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FROM THE **PRESIDENT'S DESK**

The end of August is one of my favorite times of the year. It is my favorite because I get to witness a new beginning at Rochester College. Watching over 1,000 students begin classes is a rewarding moment. For these students, life will never be quite the same. For them, new decisions will be made and relationships that last a lifetime will be forged. I enjoy this Christian, academic community we call Rochester College.

Each fall all the employees of Rochester College gather to "touch base" as we begin the new academic year. We worship together; we laugh together; we honor one another. Part of the tradition allows the president to share thoughts about the future of the College. This year, I shared five key priorities with our community:

- Building the Athletic Center
- Strengthening academic programs
- Continuing growth in enrollment
- Spreading the good news about Rochester College
- Committing ourselves to Christian service

The new athletic facility, which sits as the centerpiece of our "Connect to the Vision" campaign, is a high priority this year. This building is a key to meeting so many of our strategic initiatives. The athletic facility directly affects academic programs, enrollment projections and community-building. Our efforts this year will be rewarded when we dedicate this facility to the glory of God. I invite all of our readers to make a one-time gift or a pledge of three to five years toward this project. We have about three million left to reach our goal.

Academic programs must continue to improve and excel. The recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, faculty qualified through outstanding credentials and Christian faith are required to maintain excellence in all we do. Our first master's program must continue to grow to better serve the Kingdom.

Enrollment will continue to grow. Enrollment growth creates excitement and allows us to reach that "critical mass" that allows us to more effectively use our financial resources. Enrollment growth allows us to reach more students for the Kingdom, preparing critical thinkers for a world that often does not think. We praise God for our continued enrollment growth and look forward to reaching our goal of 2000 students.

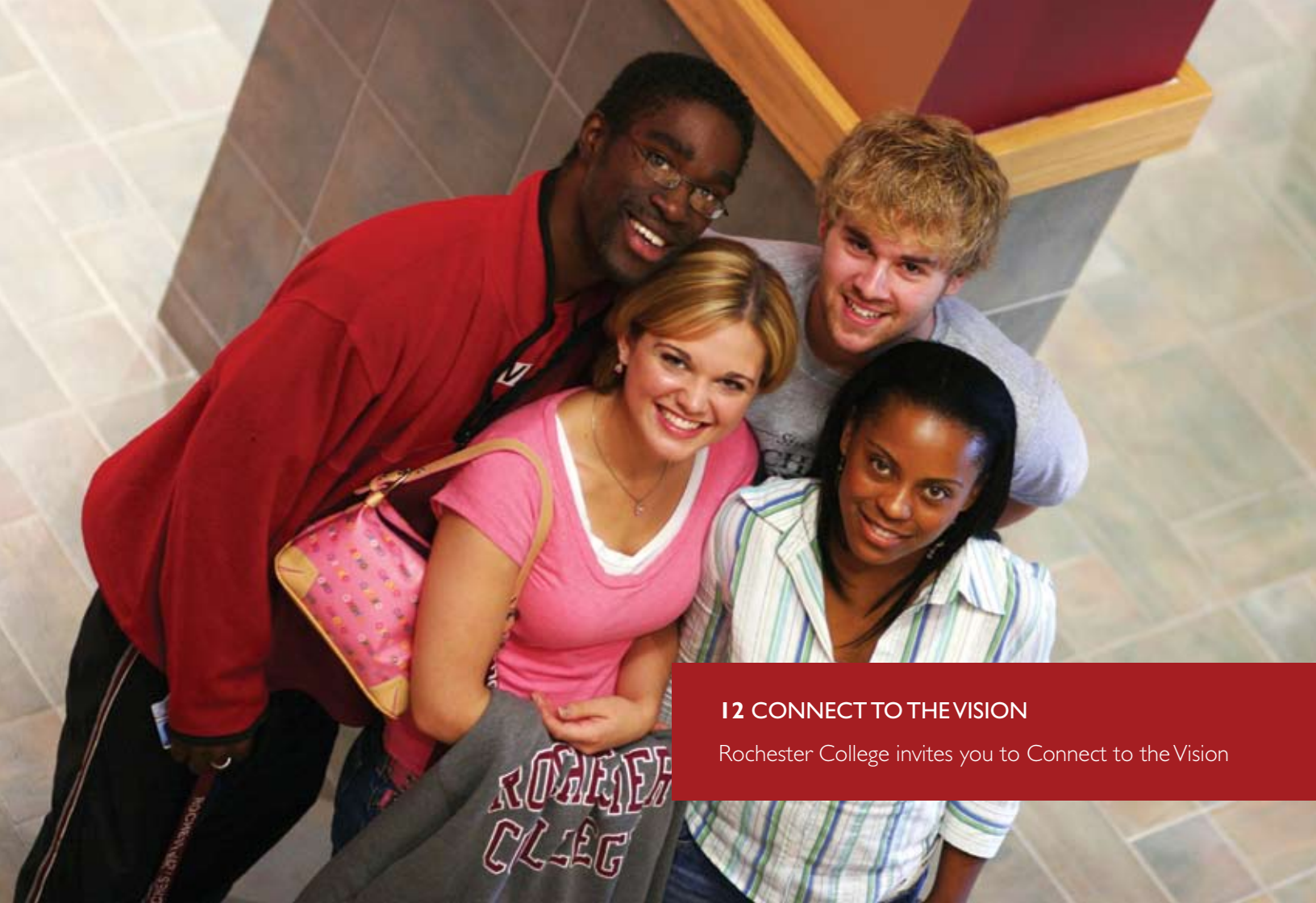
I am pleased to tell the story of Rochester College. For too long, Rochester College has been one of the "best kept secrets" in our area. We are committed to spreading the good news and inviting people across the nation to join with us in this good work.

Our employees are committed to spiritual transformation, not only in the lives of students but also in their own personal walk. To that end, 71% of our full-time employees have committed to studying and praying about spiritual formation this year. To help them, the College has purchased study Bibles that focus on spiritual formation, has plans to develop workshops and seminars throughout the year and has assigned each employee another employee to pray for. We believe that if we are going to change the lives of our students, we must change our own lives.

I hope you will join us in prayer this year. We look forward to great work for the Kingdom at Rochester College.

May God Bless You,

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph. D.
President, Rochester College



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Merriam-Webster defines "connect" as "to join or fasten together." At Rochester College our students, faculty, staff and administration join together for the purpose of impacting the world for Christ. *Photo by Brent Cramp, '99*

NEWS BRIEFS

PUD City Council Decision

On Wednesday, June 22 City Council voted on a rezoning amendment, a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement and an ordinance amending the historic district—a compromise between the College, the city of Rochester Hills, and the Historic District Commission that was years in the making. The planning commission previously recommended approval for each proposal. Plans are to also relocate the adjacent farmhouse onto the parcel now designated as the historic district. The resulting agreement allows the College flexibility to use its property while maintaining a historic district that enables the preservation of the barn and two outbuildings. Other highlights of the agreement include endorsement of a revised master plan, easing of height restrictions for future buildings on campus, support for limited wetlands mitigation while working in conjunction with Oakland Land Conservancy and creation of an environmental conservancy zone adjacent to Clinton River Trail.

Grant “Refresh”-es campus

Rochester College won a competitive grant for the fall 2005 year to train students to be effective worship leaders. The grant made possible the upcoming Refresh worship renewal program, instituted through the campus ministry department. Refresh will include a series of four seminars devoted to training worship leaders, targeting students with gifts in worship renewal and other aspects of worship. A nationally or regionally recognized worship leader or team will conduct each seminar. Local congregational worship leaders attending all four seminars will serve as facilitators for discussion. This program was made possible through a Worship Renewal Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Grand Rapids, Mich., with funds provided by Lilly Endowment Inc.

Class of 1985 reconnects

Rochester College hosted a 20-year reunion for the class of 1985 on July 15-16. Jennifer Kirby ('01), director of alumni relations, reports that the event was a great success. Over 80 class members and their families attended the event. Alumni toured the College's new library, theatre, additions and other updates. They also took a walk down memory lane, viewing a presentation filled with the escapades from the class of '85. This included tributes, yearbook photographs and video of Celebration performances.



Class of 1985 reunion



Frank Rewold, Sr., Westerfield, Frank Rewold, and Coach Garth Pleasant

Local company makes significant gift

Frank and Roy Rewold of the local construction company Frank Rewold and Son, Inc. presented Rochester College with a significant contribution to the Connect to the Vision campaign on Wednesday, August 24. The Rewold's gift will support the College's future athletic center, which sits as the centerpiece of this multi-million dollar campaign. Since 1918, the Rewolds have constructed 43 buildings within a one-mile radius of downtown Rochester, among several other projects. Frank Rewold and Son, Inc., built Ferndale-Hoggatt, the newest residence hall on the College's campus in 1997 and have built every major project on the campus since, including the most recent construction—the Richardson Center.

Convocation kicks off new year

A new tradition began on Tuesday, August 23 at Rochester College. Incoming freshmen and returning students gathered at the Rochester Church of Christ to celebrate the academic year's return with the first annual Rochester College Academic Convocation. Faculty and staff used the morning to cast the vision for the year and remind the College community of its commitment to each other. A key element of the program included a presidential address from Dr. Michael Westerfield. In his statement, Westerfield alternately challenged and encouraged the students, reminding them that through the promise of Christ's everlasting love all obstacles can be surmounted. Ephesians 3:14-21 was read by Jeff Simmons, dean of the College of Business and Professional Studies, as the Scripture theme for the 2005-06 year. The moving words reminded all who heard them of the power Christ holds to carry out his will.

Clinton River Trail cleanup

Rochester College's backyard underwent some transformations. Once a beautiful haven for wildlife and greenery, the years harshly weathered the area. Recently, the GreenWays Initiative began constructing a recreational path that runs through Rochester, Rochester Hills, Oakland and Orion Townships. The new trail offers opportunities for the citizens of Sylvan Lake, Pontiac, Auburn Hills, as well. The Clinton River Trail, as this path has been named, borders the College's "backyard." To con-

tribute to the initiative, Rochester College cleared brush and debris from its woodland area to maintain a safe, clean environment for the enjoyment of trail users. Long-term plans include cleaning the lakes, adding walkways, creating recreational spaces, and planting gardens. Currently, Rochester College is completing the plans for this project. To continue carrying out the dream for this beautiful piece of land, the College seeks funding. For more information about Rochester College's beautification project and how to help, contact Scott Niemann at 248.218.2065 or sniemann@rc.edu.

New Board Members

Over the past few months several new members were added to the Rochester College Board of Trustees, the governing body of the institution. The board consists of 31 men and women from across the United States. The new members are Phil Herrington, Little Rock, Ark.; Rhonda Lowry, West Lake Village, Calif.; Chris McHan, Cottage Grove, Minn.; Carol Passage, South Lyon, Mich.; Natalie Randall, Auburn Hills, Mich.; Ken Slater, Lansing, Mich.; and Gordon Wright, Plymouth, Mich. Each board member serves a three-year term. Board member since 1992, Duane Harrison, chairman of the membership and nominating committee comments, "The new trustees bring a diversity of talent that will add depth to the work we are attempting to do as trustees."

Pepperdine Christian Scholars Conference

The Christian Scholars Conference is held annually rotating hosts among several colleges and universities. Pepperdine University hosted the 2005 conference on July 21-23 at the Malibu, Calif. campus. The Christian Scholars Conference is a gathering of scholars from Rochester College's sister institutions from all disciplines. The participants propose topics that are centered on the conference theme or from areas of the presenter's current research. This year Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. John Barton, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, presented. Dr. Rubel Shelly, Dr. Brian Stogner and Dr. David Fleer also attended, sitting on panels and delivering addresses. Next year, Rochester College will host the conference with Fleer heading up the committee.

Westerfield addresses the crowd at the Academic Convocation on August 23



Fletcher/Shinsky Golf Outing a “swinging” success

On August 9 Rochester College hosted its annual Fletcher/Shinsky Golf Outing at the Greystone Golf Club in Romeo. Each year, participants tee up to help students with tuition. Golfers pay \$125 and special admission prices were provided for businesses that purchased a sponsorship of \$350 or more. Admission included range balls, continental breakfast, complimentary soft drinks on the course, grilled lunch, awards and gifts. With 100 golfers in attendance, the event raised just over \$10,000—the most money to date in the 25-year history of the outing.

Homecoming 2005

November 12 marks the arrival of Homecoming 2005. This year offers many activities as alumni flood back to a place they once called home—a place that many of their children now consider home. Preceded by Spirit Week, a whirlwind of youthful spirit and sporting events, Homecoming promises to be a time to remember. The faculty is hosting “A Walk Through Memory Lane,” a live display of items from Rochester College’s past that are sure to stir up memories. Additionally, alumni may take advantage of a campus tour, as the face of campus has changed for many. Student Government will host an alumni tailgate party at Rochester High School prior to the 1:00 p.m. alumni basketball tourney. The Homecoming basketball game vs. St. Clair follows at 3:00 p.m. During halftime, the king and queen for 2005 will be crowned.

A walk down “Angel Street”

This fall’s theatre production is Robert Hamilton’s “Angel Street.” A psychological thriller based in the Victorian era, the play will feature costuming and set design emulating the period. “Angel Street,” a story of deception, follows the protagonist, Bella, whose husband has all but convinced her that her sanity is disintegrating. The play debuts Thursday, November 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the RAC Theatre. Additional showings are Friday and Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The play is directed by Rochester College alumnus, Cathie Parker ('96), assistant professor of communication. Parker mastered in theatre arts at Eastern Michigan University and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in theatre direction at Wayne State University. Cost is \$8 for students and \$10 for non-students.

TEMPLE CARE

FOR WOMEN
MARCH 25, 2006



Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?

I CORINTHIANS 3:16

SPEAKERS

DR. JENNIFER HAMILTON
GLENDA THOMAS
CANDACE GAIN

DR. SONJA CHISOLM
BIRGIE NIEMANN

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Cost per person is \$15. Lunch will be provided.
For more information, see www.rc.edu/news.



WHY LIBERAL ARTS?

Liberal Arts Education at Rochester College

*"Studies serve for delight, for
ornament, and for ability."*

—Francis Bacon

When I drive through the gates of Rochester College and read the expression, "Liberal Arts in a Christian Setting," I am reminded of the words of Francis Bacon in an essay he penned four centuries ago. Bacon was saying that all people are enriched and prepared for life by a liberal arts education. As the sign on our gates suggests, Rochester College subscribes to that same notion. The value of the liberal arts is not only endorsed by the sign at our entrance, but is also embedded in the stated mission of Rochester College. That mission is, "To engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service." Given the centrality of liberal arts to this mission, it is important for all members of the Rochester College community to understand just what a liberal arts education is all about.

"At Rochester College, we believe there are several important reasons for the liberal arts emphasis."

A liberal arts education is perhaps most easily understood by comparing it with a technical or professional education. A liberal arts education stresses broad instruction in literature, history, mathematics, great ideas, religious studies, natural and social sciences, and human communication. In contrast, technical and professional training stresses the development of specific skills for specific jobs or professions. With this difference in mind, we must ask why a college would choose the liberal arts approach over technical or professional training.

At Rochester College, we believe there are several important reasons for the liberal arts emphasis. First, to face the challenges of today's rapidly changing world, college students must learn how to think, rather than what to think. In my own field of psychology, it has been estimated that half of what we know today will be obsolete in ten

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DR. BRIAN STOGNER

years. Knowledge in that field, as well as all of the other academic and professional disciplines is growing and changing so quickly in today's dynamic environment that truly educated people must not be locked into a rapidly obsolete set of facts, but rather prepared to adapt and accommodate to an ever-changing knowledge base.

“...to truly prepare people for a changing work environment, as well as a changing knowledge base, an educational institution must stress the development of thinking, reasoning, writing, communicating, understanding others, and relating to those who are different from one's self.”

The Department of Labor estimates that people entering the job market today will likely change jobs seven to ten times in the course of their career. Thus, to truly prepare people for a changing work environment, as well as a changing knowledge base, an educational institution must stress the development of thinking, reasoning, writing, communicating, understanding others, and relating to those who are different from one's self. Individuals with aptitude in these areas are eagerly sought by employers in all of the professions and are well prepared for the work world of the future.

This year at Rochester College, we have placed a campus-wide focus on being connected. As we express that theme in the academic life of Rochester College, we are building connections with each other, connections to the world at large, connections with the great thinkers of the past, connections to scientific and technological innovations, and most importantly, connections with God. A liberal arts education helps students get connected in all of these ways.

An education at Rochester College will help students learn who they are, where they are going, and what they will do in this changing world. Such an education, coupled with a Christian world-view, prepares students for “a life of study and service.” Most importantly, the kind of education offered at Rochester College will not only equip students to face that changing world, but to be connected with it as transforming agents bringing about change in the world for the cause of Christ and the betterment of humankind. ●

RC ON WXYZ-TV DETROIT NEWS



WXYZ Channel 7 News spent August 24th on the campus of Rochester College shooting a spot for “College Tour 2005.” The half-hour segment reached an audience that was “looking to further their education, regardless of current age or degree level.” One of five colleges highlighted for the program, Rochester College showcased its Christian setting and personal attention to students. The half-hour program aired on Thursday, September 8 at 7:30 p.m. and again on Sunday, September 11 at 1:00 p.m.

Rochester College emphasized its offerings through the influence only television can supply—sight, sound, motion, emotion and color. WXYZ estimates nearly 2 million households tuned in to the show reaching prospective college students and parents that finance education. The “College Tour” allowed viewers to get a sneak-peek of all Rochester College has to offer and meet several faculty members and administrators.

“It was a great segment. It really showed that Rochester College is definitely worth checking out. It begins to paint a picture of what I’m constantly

trying to communicate to people who are considering or might want to consider coming here. Hopefully, it’ll make my job a little bit easier,” comments Admissions Advisor Chris Shields.

Dr. Michael Westerfield; Dr. Brian Stogner, vice president of academic affairs; Sara Barton, campus minister; Dr. Sonja Chisolm, assistant professor of psychology spoke about their respective areas of expertise. Students Amy Jankowski and Victoria Tucker discussed how Rochester College has aided in obtaining their individual goals. Community partners such as the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce described its experience with Rochester College interns as “tremendous.”

“I felt that it was important for me to express to the public how valuable an education from Rochester College would be academically and spiritually. It’s a unique college and people need to know about this once-hidden treasure!” said Chisolm of her experience with the project.

WXYZ created a website for “College Tour 2005” located at www.wxyz.com.



Notes for 2005

September

October

*remember:
pay for a day!*

November

December

LEAD THE WAY PAY FOR A DAY

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One time gift of \$1,535 | Four quarterly gifts of \$383.75 | Twelve monthly gifts of \$128

The gift may be used to honor, remember or celebrate special people or occasions. The College will announce your kindness in a variety of ways on the campus. In addition, a special insert will appear in the Partnership Dinner program in May acknowledging those who connect with our students in this unique partnership. The gift is fully tax-deductible. We will be happy to send pledge reminders for monthly and quarterly pledges.

Contact Elton Albright at 248.218.2022 or email at ealbright@rc.edu for more information.

GENERATION NEXT



PROFILE OF TODAY'S COLLEGE STUDENT *From the self to the stars: Escorting NeXters to maturity*

Students who come to Rochester College exhibit characteristics formed by the generations that have preceded them. While parents, faculty, resident directors, counselors and other interested parties are often puzzled by some of the traits of this generation, at their core these students are intelligent, devoted to significant relationships, spiritually hungry and eager for mentoring. Studies attribute these distinctions to what is referred to as the generation NeXter. During Opening Sessions at Rochester College, Dean Candace Cain, vice president of student services, and Dr. Jennifer Hamilton, dean of the College of Arts and Science, addressed this topic.

Students approach campus ready to gain skills that lead to jobs, pragmatically looking for bytes of information that they can apply to “the real world.” Liberal Arts education offers something different, and oftentimes the first meeting with an advisor offers a surprise when they find themselves enrolled in English, history and religion even though their major is business. Rochester College believes that the Liberal Arts model educates and trains the whole person; thus, through study of the various disciplines students can

mature mentally, spiritually and physically.

Today's students demonstrate compelling characteristics. They are adaptable; they see rules as negotiable; they tend to be stressed by the demands of a busy, risky world; they are relationship oriented while being skeptical of the establishment; they tend to be very technoliterate while being intellectually disengaged. One compelling feature of today's students is that they tend to have a very close relationship with their parents. Parents have been categorized as “helicopter parents”—always hovering nearby to ensure correct decisions and fair treatment.

College offers the best opportunity for students to achieve a measure of independence and self-reliance, so the obligation is on faculty, staff and administration to work together to usher students from a self-centered world to a world in which they can give.

On the campus of Rochester College, generation NeXters fight to balance the dichotomy between a self-centered life and a God-centered life. Two students—Naomi Cochran and Jordan Wall—discuss what this balance looks like for them.

NAOMI COCHRAN

|Class| JUNIOR

|Major| BIBLICAL STUDIES

|Hometown| SYRACUSE, NEW YORK



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// Today's typical college student seems to have a strong family base, but still is independent. We appreciate authority, but we want to spread our wings," says Naomi Cochran, junior biblical studies major from Syracuse, NY.

The transition from small, Christian high school to small, Christian college was not all that difficult says Cochran. While attending Faith Heritage School, Cochran grew used to the accessibility of instructors and easy class interaction. She welcomed the familiar format once she arrived on campus. Yet, some experiences were quite new.

"There's a lot less accountability in college. No one is going to tell you to go to class or do your homework. You have to be responsible, because no one's going to push you," explains Cochran.

Cochran decided to meet the challenges college presented head-on. She says she saw an opportunity to find her true interests and how she fit into this world. She purposely picked an institution where she knew no one because she wanted a blank slate—a chance to discover herself. She became involved in a wide variety of extracurricular ac-

tivities. In the two years Cochran has been at Rochester College, she has participated in soccer, the newspaper staff, IMAGE (International Missions Apprenticeship for God's Evangelists), Celebration, and the Pied Pipers. Additionally, she is the vice president of social club Sigma Phi Delta Nu, helped plan a mission trip to Australia this summer, works in the information technology department and is the resident advisor for her hall. This semester she is taking 17 credits.

"I don't function unless I'm busy. I am the queen of multi-tasking, though, and I've become very organized. Learning to say no is hard—still trying to learn that one," says Cochran with a smile.

But, Cochran doesn't think that it's atypical of students to be so busy these days. She says that being over-committed is something apparent in the schedules of this generation. In fact, Cochran believes attending a liberal arts college afforded her the opportunity to broaden her interests. Though she is a biblical studies major, Youth and Media and World Literature rose to the top of Cochran's list of favorite classes. Because

she was unsure of what she wanted to do professionally, Cochran changed her major three times. Through this process, she found her passion—mentorship.

"My idea of church has totally changed since I've been here. Here, my ideas are always challenged. But, what I've found to be so true is that life is all about service. If you're not helping someone else then you're missing the point," says Cochran—a big statement from a generation that studies characterize as egocentric and concerned with self-gratification.

Since coming to Rochester College, Cochran has been introduced to those that take a genuine interest in her—mentors she calls them. She wants the opportunity to show students the Christ that she didn't know existed while growing up—a Christ that is here and real and concerned, not just a Christ that lived long ago.

"The community here is like a picture of the church. Church is community, or else it should be. The church should be people who laugh together, pray together and just live together!" exclaims Cochran. ●

Jordan Wall plans to attend the University of Florida's medical program once he graduates from Rochester College December 2006. As he talks about this possibility, a smile spreads across his face and the excitement exudes from him.

"I never thought of myself as smart enough to become a doctor," he explains.

Clean-cut and impeccably dressed, Wall already looks the part of a physician. But, he says it hasn't always been this way. While growing up in Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, he wasn't sure if he would even go to college.

"I didn't have the best grades and I had no idea what I wanted to do. The mindset about college in Canada is different than in the States, and I wasn't sure I could live up to that," Wall says.

After finishing high school in 2003, Wall traveled to Papua New Guinea for two months of mission work. In this new and foreign land, God planted the seeds for what Wall sees as his ultimate future—medical missions. Once at Rochester College, other pieces to the puzzle fell into place. He says learning how to study brought him new confi-

dence. As an undergraduate student in a liberal arts college, his degree required him to take a broad base of fundamental courses. He signed up for a requisite science class and realized a true interest lay hidden within him.

"It was through liberal arts courses I found what I really wanted to do," he says, explaining how his passion for missions met his passion for science and fused into a dream of medical missions.

But, before Wall heads out to share his skills with the rest of the world, he has a mission field of his own right here on campus. As a resident advisor, Wall says he meets students at every point in their journey with Christ. He tries to remind them that faith isn't based on church attendance or status of spirituality, but on Jesus Christ.

"I've grown deeper with Christ through Christian guys I've met, but I've also had the chance to meet guys seeking right now, which is just as cool because new doors are opened there," Wall says with conviction.

Wall remembers first arriving on campus and wondering if he'd made the right decision. Yet, as he fell into the

rhythm of college life, each day brought him a new sense of purpose. Those days of wondering what the future held and whether he could live up to it dissolved into the past with each aced test and passed class.

Today, between advising his hall, working in IT and assisting in grounds keeping, Wall manages to maintain a 3.9 GPA. Though at times the thought of medical school seems a bit daunting, Wall concentrates on one day at a time.

"I can't achieve a goal that takes years in just a couple days," he reminds himself.

Through it all, Wall relies on one main source of strength—Jesus Christ. Growing up in a Christian home and attending a conservative church, Wall hesitated to investigate Christianity to its fullest. Silently reflecting on his formative years, Wall sighs.

"My faith and I have come a long way," he says shaking his head. "I've heard the professors talk about the Word as truth, but felt the freedom at Rochester College to discern it for myself. I don't have to believe something just because someone else does." •



JORDAN WALL

Class | SENIOR

Major | INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Hometown | KITCHENER, ONTARIO, CANADA



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Connect to the Vision

A plan. A dream. A vision.

There are many synonyms for this gift every great leader gives to his followers. Martin Luther King, Jr. had one. He stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 passionately infusing a hope for the future to all who heard. The early settlers looked to Captain John Smith for strong leadership, which eventually granted Jamestown success in the 1600's. Jesus Christ, the ultimate example of a leader, also knew how to be a servant. This unconventional way of thinking earned Jesus the reputation of a rebel—and also the respect of thousands of followers, billions across the world today.

Rochester College is interested in fostering leadership, character—**vision**—within the students who cross the threshold of this campus. 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. Such engagement will lead to a College that values excellence, the pursuit of truth, and service.

Over 1,000 students walk the halls of the Richardson Center. They assemble together daily for an 11:00 a.m. encounter with Christ. And in each classroom sits the potential for tomorrow's next great visionary. Rochester College knows the valuable treasures Christ has entrusted to this campus, and prayerfully we have anticipated how to raise up individuals who do indeed strive for excellence, ardently seek Christ and wisely cast vision. In order to accom-

plish this task, the necessary tools must be provided.

As more students commit to Christian education, needs arise. Planning for additional accommodations began in 1998, when the groundwork for the "Catch the Vision" Capital Campaign was laid. It became evident college growth in enrollment and academic offerings required a larger library, additional classrooms and faculty offices.

Fall 2002 saw the completion of the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library, the transformation of the Muirhead Center (formally the Muirhead Library) into faculty offices and the conversion of the Utley Center into a bookstore. Additionally, a new parking lot and extended roadway across campus was finished. The second phase of the campaign focused on the need for additional student social space, improved science facilities, more classrooms and an auditorium for theatre productions. On October 1, 2004, these needs were met with the building of the Richardson Center and the successful completion of the "Catch the Vision" Capital Campaign.

As we look to the future, Rochester College anticipates the needs of a growing student body. Therefore, a \$31 million comprehensive campaign, "Connect to the Vision," is underway.

Yet, the construction of these buildings would be for naught if it were not for the students—students like Henry Oyier. Oyier grew up in a Kenyan village knowing that he wanted to make a difference with his life. He explains coming to America as a

dream that most young, African men desire, but few accomplish. Yet, Oyier made that dream come true. In 2001 he was accepted to Rochester College, after two long years of fighting to get the clearance he needed to study in the States.

"Coming to Rochester College was the beginning of something for me. That was the beginning of a plan—a plan that God had for my life," said Oyier.

The last year of Oyier's life has been spent promoting and preparing for what he believes Christ has called him to do. Now a senior, Oyier developed a nonprofit organization that will educate students in Nairobi, Kenya. His dream—Make A Change Organization (MACO)—will work with street kids to teach them trades such as welding, woodworking and basic computer skills to enable them for more profitable futures. Oyier envisions a place that not only educates, but also addresses the needs of the soul through evangelism. He believes receiving a Christian education enabled him to help the people of his country.

"I told myself I can do more with the education that I have," said Oyier. "I wanted to help out my people and community. I long to see someday a community where the once-upon-a-time homeless kid can wake up in the morning and go to church with their families."

Remembering students like Henry Oyier, we at Rochester College ask you to "Connect to the Vision." Every prayer, every donation, every hour invested here makes the dream—the **vision**—of our students that much closer to becoming a reality.

FROM CATCH TO CONNECT: THE VISION SINCE 1997

Over the years, the face of Rochester College has changed considerably. New constructions have paved the way for added classes, new students and a campus better-prepared to meet the needs of those who call RC

home. Numerous people have aided in this endeavor, from Catch to Connect. Friends of the College have poured time and money into helping this institution meet its potential, and they continue to do so today.



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MARY UTLEY

National Chair, *Connect to the Vision Campaign*

A driving force behind much of Mary Utley's actions has been a passion for Christian higher education. Together with her late husband, Robert, they worked tirelessly to promote North Central Christian College when it opened its doors in 1959. Six of Utley's grandchildren and one child attended Rochester College.

Her involvement with the College reaches into many areas. As a member of the Rochester College Ladies Associates, Utley has served in nearly every capacity—trustee, secretary, vice president and president (1977-79). As a long-time financial supporter, Utley and her family has contributed to nearly every major construction project on campus, including the Utley Student Center (1978) and the new Utley-McCauley Student Center (2004). Utley says she believes the athletic center is the imperative next step the College must take for its continued growth.

Utley, an elder's wife for 32 years, attends the Waterford Church of Christ. Utley says that her life is dedicated to Jesus Christ, who guides her in all she does.



JOHN HAMMOND

Honorary Chair, *Connect to the Vision Campaign*

John Hammond, who began his NBA career in 1989, enters his fifth year as vice president of basketball operations for the Detroit Pistons. He was promoted to his current position after serving as the club's director of player personnel during the 2001-02 season. Hammond brings over 26 years of coaching and administrative experience (15 professional/11 collegiate).

Hammond spent five seasons with the Pistons as a scouting director and assistant coach from 1994-1999 under Doug Collins and Alvin Gentry. Detroit made three playoff appearances during Hammond's tenure as an assistant coach (1996, 1997 and 1999), winning 54 games during the 1996-97 season.

Hammond earned his bachelor's degree at Greenville College in Illinois. He serves on the Rochester College Board of Regents and is an avid supporter of the Rochester College basketball program. Additionally, he attends Kensington Community Church in Troy, Mich., with his wife, Marsha, and daughter, Lauryn Shay.



PATRICK KIRBY

Chariman, Board of Trustees

Patrick Kirby is the chief executive officer and president of Kirby Services LLC/PGK Engineering Incorporated (1997). Kirby has over 35 years of experience in vehicle design engineering and manufacturing industries.

Kirby is a Michigan native and graduate of Philpot Technical Design School, Wayne State University School of Engineering, and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Northwood University in Michigan. Working with Central Michigan University, Kirby founded the nation's first Bachelor of Science degree in Vehicle Design (1996).

Kirby has been a member of the Rochester Church of Christ since 1978 and has served as a deacon and elder.

Kirby was appointed chairman of the Board of Trustees for Rochester College (1999) and has served as trustee since 1993.

As a veteran of the United States Army (1966-1968), Kirby served in Vietnam as a Sergeant E-5 and was decorated with the Bronze Star, "V" Device - Valor. Kirby was offered, but declined a Battlefield Commission for "Officer."

PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE OF HONOR

The President's Circle of Honor appropriately recognizes those that financially contribute to the College in various ways. Held on October 1st during the Rochester Fall Festival, several hundred families gathered to celebrate God's provisions. The ceremony, followed by a dinner, traditionally recognizes those who participate in The Heritage Society, The President's Society or The Endowed Scholarship Society.

The Heritage Society includes those that remember the College in their estate plans through a will or trust listing the College as a beneficiary. The President's Society represents a group of supporters that donate a minimum of \$1,000 to the College annually. The Endowed Scholarship Society are friends of the College that endowed scholarships to assist students in payment of tuition.

"The way each of these societies selflessly gives to the College for its well-being touches my heart. Holding the President's Circle of Honor is just a small way we can thank those who have given much," commented Dr. Michael Westerfield, president.

Two recipients of endowed scholarships spoke at the ceremony. Karen Desloges, a junior pre-med student, received the Byrl and Evonne Brockman Endowed Scholarship. Hailing from Canada and a family of missionaries, Desloges described how the scholarship moves her closer to her dream of being a physician's assistant on the mission field.

"I am very appreciative of the sacrifice [donors] make that allows students to go to a Christian college," Desloges said in her speech.

Senior pre-med student Jordan Wall, the recipient of the Robert Bradley-Ebeling Endowed Scholarship, spoke about the invaluable time he has spent at Rochester College because of his scholarship.

"My time at Rochester College has been a time of preparation, spiritually and academically," Wall said.

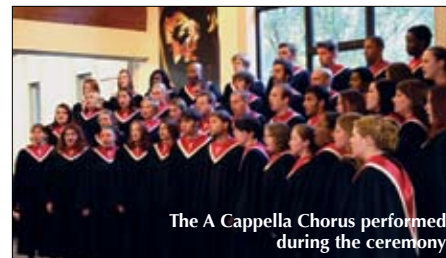
Bruce and Judy Foulk attended the event, with Bruce speaking to the crowd about his experience as an endowed scholarship donor. As a supporter of the College for 40 years and a member of the Board of Trustees, Foulk spoke about his ever-growing passion for Christian education. He ended his portion of the night with a challenge to the crowd, asking attendees to think about how they can further support the College and contribute to quality Christian education.



Student beneficiaries and Society donors came together at the event

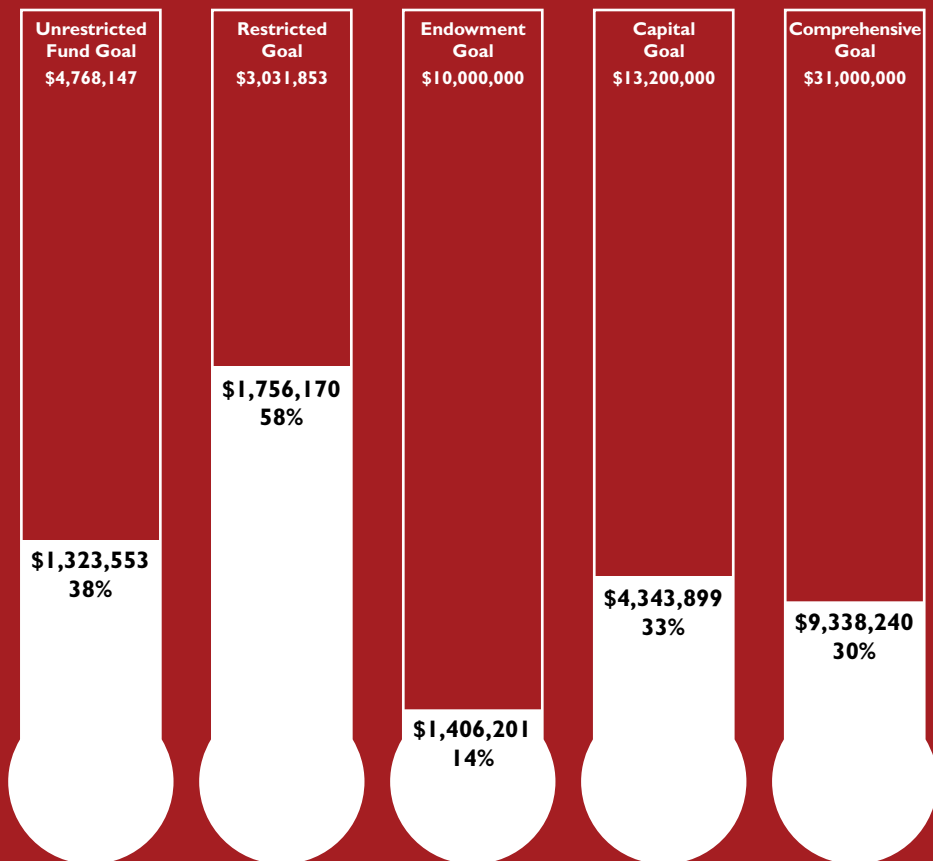


Family representatives Andy and Bethany Brockman with student Karen Desloges (center)



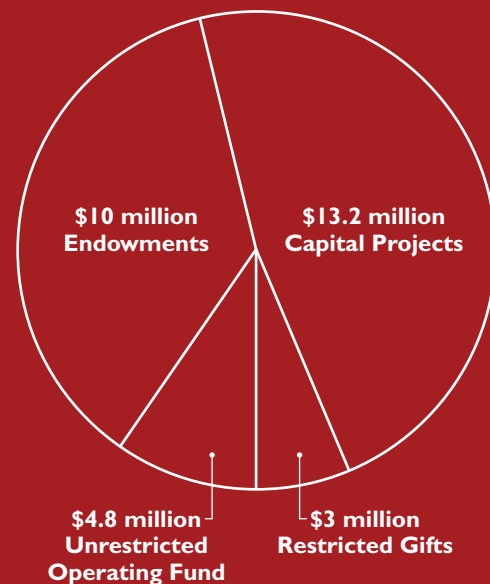
The A Cappella Chorus performed during the ceremony

CONNECT TO THE VISION CAMPAIGN



CAMPAIGN FUND SOURCES

Total = 31 Million



*Total raised as of October 1, 2005.



MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Fundraiser contributes to the Hurricane Katrina disaster

On Sunday, August 28 the warning was issued. A storm that carried with it imminent mass devastation and destruction had begun the trek straight for New Orleans. The angry lady, Katrina her name, held in her right hand winds of 140 mph and in her left, storm surges that smashed whatever lay in her path. The warning was issued—a storm's a-brewin'. But, not everyone listened and not everyone could heed the warning.

When the winds died down and the skies parted, a scene that stole the breath met eyes. Cars now parked in tree branches, buildings floating upside down in the water, homes lying fragmented along with the memories they once held. But, it's the people that summon heart-wrenching sobs from the depths of one's soul. Images of people sitting atop homes, bobbing lifeless in the water and crying out for help leave an imprint forever singed in the mind. These images issue yet another warning—a storm's a-brewin'.

Outraged and impassioned, an army of civilians and humanitarians mobilized in a flurry of action. This storm carried in its right hand help and in its left, love. The American Red Cross, Salvation Army, churches and many other charitable organizations arranged a relief effort.

Edward Cribbs ('05), preacher for the Russell Woods Church of Christ in Detroit, with Rochester College coordinated an event that brought together over 40 different congregations and raised over \$115,000. All proceeds were donated to God's Help-

ing Hands (GHH) and the Church of Christ Disaster Relief Fund.

"This was something that we had a responsibility to do as representatives of Christ on this earth. We worked as one body—the Church—to reach out to the hurting. Christ brought us together and he allowed us to raise money that will help in positive ways," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, president of Rochester College.

The ceremony, "Oh To Be Like Thee," held on Sunday, September 11 at the Rochester Church of Christ, saw African-American and Caucasian brothers and sisters in Christ worship together, pray together and seek God together on behalf of the disaster victims. Organizers of the event were Cribbs; Dr. James Thompson, preacher of the North Broadway Church of Christ and president of Midwest Christian Institute; Westerfield; Dr. David Flee, vice president of church relations for Rochester College; J C Thomas, Jr., director of diversity relations for Rochester College; and Joshua Graves, adjunct professor in the department of religion at Rochester College.

"Today we stand in the shadow of the towers, of the American flag, of the Superdome, but most importantly we stand in the shadow of the cross," said Dr. Russ Bone, adjunct Bible instructor for the College of Extended Learning and preacher at the Lincoln Park Church of Christ, during prayer four years after the World Trade Center disaster.

With hands lifted high in prayerful worship, people of all colors and ages collectively sought Christ's guidance. Across the stage sat church leaders and college

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AMANDA M. WOLFE



The South Lyon Community Choir, led by J C Thomas, Jr., began the afternoon.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

Lisa (Barnett) Cain ('88) directs God's Helping Hands (GHH)—a local ministry that feeds and clothes the needy without charge. The compassion of GHH now reaches its arms across state lines to help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and more recently Hurricane Rita. The funds raised by the "Oh To Be Like Thee" relief effort—over \$19,000—will be used to help 50 evacuee families traveling to Michigan to stay in a nearby hotel. For an entire year supplies such as food, clothing and personal hygiene items will be provided for the families.

Cain balances caring for her family of four, preparing to care for 50 more, and running the ministry. There's a lot of work to be done, but the laborers are few. Schedules are tight. Inventory gets low. More people need help every day. Yet, Cain appears calm under pressure, thankful for those who do make time to volunteer.

"They let God shine through them. Actions speak louder than words. We don't have to stand here and preach to people. They can see Jesus," she says.

For more information on God's Helping Hands or to volunteer, email Cain at godshelpinghands@comcast.net or call 248. 852.7400.



(from left) Relief organizers Mark Thompson, Patrick Mead, Garth Pleasant, Michael Westerfield, and James Thompson

administration, united under the common cause of helping those who cannot help themselves. As the Good Samaritan of Luke chapter 10 outstretched his hand—not seeing someone of different skin color or status, but only seeing a neighbor—the hundreds of attendees stretched out their hands to New Orleans.

"Today is a reflection of the outpouring of love from Christians. Katrina presented the opportunity for people all over the world, but especially the church, to come together. Today is not about race. It's not about religion. It's about humanity," stated Thompson.

"I hope this is the catalyst to involve more churches of colors and cultures. This is way beyond what we expected. Apparently we had small minds and little faith, but God did so much more," commented Cribbs.

Analysts estimate Hurricane Katrina wreaked over \$200 billion in damages—topping Hurricane Andrew as the most expensive natural disaster in U.S. history. Experts project 10 years worth of rebuilding efforts. The road before us is long and the path we must navigate hard. Yet, Christ's words remind the weary traveler of his un-failing promises.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39 NIV). •



"My Living Shall Not be in Vain," performed as footage of Hurricane Katrina played in the background.



Westerfield and Thompson address the audience.





Taylor serves as interpreter for the visiting mission teams



Work projects last throughout the summer with mission teams aiding in completion



Manual labor is a part of the girls' yearlong commitment

ALUMNI IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Alumnae commit lives to Hondurans

The setting is an impoverished town on the Caribbean coast in the year 1996. A native woman places her baby boy, Jose, afflicted with Down's Syndrome, in the arms of an American college student there on a summer mission's trip. The mother leaves and never returns for her child.

This is not unusual for the city of Trujillo in Honduras. Parents often give away, abandon, or kill children with special needs, as they have neither access to medical care nor the knowledge to care for them.

This particular American teenager's parents, Mark and Brenda Young, recognized the need of a ministry for the families of special needs children like baby Jose. As a result, the Youngs began a new ministry—Little Hands, Big Hearts (LHBH).

LHBH focuses on all aspects of Honduran families with special needs children, which includes finding medical help, providing transportation, making homes sanitary and ministering to the soul. Additionally, the organization teaches families to help themselves. Although teams of Americans aid in work projects, Hondurans are heavily involved in the process. In this way, the knowledge and tools for betterment are passed on.

God brings his people together to meet the needs of the hurting—and that's just what he did when two Rochester College alumnae crossed paths with the Youngs. Stephanie Britten and Nadine Taylor, 2002 graduates of Rochester College, committed nearly a year of their lives last July to missionary work in Honduras with Little Hands, Big Hearts. They met Mark Young at the World Mission Workshop in Manitoba, Canada, and learned of his mission in Honduras. In the summer of 2004, Britten and Taylor led a mission's team to Honduras for a week. Afterward, the Youngs asked them to prayerfully consider ministering in Honduras for a longer period of time. This meant that Britten would have to quit her job, while Tay-

lor would take a yearlong leave of absence from her teaching position. Having a similar heart for missions, both women felt it was a natural step to commit to longer-term missions together.

"They always wanted to commit a larger portion of their time and energy to missions, and this seemed like the perfect opportunity. They really felt like this is what the Lord was calling them to do, so they faithfully answered that call," says Beth (Stewart) Bowers ('02), friend of Britten and Taylor.

Once in Honduras, Britten used her degree in social work to form templates that organize and record the work of the ministry. Now, each child that is serviced at the Family Development Center through Little Hands, Big Hearts has a complete assessment of needs that allow the children to receive more specialized care.

Taylor, a teacher with a bachelor of science in music, uses her background in Spanish to interpret for short-term missions groups. Additionally, she is hosting a teacher's workshop at one of the local churches. Taylor home-schools the Young's son, Shane, as well as teaches a bilingual music class.

As each day passes, Britten and Taylor become more aware of the extreme need of the Honduran people. One day the women learned of an older widow in the church needing home improvement. The

two visited the home and, sure enough, the small one-room hut let rain pour through the damaged roof and door, making mud of the dirt floor. The widow, Olga, shared a tattered couch—her only piece of furniture—with her 21-year-old special needs son. Britten and Taylor are now working with LHBH to minister the love of Christ to Olga and her son by meeting their physical needs.

"Stephanie and Nadine are a true blessing to all they come into contact with," says Danette Hardman, assistant professor of business, and the ladies' liaison for the Rochester Church of Christ Missions Committee. "I hear first-hand how they are learning, growing, and building relationships for Christ in Honduras. They are adjusting well and are facing the challenges of missionary life with graceful and committed hearts."

To contribute to the ministry, send tax-deductible donations to their sponsoring congregation: Rochester Church of Christ, 250 W. Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI, 48307. To contact Britten and Taylor or receive their mission updates, write to taylornbritteninhonduras@hotmail.com or check the alumni page at www.rc.edu/alumni. •

Email alumni@rc.edu with any story subjects or updates

Britten with some local friends



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AMANDA JOHNS

ALUMNI NEWS

FALL 2005

1965

Darlene Schlatter has performed as a professional opera singer for several years, including roles with the San Carlo Opera Company and the Chasco Opera Company, affiliates of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. She also has appeared with the Central Florida Symphony. Currently she performs in a variety of opera concerts, coaches private students, and is secretary of both the local symphony and the Marion Chamber Music Society. She lives at 3405 NE 10th Street, Ocala, FL 34470.

1973

Sandra (Young) Dowdy recently moved to 3899 East Sundance Avenue, Gilbert, AZ 85297. She is teaching for the Chandler Unified School District. She has two children, Kimberly and Ryan.

1990

Wendy (Barnett) Denny was recently promoted to senior administrative assistant to the director of NICU at St. Vincent Women's Hospital. Her husband, Jeff Denny (91) is an FM specialist for IKON Office Solutions. The couple has two children, Alex and Meghan. The family lives at 206 Bent Stream Lane, Brownsburg, IN 46112. They can be contacted at ladybugd@netzero.net.

1991

Matt and **Karla (Thomas) Brent** can now be contacted at PO Box 28, Marion, OH 43302.

Michele (Torrey) Godmere recently accepted a biology and chemistry teaching position with Copper Country Christian School. She also has had three articles published in medical journals for her work with zinc and a cancer clinical drug trial. Her husband, Shane Godmere (91, 99), was recently promoted to a level two senior engineer position with Michigan Technological University. The couple has a son, Sean, who has been a therapy baby at five nursing homes and assisted living centers over the past year. The family lives at 58203 Second, Calumet, MI 49913.

1995

Gianfranco and **Olivia (Burtch) Cucco** welcomed Anna-Maria Louisa on June 17. Gian is self-employed in computer services. The family lives at 215 South Helen, Rochester, MI 48307.

1997

Crysta Hicks recently graduated from the Arizona School of Massage Therapy and returned to Michigan to work as a massage therapist. She can be contacted at 3209 Gwen Court, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Christopher and **Christina (Bigham) Moore** are living at 208 East 3rd Avenue #2, Caney, KS 67333. They were married in 1999.

1998

Chris and Tannon (Ashlock) Davis recently returned to Michigan and now live at 472 Kensington Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. Chris is self-employed as a consultant for financial firms, and Tannon is a homemaker. They have a son, Graden. Both teach in the Harding University M.B.A. program, and Chris is teaching in the College of Extended Learning for Rochester College.

Abigail Marie joined Jimmy in the home of **James and Susan (Smith) Hampton** on July 14. James is employed by Production Threaded Parts and Susan by Independent Bank. The family lives at 4245 Mill Street, North Branch, MI 48461.

1999

Manuel and Leslie (Jeffery, '01) Florescu welcomed Isabella Niculina on June 22. Manuel is the operations manager for Fuji Dietec Corporation, and Leslie is an administrative assistant for Sterling Computer Consultants. The family lives at 35751 Dunston Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48310.

Bob and Charissa (Volz, '00) Kofahl welcomed Mackenna Joy on March 26. Bob and Charissa relocated back in Michigan last February and are now living at 6508 Crestview Drive, Holly, MI 48442. Bob is a marketing product manager for Federal Mogul, and Charissa is a homemaker.

2000

Shannon (Perne) Simons recently accepted a role as division analyst for Speedway SuperAmerica LLC. Her husband, **Bill Simons**, is a mental health therapist for Hegira Programs, Inc. The family lives at 5728 Summit Street, Sylvania, OH 43560.

2001

Jason and Kim (Burgess) Biskner welcomed Emily Marie on April 6, 2005. Jason is employed by Oakland Christian School. The family lives at 3097 Elstead, Auburn Hills, MI 48326.

2002

Chuck and Kylie (Coleman) Lock welcomed Gloria Kate on September 6, 2005. Chuck is employed by the city of Auburn Hills (MI), and Kylie works part-time for the Rochester Chamber of Commerce.

2003

Ted Chudzik earned an executive M.B.A. from Michigan State University in May, and in August was promoted to vice president of sales and marketing for Quasar Industries. Ted can be contacted at 44775 Morang Drive, Sterling Heights, MI 48314.

UPCOMING

The 2005 Alumnus of the Year Award was awarded to Lucian Edward Work ('65). Work worked for Burroughs and taught at a community college in Kansas before embarking on an Air Force career. He spent time in Greece, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates before spending nine years at the Pentagon. He currently works for the CACI Corporation.

Work is active with the Falls Church of Christ in Virginia where he lives, and is on the Board of Trustees with Rainbow Christian Services. He and his wife, Joan, are great supporters of Rochester College and are members of the Heritage Society.

Look for more on this alumnus in the Spring 2006 issue of the North Star!

A SPIRITUAL SCHOLAR IN THE MAKING

One student's journey to Christ

David Aiex Rotberg, a sophomore elementary education major from Curitiba, Brazil, is a living testimony of God's love. Abandoned at two weeks old, Americans Leila and Victor Rotberg adopted David when he was eight months old. Devastatingly, his parents divorced when he was eight. This event unraveled Rotberg's existence and he acted out.



In his teens, Rotberg fell into the wrong crowd. He says he was more of a follower than a leader. The group enjoyed partying and doing drugs. Not strong enough to stand apart, he did the same.

During his senior year in a Massachusetts boarding school, severe depression overcame Rotberg. His existence spiraled further out of control. He began mixing prescription medicine with marijuana and alcohol. He remembers faking sickness to get more medication. His life became a haze.

"I would wake up high and remain high until dawn," Rotberg said.

The lifestyle Rotberg chose, despite its craziness, went undetected by family and friends. Rotberg's disrespect and wild behavior ultimately landed him in jail. In 2002, a department store employee caught Rotberg stealing. Shrouding his theft in secrecy, a friend posted the \$250 bail. Rotberg's mother remained unaware of his crime, but sensed something amiss. She sent him back to boarding school in Massachusetts, where he graduated Cum Laude in 2002.

While attending the University of Massachusetts Amherst in fall 2003, he

made a court appearance for his probation. He failed the drug test administered to him. The judge sentenced him to 120 days in the Oakland County jail. In this unique environment, David Rotberg found God.

Stripped of his expensive clothes, privacy and pride, Rotberg slowly acclimated to his new surroundings. All the inmates slept in a big gymnasium. There was only one open toilet. Because there were so many prisoners, they could shower only every three days.

After serving the first month of his sentence, the judge reduced his time to 99 days because of good behavior. Settling into the road that lay before him, he worked in the community twice a week. Additionally, he received regular visits from local church ministries, which influenced Rotberg in a positive way. Throughout this period, he says he received a clear understanding of the word of God and gained a new respect for God's people.

Gradually and deliberately, Rotberg says he fell in love with Christ. His transformation, performed by God and accepted by Rotberg, evidenced itself in his life. During a visit from a church member, Rotberg experienced a touch from God. He describes it as a greater high than any drug he had experienced.

"I was blazoned in the Holy Spirit. I was crying tears of joy, and it felt like rocks were being lifted off my shoulders," Rotberg said.

Rotberg's life changed. He witnessed to other prisoners. He began listening to Christian radio during his free time. One day after praying for direction, he heard a Rochester College commercial on the radio. He knew it was the place he wanted to be. While still in jail, Rotberg applied to the College.

Soon after sending in his application, Rotberg was released after serving a total of three months and one week. He began attending Rochester College in fall 2004 after meeting with former admissions advisor Todd Greer.

"David is an example of what Christ does for us. Something has awakened in him and he's extremely outgoing to those not involved, overlooked or appreciated. I think that's because he feels he came from the same place," said Greer.

Rotberg has become a leader in IMAGE, led student groups on a missions trips and he belongs to Epsilon Theta Chi social club. •

STUDENTS AID IN RELIEF EFFORT AT BATON ROUGE

The images of devastation flashed on the television screens of every American. The sorrow from New Orleans reached across the television wires and engulfed David Rotberg. He knew he couldn't just sit by and do nothing. He talked with his social club sponsor, Alan Waites, chief executive officer at Rochester College, and the next day wheels were in motion for a trip to Baton Rouge, La.

Through an application process and psychological screening, 33 students signed up for a trip like no other. Though Hurricane Rita threatened to sweep through, the team left for Louisiana at 5:00 a.m. on September 22 for a 20-hour bus ride. Funding the trip primarily themselves, the students took with them supplies and monetary donations.

Upon arrival at the Baton Rouge River Center, which housed some 2,000 evacuees, a scene of disorganization, crowded conditions and general desolation met their eyes. With the help of the American Red Cross, a member of the South Baton Rouge Church of Christ, Francisco Piero, spearheaded this relief effort. The students spent three days sorting clothes, playing with children and ministering to people's souls.

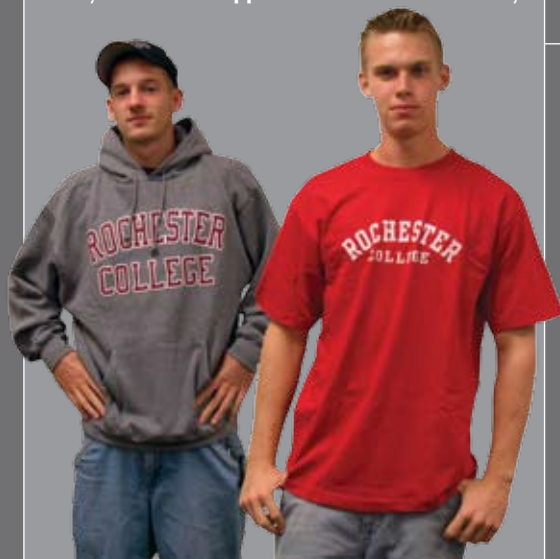
"I feel we went down there and God used every facet of every single person on that trip," comments Rotberg. "We did what we went down there to do. Our mission was accomplished—glorifying the kingdom of God."



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IN MEMORIAM

Coach Shinsky
Mentor. Friend. Coach.



"Coach Shinsky was truly Mr. MCC. The love and devotion he showed to the college will never be duplicated. The school was his life and he honored her in all he said and did."

Betty Dunlap ('67)

"The best memory of Coach Shinsky is his smile and sincerity. Coach was genuinely concerned about your education and your life exemplifying that of a Christian."

Tracy Stoughton ('85)

"Coach Shinsky was a mentor to me. He was compassionate. I miss his infectious smile and most of all, his friendship."

Cathy Ries ('73)

To donate to the Coach Bill Shinsky Recreational Gym, contact Don Robinson in the RC Advancement Office at 248.218.2021 or drobison@rc.edu

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Thanks for your support of our athletic teams. Your encouragement and involvement are critical to our teams' success.

SPORTS NEWS

AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2005

The Lady Warriors, in the home-stretch of their season, are on track to hit many of their pre-season goals. The team has completed what they perceived as the hard part of their schedule and is looking to make a strong run to finish up the season. One aspiration was to improve last year's 7-25 record and attempt to finish at .500 or better. The team is working hard to finish up the season with a 17-14 record. They will be playing at the Grace Bible tournament and finishing up at home against Siena Heights University on Friday October 21. The national tournament this year will be hosted by Taylor-Fort Wayne University in Fort Wayne, Ind. The tournament will be October 27-29.

The Rochester College men's soccer team has had its ups and downs this season. They showed promise early on with a great 4-3 win against Indiana Wesleyan who gave them a 3-1 defeat the previous year, but injuries and a

difficult schedule have contributed to a below .500 season. The new players have worked well with the veterans and the team expects to have a nucleus of skilled forwards and defenders returning for the '06 season.

The Rochester College women's soccer team has been steadily improving over the season. They have played extremely well over the last two weeks with wins over Alma College for the first time and Davenport University. They also played well at Huntington College, scoring two goals in the first 5 minutes of the game. In the past week, Goshen College proved to be a heart breaker. After losing to Goshen the previous year 4-0, Rochester came from behind to tie the '05 game 1-1 before losing 2-1 in the last 15 seconds. The Rochester women have four games left and are excited about the fact that for the first time in their short four year history they are ranked higher than the men's team at 6th in the USCAA poll.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Oct 21	At Lambton Trn. (Mohawk Coll)	6:00 PM	Dec 10	At Central Michigan Univ.	2:00 PM
Oct 22	At Lambton Tournament	TBA	Dec 17	At Grace Bible College	7:00 PM
Oct 23	At Lambton Tournament	TBA	Dec 19	At Northwood University	7:30 PM
Nov 10	Spring Arbor University	7:30 PM	Jan 18	At Marygrove College	7:00 PM
Nov 12	St Clair College	1:00 PM	Jan 21	Algoma University	1:00 PM
Nov 15	At Saginaw Valley State	8:00 PM	Jan 23	At Lambton College	7:00 PM
Nov 18	At University of Detroit	7:30 PM	Jan 25	Andrews University	7:30 PM
Nov 21	At Algoma University	6:00 PM	Jan 28	Madonna University	3:00 PM
Nov 22	At Lake Superior State Univ.	7:00 PM	Feb 1	At Northwood University	7:30 PM
Nov 26	At Cleveland State Univ.	5:30 PM	Feb 6	At St Clair College	7:30 PM
Nov 28	Davenport University	7:30 PM	Feb 9	At Andrews University	7:00 PM
Nov 30	Siena Heights University	7:30 PM	Feb 11	Lambton College	1:00 PM
Dec 5	At Spring Arbor University	7:00 PM	Feb 13	At Davenport University	7:00 PM
Dec 7	At Madonna University	7:30 PM	Feb 15	Marygrove College	7:30 PM

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Date	Opponent	Time	Date	Opponent	Time
Nov 1	At Madonna University	7:00 PM	Jan 14	At Albion College	3:00 PM
Nov 9	At Concordia University	7:00 PM	Jan 18	At Marygrove College	7:00 PM
Nov 12	At Taylor Ft. Wayne University	1:00 PM	Jan 25	Calvin College	7:00 PM
Nov 15	Grace College	7:00 PM	Jan 28	Taylor Ft. Wayne	1:00 PM
Nov 18	At Grace Bible Tourn.	TBA	Jan 31	At St. Clair College	8:00 PM
Nov 19	At Grace Bible Tourn.	TBA	Feb 2	At Andrews University	7:00 PM
Nov 22	St Clair College	7:00 PM	Feb 4	At Hope College	3:00 PM
Nov 25	At Olivet College Classic	TBA	Feb 7	At Grace Bible College	7:00 PM
Nov 26	At Olivet College Classic	TBA	Feb 11	Robert Morris College	1:00 PM
Dec 5	At Northwood University	7:00 PM	Feb 15	Adrian College	7:00 PM
Dec 8	UM Dearborn University	7:00 PM	Feb 17	At UM Dearborn	7:00 PM
Dec 10	At Davenport University	7:00 PM	Feb 22	Marygrove College	7:00 PM
Jan 10	Grace Bible College	7:00 PM	Feb 27	Andrews University	7:00 PM



ROCHESTER FALL FESTIVAL RECAP

The campus awoke to a chill in the air and the buzz of excitement on the morning of October 1st. The long-awaited day had arrived—the Rochester Fall Festival was here. Vendors unpacked their wares, canopies unfolded from their resting places and the Associates piled their pies and cakes high.

But many of the sights that day met an unfamiliar eye. Large constructions such as the Quad-Bungee Jump, NASCAR Slide, Triple Play and Skytrail lured 2,000 people of all ages. The Family Stage held performances by Kensington School of the Arts, magician Tom Plunkard and the Rochester College Concert Band—all new additions to the Festival of olden days. The Gospel Songfest, held throughout the afternoon, gave a diversity of worshippers the opportunity to join together and praise God.

Though many of the events and attractions for the return of the Festival were new, old traditions remained. The noon hour brought with it the crowning of the Associates Queen. Previous queen, Sharon Whitlatch, crowned Norma Morris of the Brighton Church of Christ the 2005-2006 queen.

Additionally, several graduates of the College were honored with the Alumni Awards. Jennifer Kirby, director of alumni relations, introduced the ceremony. Criteria for nominations were based on a strong spiritual walk with Christ, achievement that brings honor to the College in a professional area and continued support of the College. David (KP) Kirkpatrick ('72), nominated

by Luke Fleeer, admissions advisor, accepted the Outstanding Alumnus in Education Award. The Outstanding Alumnus Award in Community Service went to Sergeant First Class Maurice Sims ('02). Sheryl Thomas ('92) received the Outstanding Alumna Award for Christian Service. Lastly, the Alumnus of the Year Award went to Lucian Edward Work ('65).

Festival-goers spent the rest of the afternoon visiting the dunk tank, sponsored by social club Epsilon Theta Chi. College employees Alan Waites, Candace Cain and Kelvin Brown are just some of those that hit the water as students and fellow employees alike hit the tank's bull's-eye. Those not interested in seeking revenge sought items to purchase. Over 100 vendors set up booths across campus, selling a variety of items. The daylong event wrapped up with the President's Circle of Honor.

The Rochester Fall Festival sought to connect with the community and re-connect with each other. The day's conclusion celebrated those who already connect with and support the College. The College's prayer is that this successful day will carry through the rest of the year, allowing many opportunities for connection.

"I have heard nothing but praise from people about the Festival. The committee should be very proud of the work they did to make this such a success," commented Westerfield about the day, which drew a crowd of young families, college students and senior members of the community alike. ●

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