (Mich.) Church of Christ in September.

Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, edited the September 2003 issue of *Leaven* and is currently co-editing the fourth volume of the Rochester College Sermon Seminar series to be published by ACU Press.

Fleer also taught a class at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., and preached at churches in California, Michigan, Mississippi and Oregon.

Dr. Joe Reddick joined the full-time business faculty and will lead the computer systems management program.

Out of Africa

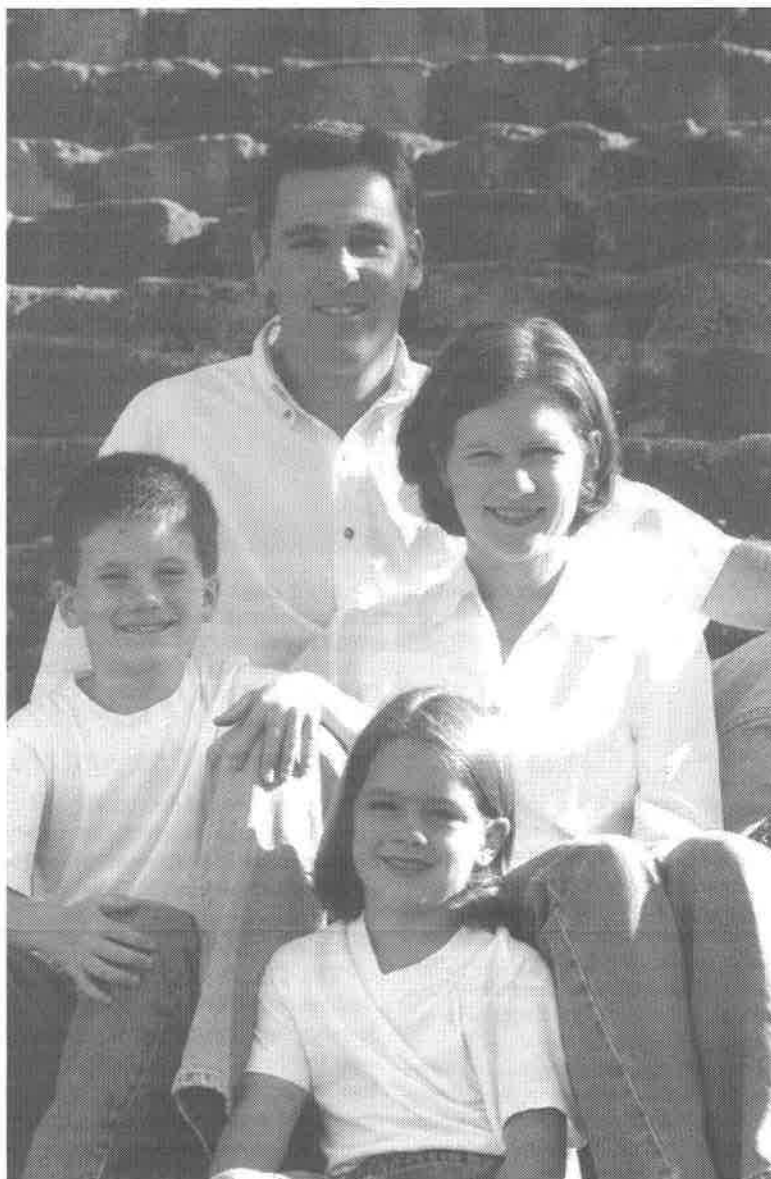
John and Sara Barton came straight from the mission field to shape campus culture

Traditional students returning to campus this fall may have noticed great changes to Rochester College's traditional assembly program. If "chapel", as it is affectionately called by most people on campus, was good over the last several years it has certainly become one of the most dynamic and meaningful programs among colleges and universities that share Rochester's heritage. One alumnus, who has attended chapel programs at more than a few Christian colleges, said Rochester's is the best he's ever seen.

That new quality is largely due to the desire of most administrators, professors and students that God bless their time of daily devotion. But perhaps at least part of the credit is due Sara Barton, the College's new associate director of spiritual life and a sure instrument of God's grace to the campus community.

Barton, who came to Rochester College from the African mission field, said she strives to live her life in a way that brings glory to God and encourages others to know Him and be close to Him. On a day-to-day basis, that translates into planning the chapel program and opening her life to the student body. In her first semester on the job, Barton has directed the most diverse chapel program in College history, inviting nationally-acclaimed speakers and entertainment to join popular professors in a multimedia exploration of the book of Psalms. She also invited a group of young men to train for public leadership, which infused the worship program with new energy.

"Assembly is an important part of our campus," said Barton. "It's important that people everywhere stop each day to devote themselves to God but it's especially important on a busy college campus."



The Bartons recently returned from eight years of mission work in Uganda, Africa. Top (l to r): John and Sara. Bottom (l to r): Nate (9) and Brynn (6).

A few months ago, Dr. John Barton and his wife, Sara, left their home to cross the globe and begin a new mission work in a strange land: America.

After eight years of mission work in Jinja, Uganda, Africa, the Bartons came to believe that God had a new assignment for them in the classrooms and hallways of Rochester College. They heeded the call and left for their new mission field.

In May, the Bartons moved to Rochester where John assumed the chair of the department of interdisciplinary studies (IS) and became a professor of philosophy. Said John about his feelings when the opportunity opened for him to work at Rochester: "Sara and I were excited about the College's mission and how it seemed to be accomplishing it in the North. I'm from the North so I always dreamt of something like this taking off in this region."

Since arriving in Rochester, Barton has been developing the kind of collaborative degree plans that broaden the possibilities for students and build enrollment for the College by attracting freshmen and transfers.

"IS programs are popping up everywhere. Major universities across America are putting IS programs into place. Not only are more students demanding a broader understanding of how disciplines relate but so are graduate programs and employers," said Barton. "Our IS program will meet those demands within a Christian setting."

Barton's motivation is far more than business and is more akin to what drew him to Africa.

"I'm passionate about getting involved in students' lives," he said. "The college years are such a critical time for influencing, mentoring and building relationships that shape people."

Drama in color

"Raisin in the Sun" asks important questions

Rochester College Theatre director Catherine Parker ('96) is not content to entertain her audiences; she wants to change their point of view as well.

The RCT did just that Oct. 24-27, presenting Lorraine Hansberry's classic play "A Raisin in the Sun", a story about the difficulties encountered by a black family in the 1950's.

Under the direction of Benny Lumpkins, Jr. ('95), the play's cast featured nine African-American students and only one white student.

"I picked this play because it asks

important questions that are relevant to this culture, this campus community and to society as a whole," said Parker.

The play's depiction of an African-American family's struggle against poverty and bigotry certainly gave the audience something to think about.

"This is not a religious play but it does have spiritual significance," said Parker. "We must choose how we define ourselves and how we behave toward those of a different race."

Shield writer Mary Bowman contributed to this story.

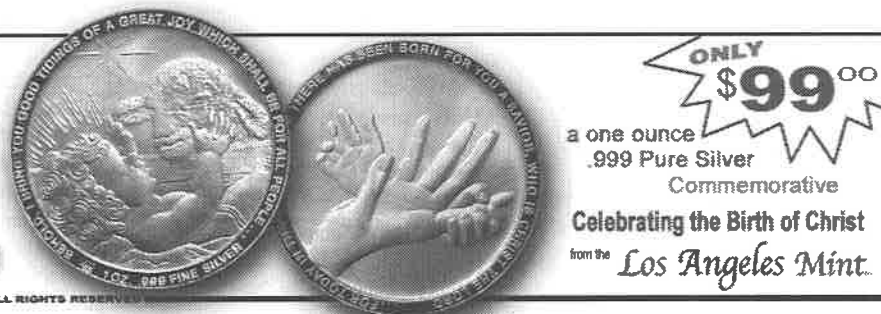


Junior Evan Green performs in "A Raisin in the Sun". Photo by Terrill Hall.

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Faces in the crowd

Now, more than ever, Rochester's student body is a collage of colors, cultures, languages and passions. This new generation of students is more than diverse; it is also ready, willing and able to change the world.

Bernice Quiles

A generation ago, Bernice Quiles would not fit the profile of a common college student. And even though in this 21st century economy it is not uncommon to see a full-time social worker and mother of one go back to school, Quiles is still anything but common.

The native of New York City and a proud Puerto Rican has but one passion.

"Plain and simple, I love helping others," says Quiles.

Her lifestyle backs her words. When she's not hitting the books for one of her four Rochester College night courses, she's working as a family services coordinator for Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency in Pontiac, Mich. At OLHSA, Quiles helps low income parents find food, clothing, furniture and legal counsel. She says a Rochester College bachelor's degree will help her take her helping others to a new level. She expects to graduate in December 2003.

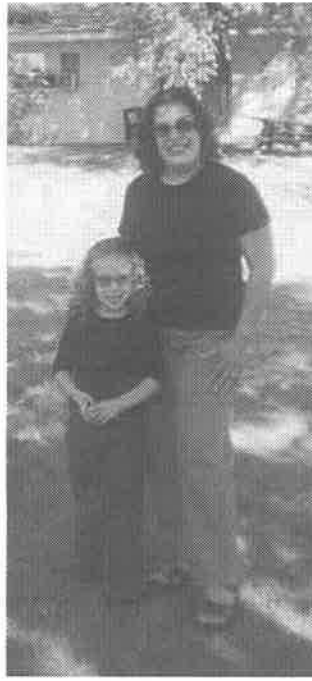
As if raising a daughter and making a living helping the poor isn't enough, Quiles also puts her fluency in Spanish to work for Michigan's growing Hispanic population.

"When I worked for the schools I did a lot of translation for them," says Quiles. "Parents started coming to me to get help translating forms or making phone calls or anything else they needed in English. Eventually I started helping people with whatever translations they needed."

As for her experience at Rochester College, Quiles has plenty to say.

"I have to admit I love it," she says. "I love the atmosphere and the professors. You go in [at Rochester College] and you feel comfortable."

That's a high compliment coming from a woman who spends most of her time doing just that for other people.



Jenny Hoggatt's father, Kent (see story on page 11), has worked at Rochester College for most of her life. She spent so much time on campus as a kid, she called it her "second home."

Enrolling at Rochester, however, was no foregone conclusion.

"I looked at other Christian colleges and universities but Rochester was the only place where I felt that people cared about me," says Jenny. "When I walk down the sidewalk here, I know people and if I stop to talk to them I can really talk to them. Even if I wasn't a Hoggatt, I'd still come to Rochester because the people here know what it is to be a spiritual family."

Although she hasn't declared a major yet, Jenny says that Rochester is preparing her for a career that will surround her with young children.

"I want to work with young children who have trouble in the classroom," says Jenny. "I worked at the College Preschool where we had some children who could not stay with the rest of the class unless somebody worked with them. That's when I decided to explore that as a career."

Jenny likes to help people, but she also knows she needs some help, too, if she is to develop into the Christian woman she wants to be.

"I like to have people around me who are going to be there for me. At Rochester, it's like family."

Jenny Hoggatt

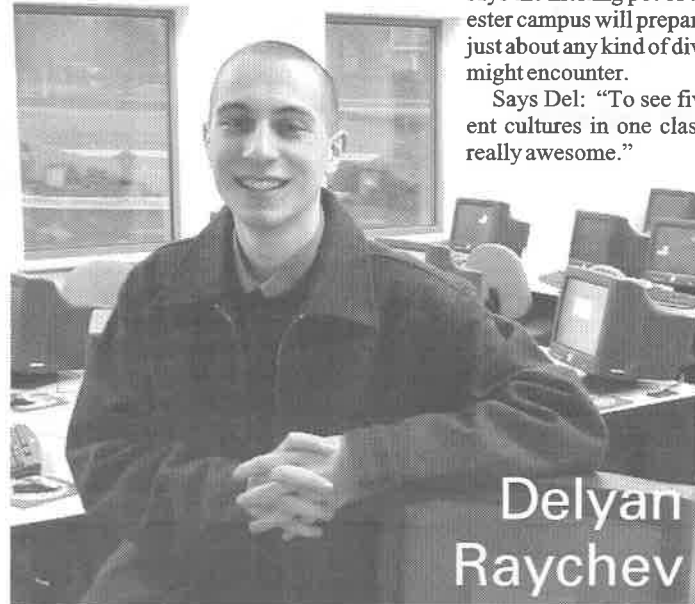
It was divine destiny that brought junior computer systems management major Delyan Raychev to Rochester College. What other way could you explain how the grandson of a Communist leader could discover the College while surfing the Internet in Stara Zagora City, Bulgaria, a hemisphere away from Rochester?

Almost as soon as Communism fell, Del's mother began a small Bible study group in her home. That small group grew into a church and in 1999, Del committed to Christ. He soon decided to seek an education in America.

"I applied to Berkeley and MIT but soon realized that going to a big university was not for me because it would be really hard to adjust to the culture if I didn't have a small college with a family-type [feel]," says Del. "I was surfing on Yahoo! and...found Rochester's Web site. I sent an e-mail to [vice president for enrollment services] Larry Norman and here I am."

Del says he likes the culture at Rochester, especially how the intimate size allows every student the opportunity to get answers to his or her questions and to express him- or herself on limitless academic and spiritual subjects. This culture is preparing Del for a career in academic or corporate research. In either case, he says the melting pot of the Rochester campus will prepare him for just about any kind of diversity he might encounter.

Says Del: "To see five different cultures in one classroom is really awesome."



Delyan Raychev

Mike Robinson was about to become a statistic. He was an African-American male growing up in a single mother home on Detroit's gritty west side. He didn't plan on going to college and he didn't plan on going to church much either. He'd been an outstanding basketball player in high school but no colleges wanted to risk recruiting him.

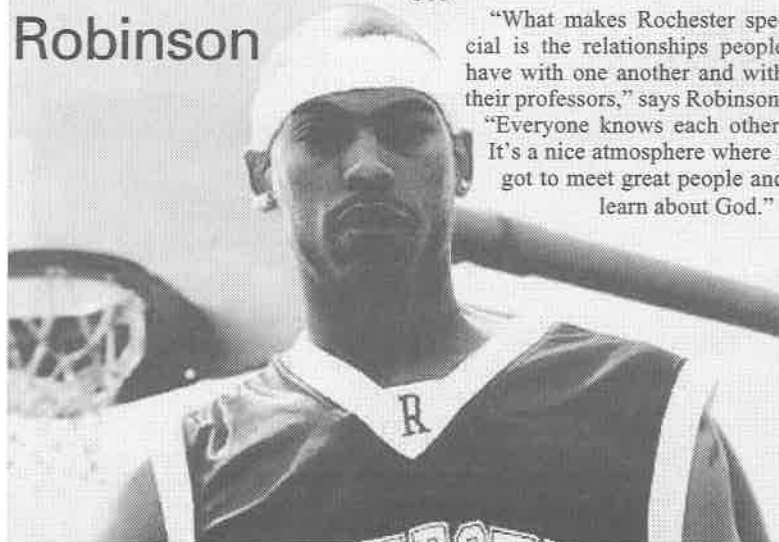
But Garth Pleasant, Rochester's own legend of a basketball coach--and a preacher, too--saw great value in Mike as both a basketball player and as a man. He took a risk and recruited Robinson to Rochester.

Five years later, Mike is the Warriors' all-time leading scorer and a candidate to play professional basketball in Europe. Robinson chose to major in social work, the first step toward a career as a probation officer or counselor. He will be the first person from his family to graduate from college, and he's already making plans to pursue a master's degree.

Not only that, but two years ago on a cold winter night, Mike and five other Warrior basketball stars committed their lives to Christ. That night, Mike said to

his teammates: "If God is big enough to die for me, then I need to be man enough to live for God."

Mike Robinson



"What makes Rochester special is the relationships people have with one another and with their professors," says Robinson. "Everyone knows each other. It's a nice atmosphere where I got to meet great people and learn about God."

Students

Seniors **Corey Ashlock** of Lafayette, Ind., **Joe Howard** of Marion, Ohio, and **Kylie Lock** of Rochester, Mich., completed summer internships at the **Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce** in Rochester, Mich.

Howard, an accounting major, transferred the chamber's bookkeeping from paper ledgers to accounting software. He also interned in the accounting department at **Crittenton Hospital** in Rochester.

Senior communications major **Amanda Wolfe** of Troy, Mich., accepted a reporting internship at **Suburban Lifestyles** newspapers in Rochester, Mich.

Junior communication major **James Briggs** of Roscommon, Mich., wrote a front page story about former Detroit Tigers pitcher **C.J. Nitkowski** for **The Detroit Free Press** sports section.

Senior Biblical studies major **Alexander Waites** of Rochester, Mich., interned in youth ministry at the **Rochester (Mich.) Church of Christ**, summer 2002.

Junior **Steve Corp** of Ashtabula, Ohio, interned at the **Elmwood Church of Christ** in Lafayette, Ind.

Senior interdisciplinary studies major **Jon Noble** of Eastpointe, Mich., interned at the **Troy Church of Christ**.

Senior Christian ministry major **Nate Oliver** of Flint, Mich., interned at the **Dale House Project**, a residential treatment facility for troubled youths, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Senior youth and family ministry major **Alissa Perkins** of Auburn Hills, Mich., interned in children's ministry at the **Rochester (Mich.) Church of Christ**, summer 2002.

Junior Christian ministry major **Sam Pace** of Otisville, Mich., interned at the **Otisville Church of Christ**.

Nine students attended the **World Mission Workshop** Oct. 3-5 at **Abilene Christian University** in Abilene, Texas.

Seniors **Mandy Helwig** (Rochester Hills, Mich.), **Ryan Peasley** (Blanchard, Mich.), **Illeana Reich** (Waterford, Mich.), **Greg Szydlowski** (Waterford, Mich.), **Kristan Tuori** (Rochester Hills, Mich.) and **Mike Van Hooser** (Oxford, Mich.) were the first students to complete all of their teaching degree requirements at Rochester College. They are currently student teaching in the Rochester Hills, Troy and Utica school districts.

Senior psychology major **Matt Pierce** of St. Charles, Mo., interned last summer at **Crossroads for Youth** in Oxford, Mich.

Wisdom Will Enter Your Heart

The first phrase of Proverb 2:10 greets students above the entrance to the main hallway on the Ham Library's first level.

Ham Library Tour

1. Enter

The main entrance across from the Associates Campus Center.



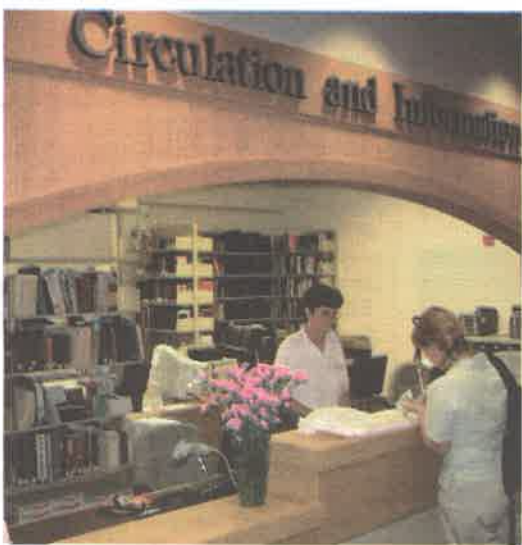
2. Lobby

The main lobby features an opening to the upper level and the College's "Wall of Honor" and "Tree of Life". This lobby will double in size when the new academic center is built.



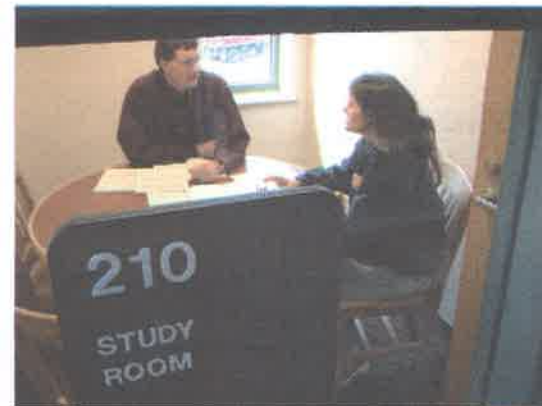
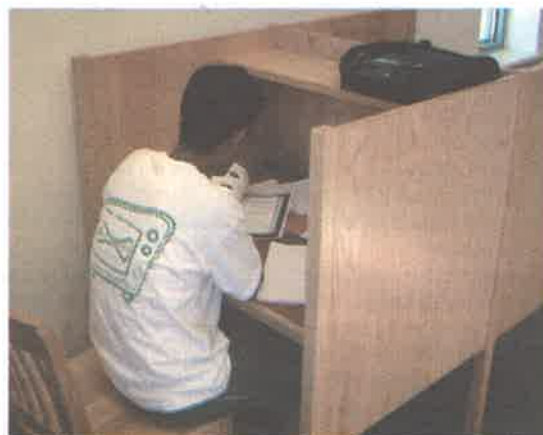
3. Computer

This computer lab/classroom is



10. Circulation desk

The new space allotted to the library staff is many times the size of the space in the old library, meaning they can serve students better.



9. Study and work space

Perhaps the new library's best feature is its wealth of work space: 600 percent more study carrels, 300 percent more chairs, three new conference rooms and a study lounge ...and almost every seat has Internet hookup.

Library timeline

Below: The College's first library opens on Sept. 21, 1959, in the basement of present-day Gallaher Center. Right: The library moves into the old recreation room of present-day Gallaher Center.



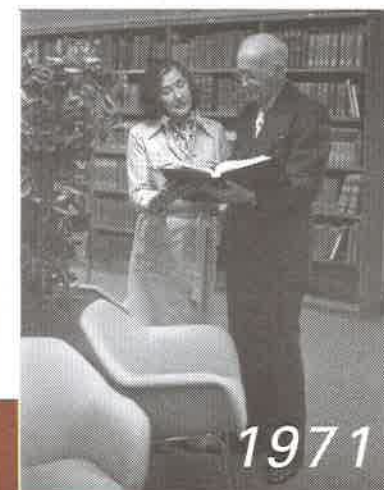
1959



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1966



1971

Below: The library moves into the new Student Center Building. Right: John and Alberta Muirhead of Dearborn, Mich., fund major renovation of the Student Center Building. The College renames the building Muirhead Library in their honor.

Knowledge Will Be Pleasant To Your Soul

The rest of the verse greets students as they enter the library's great room.



lab

...e to 30 2.8 GHz top line Dell computers.



4. Classrooms

Three classrooms are networked and equipped with Dell computers and projection technology.

5. Upper lobby

Take the elevator or stairs up to the second level lobby. The student lounge entrance is straight ahead.



6. Student lounge



7. The great room

The great room houses the library's collection of books, periodicals and on-line resources as well as over 100 places for students to sit and study.



8. E-catalog

For the first time in the College's history, students can find any of the library's resources from one place at the click of a mouse. The card catalog is finally retired!



The College family gathers to dedicate the \$3.5 million library on Sept. 27

Using funds provided by the Associates and the Muirheads, student volunteers renovate the entire library.

Following a \$1 million gift from Ennis and Nancy Ham of Lansing, Michigan, College and public officials break ground for a new library.

Construction crews make rapid progress on the first new academic building on campus since 1978.



1974



2001



2002



Today

WARRIORS

Kicking into the future

A new era begins as Lady Warriors take the soccer field for the first time



Men's Soccer



Rochester MF Kevin Garner battles for the ball against Lawrence Tech University on Oct. 20. The Warriors won 6-0.

Men return to nationals

An experienced men's soccer team took the field this year under first year head coach Eric Diehl. That experience and an aggressive new approach got results: an 8-7-2 record and a return to the USCAA Nationals in Dallas, Texas.

"Our goals this year were to beat St. Mary's, win more games than we lost and get to Dallas," said Diehl. "We accomplished two out of three."

Though the Warriors lost both games to rival St. Mary's, going to nationals made up for the disappointment. Seeded fifth in a six-team field, the Warriors defeated fourth-seed Vermont Tech 2-0 in the first round before succumbing 4-0 to number one seed University of Texas-Tyler in the second round.

The Warriors' success in 2002 was largely due to a powerful midfield, led by 2001 All-American sophomore Kevin Garner, whose 1.57 points per game led the team and ranked him 14th in the nation.

"Our strongest position was at midfield," said assistant coach Chuck Lock. "With a strong midfield we could control the pace of the game, strengthen the defense and allow for quick downfield strikes on offense."

Diehl also noted the Warriors' strength at the forward position, led by sophomore Josh Porter whose 1.47 points per game was ranked 15th in the nation. Junior Sean Stockman averaged one point per game.

In the net, sophomore goalkeeper Jon Mills's 2.37 goals against average ranked him seventh in the nation.

The 2002 season should be good preparation for a tougher 2003 schedule, which includes more NAIA schools and eliminates junior colleges and club teams. Diehl thinks his men will be ready.

"We're not too young and not too old," said Diehl. "We have a good balance."

Shield writer Tony McCrackin contributed to this story.

Someday the Lady Warriors women's soccer team could add a national championship trophy to the marble and metal already displayed in Rochester College's trophy cases. When that day comes, those champions will have this year's 1-8 Lady Warriors to thank for being the first women to ever put on Rochester College soccer uniforms.

Even head coach Eric Diehl and his players would concede, however, that the Lady Warriors' inaugural season was anything but pretty. Of 16 women on the roster, nine hadn't played soccer on the high school or college level.

"It was hard being the first year and never playing together before," said freshman Beth Eaves. "Some of us played in high school but we were unaware of how the college level is played."

Coach Diehl said that even though the Lady Warriors' first season was a struggle, his team never had to play short.

"They gave it their best effort and never got discouraged," said Diehl. At

the beginning of the season, he and his players decided they would stick to the basics: Learn the game and have fun.

Diehl said that his players' accomplishment of these two goals created a solid nucleus around which he plans to recruit up to 10 new players for 2003.

"It's a year-round process," said Diehl. "There are good players in metro Detroit as well as outside the state. We can get help from all over."

This 2002 team, however, will always be special.

"All of the players are willing to come back and play next year," said Diehl. "They have a good attitude and are willing to work."

That spirit will cause history to remember this 1-8 season as a beautiful thing indeed.

"We made a name for ourselves," said freshman Beth Eaves. "I hope we can keep on progressing."

Shield writers James Briggs and Lauren Randolph contributed to this story.

Volleyball



The 2002 Lady Warriors won 10 more games than they did in 2001. Photo by Fady Jan (Areios).

LadyW's improve

The 2002 Lady Warriors featured six returning players who led the way to a 13-23 record, a vast improvement over last year's 3-30.

Head coach Julie Coss attributed the improvement to transfer outside hitter sophomore Chelsea Tye, who brought "amazing hitting abilities and a great attitude". Along with Tye, sophomore Lindy Emerson played strong at the middle hitter position. Emerson led the team with an average 2.549 kills per game. Sophomore Krystal Lambert's 4.965 digs per game led the team and the nation. Tye and Emerson also ranked in the top five in the nation for blocking. Junior Amber Davis led the team in assists with 6.708 per game.

Coss credited leadership from third year starters Inga Vandermark and Cassidy Greiner, who may have been the team's most improved player.

"There is no lack of leadership on this team," said Coss. "Everyone just knows what they have to do and they get it done."

Shield writer Tony McCrackin contributed to this story.

Cross Country



Sophomore Jayson Hammond has the sixth-best time in the nation this season. Photo by Terrill Hall (Areios).

Runners go to nationals

Sophomore Jayson Hammond took third place at the USCAA National Men's Cross Country Championship on Nov. 2 in Dallas, Texas. Hammond ran the 8K race in 30:08.54 and earned USCAA All-American honors.

"The course was very muddy," said Coach Eric Green. "Some spots had ankle-deep mud."

Freshman Tim Daining also ran at the USCAA nationals.

Sophomore Kari Herron's 33:04.36 took 20th place in the women's 6K race.

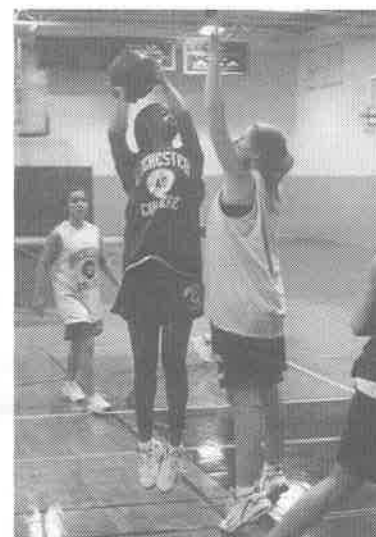
The national races punctuated a good year for the Warrior runners as freshmen Daining and Gordie Selph had top times in the national standings. Hammond and senior Jason Knight each had times that ranked in the top 15 in the nation.

For the women, sophomore Nicole Brockway's 22:30 ranked fifth in the nation and freshman Nina Pintoski's 22:51 ranked seventh.



Senior Krisha Dufendach (10) battles for control of the ball in one of the Lady Warriors' home games this season. The Lady Warriors finished 1-8 in their inaugural season. Photo by Nicole Weber (Areios).

Women's Basketball



Junior Audrinea Goodrich takes a jump shot in team practice. Photo by Aaron Mize (Shield).

LadyW's get aggressive

The 2002 Lady Warriors will have more experience than last year when eight of 12 players were freshmen.

That, and an infusion of new talent has Coach Jeff Debandt thinking about winning a lot more games.

"We have three goals," said Debandt. "Be more competitive, be more aggressive and put the ball in the hoop."

Debandt also believes his Lady Warriors are ready for a new style.

"Last year we ran a lot of set plays but this year we will run a system based on free-lancing and motion," said Debandt. "This new system could leave the competition guessing."

The lessons learned from last year's

painful 4-21 season combined with plenty of youthful energy have the Lady Warriors primed for success.

"We are a lot stronger this season, especially with the new players it should be a great improvement," said sophomore Mia Dinnan.

Shield writer Lauren Randolph contributed to this story.

Men's Basketball

Warriors reload

The biggest question as the 2002-2003 season begins is who will replace the Warriors' all-time leading scorer and two-time All-American Mike Robinson, who played out his eligibility last year.

Despite Robinson's departure, Coach Garth Pleasant enters his 29th season confident that his Warriors will compete and win this year.

Pleasant said he expects 6'8" junior Mike Tobin and 6'9" senior Matt Pierce to give the Warriors a big inside presence. Junior Justin Sherlock and senior Wes Hazel will wreak havoc in the backcourt.

The Robinson void may also be filled by JUCO transfer J.D. Austin, and freshmen Etienne Davis and Garrett Quinn.

"We lost some good players to graduation but I feel this group will leave their mark on our program," said Pleasant.

That will be hard to do as the Warriors face their toughest schedule in years, taking on opponents from the NCAA II (Grand Valley State, Northwood and Saginaw Valley State) and NCAA I (Eastern Michigan). The Warriors will play all four of those games on the road.

Shield writer Adam Sheldon contributed to this story.



"Vision" accomplished

College exceeds capital campaign goal ahead of schedule

As November began, Rochester College officials announced that, thanks to more than 800 donors, the College exceeded its \$4.43 million "Catch the Vision" campaign goal a month ahead of schedule.

Timing was crucial as two challenge gifts equaling \$1.4 million hinged on meeting the goal by Dec. 1. When asked how his team pulled off such a feat, Doug Edwards, vice president for institutional advancement said, "Hard work and lots of prayer!" "Vision" launched in December 1999 and represented a coming of age for the College's advancement team. Not only was the goal the most ambitious ever for a Rochester College capital campaign, but the 36-month time frame challenged the advancement team to make the most of every day.

Several major gifts early in the campaign made a big difference. Before the campaign became public, Ennis and Nancy Ham of Lansing, Mich., and Gerald and Lucile Isom of Philadelphia, Penn., made major commitments to the campaign.

"Without their major sacrifices, construction would have been delayed for several more years,"

said Dr. Ken Johnson, College president.

The campaign's success is a satisfying conclusion to three years of hard work by Edwards and his advancement team.

Birgie Niemann, associate vice president for corporate and foundation gifts, was instrumental to winning a number of major grants. The Teagle Foundation of New York City funded the hiring of Don Robinson ('72) to direct the campaign. The Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich., awarded the College a \$400,000 challenge grant, payable upon completion of the campaign by Dec. 1, 2002.

"When you have giving leadership like we had from the College's trustees, regents and national advancement board, it is possible to achieve significant goals on a remarkable time frame," said Johnson.

Edwards said he and his team will not rest.

"We do not have time to celebrate," said Edwards. "We have to start raising money for two new projects: the new academic center that the trustees approved in October and a new gymnasium to be completed within five years."

Doug Edwards



Your needs and the College's needs

One of the reasons I enjoy working in charitable giving is the opportunity I have to help people with their financial needs while also helping with the needs of Rochester College. Through planned giving, there are excellent ways to do both.

In recent months, people have found it to be a convenient time to review the way their finances are handled during this economic downturn. Some, especially those who intend to use their estate plans to strengthen the College, have explored converting appreciated stocks and other securities to gift annuities and charitable annuity trusts.

What is a gift annuity? Basically, it is a simple contract between Rochester College and the donor, who gives the College a sum of money in exchange for a life long annuity payment. The amount of the annuity payment ranges from about 6.4 percent to 12 percent between ages 64 and 90.

Some older individuals are learning that they can enjoy a lifetime annuity income with an interest rate that never changes. Better yet, if they wish they may establish an endowed scholarship from the residuum of the trust or gift annuity at the end of their lives. To know that students will benefit from a plan that also provided for your needs is a wonderful thing.

Your needs and the College's needs. Together we can serve God in wonderful ways. Please let me know if I may offer some help or information for you. Gift annuities are only one of several options.

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Alumni News

1964

Sandra (Woodroof) Milholland and her husband, Tom, recently published a new book entitled *Prelude to Joy: Making Your Marriage a Heavenly One*. Sandra is an associate clinical psychologist for the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice**, and Tom is the assistant provost of **Abilene Christian University**. The couple has two children and three grandchildren. Sandra and Tom live at 2026 Westminster Drive, Abilene, TX 79602.

1966

Jon Hackett is the pulpit minister of the **Collegedale Church of Christ**, which sponsors a campus ministry at **Troy State University**. Jon and his wife, **Elaine (Walker-69)**, have three children and four grandchildren. Jon and Elaine live at 102 Sussex, Troy, AL 36081.

1969

Ethelene (Bruce) White is semi-retired and working part-time as a church secretary. She has completed her sixth year as a governor appointee to the **State Textbook Commission** and serves on the **Obion County Election Commission**. Her husband, Roy, is retired and oversees small farms in Tennessee and Arkansas. The couple lives at 4248 North Highway 21, Union City, TN 38261.

1975

Albert Swindle can be contacted at P.O. Box 1454, Adrian, MI 49221. Albert currently is working as an auditor for **RGIS**.

1976

Michael and **Gloria (Hall) Kellat** are living at 1712 East 29th Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004. While both are anticipating career changes soon, Mike currently is a computer specialist for **IT Corporation/Shaw Group** and Gloria is employed by the **Dollar Store**. The Kellats have three children, Stephen, a senior history major at Rochester College, Libby, and Courtney.

1983

Dayton Blake married Joyce Class on May 12. Dayton is a registered nurse for the **Regional Medical Center** at Memphis, and Joyce is a homemaker. Dayton and Joyce reside at 1264 Merrycrest Drive, Memphis, TN 38111.

Barry Wheeler is the new head volleyball coach and assistant boy's basketball coach at **Stockton High School**. He also teaches computer-aided design and business. His wife, Lynette, is a teacher assistant. The couple has three children,

Logan, Brandtly, and Lauren. The family may be contacted at P.O. Box 953, Stockton, MO 65785.

1984

Carol (Denton) Bartilson and her husband Randy have adopted Ruby Cecilia Rose. They also have three other children, Eric, Scot, and Jena. Eric is a nurse coordinator at **Vanderbilt Children's Hospital**, and Carol is a homemaker. The family lives at 7339 Powell's Chapel Road, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

Jenny (Habermel) Diehl and her husband, Eric, recently returned to Michigan for Eric to coach soccer at Rochester College. Jenny is serving as program director for **Michigan Christian Youth Camp**. Eric and Jenny have two children, Danielle and Jessica. The family is living at 820 North Lake George Road, Attica, MI 48412.

1985

Brian Hoggatt was named senior vice president and chief fiscal officer of the **Sturgis Bank and Trust Company** in September. He also is active with the **Sturgis Hospital Auxiliary**, **Sturgis Neighborhood Program**, **Sturgis Exchange Club**, **Sturgis Crop Walk**, **Committee to Elect Cameron Brown State Senator**, **Financial Managers Society**, and the **Goshen Church of Christ**. Brian and his wife, Julie, live at 602 Cherry Street, Sturgis, MI 49091.

1987

Devin Bennett William joined Darren in the home of **Brian and Lisa (Barnett-88) Cain** on August 6. Brian is employed by **Molex**, and Lisa is the director of **God's Helping Hands**, a ministry of area Churches of Christ. The Cains live at 2591 Patrick Henry, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

1991

Meghan Grace joined Alex in the home of **Jeff and Wendy (Barnett-90) Denny** on April 23. Jeff is an account analyst for **IKON Office Solutions**, and Wendy is a Unit Representative for **St. Vincent Hospital**. The family lives 206 Bent Stream, Brownsburg, IN 46122.

Chris (Chuck) Ward married Nora Kerns on August 31. Chuck works for **Revenew International** as an auditor support specialist, and Nora is employed as an assistant director for **Head Start**. The couple lives at 23423 Highway 59 North #2007, Kingwood, TX 77339.

1992

Katelyn Grace joined Caleb and Taylor in the home of **Brian and Dawn (Colburn) Edens** on September 25, 2001. Brian will finish his master's degree in the spring

and is teaching physical education. Dawn teaches special education and sells **Creative Memories**. The family lives at 31511 Kingston Village, Spring, TX 77386.

Andrew MacLean joined Christopher in the household of Mike and **Anne (Yoakum) Leonard** on March 4, 2001. Anne is employed by **Indiana University**, and Mike works in human services. The family lives at 3349 South Oaklawn Circle, Bloomington, IN 47401.

1994

Bill and **Carrie (Neighbors) Pritula** are living at 4215 Grindley Park, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125. Bill is employed by **Ford Motor Company** and Carrie is a homemaker. The couple has two children, Katherine, and William Andrew IV.

1997

Amy Bull is a teacher at the **Creative Concern Preschool**. She recently moved to 1505 1/2 Riverside Drive, Dayton, OH 45405.

1998

Kyra Kathlene was born to **Steven and Angela (Qualls) Bruce** on July 13. Steven serves as youth minister of the **Franklin Church of Christ**, and Angela is a homemaker. The family lives at 4028 Willow Court, Franklin, IN 46131.

1999

Aaron and **Wanda (Hibbard) Bolhaus** welcomed Luke Benjamin on June 22. Wanda is a data auditor for **Nucomm International**, and Aaron is a mechanical engineer at **Gryphon Engineering**. The family lives at 118 Dorothy Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 6Z4.

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When children eat a diet heavy with hamburgers, hot dogs and Twinkies, they significantly increase their likelihood of heart disease later in life. Yet we get careless because everyone knows that, for Americans in general, our time on earth will be remarkably fine and long even if we do eat those "rich-in-calories but unhealthy" foods.

Similarly, when children absorb the diet of irreligious higher education, these outcomes are predictable:

- 1) significantly increased risk that Christian faith will not develop during the critical college years,
- 2) "heart disease" often surfaces before the college years are complete, and
- 3) in general, life on earth will be remarkably fine and long anyway.

This causes some to become careless . . . Dr. J.

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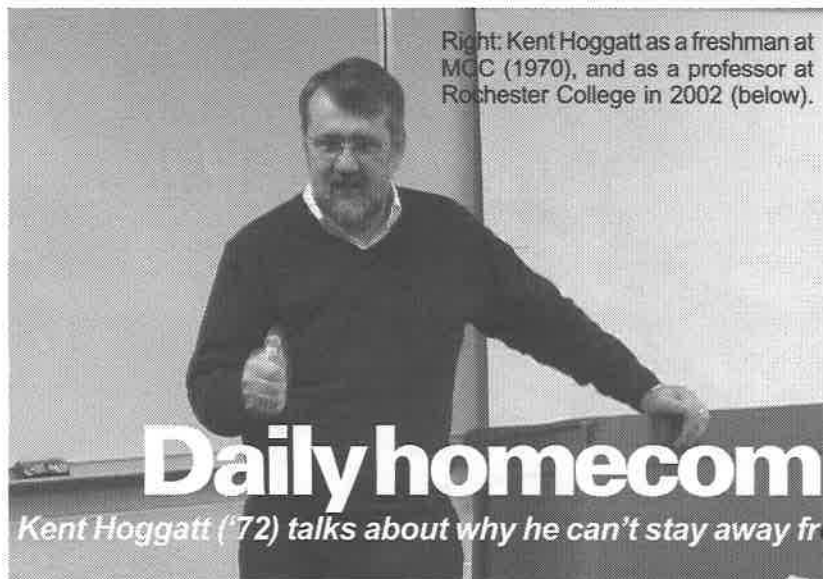
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Right: Kent Hoggatt as a freshman at MCC (1970), and as a professor at Rochester College in 2002 (below).



Daily homecoming

Kent Hoggatt ('72) talks about why he can't stay away from his alma mater

Kent Hoggatt had a mission when he came to Michigan Christian College as a freshman in 1970: Prove to his parents that he wouldn't like it.

But after nearly 30 years at the College, Hoggatt may finally be ready to admit that he likes it after all.

To many alumni, Hoggatt and Rochester College go together like fast food and freshmen. He was just one of five children that his father sent to MCC. He married Debi (Tuck), a student he met while working on Larry Stewart's admissions team in the 1970's. Many people call themselves alumni today because Hoggatt recruited them.

In all, Hoggatt has worked at the College for most of his career. His job titles included recruiter, director of financial aid, development officer, director of admissions and adjunct instructor. The job he wanted all along, however, was to be a full-time member of the faculty.

That dream came true this fall when Hoggatt became a full-time communication professor. He is also the pulpit minister at the Lapeer (Mich.) Church of Christ.

Hoggatt sat down for an interview with **north star** shortly after he began his new teaching duties.

ns: You said you came here as a freshman to prove to your parents that this was the wrong place for you. What changed your mind?

KH: It was nice to be in an environment where people wanted to live a godly life.

ns: And you came back after you graduated.

KH: Some of the happiest years of my working life have been here even though [in the early years as an admissions advisor] I made a whopping \$300 a month. It was neat because I was in the

Christian environment but I didn't have to go to class.

ns: What about the College has changed and what hasn't?

KH: The thing that stays the same is that people who come here are still taking Christianity for themselves and making it their own. There are probably more opportunities to do that now than ever before. It's nice to come back and be able to open my classes with prayer. What brings me back as a teacher is the opportunity to talk about my faith and how God impacts our lives.

What has changed is that we are clarifying what the College is, as an educational organization that is Christian. Most folks wouldn't want the College to dictate doctrine to the churches nor would they want the church to have that kind of impact on the College.

"I want a job that I would get up and do even if I weren't paid to do it. And that's why I teach, that's why I preach."
—Kent Hoggatt

ns: You teach in both the CEL and traditional program. What's the biggest difference?

KH: I like how the CEL students are so driven. If I give them an 'A-' I'd better have a good reason! They do not want fluff. They want knowledge that relates to their world.

I enjoy the opportunity to have an audience with up to 25 people who know nothing about the College, the church, or about our Lord. One time, a student said to me: "You know when you were talking about Jesus' concern

for people and you were talking about people whose phones never ring?"

With tears in his eyes and a knot in his throat he said: "That's me. You're describing me."

Then he asked me to tell him about my church.

ns: Why do you still preach?

KH: I want a job that I would get up and do even if I weren't paid to do it. And that's why I teach, that's why I preach.

ns: Lord willing, what would you like to do in the future?

KH: As I drive an hour to class every Saturday morning I think, "why am I doing this? I'm getting up Saturday morning and everybody at the house is still in bed. I'm driving an hour to get to this class."

But when I get to class my heart starts beating and I start loving it. Four hours later when the class is all over I'm thinking, "I could do this again!"

So I'm happy where I am and doing what I do. I've got what I wanted and I'm enjoying it.

ns: What do you pray for?

KH: I pray for the students who come here a little unsuspecting. There was a girl who confided in class that she didn't come here as a spiritual person and, with her heart right about here [points to his throat], she asked us to be patient with her. I pray for people like that.

ns: When you walk away from all of this, what will you remember?

KH: I will remember those hallway conversations where a student said, "You said something in class the other day that made me realize who I am."

College applauds outstanding alumni

Rochester College honored four alumni as part of the 45th Annual Bible Lectureship on Oct. 19. Dr. Ken Johnson presented the awards at the Annual Fellowship Dinner.

Tammy (Rorock) Conner ('90)

Outstanding volunteer service

Tammy Conner of Rochester Hills, Mich., attended Michigan Christian College from 1987-1990, where she met her husband, Phil ('87) who worked for the development office. Conner earned a bachelor's degree in 1991 from **Oklahoma Christian University**.

Since college, Conner has been an active mom and wife, therapist and champion of Rochester College. As a nanny, she cared for children from 1992 until 1998, one year after her "pride and joy", Lucas, was born. That same year, she became a therapist for autistic patients. Last year, she joined the staff at **Abiding Presence Preschool** in Rochester Hills. Conner volunteers a great deal of time to the **Rochester Church of Christ** and to the **Associates of Rochester College**. The Associates elected her vice president each of the last two years.

Joyce (Kannon) Duvall ('63)

Outstanding service in education

Joyce Duvall of Rochester Hills earned the associate's degree from Michigan Christian College in 1963. In 1966, she earned the Bachelor of Science in Education from **Abilene (Texas) Christian College**.

Duvall received the Master of Education from **Kutztown (Penn.) State University** in 1993. Over the years she earned teaching credentials in Arkansas, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia and taught every elementary grade. While in Arkansas, Ms. Duvall established the **Golden Rule Nursery School** at the **Lindauer Road Church of Christ**. She also worked as residential director for a 72-bed children's home and emergency shelter. She is currently a guidance counselor at **Rochester Adams High School** and an adjunct professor for the **College of Extended Learning**.

Leonardo Gilbert ('79)

Outstanding Christian service

Leonardo Gilbert of Chicago, Ill., earned the associate's degree from Michigan Christian College and bachelor's degrees in Bible and biology from **Harding University (Ark.)**. After college, Gilbert returned to Chicago where he became a youth minister and joined the **University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary** as an ophthalmic technician and research assistant.

In 1995, Gilbert became the full-time minister at the **Sheldon Heights Church of Christ** in Chicago, where he has participated in the baptism of 300 people and the construction of an 80-unit senior housing project. Gilbert is president of the **Roseland Mental Health Advisory Council** and the **Greater Roseland/West Pullman Food Network** and chairs the **Midwest Teachers' Workshop**. In 2002, Gilbert directed the **Jamaica 2002 Crusade**, an evangelistic and medical campaign to Portsmore, Jamaica, West Indies.

Bob Norton ('82)

2002 Alumnus of the Year

Bob Norton of Ann Arbor, Mich., graduated from Michigan Christian College in 1982 with the Associate of Arts. That same year, his classmates named him "Mr. MCC" and MCC president **Dr. Milton B. Fletcher** presented him the President's Award.

Norton married 1983 homecoming queen **Kathy Butterfield ('83)** and moved on to **Walsh Business College** where he earned the Bachelor of Business Science.

After graduation, Norton attended the **University of Michigan Law School** where he won several prestigious honors for his legal skills and negotiating prowess. He passed the Michigan bar exam and joined **ButzelLong, LP**, in Detroit.

While staff counsel at **LucasVarity** (now **TRW**), Norton worked for 15 months in Birmingham, England. He is currently chief staff counsel at **DaimlerChrysler** in Auburn Hills, Mich., where he plays a lead decision-making role in vehicle recalls and negotiations with the federal government.

Norton is a deacon at the **Ann Arbor Church of Christ**, lecturer at the **University of Michigan Law School** and MBA program and a Rochester College trustee.

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Photo: Workers install a lamp post near the new Ennis and Nancy Ham Library. When students returned this fall, they found a campus transformed by construction and beautification.



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