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## PLANS FOR NEW ATHLETIC CENTER IN FULL SWING

*College students hopeful; sources say construction could begin as early as this fall*



*Concept photo of the planned Athletic Center, to be built at the far east end of the RC campus.*

After many years of waiting patiently, the RC community is finally geared up and ready for a skyline change as plans for a new Athletic Center move into full swing. This addition will be a long awaited labor of love for Rochester College, one that everyone involved is anticipating with great excitement. The plans are impressive, boasting a performance gym, activities gym, aerobics center, fitness center, lounge, pro shop, running track, training room, weight room and more. Not only will this 65,000-square-foot structure provide amazing new necessities, but it will also provide new social areas for students, faculty and the community alike.

But this is not all. The two gyms—one for student use and one for performance—convert to an area seating up to 2,000 for concerts, meetings and conferences. Because 1,200 attendees may comfortably dine in this area, the annual Partner-

ship Dinner will move from Cobo Hall in Detroit to its new home in the Athletic Center. Elton Albright, Director of Annual Funds, explains that Partnership Dinner is Rochester College's largest annual fundraiser for student scholarships. This highly anticipated event attracts high-profile speakers, such as General Colin Powell, Barbara Bush, Elizabeth Dole, Sam Donaldson and Mary Lou Retton. A night of such a grand scale deserves an exceptional facility to accommodate, which the new Athletic Center will provide.

So what steps are being taken to get this project underway? In addition to massive fundraising efforts in the Catch the Vision campaign, contractors have been recruited and the plans have been drawn. An eight-acre stretch of land lays empty and waiting—waiting for the day that is

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# NEWS

Rochester College



Former RC student Kendra Riley bonds with this young girl in a Ukrainian orphanage.



Members of the 2004 summer mission team to Uganda work with locals to mix mud for the floors of a new hut, being built in the background.



On the Chicago mission trip, Fady and Steve work to clean up a garage.

## (YOUR NAME HERE), I PRESUME?

In 1840 a man began an unfathomable adventure. Dr. David Livingstone, a quiet man from Blantyre, Scotland, accomplished much in his 60 years of life. History credits Livingstone with being the first to cross Africa coast to coast, the first white man to see Victoria Falls, which he named, and expediting the anti-slavery movement.

Yet his devotion came with a price—he survived a lion attack, lost his wife to African fever and eventually succumbed to the sickness himself. During one of his many bouts with the fever, New York Herald Tribune reporter Henry Stanley found Livingstone and uttered the now-legendary phrase, “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?”

Missionaries in the 21st century encounter similar perils. Yet today, on the campus of Rochester College, students answer Christ’s call no matter what the price. Recently, 23 students donated their Spring Break to the streets of inner-city Chicago, reaching out, with the help of the Lakeview Church of Christ, to the homeless, single moms and women exiting prostitution.

“The trip was a life-changing experience for me,” said sophomore and team leader David Rotberg. “I saw things that made me sad and some that made me frustrated, but everywhere I looked, I saw God’s people hard at work and lives being changed.”

Kenneth Asewe, a sophomore music major from Nairobi, Kenya, converted to Christianity at the age of 15 after a missionary visited his village. Because of this life-changing experience, Asewe works with Made in the Streets, an organization that provides street children in Nairobi with basic life skills through schooling and occupational training in trades. Otter Creek Church of Christ in Nashville, TN, sponsors Asewe.

Additionally, alumni work in missions. Starting March 16, 2005, 24-year-old Caroline McMahon (’03) committed two years to the Transitional Living Center in Mariupol, Ukraine, working with orphans. The Rochester Church of Christ sponsors McMahon.

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## AUTUMN RELEASES NEW CD, ON SALE NOW

Rochester College has just released Autumn’s brand-new album, *Upward View*. Since this is the first group in several years to feature both men and women, this album has a very different and more detailed sound than those from more recent years. Also, with eight members instead of six, the group’s ensemble is thicker and deeper, with a different and much-wel-

comed blend of voices. In fact, Autumn bass and vocal percussionist Dan Shiverer calls this album a “far departure from anything Autumn has done in a long time.”

*Upward View* is now available for just \$15 in the Rochester College Bookstore. To order your copy today, contact the bookstore at 1.800.521.6010 x.6.

# Rochester Fall Festival

The Associates Fall Festival, renamed the Rochester Fall Festival, returns on Saturday, October 1, 2005. Over the last 45 years, each Festival has seen literally thousands attend this long-held tradition. This year, Rochester College revamped the Festival, making it less of a “country-style fair” and more of an attraction that would draw a broader and even larger crowd with “extreme” events such as a bungee jump, sky trail and climbing wall available. The Rochester Fall Festival is partnering with RARA (Rochester/Avon Recreation Authority) who is hosting the Festival’s 5k Race and Three-on-Three Bas-

ketball tournament. Live entertainment will be provided while attendees browse vendor’s wares, check out the children’s activities and grab a bite to eat at the food court. The main goal of Fall Festival is to provide an opportunity for community, alumni, students and friends of the college to interact and to make the Rochester College campus available for relationship-building opportunities. For more information, contact Birgie Niemann, vice president of public relations and festival director, at 248.218.2113, or take a look at the official Fall Festival website at [www.rc.edu/rochesterfallfestival](http://www.rc.edu/rochesterfallfestival).

\*early bird savings until June 1\*

# EPIC

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Think of all the stories you've ever loved—stories of adventure, of romance, of good and evil—there's a reason these stories touched your heart. As humans, we are drawn in by them; our imaginations long to be a part of them. The connection we feel is no coincidence, for God is the original storyteller, and his story is the real deal. His story is the master of all stories, and His adventure is the greatest of all adventures. In fact, God's story is EPIC—it is huge and unimaginable, and you are already a part of it. So what does this mean? Where does your story fit within the big picture, and what do you need to do about it? God's EPIC began long before the dawn of time and will continue long after we are gone—but what legacy will you leave with the chapters God has entrusted to you during your time here?

Join us for Elevate—RC's annual summer camp—from June 19-24 as we explore the adventure of God's EPIC. We're bringing back all the same great things that make this camp what it is year after year, including crazy games, small group bonding, awesome evening activities, and intense worship, but this year we're kicking it up to notches unknown with new stuff like Elevate Idol, Choose-Your-Own-Adventure style daily programming, and never-before-seen, completely over-the-top, you-won't-even-believe these Crud Wars.

Elevate is for students entering 7th grade through 12th grade. For more information or to register, check out [www.rc.edu/elevate](http://www.rc.edu/elevate). You can also call the RC Admissions Office at 248.218.2031 or e-mail [elevate@rc.edu](mailto:elevate@rc.edu).



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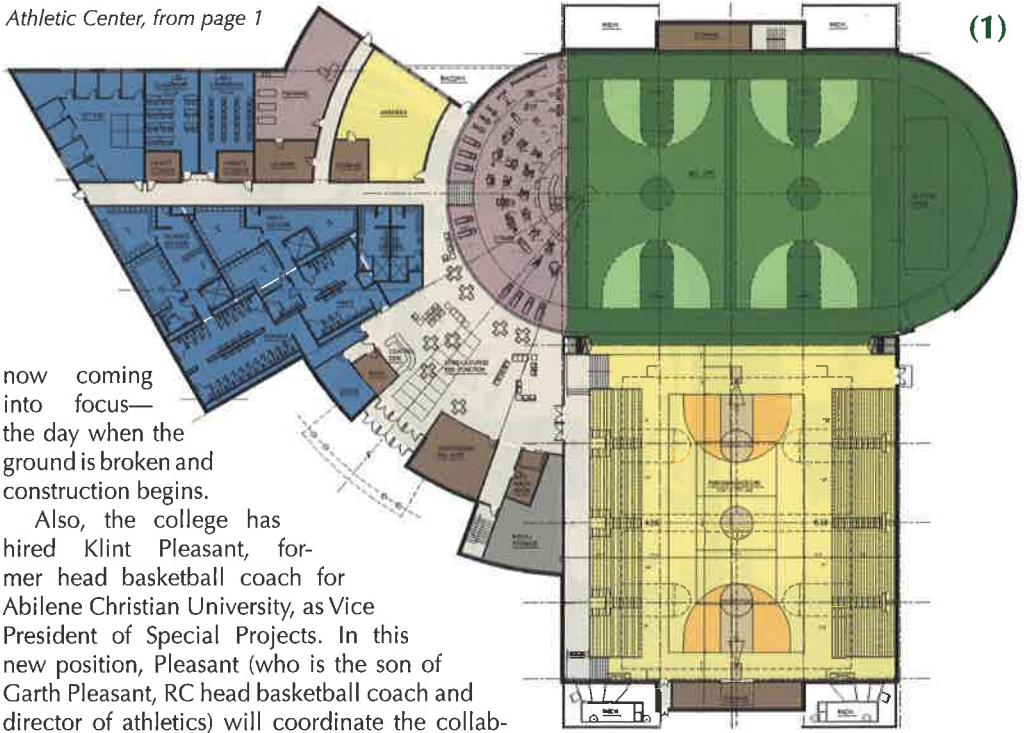


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now coming into focus—the day when the ground is broken and construction begins.

Also, the college has hired Klint Pleasant, former head basketball coach for Abilene Christian University, as Vice President of Special Projects. In this new position, Pleasant (who is the son of Garth Pleasant, RC head basketball coach and director of athletics) will coordinate the collaborative efforts of all the campus offices as needed for the new Athletic Center and future special projects. Additionally, he will assist Don Robinson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Campaign Strategies, in raising funds for Catch the Vision, Phase III.

Speaking of the back-to-back National Championship trophies the men's basketball team has captured without even a home court, Robinson says, "Look what

we have already accomplished. Think how much more can be achieved once our teams have the appropriate facility to aid them in their success." So far, the staff, faculty and administration at Rochester College have shown enormous support by pledging over \$400,000 for the campaign. The employees of Rochester College recognize their involvement for what it truly is—an investment in their future. "The pledges given by Rochester College employees make it obvious they stand behind this campaign," says Robinson. "Their sacrificial commitment sets a standard for alumni and friends to 'catch the vision' and create a new reality for the Warriors. In this way, our employees lead by example." If current fundraising goals can be met, the College will break ground this year—and that will be a day that has been worth the wait.



The concept drawings of the Athletic Center shown on this page include (1) a detailed aerial view of the plans, including athletic courts, a fitness center, and offices (2) the performance basketball court backing up to practice courts, and (3) an outdoor front-view sketch.

