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Additional majors serve record student body

Responding enthusiastically to the availability of new academic opportunities, a record number of students recently completed another semester at Rochester College. By the close of the fall term, those students, who represent a total of nineteen states and eleven nations, learned of even more academic majors to be added by the fall of 1999.

As the fall semester opened, the college introduced new majors in English and music. "While we designed the new majors primarily for education students planning to certify, the programs ended up providing attractive options for students seeking employment in a variety of careers other than teaching," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost of the college.

Students enrolled in the new English major may select tracks in either literature or professional writing. Options available to music majors include tracks in music education, music ministry, and vocal performance. Among the current student body, 14% of those with de-



Students enjoy beautiful fall weather as the college opens its fortieth year.

clared majors list either English or music as their choice for an academic program.

"To support the new majors, we had to employ additional faculty members," stated Dr. Westerfield. "We were blessed with seasoned instructors who brought strong academic credentials and valuable teaching experience, complementing the faculty we already had in these departments."

In November, the faculty approved additional majors in history and interdisciplinary studies for introduction next fall. "Again, these majors will be designed for teacher certification, but will be applicable to many other students as well," noted Dr. Westerfield.

"The interdisciplinary studies major will provide students with a great deal of flexibility in planning their academic programs," Dr. Westerfield continued. "Each student in this major will select two tracks. At this point, we anticipate offering tracks in communication, general science, history, literature, mathematics, music, professional writing, and religion."

New Academic Majors

Fall 1998

English and Music

Fall 1999

History and Interdisciplinary Studies

see inside for a complete degree listing

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Put Yourself in the Picture !



Soccer fans watched the Warriors post a win in their opening game with Lawrence Technological University. As the season continued, Rochester College hosted national tournaments in soccer, volleyball, and cross country, and captured the national championship in volleyball! Call the Enrollment Services Office for tryout information.

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Jump Start, a week-long program designed to welcome new students to the campus of Rochester College, provided opportunities for students to interact as they became acquainted with the campus and college life. Informational sessions, social and athletic activities, small group discussions, and devotionals filled the day from early in the morning until late at night. Returning students hosted the program.



Residence halls connected to computer network

College personnel recently completed installation of a new local area network in the residence halls. As a result of this project, students now have quicker access to the campus computer network and the residence halls have been prepared for future installation of a broadband network.

"While students previously had access to the campus network from their individual rooms through use of a modem, the new system allows them to connect their personal computers directly to the campus system," stated Shane Godmere, director of information technology. "This connec-

tion provides them with direct access to the Internet, e-mail, web directories, and individual file space at a much higher rate of speed."

"I like being able to use the network without tying up the phone line," stated Melissa Bruce, a junior accounting major. "It is especially nice to be able to use the Internet for class assignments without having to find an open time to get into the computer lab."

"The process of pulling cable in the residence halls for the computer network also gave us an opportunity to install cable for a broadband network," Mr. Godmere stated. "By adding headend equipment at a later date, we will be able to broadcast campus programs, lectures, and sporting events anywhere on the campus."

Major improvements in technological support surfaced as an institutional priority last academic year as college officials outlined summer plans. "While other renovation and construction projects may be more visible, enhancement of our technical capabilities will have a greater impact on campus learning," stated Mark Davis, vice president for academic development.

"As we move into the next century, we want to become known for our use of advanced computer technology," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Consequently, a major portion of our next strategic plan will address this important issue. Even now we are outlining plans for further upgrades in our campus network."



Network access supplements Melissa Bruce's resources.



Ask me about Rochester!

"Rochester College has found a dear place in my heart. Over the course of the last four years, I have learned so much about my mind, my heart, and my God. The college has taught me many lessons. God has truly smiled on me through the blessings I have experienced through this institution."

Moses Velasco, Senior
Scarborough, Ontario

Moses Velasco, a graduate of the high school program at Great Lakes Christian College in Beamsville, Ontario, is a psychology major at Rochester College. He eventually hopes to certify at a teachers college in Canada and teach school at the elementary level.

While completing his work at Rochester College, Moses has been an active member of the college community. He has performed with Autumn, the A Cappella Chorus, and Spectrum. He hosted Celebration in Song during his freshman year, and has since played roles in the annual fall play. While enrolled as a student, he has worked in the college's preschool, the Enrollment Services Office, and the Academic Services Office. The student body selected Moses as Mr. Rochester College during the past academic year, and honored him as Homecoming King last fall.

Volleyball team captures national championship

Entering the national finals of the NSCAA with a 21-8 season record, the women's volleyball team of Rochester College captured their first national championship in November. Home crowds shared the excitement of the occasion since the tournament took place in Rochester Hills.

"I had been working hard and waiting for this for four years," stated Shari Stilson, a senior early childhood education major and captain of the team. "We had a very supportive crowd at the final game, which really made a difference. It felt great!"

"Coach Wheeler put together a good team this year," Shari continued. "We were very close to each other and worked well together." At the end of the tournament, Shari was named All-American for the third consecutive year.

As the tournament opened, the Warriors played teams from Virginia, New York, and Kansas in a Round Robin format. After defeating Southern Virginia College in the championship elimination bracket, Rochester College faced Kansas Wesleyan College, the defending national champion.

"They were big and they dug everything up," stated Barry Wheeler, coach of the Rochester College team. "They beat us in the first game, but we found their weak spot and mounted a strong attack. Our serving was tremendous, we improved defensively, and went on to win the next three games and the national championship."

Just prior to the nationals, the Warriors achieved their biggest pre-tournament win by defeating the University of Michigan-Dearborn, who held a 28-8 record before the match. Other notable victories in-

cluded games against first-time opponents Olivet College and Spring Arbor College.

In addition to teams participating in the volleyball tournament, cross country and soccer teams from across the nation also converged on the campus of Rochester College for their respective tournaments. Teams from Rochester College competed in all three events.

"We have hosted tournaments for the NSCAA in four out of the last six years," stated Coach Wheeler. "Teams like coming here because of the abundance of accommodations in the area and the availability of professional sports."

High School Day

featuring
Celebration in Song

March 19-20



great singing

inspirational messages

entertainment

campus tours

Celebrate Adventure



Victorious Lady Warriors pose for a team shot after winning their first national championship in women's volleyball.

A Growing List of Academic Opportunities at Rochester College

Bachelor of Science

Behavioral Science
Counseling
Early Childhood Education
Social Work
English
Literature
Professional Writing
History (fall 99)
Interdisciplinary Studies (fall 99)
Communication
General Science
History
Literature
Mathematics
Music
Professional Writing
Religion
Music
Music Education
Music Ministry
Vocal Performance
Psychology

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting*
Computer Systems Management*
Management
Marketing

Bachelor of Religious Education

Biblical Studies
Christian Ministry
Preaching
Youth & Family Ministry

Cooperative Programs

Elementary Education
Secondary Education
Technical Fields

Associate Degrees

Adaptable to Numerous Majors

Indented fields are tracks. Accounting and computer systems management are offered in cooperation with Baker College.



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Celebration High School Day	March 19-20, 1999
Company Auditions	April 17, 1999
Autumn and Spectrum Auditions	April 23-24, 1999
Home School Science Camp	June 14-18, 1999
Summer Jam	June 20-25, 1999
Cedar Point Sunshine Rally	June 28, 1999
Warrior Soccer Camp	July 11-16, 1999
Warrior Cross Country Camp	July 18-23, 1999
Jump Start	August 15-20, 1999
Fall Semester Classes Begin	August 23, 1999

**For information on any of these special events, phone
the Enrollment Services Office toll-free at 1.800.521.6010.**

Job placement rate exceeds national average

Exceeding national averages by the close of summer, Rochester College posted a 100% placement rate for the class of 1998. Over the past six years, the college has maintained a 96% average for placement of bachelor's degree recipients within six months of graduation, compared to a national rate of 89%.

"Career placement is a major issue for most prospective students," stated Debi Rutledge, dean of enrollment services. "Students want to know that their education will someday

translate into a successful career, and our track record for placement is outstanding."

"We are situated in an ideal location for job placement," stated Dr. Ben Noah, director of career guidance and assessment. "We are surrounded by major businesses, corporate headquarters, and even Fortune 500 companies. It is not unusual for one of our students to obtain an internship with one of these places and then be hired upon graduation."

While 15% of the class of 1998 decided to pursue full-time graduate studies upon completion of their degrees at Rochester College, the remainder opted for immediate employment. Graduates accepted positions with such prestigious firms as EDS, General Motors, Life of Virginia, and ExecuTrain.

"Normally, our business majors who attend the Michigan Collegiate Job Fair leave the program with at least five interviews," stated Dr. Noah. "In addition, we receive far more inquiries for job placement from businesses, churches, schools, and agencies than we can even begin to fill. Employers like our graduates and continue to return to us for more."



Students are within minutes of major corporations.