

# CATCH the VISION



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## ***Our Heritage***

In 1954, men and women of great wisdom and vision saw the need for establishing a liberal arts college in a Christian setting to train future church and community leaders while building strong family units. They dreamed of a college that would especially prepare youth of the North for careers while providing dedicated service in God's kingdom. Those early founders wanted a college that offered a combination of high academic achievement, involvement in social life, and development of high moral character. These ideals continue to permeate campus life at Rochester College.

## ***Our Mission***

*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.*

## ***Our Accomplishments***

Dr. Kenneth Johnson is the sixth president to serve Rochester College. As he approaches his first decade of service to the college, he has built upon foundations laid by men and women who preceded him to dramatically advance the college. He and his dedicated staff have worked to substantially strengthen the infrastructure of the campus. The college has greatly advanced its academic offerings to twelve majors at the bachelors degree level, added the College of Extended Learning, built enrollment to record levels, and completed a \$4.5 million construction project. The Foundation for the Future campaign was launched to build two residence halls joined by a commons, provide a new campus entrance, and construct new roadways and parking areas.



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**Dr. Kenneth L. Johnson**  
President  
Rochester College

## *Message From the President*

Dear friends and alumni,

With a vastly expanded array of bachelor's degree programs in place and the addition of the College of Extended Learning, Rochester College is experiencing the greatest opportunity for progress in its 40 year history.

Accommodating our growing student population is a significant challenge and also a significant opportunity to serve the kingdom by preparing strong leaders for the family, the community, and the church.

Five years ago, I asked you to be involved in a campaign which dramatically transformed our campus. Now, the Catch the Vision campaign will have an even greater impact on the development of the college. Your participation will be critical to that progress.

We are meeting today's challenges with new approaches, while staying true to our founding purpose. We are deliberately charting our course, carefully keeping the faith with the best of the past, and prudently answering the call to the future.

Sincerely,

*Ken Johnson*

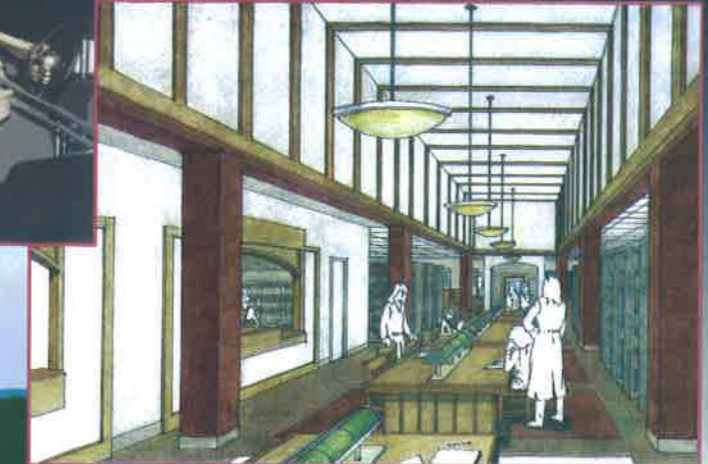
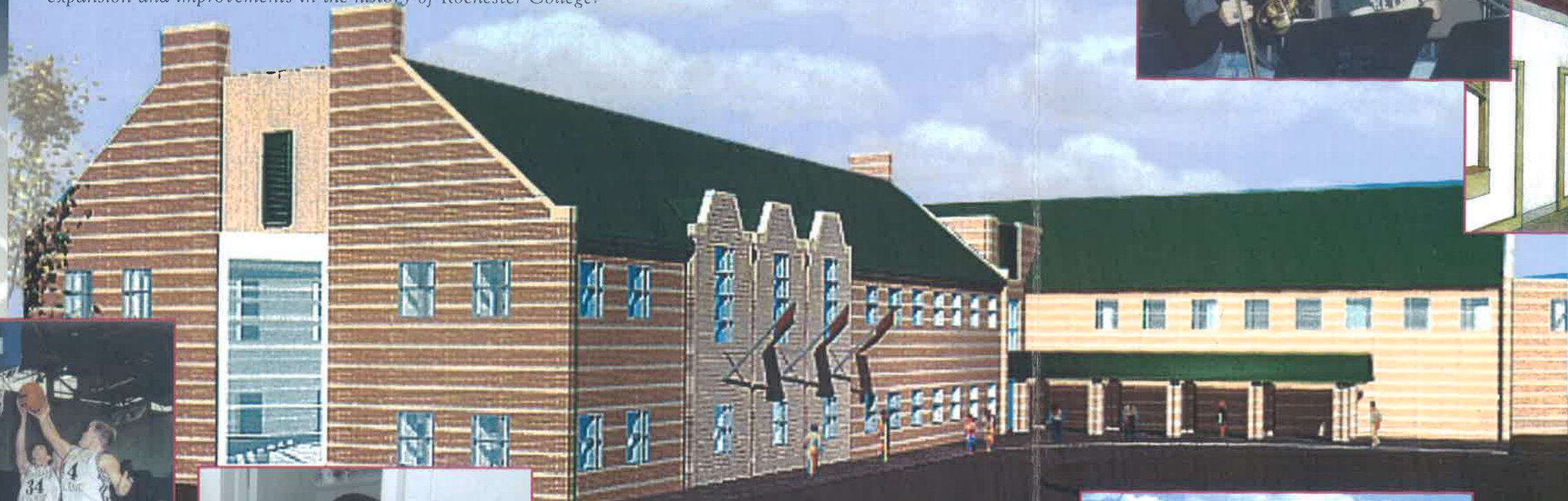
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## Our Vision

Strategic Planning calls for even greater advancement of Rochester College in the next ten years. A recently updated campus plan reveals the scope of goals to provide many major improvements to campus facilities in years to come. Improvements in the physical plant will provide support to a rapidly growing student population. However, growth of the physical plant is only part of the plan. Growth in academics, including the addition of new professors and new programs, will make it possible to serve more students in a quality way.

Enthusiasm is growing among friends who value a college built on strong moral and ethical values. Now each supporter is challenged to Catch the Vision as a new campaign is launched to provide the greatest expansion and improvements in the history of Rochester College.



## Catch the Vision: Phase I Capital Campaign Priorities

This \$9 million campaign will include the following:

### Phase I

#### Ennis and Nancy Ham Library

A 17,500 square foot library facility is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2002, and will include new classrooms, a high tech computer lab, and a library with the latest educational technology.

#### Residence Hall

Construction on a 110 student residence hall, along with adequate parking, will be completed by Fall 2002.

#### Athletic Fields

New playing fields for soccer and softball, a jogging-running track, and provisions for field events in track are anticipated by 2002.

#### Parking

A 324 stall parking lot will be completed in the spring of 2001 to alleviate overcrowded conditions resulting from record enrollments.



## Gymnasium to be built in phase II

### Phase II

#### Administration / Music Center

Following Phase I, attention will focus on a music and administrative office facility including faculty. The facility, totalling 28,000 square feet, will contain practice rooms, offices, and a 200 seat performance auditorium.

#### Gymnasium

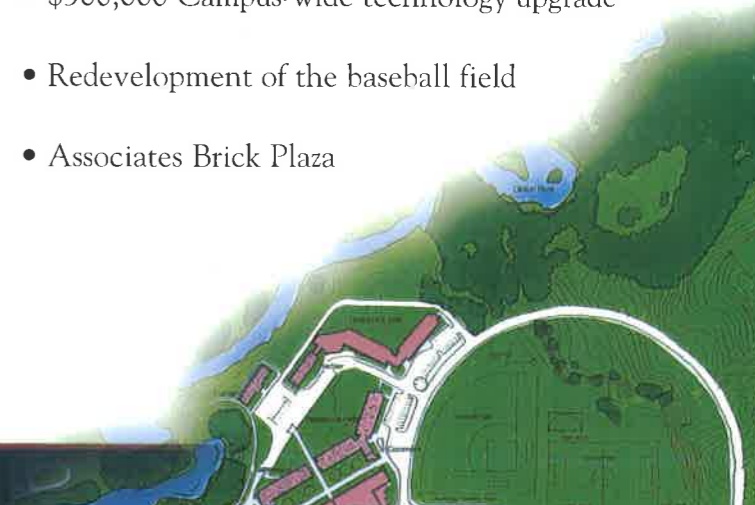
A 43,000 square foot home for the Warrior athletic program will include basketball and volleyball courts, weight room, batting cage, running track, office and classrooms, and seating for up to 1100 spectators.

## Other Significant Projects

- Remodel of Muirhead Hall for College of Extended Learning (CEL)
- Conversion of Utley Center to Bookstore / Campus Store
- Remodel Science Building
- Remodel Westside Auditorium
- Dearborn Commons Tower

## Completed Projects

- Remodeling of the interior of Barbier Hall
- Construction of the Gerald and Lucille Isom Atrium
- \$500,000 Campus-wide technology upgrade
- Redevelopment of the baseball field
- Associates Brick Plaza





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## ***ACTION: The Key to Making Vision A Reality***

There is a saying that every action of our lives touches some chord that will vibrate in eternity. At Rochester College there are many opportunities to touch the lives of students. In the Catch the Vision campaign, the college is expanding to make it possible to impact greater numbers of students in the future. However, the VISION of the campaign must be translated into ACTION. Another old adage says, no one ever climbed a hill just by looking at it. Likewise, a college cannot advance a capital campaign by talking about it. A campaign must be translated into action.

Therefore, friends of the college are asked to Catch the Vision, and to take the vision to reality by establishing a financial commitment to make it happen. Groups who are close to the college, such as the Board of Trustees, alumni, faculty and staff, and other friends, are likewise being asked to participate. Foundations and corporations also will be solicited.

### ***Three-Year Plan***

A strength of this campaign is a three-year (thirty-six month) commitment opportunity made available to each donor. This type of giving program allows donors to do financial planning in a way that hopefully will result in many donors participating at a higher level than would otherwise be feasible. The goal, of course, is to make commitments over and above what is given in the annual operational gift programs.

### ***Workers Commit First***

Those who solicit gifts in this campaign, staff or volunteer, will be asked to make their commitment before soliciting others. Therefore, solicitations will be done by those who are already committed financially in this campaign.

### ***One-Time Cash Gifts***

While one-time gifts are cheerfully accepted in this campaign, the college also is seeking longer term commitments. A gift size will almost always be larger if it can be extended over a period of years.

### ***Non-Cash Gifts***

In addition to cash gifts, donors may fulfill campaign commitments with securities, real estate, or personal property. Details are available upon request from the Development Office.

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