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from the
president's desk

The best is yet to come! Professor Walter Jackson Bate quotes a dejected Egyptian scribe who lived more than 2,000 years before Christ. The scribe commented on the limitations of language and wrote that there were no fresh, new ways of expressing oneself. In his view, “men of old” had created all the words and phrases that were possible for human language—and had exhausted their use. Therefore, he opined, all human expression had grown stale. Language was bankrupt.

As Dr. Bate points out, this pessimistic requiem was sung over civilization before any of what we now take to be the world’s great works of literature had been composed. Torah, Plato, Gospels, Shakespeare—all were yet to come. Perhaps the gloomy scribe was premature with his sour judgment.

Maybe every pessimist lives under the delusion of the Golden-Age Syndrome. Ever hear anyone wish for “the good old days” and “things as they used to be”? I am skeptical of them. I am inclined to think they have selective memories.

Scripture says: “Do not say, ‘Why were the former days better than these?’ For it is not from wisdom that you ask this” (Eccl. 7:10). It is “not from wisdom” to live in the past, for the call of God is always forward.

For every good memory "North Star" readers have of Rochester College, there are still multiple opportunities for today’s students to make new memories—and those yet to come. Fifty-one years of good things taken together constitute the platform on which decades more of better things can be built.

Those of us who work, study, and teach here are grateful to be part of the future God is creating for Rochester College. Enjoy the articles in this issue about enrollment growth, the School of Nursing, athletics, chorus, and other things that are making us feel positive about what lies ahead. Then pray, send students, and provide financial support to help turn dreams into reality. The best is yet to come!

Rubel Shelly
President, Rochester College

ON THE COVER:

On a crisp and colorful autumn day, Rochester College students Taycee Friar, Johnny Barretto, Claire Poppleton, and Robert Ekrem walk the pathway that borders Lake Norcentra. Whether coming or going, the students are anything but stagnant. They move forward, knowing the best is yet to come.

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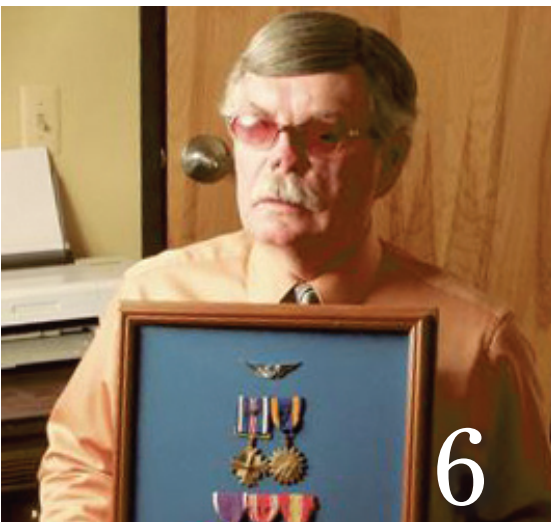
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Beautiful fall at Rochester College

Our campus never looks better than it does in the fall, when the woodlands explode in a blaze of reds, oranges, and golds. Why not pay us a visit and marvel at God's great work? For up-to-the-minute news and events, be sure to follow us online at [facebook.com/RochesterCollege](https://www.facebook.com/RochesterCollege) or [twitter.com/RCWarriors](https://www.twitter.com/RCWarriors).

moving forward event news

RECAP PARTNERSHIP DINNER FEATURES MEDVED



Nationally syndicated talk show host Michael Medved spoke at the annual Partnership Dinner on March 13, 2010. Proceeds from the dinner, which was held at the beautiful Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester, provided funding for student scholarships. Medved, a veteran film critic and popular author, encouraged participants to limit their use of media to gain time for more positive endeavors.

RECAP ELEVATE ATTRACTS REGIONAL TEENS



Centered on the theme "Riddle Me This," Elevate featured lessons on "Simple Questions for a Complex God." Dion Frasier, Peter Reed, and Gary Spear presented challenging messages for the teen summer camp program, which was held in late June. Chris Shields and Salient led worship. "We had excellent speakers and worship times that evoked an intimate connection with God," Director Steve Corp said. "Small group discussions allowed students to unpack their thoughts and emotions." Con-

certs, service projects, and the traditional crud wars rounded out the week's activities.

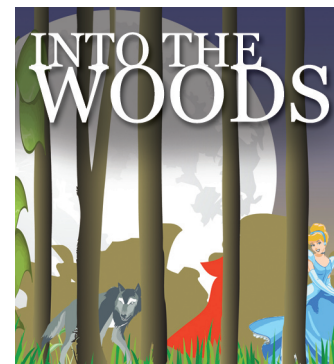
RECAP ASSOCIATES HOST INTERNATIONAL TEA



The International Tea, an intercontinental heritage celebration coordinated by the Associates of Rochester College, took place on campus in October. The tea honored creativity within cultures from around the world. Guests learned about traditional costumes, enjoyed international cuisine, and viewed musical performances of song and dance. "We hope the community and college will grow from this experience and develop a greater appreciation of our diverse heritage," said Lynne Stewart, president of the Associates. Proceeds from the tea are being used to provide student scholarships.

NOVEMBER 4-6, 12-14, 2010 FALL MUSICAL

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The theatre department will present "Into the Woods" on two consecutive weekends in November. The cockeyed

characters of this fractured fairy tale, written by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim, end up teaching important lessons about parent-child relationships and community responsibility. Due to limited seating, reservations are recommended. To reserve tickets, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or theatre@rc.edu.

DECEMBER 3, 2010
CHORUS CONCERT

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The Rochester College A Cappella Chorus and Rochester Community Chorus will join talents for a December presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria." To reserve tickets, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or music@rc.edu

DECEMBER 7, 2010
BAND CONCERT

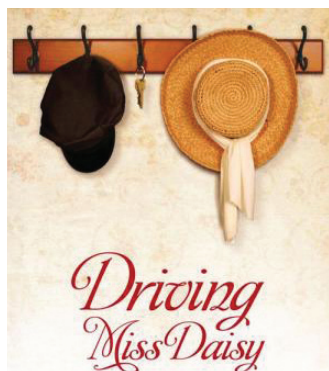
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The Concert Band will present its annual Christmas concert in December. To reserve tickets, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or music@rc.edu

FEBRUARY 17-20, 2011
WINTER PLAY

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Portraying the relationship between a sharp-tongued widow and the chauffeur chosen by her son, the theatre department will present Alfred Uhry's "Driving Miss Daisy" in February. To reserve tickets, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or theatre@rc.edu.

MARCH 24-26, 2011
CELEBRATION

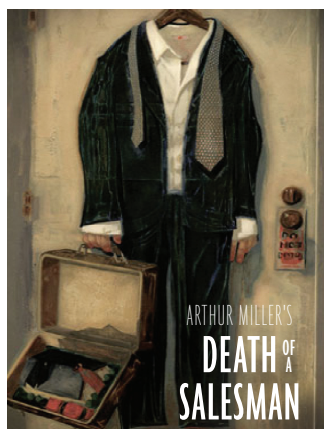
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"Must See TV" will serve as the theme for Celebration 2011 in March. The annual extravaganza of song and dance will be presented four times, including a Saturday matinee. Due to limited seating and ticket demand, reservations are recommended.

APRIL 14-17, 2011
SPRING PLAY

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Arthur Miller's award-winning play "Death of a Salesman" will be presented by the theatre department in April. Revolving around the last days of a salesman who cannot understand why he failed to achieve the American Dream, the main character eventually discovers his quest kept him blind to those who truly loved him. To reserve tickets, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or theatre@rc.edu.

MAY 1, 2011
PARTNERSHIP DINNER

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Don Meyer, head coach of the men's basketball team at Northern State University in South Dakota, will present

the keynote address at the 40th annual Partnership Dinner. Meyer previously served as head coach at Lipscomb University, where he mentored Rochester College's Garth Pleasant, who is retiring as RC's head basketball coach this year. Pleasant will also be honored at Partnership Dinner. Tickets are \$125 and sponsorships are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Cathy Ries at 248.218.2021 or cries@rc.edu.

MAY 16-18, 2011
SPRING SEMINAR

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Rochester College's Resource Center for Missional Leadership will host "Streaming: Biblical Conversations for the



Missional Frontier" in May. Focused on the book of James, the seminar will offer ministers and church leaders biblical resources to help them lead God's people in a missional era. Featured speakers include Scot McKnight, Miroslav Volf, David Fleeer, and Josh Graves.

To be added to a fine arts e-mail list for regular notification of theatre and music events, contact Julayne Hughes at 248.218.2149 or jhughes1@rc.edu.

DOCUMENTARY TO FEATURE PROFESSOR



Dr. John Todd, a Vietnam veteran and professor of political science at Rochester College, will be featured in a new documentary being produced by Keith Famie of Visionalist Entertainment Productions. Famie, an Emmy-winning producer, released “Detroit: Our Greatest Generation” at Detroit’s Fox Theatre in 2009. He plans to release “Our Vietnam Generation” next January at the Fox.

After interviewing Todd and filming one of his classes for the documentary, Famie invited Todd to speak at an August fund-raising event at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester. Recalling the events surrounding the helicopter crash that left him legally blind and partially deaf, Todd affirmed in his speech, “I was fortunate. I was lucky. I was blessed.” Todd served as a spokesman

on Vietnam for the Nixon White House after recovering from his war injuries. He joined the Rochester College faculty in 1979. In 1985, he met President Ronald Reagan at the White House while serving as Michigan director of the Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program.

PARTNERSHIP STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION

Ron Packard, founder and CEO of K12, Inc., visited campus on Aug. 31 to discuss with employees and students a proposed partnership between University Education and Rochester College. University Education is a subsidiary of K12.

“I believe the realization of this partnership would be a quantum leap for the college,” said Dr. Rubel Shelly, president of the college. “It would open the door for Rochester College to expand its online course offerings, upgrade the campus, and apply for permission to create new undergraduate and graduate programs.”

For the past two years, the board and administration of Rochester College have considered a variety of options to enable growth of the institution and to secure the college’s future. For information about the K12 proposal, visit www.rc.edu/pages/Q&A.

STUDENT GROUPS PROVIDE REAL HOPE



Desiring to promote acts of service, college officials recently announced the establishment of Real Hope ministry. The new program, funded by a group of interested donors, will provide grants to student groups with creative proposals for assisting those in need.

“I am very excited about the opportunity for those in our college community to do good for those in the greater community around us,” said Adam Hill, campus minister. “Sometimes the best way to embody the message of Jesus and his kingdom is to simply go about doing good.”

Those receiving grants through Real Hope will be guided by the principles of generosity, assistance, and anonymity. More information about the program can be accessed at www.rc.edu/realhope.

PRINCETON SCHOLAR ASSISTS DEPARTMENT

Renowned Old Testament scholar J.J.M. Roberts, a retired Princeton University professor, joined the adjunct

faculty of Rochester College in the fall. Roberts has authored commentaries on the prophets and served on the editorial boards of such publications as the “Journal of Biblical Literature” and “Restoration Quarterly.” He also served on the translation committee of the New Revised Standard Version.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Roberts teaching on our campus,” noted Dr. Keith Huey, chairman of the Bible department. “He brings great distinction, a wealth of experience, and challenging scholarship. This is a wonderful privilege for our students.”

Dr. Craig Bowman, professor of Old Testament at Rochester College, studied under Roberts at Princeton. After hearing of Bowman’s need to take a medical leave for this academic year, Roberts offered to travel from his hometown in Grand Haven, Mich., to teach in Bowman’s place.

EDUCATION PROGRAM WELCOMES DIRECTOR

Bringing 39 years of experience as a teacher, coach, and administrator, Dr. Mel Blohm began responsibilities as director of the teacher education program in July. Blohm worked for Rochester Community Schools the past

34 years, and has served as an adjunct instructor at Rochester College for five of those years.

“Christian higher education had a very positive influence on my life,” Blohm commented. “The Christian atmosphere and dedication of a Christian faculty had a tremendous impact on who I am and how I developed as a teacher and administrator. I consider the ministry of Christian education a way of serving.”



HONORS PROGRAM SLATED FOR 2011

Bringing together the institution’s most academically gifted students, Rochester College will introduce an Honors Program next fall. Participants will benefit from travel and research opportunities, special honors courses, and a unique sense of comradery.

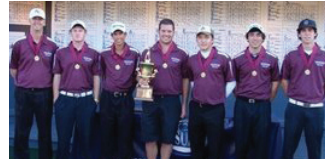
“Rochester College has always had a lot to offer gifted

students, but the Honors Program will allow us to connect these students with each other in new and exciting ways,” said Dr. Anne Nichols, director of the program. “Can you imagine being in a classroom of 20 highly motivated students with such instructors as our college president?”

The Honors Program has been designed for compatibility with all of Rochester College’s degree programs. Since participation is highly valued by employers and graduate schools, all honors courses will be designated

on student transcripts. For more information about the program, visit www.rc.edu/honors.

GOLF TEAM CAPTURES 2ND NATIONAL TITLE



Capturing its second consecutive national title, the men’s golf team won the USCAA National Golf Tournament in State College, Pa., on Oct. 12. The

tournament was played on the Penn State University course, home of a previous Big Ten Conference Tournament.

“This may have been the first time since I have been a coach that I was actually a little nervous,” said Coach Clayton Bissett. “I was not satisfied until I saw all the scores on the scoreboard at the very end.”

The team won the tournament by 12 strokes. Junior Gary Turner finished in second place and earned All American honors. Mike Iannucci was named to the Academic All American Team.

worth repeating

On my visits to Rochester College to see my granddaughter, Randee Rowell, I have always been impressed with the quaint and beautiful campus. However, more than that, the student body is made up of friendly, caring young people. They are kind and giving, and take care of each other. I am always sad to leave Randee but I leave knowing she is part of another family who will love and care for her. Her growth as a young Christian woman has been such a blessing to our family. Thank you for providing an atmosphere that has inspired her love of learning and has encouraged her love of God, family, and life.”

—Facebook comment from Patsy Lawrence of Sparta, Wis.

“I want to say thank you to the professors at Rochester College. I am grateful for my excellent education. I know it has directly impacted my ability to write clearly and perform my job well.”

—Christa (Musselman) Melton, a 2001 graduate who recently coauthored a successful grant proposal for the Genesee County Head Start

“My husband is coming to the main campus tomorrow to start in the CEL program, so in the near future we will have two Rochester College graduates. I loved RC so much my husband, after 10 years of work in district court, is finally going back to college.”

—Alaina (Dahl) Smith, a 2007 graduate of the degree completion program for working adults

Crittenton Foundation approves major gift for School of Nursing



Rochester Chamber of Commerce representative David Walker, Crittenton Hospital President and CEO Lynn Orfgen, Rochester College President Rubel Shelly, Rochester College School of Nursing Director Jaime Sinutko, Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett, and Rochester Chamber of Commerce representative John Gaber enthusiastically cut a ceremonial ribbon for the official opening of the Rochester College School of Nursing on June 29.

Demonstrating its commitment to the new School of Nursing at Rochester College, the Crittenton Foundation approved a \$500,000 gift to the institution on Sept. 7. Earlier in April 2008, the foundation had awarded \$250,000 to assist with program startup expenses.

“The initial \$250,000 gift was designed to fund one year of program development, but ended up covering the first two years,” said Dr. Rubel Shelly, president of the college. “The additional gift provides the funding we need to move our young program through the steps required for program approval and specialized accreditation.”

In August, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education approved the college’s application for accreditation. The commission is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as an autonomous accrediting agency designed to ensure the quality and integrity of baccalaureate degrees in nursing.

“Our next step is to prepare a self study and host a site visit,” said Dr. Brian Stogner, vice president of health sciences. “This process will align well with the state approval process for the traditional BSN degree.”

“In addition to providing ongoing consultation and startup financing for the nursing program, Crittenton has developed an affiliation agreement with the college that will allow nursing students to complete clinical components of their program at the hospital,” Stogner continued. “Crittenton has been named by Hospitals and Health

Networks Magazine as one of the Top 100 Most Wired Hospitals for the past five years, so students will learn in an environment recognized for technical excellence.”

Jaime Sinutko, director of the School of Nursing said, “Our program will be innovative yet intimate. Crittenton is researching and applying relationship-based care theory in their hospital, so it is fitting we partner with them to highlight the same nursing strategy.”

College officials began discussing the potential for a School of Nursing in the mid-2000s. The decision to add a nursing

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program seemed prudent based upon needs in the health care industry. Administrators also identified the nursing degree as a natural extension of the college's mission.

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College officials first met with Lynn Orfgen, president and CEO of Crittenton Hospital Medical Center, in 2007. After consulting with Kathleen VanWagoner, Crittenton's chief nursing officer, Rochester faculty began development of a curriculum and administrators opened conversations with the state coordinator of nursing.

Last April, Stogner announced the appointment of Sinutko and Sharon Heskitt, associate professor of nursing. Sinutko has served as an emergency room nurse for 10 years and brings additional experience as a project manager for the Oakland University School of Nursing. Heskitt has taught at the college level for 18 years. Susan Griffin also joined the Rochester College family the previous December as program coordinator.

Students began coursework in a new RN to BSN degree completion program in May. The new option is designed for those already holding credentials as a registered nurse. The program is offered entirely online except for a practicum in which students are paired with mentors in their chosen specialties.

"We chose to begin with the RN to BSN program because it could be developed more quickly," Stogner explained. "The program also allows us to position ourselves as a presence in the field of nursing education."

On June 29, the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce hosted a campus ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially launch the Rochester College School of Nursing. The chamber cited the college and Crittenton Hospital for their joint efforts in establishing the college's newest academic program.

"It's really exciting to see a great community partnership, especially when the partnership is between two pillars in the community," said Bryan Barnett, mayor of Rochester Hills. "The synergy will benefit our residents."

Fall enrollment sets several new records

Number of students exceeds 2005 record!

Rochester College recently broke several enrollment records as students registered for the fall semester. Enrollment passed the 1,000 mark for the first time in four years, breaking the 2005 record of 1,059 students. Once students finished registering for the Center of Extended Learning's second session in October, the overall enrollment reached 1,078.

"The students who have come to us in record numbers this year reflect confidence about what is happening on this campus," said Dr. Rubel Shelly, president. "We are pleased to continue building on our heritage of offering high-quality academics in a Christian setting."

Traditional enrollment reached 600 students, compared to the previous 2001 record of 574. That number included 246 new students, surpassing the previous record set in the fall of 2000. A record number of 20 graduate students also registered for classes in the missional leadership program.

"The main things we emphasized to our prospects were our Christian niche, our size, and our commitment to community," said Klint Pleasant, vice president for institutional advancement. "We believe these are real advantages, and our incoming students seem to be excited about what they are experiencing here."

Following an aggressive radio and billboard marketing campaign, the Center for Extended Learning experienced a 19 percent increase in enrollment over the previous year. Rochester College degree completion programs are offered on the campus and at Macomb Community College, Mott Community College, and Specs Howard School of Media Arts.

"More and more adults are experiencing uncertainty in their work life and are finding it necessary to further their education," Associate Dean Debi Hoggatt said. "CEL is experiencing a significant increase in in-

quiries, resulting in our largest number of new students in seven years."

A new cohort of 15 students joined the traditional student body in an early college program for honor students from the Pontiac School District. Launched last spring, the program allows students from the district to earn an associate degree at Rochester College while completing high school requirements in the Pontiac system.

"This program is specifically designed for students from an urban environment who are deemed as having high academic potential," said Dr. John Barton, vice president for academic affairs. "The Pontiac School System pays for the credits, but students must be able to show they can perform on a college level. Those who complete the program achieve a strong platform for future success."

Beginning this fall, Rochester College also offered teachers from the Rochester Community Schools an opportunity to earn credit for professional development coursework. Teachers may earn credit based on the number of contact hours in intensive teacher lab instruction. Courses focus on best practices in areas of math, reading, art, music, physical education, and media.

"Twenty teachers have opted for the credit opportunity this semester," said Dr. Mel Blohm, director of teacher education. "Our participation in this program serves as evidence that Rochester College supports best research practices in the area of teacher growth and continuing education."

Admissions and Center for Extended Learning personnel have already initiated aggressive campaigns to continue the pattern of growth. For more information about enrollment in the traditional program, contact admissions@rc.edu. Working adults interested in completing a degree in the evening may contact cel@rc.edu.



Chorus participates in California conference

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ost college students spend the first weeks of summer seeking temporary employment to earn funds for the fall semester.

Members of the Rochester College A Cappella Chorus, however, began their summer break with a 16-day tour across the United States.

Last academic year, Pepperdine University invited the chorus to participate in Ascending Voice II, an international conference of a cappella music. Pepperdine offered to assist with travel costs and to provide housing and meals for the chorus if they would be willing to travel to California for the event.

“I knew it would be the trip of a lifetime for many of the students,” said Dr. Joe

Bentley, director of the chorus. “Additionally, I felt it would be a great opportunity to present ourselves at a specialized conference where our efforts would be highly valued.”

En route to California, the chorus stopped in Tennessee to participate in a reunion held by students from the 1960s.

The chorus combined talents with more than 100 reunion participants to record a selection of favorite hymns. They also performed for churches in Oklahoma and New Mexico.

A visit to the Grand Canyon provided an opportunity for the chorus to gather at the edge of the magnificent natural won-

der and sing “The Creation.” While in California, the group spent a partial day at the Santa Monica Pier.

“Some of the students pooled their money and purchased a large quantity of McDonald’s hamburgers to distribute to the homeless in Santa Monica,” noted Bentley. “Many stopped to offer a burger and to pray with the people.”

At the conference in Malibu, the chorus joined collegiate groups from Abilene Christian University, Harding University, Occidental College, Pepperdine University, and University of California Santa Barbara for Ascending Voice II. The four-day conference drew an estimated 500 composers, directors, chorus members, professors, and other individuals who love a cappella music. The conference also featured the internationally acclaimed Boys and Girls Choir of Harlem Alumni Ensemble, and Chanticleer, a Grammy award-winning male ensemble.

“Prior to our arrival, we were asked to present a 30-40 minute concert of works from our normal repertoire,” Bentley said. “One of the works we sang was written by American composer and arranger Alice

Parker, who was in attendance at our concert. We ended up reprising the concert later the same day to accommodate attendees who were in other sessions.”

Parker commented, “I was honored to hear the Rochester College A Cappella Chorus sing my ‘Wren Songs.’ The chorus gave a notable presentation of my demanding composition in its fine program.”

“Later, I had the opportunity to work with the choir separately in preparing some hymns for another musical performance,” Parker continued. “I found the young people to be musical, well-prepared, and enthusiastic about their music-making.”

On the last evening of the conference, the chorus sang with the Festival Choir, conducted by Robert Page, another well-known American choral conductor. Before the Festival Choir performed, the Rochester College group presented two of its own pieces and functioned as a demonstration choir for all participants. The chorus helped Alice Parker teach the audience four hymns selected from entries in a conference hymn-writing contest.

“The chorus was quite taken by the entire event,” Bentley observed. “They were

able to rub elbows with some important professionals, and discovered they compare favorably with similar collegiate groups.”

On its return trip to Michigan, the chorus drove through the beautiful rock formations of southeastern Utah and the dramatic snow-capped mountains of Colorado. They performed for churches in Nevada and Colorado, and at a Kansas school where a recent Rochester College music education graduate now teaches.

“We will be hard-pressed to plan a tour that tops this one,” Bentley said. “It was a great trip!”



Conference photos courtesy of Pepperdine University

Facing Page: Renowned composer Alice Parker utilizes the Rochester College chorus to teach the conference participants new hymns. Above: Alice Parker revels in the conference’s beautiful a cappella music. Right: Members of the chorus stand in amazement at the edge of the Grand Canyon. Right Inset: Crimson and white stoles identify members of the Rochester College chorus during the final concert directed by Robert Page.

Warriors build upon banner year

College cited for its top-performing athletic program



Athletics photos courtesy of Great Lakes Action Photography

Both men's and women's athletic teams achieved milestones during the 2009-10 academic year, helping Rochester College earn second-place standing for the Director's Cup of the United States Collegiate Athletic Association. The Director's Cup honors the top-performing athletic programs in the national organization of small colleges.

"The award reflects the exceptional quality of athletes and coaches throughout our program," said Klint Pleasant, athletic director. "We compete against 82 other USCAA institutions across the country, so this award is significant."

During the academic year, the athletic department also applied for membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics and hosted an April site visit for representatives from the NAIA. The college should receive a response to the membership application in November.

"Transitioning to the NAIA would be a huge victory for Rochester College, but we will remain a member of the USCAA as well," noted Pleasant. "The USCAA hosts first class national tournaments and provides great options for our athletes and coaches in addition to NAIA affiliation."

Continuing a tradition of athletic excellence at Rochester College, teams competed in a variety of sports during the 2009-10 academic year. Season highlights demonstrate some of those successes.

GOLF

Rochester College captured its first national title in golf at the USCAA national tournament in State College, Pa. The men's team won the tournament by 24 strokes on the Penn State University course, home of the last Big Ten Conference tournament. Alex Humphreys and Cory Heier were named All American. Clayton Bissett coached both men's and women's teams.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Earning a bid to the USCAA national tournament, the Lady Warriors seized second

place in the annual competition. Earlier in the year, the college formed a junior varsity team in women's basketball to accommodate the number of talented players. Coach Joel Schroeder led the varsity to a 19-15 season. Jacquelyn Steinacker, Emily McRoberts, and Kirstin Drogosch each earned Academic All American honors.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ending their year with a 21-9 season record, the Warriors finished fourth in Division 1 competition at the USCAA national tournament. By the end of the season, Coach Garth Pleasant achieved his 695th career win. Adrian Schaffer was named 1st Team All American at the tournament, and Stephan Henning received Honorable Mention.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Coach David Crump led the Lady Warriors to a 34-17 season and second place ranking in the USCAA. Megan Towe and Katie Wiegand were named 1st Team All American at the national tournament. Alicia Ratza and Traci Taylor earned Academic All American honors.

MEN'S SOCCER

Ranked 10th in the USCAA, the men's soccer team lost in the second round of its national tournament. Peter Nelson was named to the 1st team. Chris Gerhardt and John Winland were named Honorable Mention. Ben Nelson and Chris Gerhardt earned Academic All American Honors. Coach Rick Guittierez led the team to a 10-6-3 season.

MEN'S BASEBALL

Coach Jordan Ackerman formed a junior varsity team to accommodate a record number of 48 baseball players. The varsity ranked 10th in the USCAA and ended its season with a 16-32 record. Ryan Chipka earned Academic All American honors. Aaron Distelrath and Luke Smith were named Honorable Mention.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Emily McRoberts earned Academic All American honors in softball. Coached by Justin Lewis, the team ranked 14th in the USCAA and finished the season with a 13-17 record.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lady Warriors ended their season with a 4-11-1 record and a 15th place ranking in the USCAA. Pat Hilton and Todd Shank coached the team. Autumn Warman earned Academic All American honors.



To track current season progress of the various athletic teams, visit www.rochestercollegewarriors.com.

Long-time treasurer of Associates retires

Completing a remarkable 28 years as treasurer of the Rochester College Associates, Catherine Sadurski retired from her role on July 31, 2010. She began serving as assistant treasurer in 1976 and became treasurer in 1982.

“Except for those who work in a bank, Catherine has had more money go through her hands than most individuals,” said Lynne Stewart, current president of the Associates. “She has worked tirelessly, and we owe her a debt of gratitude we can never repay!”

Prior to Sadurski’s appointment as treasurer, the Associates raised \$1.5 million for the college. During her tenure, Sadurski processed an additional \$3.1 million on behalf of the college’s premier fund-raising organization.

“Because of her excellent record-keeping skills, Catherine was able to give figures on any fund-raising activity at a moment’s notice,” noted Stewart. “Thanks to her husband Ed, who built and assembled shelving that was the envy of every organized person, her basement became an archive on the business activity of the Associates.”

“I have enjoyed being part of the many



Associates President Margaret Hadfield and Treasurer Catherine Sadurski present President Milton Fletcher with the organization’s second-millionth dollar in 1987. The group has raised approximately \$4.6 million since 1959.

events that have raised \$4 million,” Sadurski commented. “My favorite part of being treasurer, however, was representing the efforts of this wonderful group of women by sending a check to the college each month.”

Sadurski joined the Associates in 1965, just six years after the group’s founding. In addition to her duties as assistant treasurer and treasurer, she has served in a number of roles, including president, parliamentarian, and chair of the spring festival, mobile kitchen, and fall festival committees.

“I became a member of the Associates because I wanted a college in our area that would provide churches with better elders, ministers, and teachers,” Sadurski said.

“While achieving that mission, it has been a wonderful experience to know and work with so many beautiful Christian women.”

Typical of the thorough nature of her work, Sadurski timed her resignation so she could close records for the 2009-10 fiscal year. She wanted to have everything ready for the auditor and in perfect order for her successor, Ginny May.

“There are not enough words to express our appreciation for this gracious lady,” said Mary Utley, a founding member and past president of the Associates. “We never could have done without her meticulous work. We are thankful for all she has done to make the Associates successful.”

Memorial Gifts

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September 9, 2010

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Joanne Benedict

Jerry & Virginia Ebeling

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Nadeline Owen

Jerry & Virginia Ebeling

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Martha Bouman

Art & Marge Pope

Bob Rupert

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Sandi Witzeling

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Ron Loshier

Cathy Ries

Marteen Weaver

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Bill Luchsinger

Mary Motsinger

Martha Bouman

Tennie Richardson

Martha Bouman

Archivist releases book on Michigan church history

Culminating nearly a quarter century of data collection and research, Dr. Vernon Boyd, a long-time friend of Rochester College, recently released a book on the history of Churches of Christ in Michigan. Titled “A History of the Stone-Campbell Churches in Michigan,” the 381-page book includes a compact disc containing brief histories of more than 250 congregations in the state.

“I began to write the book after retirement,” said Boyd, who started collecting information about Michigan church history in the mid 1980s. “I have always had a love for history, and because I was preaching in Michigan I was curious to explore the background of the church in this state.”

Boyd began preaching in 1955 while enrolled in graduate school. After preaching 12 years in the Chicago area, he moved to Michigan in 1971 to begin work with the Strathmoor Church of Christ in Detroit. Strathmoor merged with the Southfield congregation in 1985 to become the Oakland Church of Christ, where Boyd preached until his retirement in 2001.

“When Jesse Clayton was director of development at Michigan Christian College, he told me about some material from the Plum Street Church of Christ that had been donated to the college,” Boyd recalled. “From that point on, my interest was aroused and I began actively collecting information and artifacts.”

In 1991, Boyd presented a silver communion pitcher to the college as the beginning of a broader collection of items relating to the history of Michigan Churches of Christ. Originally presented to the Cameron Avenue Church of Christ in 1905, the pitcher likely was used with two chalices. Most churches followed that practice until influenza and tuberculosis epidemics caused them to begin using individual cups.

“The college was the logical repository for the historical collection,” Boyd explained. “President Milton Fletcher promised it would be well cared for in the library.” The Ham Library now stores the collection and rotates items through a showcase in the center of the main reading room.

As he began writing his book, Boyd gathered information from affiliated Christian colleges, the Disciples of Christ Historical Society library, and a variety of other sources.

He pored through bound volumes of journals produced by members of the Restoration Movement.

“Whenever there was an article or report about a Michigan connection, I made a copy and filed it away,” Boyd said. “A key to the writing was a voluminous set of records from the Plum Street and Hamilton Avenue churches. They kept meticulous notes, not only from their own congregations, but from other Detroit area churches and statewide works as well.”

“I most enjoyed researching and writing about the influence of Churches of Christ in the founding of Ford Motor Company,” Boyd continued. “One of the most significant items in the collection is a portrait of John S. Grey, the first president of Ford Motor Company and an elder of the Plum Street Church of Christ.”

Boyd’s book is available for \$26 plus \$3.99 for shipping and handling. Orders can be mailed to Vernon Boyd, 2733 0 Arborway Road, Unit 33, Southfield, MI 48033. Items can be donated to the collection by contacting Boyd at vernon.boyd@comcast.net.



Archivist Vernon Boyd presents a silver communion pitcher to President Ken Johnson in 1991 as the first artifact in a collection of historical items relating to the history of Churches of Christ in Michigan.



Alumni from the 1960s and members of the current A Cappella Chorus combine voices under the leadership of former director Paul Downey.

1960s alumni gather to renew friendships

"I'm still basking in the Tennessee reunion," said Fred Alexander, the college's first chorus director, after a successful spring alumni event. "The reunion was a fantastic experience for me. Those former students are among my special life-long friends. To relive the good times from one's past is therapeutic and uplifting, and my days at MCC were more than worth reliving."

Alexander joined more than 100 former students and employees from the 1960s who gathered at Montgomery Bell State Park near Nashville May 6-9 for the event. Participants traveled from 17 states to renew friendships and enjoy a time of fellowship and reminiscing.

"It had been a dream of mine to express appreciation to those who worked hard to establish the college," said Ron Loshier, a 1962 graduate and chairman of the reunion committee. "At the 50-year chorus reunion, Fred Alexander expressed his wish that we could have spent more days together. That was the direction I had been seeking."

Within one month of the 2009 chorus reunion, Loshier began exchanging ideas with Sue (Gentry) Wasson ('62) and Nancy (Strbenac) Schroeder ('64). Loshier then contacted Alexander and former director Paul Downey to assess interest in planning another reunion. Both were excited about the possibility of hosting an event.

"We were encouraged by the interest and excitement, so we expanded our committee to two advisors and seven alumni," Loshier noted. Additional committee members included Mike Cook ('66), Joan (Treptau) Johnson ('65), Karen (Bennett) Kennamer

('65), and Leecia (Bruce) Penrod ('61).

Once formal planning began, the committee decided to host the reunion in the Nashville area since many alumni from the 1960s live in that region or have relatives in the area. Those who had participated in earlier choral reunions with Downey at Montgomery Bell State Park recommended the park as an ideal location for the event.

"It was also decided our reunion should include all alumni from the designated years and not just former chorus members," Schroeder explained. "MCC experiences were shared by chorus and non-chorus members. As it was then, we wanted the fellowship to be as broad as possible."

In the months that followed, the reunion committee spent many hours contacting alumni and former employees by phone and by e-mail. As a result, an enthusiastic group of participants gathered at the state park for the event. In addition to Alexander and Downey, special guests from the 1960s employee group included Mary Ellen Adams, Gene and Mary Alice Cowie, Don and Judy McKenzie, Joy Mingle, Joanne Shinsky, and Bob and Susan Waggoner.

In addition to planning several sessions for reminiscing, the committee made ar-





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arrangements to record a selection of favorite hymns. Reunion participants rehearsed the hymns prior to the arrival of the current Rochester College A Cappella Chorus, which visited the reunion at the beginning of its spring tour.

“Working under the direction of Paul and Fessor [Professor Alexander] was such a blessing,” Kenamer said. “I could close my eyes and see everyone as we were back in 1963-65. The years slipped away and I was once more in the company of two young professors and their teenage disciples. Paul and Fessor always had a way of bringing out the spiritual meaning of each song and once again we were able to enjoy their insights.”

The current chorus arrived on Saturday afternoon and joined reunion participants at the Walnut Street Church of Christ in Dickson for the recording session. The two groups, separated by four decades of college history, blended their voices and spirits in a moving testimony to the institution’s strong choral tradition.

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Bentley said, “Students from the previous year understood the value of the reunion, but the new ones were skeptical at first. When they saw how important this event was to the alumni, they were pretty astonished. They had no idea a simple hymn could stir such an emotional response from anyone. They were blown away by the response of the alumni.”

Following the reunion, planners began receiving e-mails about the event and comments began appearing regularly on Facebook. Many asked about a future reunion, to which Wasson replied, “It may be in another geographic location or at a different time of the year, but it’s definitely being discussed.”

Carroll (Palmer) Duvall ('63) described the reunion as “three wonderful days with a bunch of kids that just happen to be in their 50s and 60s.” Phillis (Crawford) Dickey ('63) responded, “What a fantastic few days. Time has a way of standing still when we get together.”

“My husband, who was not a student at Rochester, was moved to tears as he talked about the reunion on the last evening,” said Kenamer. “He said he finally could understand why I always referred to my time at Michigan Christian College as some of the best years of my life.”

Soon after the chorus departed for the



Top Left: Jon Hackett ('66) shares thoughts during Sunday worship at the state park's historic church building. Top Right: Reunion participants record classic hymns. Bottom Right: Fred Alexander visits with Sandra (Woodroof) Milholland ('63).

remainder of its tour, Cami Heater, a senior from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, wrote on her Facebook wall, “We had a great day with people who were the original members of our chorus. I could not be more proud to be a member of the Rochester College A Cappella Chorus. It’s only day three of tour and I’ve already cried multiple times. These people are truly an important part of my life forever.” The tradition continues!

Free copies of the audio and video recordings made during the reunion are available by contacting Ron Loshier at 248.229.0732 or rrlloser@comcast.net.

1973

DAVID PENN was recently appointed assistant principal of Robert Frost Middle School. After returning to Rochester College to complete a bachelor's degree in 1994, David earned two master's degrees and a doctorate in education. He lives in Country Club Hills, Ill. He can be contacted at kennedy123@aol.com.

1979

KIM (HART) ALLEN is scheduled to speak on two topics at the November annual conference of the National Association for Gifted Children. Kim serves as director of gifted services for the Athens Meigs Educational Service Center. Her husband, **STEVE ALLEN**, is employed by the Ohio University Office of Information Technology. Steve and Kim live in Coolville, Ohio, and have two sons, Glendon and Grayson. Kim can be contacted at kim.allen@athensmeigs.com.

TOM GOSSER was recently promoted to sergeant first class in the Tennessee National Guard. Tom works as a voucher examiner for the guard and lives in Centerville, Tenn. Tom can be reached at tom.gosser@us.army.mil.

1982

JOHN AND LE'ANN (OSTROWSKI) HARVEY celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 2009. John provided volunteer electrical services for the 2009 campus store restoration of Gallaher Center. John and Le'Ann live in Lapeer, Mich. Le'Ann can be contacted at heart4sales@hotmail.com.

DAVID ROGERS recently joined Bank of America after retiring from Wells Fargo. He is the senior vice president of a division that handles information technology strategy and systems architecture governance. David's wife, Saule, is interning with the Veterans Administration in Hawaii as she completes a doctorate in psychology. David lives in Charlotte, N.C., and can be contacted at dashro@bellsouth.net.

1986

SCOTT AND JEANIE (FAZEKAS-'94) KING recently moved to a farm in Lapeer, Mich. The Kings have three children, Brandon, Ryan, and Mariah. Jeanie can be contacted at jeanetteking@sbcglobal.net.

1991

DAWN (DICKEY) MANNON recently completed her master's degree in nursing with a focus in pediatrics. She will be certified as a nurse practitioner. Dawn lives in Phoenix, Ariz., and can be reached at dawn1170@cox.net.

1998

EDWIN CAHILL and his wife, Martha, welcomed Pablo Christopher Baiza Cahill on Dec. 22, 2009. Edwin currently serves as assistant director in the international student services office of Pepperdine University. The Cahills live in Camarillo, Calif. Edwin can be contacted at edwin.cahill@pepperdine.edu.

Aspen Jane joined Willow Nicole on Aug. 6, 2009, in the home of **PHIL AND VANESSA (MOSELY-'99) CLAYBROOKE**. Phil completed a bachelor's degree in nursing during the same month. The family resides in Midland, Texas. Vanessa can be reached at vclay2@suddenlink.net. ▶

To submit alumni news, see rc.edu/alumni or send information to Larry Stewart at 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.



Picture this!

Audiences delighted in last November's musical presentation of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Alumnus Don Shepherd ('67) played Jacob alongside James Busam, who starred in the production as Joseph. The theatre department will present this fall's musical, "Into the Woods," Nov. 4-6 and 12-14.

American Legion honors former student for volunteer service

Matthew Stroup, a 2004 graduate of Rochester College, received national recognition last fall as the American Legion honored him with its annual Spirit of Service Award. The 2.5 million member organization cited Stroup for his extensive volunteer services.

Sharing the stage with Admiral Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and General David Petraeus, at that time commander of the United States Central Command, American Legion Commander David Rehbein presented the award. Stroup was honored along with representatives from all military branches at the Legion's 91st National Convention.

"Our nation is fortunate to have such dedicated service personnel as Matt Stroup who represent the very finest our nation has to offer," stated Rehbein during the ceremony. "For both his military service and his community service, Stroup is a credit to his uniform and to his country."

Stroup entered the Navy in 2006. Serving initially as an assistant public affairs

officer, he organized a number of service projects. His leadership resulted in more than 2,700 hours of community service and the awarding of six Presidential Volunteer Service Awards for himself and those volunteers serving with him.

"Service has become the cornerstone of my career in the Navy," said Stroup. "I have only started to learn the life lessons that servant leadership provides. I have learned from leaders and mentors who taught through their actions."

Over the past few years, Stroup has led a variety of service projects and has served as a volunteer in a number of organizations, including schools, veterans groups, food drives, and homeless shelters. He names volunteer work with children and

veterans among the most rewarding of those efforts.

While completing training at the Naval Aviation Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Fla., Stroup assisted the local VFW with site preparations for memorials honoring those who served in the nation's wars. "It was a great chance to interact with heroes of the past who were willing to put their ambitions aside for the country and learn about the great things they had done," Stroup recalled.

On Veterans Day in November 2009, Stroup and his wife, Jenny Lynne, welcomed their first child, Brayden Matthew. Stroup commented, "As a new father, it is important for me to be a good example of service to Brayden so he can learn a way of life for when he grows up."

Reflecting upon his years as a student at Rochester College, Stroup said, "The college's emphasis on servant leadership provided me real life examples of students who were involved on campus and in the local community. It took me a few years after college before I realized the opportunities I missed by not being more involved, but their example has been part of my success in the Navy."

"The people at Rochester College were selfless enough to invest not only in your academic pursuits but in your personal and spiritual well-being as well," Stroup continued. He named employees like Jeff Cohu, Jennifer Hamilton, David Greer, and Terrill Hall as individuals who had a particular influence on his life.

Stroup was commissioned as an ensign on May 28, 2010. In August, he reported to the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, the USS George H.W. Bush, as a public affairs officer. He can be contacted at matthewa.stroup@gmail.com.



Admiral Michael Mullen, General David Petraeus, and David Rehbein join Matthew Stroup for the award presentation at the American Legion's 91st National Convention.

Cast members gather with survivors and their family members at the Holocaust Memorial of Miami Beach.



Former student pens play about Holocaust survivors

When asked to develop a Holocaust Education Week project for high school students in Virginia, Kelly (Galloway) Brock never imagined she would write a full-length dramatic production. Brock, a 2005 graduate and adjunct instructor at Rochester College, eventually penned "Who Returned My Soul," the moving story of 10 Holocaust survivors.

In 2007, Avi Mizrachi, executive director of the Holocaust Memorial in Miami Beach, Fla., and Katharine Gorsuch of Waynesboro, Va., asked Brock about ideas for an upcoming program in Waynesboro. Earlier, Rochester College instructor Frank Pitts had met Gorsuch during a tour of Israel and invited her to attend the college's production of "Number the Stars," another Holocaust play which Brock directed. Gorsuch and Mizrachi both attended and were so impressed they eventually contacted Brock for advice.

"They did not have enough time to put on a traditional play, so I suggested they do monologues with students playing the survivors," Brock explained. "They loved the idea and a few months later flew me to Miami to interview 10 survivors. Over a period of five months, I wove the stories of all 10 survivors into a historical narrative to be produced in a reader's theatre format."

Since its debut in Waynesboro, "Who Returned My Soul" has been produced on campus and in several locations in

Virginia. It has been translated into Polish and performed for the Polish Senate. Currently, the play is being translated into Hebrew and into French for an upcoming Holocaust event in Paris.

In December 2009, Brock and other actors from Rochester College traveled to Miami to produce "Who Returned My Soul" for the actual survivors and their families. "There was a sense of urgency for us to do this since two of the men whose stories are told had died since the play's inception," said Brock.

"The widow of one of the survivors told us it was the first time she had heard his voice since he had passed nearly two years earlier," Brock continued. "That was the best compliment I could have received. It made me cry!"

In an interview with the "Miami Herald," Mizrachi said, "Though the play was designed to teach students about the Holocaust, it now carries an ever greater significance. In the twilight of their days, the survivors can be assured their story will continue to be told."

1999

JENNIFER DOVER married Dennis Hennen on June 5, 2005. Jennifer is employed as a sales planner at NCC Media and Dennis works as a computer programmer for 28studios.com. Dennis and Jennifer live in Southfield, Mich. Jennifer can be reached at jennifer6510@gmail.com.

2000

Alyssa Grace joined Zachary and Samantha in the home of Jeremy and **RACHEL (MOUCH) KEISER** on Feb. 20, 2010. The family lives in Gaylord, Mich. Rachel can be contacted at rachelmouch@hotmail.com.

2001

ELLIOT JONES completed his master's degree in integrated marketing communication at Eastern Michigan University in June 2010. One month later, he won first place in an interactive marketing contest sponsored by Microsoft for the Direct Marketing Educational Foundation. Elliot serves in the communication services department at Rochester College. Elliot, his wife **SHANNON (HILLMAN-'99)** Jones, and their two boys live in Sterling Heights, Mich. Elliot can be contacted at ejones@rc.edu.

JENNIFER KIRBY married Troy Armstrong on June 19, 2010. Troy and Jennifer are living in Rochester, Mich. Jennifer can be contacted at jenarmstrong5@hotmail.com.

CHRISTA (MUSSELMAN) MELTON coauthored an expansion grant proposal for the Genesee County Head Start during the summer of 2009. The proposal was one of only a few to receive funding and will more than double the number of Genesee County children and moms who will receive preschool and parent education. Christa received a promotion as associate program specialist and now serves as assistant director of the agency. Christa lives in Gaines, Mich., and can be contacted at ccmussel@hotmail.com.

LUKE AND AMANDA (BROWNLEE-'03) ROWE have relocated to Los Angeles, where Luke has accepted a position with the U.S. Secret Service. Finn joined Jack in their home on May 2, 2010. Luke can be reached at lucasrowe@windstream.net.

2002

AARON AND MIRANDA (JONES-01) COX welcomed Isaac William on October 10, 2010. Aaron is a project analyst for Whirlpool Corporation, and Miranda is a senior buyer for Whirlpool. The family lives in St. Joseph, Michigan. Aaron can be contacted at ajcox9@hotmail.com. ▶

Contacts needed for alumni job network



Rochester College recently introduced the Alumni Job Network, an initiative designed to connect graduates with alumni who either hire employees or can provide leads for job opportunities with their employers.

“Especially in today’s job market, we felt the network could develop into a valuable resource for recent graduates,” said Larry Stewart, director of alumni relations. “In order to make the network effective, however, we now need alumni to volunteer as network contact persons.”

Alumni volunteering to serve as contact persons simply provide basic information that can be forwarded to interested graduates. The data includes the contact person’s name, class year, city and state of residence (so graduates can decide if they would be willing to relocate), field of employment (business, education, social work, etc.), and e-mail address.

“We maintain contact information in a separate database to protect the privacy of the contact persons,” Stewart said. “We send the contact listing only after confirming alumni status of the person requesting the list. Only alumni can be listed as contact persons in the network and individuals can have their name removed from the listing at any time.”

The concept of a job network began developing after Mark Nelson, a former student from 1998, placed two Rochester College graduates through his firm and requested additional prospects. Similarly, Amy Stewart, a 2007 education graduate, notified the college of her high school’s de-

sire to hire more Rochester College teachers.

About the same time, Luke Fleeer, a 2005 graduate of Rochester College and employee in the Oakland University Alumni Office, contacted the college. In his e-mail, Fleeer wrote, “At a conference I attended, a presenter discussed to a referral program they sponsor as ‘Trojans hiring Trojans.’ They have a nice link on their alumni web page. I personally think ‘Warriors hiring Warriors’ has a better ring.”

From that point forward, the concept of the Alumni Job Network fell into place. The alumni office selected a name for the program, prepared descriptions and procedures, and placed information on the career services and alumni pages of the college web site.

“For this program to succeed, we need alumni to volunteer as contact persons,” Stewart emphasized once again. “Any former student who either hires employees or is willing to provide leads for job opportunities can be listed. The network is a wonderful opportunity for members of the Rochester College family to assist one another.”

To indicate your willingness to be listed as a job resource person in the Alumni Job Network, please e-mail Larry Stewart at lstewart@rc.edu.

2004

Hope Bethany joined Grace and Faith in the home of **MATT AND APRIL (TANKERSLEY-’01) ADAIR** on May 22, 2010. The Adairs live in Auburn Hills, Mich. Matt can be contacted at mattadair@yahoo.com.

JARED CRAMER has written and published a new book, “Safeguarded by Glory: Michael Ramsey’s Ecclesiology and the Struggles of Contemporary Anglicanism.” Jared and his wife, Bethany, recently moved to Grand Haven, Mich. Jared can be reached at jared.cramer@gmail.com.

KARA (NULTY) TIPTON served as public relations officer for an Aug. 28, 2010, bicycle ride across Michigan sponsored by Active Water. Several riders made the 200-mile trek from South Haven to Detroit in one day to raise awareness of a water crisis in Zambia, Africa. **AMY (NAPIER-’06) BOLEY** served as campaign director for the event. Kara lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Amy in Portage, Mich. Kara can be contacted at karamichelle@gmail.com.

2005

Alexander Jude and Genevieve Ruth joined Geraldine in the home of Rick and **MICHELLE (CORBIN) WITT** on April 4, 2010. The twins arrived five weeks early, but were released from the hospital 11 days later without complications. The family resides in Highland, Mich. Michelle can be reached at jmichellewitt@comcast.net.

2006

KELLY TANCEUSZ graduated from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine on May 29, 2010. She will be completing her residency at Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center over the next three years. Kelly lives in Sterling Heights, Mich., and can be contacted at ktanceusz@osteo.wvsom.edu

2007

CASSANDRA BROWN operates her own freelance writing business and began working for a New York City literary agency last fall. In April, she took second place in a short story competition sponsored by the Mid-Michigan National Society of Arts and Letters. Cassandra lives in Emmett, Mich. She can be reached at camarshallwrites@gmail.com.

2008

Mike and **MELISSA (SEARS) REED** welcomed Michael Thomas on March 14, 2010. The family lives in Concord, N.C. Melissa can be contacted at msears522@yahoo.com.

2009

JAMES HENSON and his wife, Nobleza, welcomed Noah and Israel on Feb. 19, 2010. The family lives in Pontiac, Mich. James can be contacted at jamhe345@aol.com.

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Meyer previously served as head coach at Lipscomb University, where he mentored Rochester College's Garth Pleasant, who is retiring as RC's head basketball coach this year. Pleasant will be honored at Partnership Dinner for 38 successful seasons, more than 700 career wins, and four national championships.

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