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## Rapid enrollment growth propels academic facility planning

College officials recently initiated architectural planning and fund raising for a new academic facility on the campus of Rochester College. The board approved the bold step to address a critical need for classroom space.

"Record enrollments are straining our capacity," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "This is happening in spite of the fact that we have more evening and off-site classes than ever before in our history."

Since 1991, the enrollment of Rochester College has risen from 257 to over 600, with the most notable increases occurring since the college name change in 1997. Currently, response to both the traditional and extended learning programs indicates that enrollment likely will pass the 700 mark in the fall.

"By moving full-speed ahead on this project, we will relieve our classroom pressures," stated Dr. Johnson. "At the same time, we will be able to serve our students with the type of quality academic facilities that are expected in this day and time."

Plans for the academic center

include two phases. The first includes one floor for the library and another for classrooms. The second includes classrooms, offices, practice rooms, and a performance room for the music department.

"Timing on the two phases will depend upon funding," stated Dr. Johnson. "The first phase is the most critical since it includes a number of large multipurpose classrooms and space for the library, which also has been overflowing for some time."

The building will be located to the south of the Associates Campus Center. It will extend from the west wing of Campus Center to the west end of the Westside-Central Auditorium. The campus master plan calls for a series of new facilities to be constructed the entire distance from the academic building to the new residence hall complex.

"We already are in contact with a number of potential donors," noted Dr. Johnson. "This project will require some major gifts at a level never experienced by the college, and will provide a number of naming opportunities. My



Initial architectural renderings of the academic facility reflect the style of the new residence hall complex.

major task in the twelve months ahead is to find funding for this important project."

The college has retained the services of TMP Associates, architects of the college master plan and new residence hall complex, to design the academic facility.

TMP is known in the Rochester community for its exemplary work on the public library.

"We are very excited as we plan for another very visible step of progress for Rochester College," stated Dr. Johnson. "While we continue to lay groundwork for

another major capital campaign and other needed facilities, this project will have a major impact on our ability to serve a growing number of students in the very near future. We pray that God will continue to bless our efforts as we move ahead."

## Estate planning board embraces \$12 million goal

Embracing a key goal in the college's new strategic plan, the Estate Planning Advisory Board recently accepted a challenge to take the lead in raising \$12 million in endowment for Rochester College. The board plans to accomplish their goal through estate planning efforts.

"Near the end of the advisory board's last meeting, Dean Oliver,

a former student and member of the group, asked for a sharper focus on how the board might provide the most help to the college," stated Doug Edwards, vice president for development. "As discussion ensued, the board became excited about building the endowment and decided to pursue the \$12 million goal."

Currently, seventeen individu-

als (listed on page eight) serve on the Estate Planning Advisory Board, including a number of financial planners, attorneys, and accountants. The board also is seeking additional members to assist with their efforts.

Across the nation, endowment funds provide financial stability for most academic institutions. While such funds have grown to a level of about \$1.2 million at Rochester College over the past few years, those funds must increase dramatically to provide financial strength for the college.

Endowment serves as a type of savings account for most institutions. At Rochester College, proceeds from endowment interest and investments are used to fund scholarships and special projects, to supplement the operating budget, and to further build the endowment fund.

"In particular, we have experienced a noticeable increase in the establishment of endowed scholarships," noted Mr. Edwards. "We now honor major donors to scholarship programs at an annual dinner where the donors meet the scholarship recipients."

"A strong endowment is criti-

cal to the future of Rochester College," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "As we look to the future, however, we realize that most of our endowment funding will come from estate gifts since most of our fund raising efforts must be directed toward the development of new programs and facilities."

Rochester College honors individuals and families that include the college in their estate plan with membership in the Heritage Club. Currently over 100 individuals and families have notified the college of their estate planning arrangements.

"According to fund raising experts, there are ten additional estate plans in existence for every one that an institution knows about," noted Mr. Edwards. "Consequently, we assume that there are a lot of other individuals and families around the country that have included Rochester College in their planning."

For assistance with estate planning or to notify the college of existing estate plans that include Rochester College, please contact the Development Office toll-free at 800.521.6010.

## Dedication

This issue of the *North Star* is lovingly dedicated to the three students of Rochester College that lost their lives in a tragic automobile accident on March 31.

**Jamie Stowe**  
Oakville, Ontario

**Adam Perry**  
Lincoln Park, Michigan

**Dan O'Donnell**  
Moses Lake, Washington

Five students were traveling to the Stowe home for a visit. The driver lost control of the vehicle after hitting a gravel shoulder on the highway. Jenny Stowe and Jeremy Cooke, of Columbus, Ohio, survived.

Friends and family met on the campus on April 3 for a moving tribute to the students. The students were remembered for their winning personalities and particularly for their faith.



Bob Carris, Dean Oliver, and Bob Perry visit with Dr. Ken Johnson.

## Record growth presents new opportunities for our friends



Dear Friends,

Twelve hundred friends of the college enjoyed a fantastic spring performance of *Celebration 2000*, an extravaganza of music and drama that featured over 100 Rochester College students. This annual tradition has developed a fine reputation for creative, uplifting, wholesome Christian entertainment, and is attracting a growing audience that enjoys and appreciates the many talents of our student body.

We dream of the day when we have a facility of our own that is adequate to accommodate large productions, rather than having to use a borrowed facility. There is so much more that the college could do with expanded performance facilities. We have addressed that in our strategic planning. However, other pressing needs must come first.

Signs indicate that this fall we will break two college records: the largest freshman class ever and the largest student body ever, perhaps exceeding 700 students. Every aspect of college operations will be tested this fall as we serve the larger numbers. High school seniors who apply late may be unable to have on-campus housing.

To address some of the space challenges, trustees have approved hiring an architect for a new library/classroom building to be constructed in 2001-2002. This new facility will improve the look of the west end of the campus as dramatically as the new Hoggatt/Ferndale/Dearborn complex reshaped the middle of the campus.

To continue growth and progress, Rochester College needs something it has never experienced - gifts of \$1 million or more, to supplement the thousands of smaller gifts that assure operational viability. When those who believe deeply in Christian education make large financial commitments, those commitments enable the college to take significant and highly visible steps of progress. Please join me in praying for one or more such gifts for the new library/classroom complex.

Yours for the Master,

*Kenneth L. Johnson*

Kenneth L. Johnson  
President

## Employee Openings

Currently, the college has personnel openings for the following key roles:

The College of Extended Learning is seeking a director of marketing and enrollment for the adult programs. For more information contact Tracey Hebert at 248.218.2200.

The Enrollment Services Office is seeking enrollment advisors to work with prospective students. For more information, contact Larry Norman at 248.218.2032.



Tristin, Leslie, and Kevin visit near the new residence hall after class.

## Mott welcomes CEL degree program

Beginning this fall, the College of Extended Learning of Rochester College will begin offering a bachelor's degree in early childhood education at the Mott University Center in Flint.

Similar to the University Center of Macomb Community College, a number of partner institutions offer bachelor's degrees at the Mott location. Rochester College began offering a bachelor's degree program in business communication at the Macomb center last fall.

"Based upon the positive response at Macomb, we decided to check into other centers," stated Tracey Hebert, dean of the College of Extended Learning. "Beginning with our first visit, Mott rolled out the red carpet and gave us a great reception."

Upon reviewing degree options offered by Rochester College, Mott officials immediately zeroed in on the early childhood major. Mott currently has approximately 500 students enrolled in early childhood classes at the freshman and sophomore level.

"Dan Hodgins, director of early childhood education at Mott, had been desiring a bachelor's degree program in this area for several years," noted Mr. Hebert. "When

he learned that we had developed a program and were considering offering it at the University Center, he was thrilled."

"We quizzed Mr. Hodgins about whether we would have adequate response to the program," stated Mr. Hebert. "He responded by saying our problem would not be having enough students enrolled, but rather what level we would cap our enrollment."

While not designed to serve as

a certification program for elementary school teachers, the early childhood degree provides specialized training for those planning to pursue a career in early childhood settings.

Under the direction of Debi Hoggatt, program director in the College of Extended Learning, the early childhood program also is available on campus. Tracks are offered for both traditional and nontraditional students.

## Accelerated Programs

### Offered on the Campus of Rochester College

- Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in management (weekends)
- Bachelor of Science in counseling psychology (weekends)
- Bachelor of Science in early childhood education (evenings)
- Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in management and a minor in criminal justice
- Associate of Arts (evenings)

### Offered in Off-Campus Sites

- Bachelor of Science in business communication (Macomb University Center)
- Bachelor of Science in early childhood education (Mott University Center beginning in the fall)

For information on any of the programs for working adults, contact the College of Extended Learning at 800.521.6010.

## Early admission available to juniors

Each year, a select number of students enroll at Rochester College after the completion of their junior year in high school. Such students later receive their high school diploma through arrangements with their high school or through satisfactory completion of the GED test.

"After being in a public school system since second grade, I realized that something was missing and that I needed a change," stated Leslie Jeffery, a second-generation student and freshman from Flint, Michigan. "I wanted to be around positive and uplifting people who would influence me greatly and point me in the

right direction, both academically and spiritually."

Tristin Hassel, a freshman from Clio, Michigan, stated, "I had already completed the honors and advanced placement courses in my high school, so I would have had to spend six hours a day at school during my senior year taking nothing but electives."

College officials formally developed the early admission program in 1974 after two students in the same situation as Tristin enrolled at the college and successfully completed their academic work. Since that time, the early admission program has served a number of honor students in similar situations.

"After singing with the Metropolitan Detroit Youth Chorus, I already knew a lot of people who were attending Rochester College," noted Kevin Adamisin, a freshman from Columbiaville, Michigan. "I thought it would be great to start college a year early, so I enrolled."

After being admitted to Rochester College under the early admission program, students like Tristin, Leslie, and Kevin enroll in the same classes as the rest of the student body. "Even though freshman-level general education courses are similar to classes in high school, you get better teachers and receive college credit," stated Tristin.

"I'm happy to say that this was the best decision I could have made," noted Leslie. "There are absolutely no regrets. My life has made a turn for the better. I would

do it all over again in a second!"

For more detailed information about the early admission program or any other admission information, please contact the Enrollment Services Office at 800.521.6010.

## At a Glance

### LIBRARY SOURCES

Students recently began using FirstSearch, a collection of over fifty databases made available through the State of Michigan Library. Many sources include full-text journal articles.

### LEADERSHIP

Two Rochester College students served as counselors for Youth Advance, a weekend conference for teen leaders from the Northeast, from March 10-12. Company, the college's traveling drama troupe, also performed at the event, which took place near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

### PLACEMENT

For the third consecutive year, the Career Placement Office at Rochester College achieved a 100% placement rate. Career fairs and internships topped the list as the primary sources of employment for members of the class of 1999.



## Employee Highlights

Michigan State University inducted **Joe Bentley**, associate professor of music, into Pi Kappa Lambda, a national honor society for graduate music students, last semester. Mr. Bentley currently is completing his doctorate at MSU.

February's edition of the *Christian Chronicle* honored **Dr. Steve Eckstein**, professor of religion. The paper featured him for his work as a dedicated educator and Bible chair pioneer.

Legislators in the Michigan House of Representatives recently passed a bill which criminalizes consensual sexual contact between therapists and clients. **Dr. Ben Noah**, associate professor of counseling, served on the committee that developed the legislation. The bill currently resides in committee with the senate.

Members of the Waterford Church of Christ recently participated in a song leading workshop taught by **Dr. Tony Mowrer**, professor of music.

*Gospel Advocate* published an article by **Jeff Cohu**, associate professor of business, in their March issue. The article, entitled *Cheaters Never Win*, addresses the growing epidemic of cheating in the nation's school systems.

## Barbier Hall improvements to begin this summer

Addressing another major goal in the college's strategic plan, Dr. Ken Johnson recently announced plans to begin improvements on Barbier Hall. Maintenance personnel plan to begin work on the facility as soon as the spring semester closes.

"For quite some time, we have struggled with the future of Barbier Hall," stated Dr. Johnson. "While replacement of the facility seems inevitable, we have felt an urgent need to make improvements in the hall until the time when we are able to replace it with new construction."

Funded by the Grace Barbier estate, Barbier Hall opened in the fall of 1961. Students moved into the facility that fall, even though it lacked finishing touches. Coach Bill Shinsky served as the first supervisor of the dorm.

Workers completed Barbier's first renovation during the summer of 1976 along with major renovation of Palmer Residence Hall. They replaced the closets, installed new lighting, and carpeted the entire building.

"When our new residence hall complex opened in the fall of 1997, we raised the standard for campus housing considerably," stated Dr. Johnson. "Most areas on cam-



Volunteers paint Barbier Hall at the end of last academic year as the first step toward improving the facility.

pus have been renovated in recent years, so Barbier definitely is due for a change."

"In order to maximize use of the available funding, our maintenance staff will be working through the building in stages over the next couple of years," stated Mark VanRheenen, executive vice president. "Initially, we

plan to redo at least the restrooms and the hallways by the end of this summer."

Funding for the Barbier Hall improvement project already has been committed as part of the advance stages of the college's next capital campaign. Most is being provided by members of the Board of Trustees.

## Campus Safety

Reporting on a campus safety study recently released by APB News, Channel 4 television in Detroit recently named Rochester College as one of the three safest college campuses in the state of Michigan.

The study included information on nearly 1,500 colleges nationwide, and listed Rochester College among the top 5% for safety. The news agency based research on crime in neighborhoods around college campuses.

## Scholar award granted to professor

Members of the American Psychosomatic Society recently selected Dr. Brian Stogner, professor of psychology, as a recipient of their prestigious Scholar Award. The society presented the award at their annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia, in March.

APS presents the award each year to about eight recipients who have submitted research for presentation at their annual meeting. Recipients must also be no more than two years past completion of their M.D. or Ph.D. This year, over 100 applicants were eligible to participate.

"APS is a society consisting of about two-thirds physicians and

about one-third psychologists," stated Dr. Stogner. "Members participate because of their interest in mind and body connections related to illness."

Dr. Stogner, who also serves as a consultant at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Flint, Michigan, regularly works with cases involving closed-head injuries, strokes, and amputation. His submission to the APS dealt with postconcussion syndrome and the prediction of personality and illness behavior.

Shortly after receiving notification about the APS award, Dr. Stogner also learned that two of his papers had been accepted for presentation at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association next fall in Washington D.C.

The first paper to be presented at the convention is similar to the work Dr. Stogner submitted to the APS. The second, coauthored with Dr. Brad Axelrod, presents a cross-cultural comparison of patients in Israel.

Last November, Alan Neal, trends reporter for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, interviewed Dr. Stogner about a piece he had written for an Internet magazine a few years earlier. The interview, originally aired in Ottawa, Ontario, on December 1, appeared in a national broadcast later that week.

"We are blessed by talented members of the faculty like Dr. Stogner," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Our students benefit tremendously from

the background of outstanding teachers like him."

Having previously taught at the University of Michigan in Flint and on the adjunct faculty of Rochester College, Dr. Stogner joined the full-time faculty in 1998. An alumnus of the college, he also serves as chairperson of the professional studies division.



**Rochester College**  
Building the Infrastructure  
of the Kingdom

knowledge ~ jobs  
homes ~ relationships

The explosion of information in this Information Age brings potential for an explosion of knowledge. Yet it also makes possible rapid distribution of misinformation under the guise of knowledge. Such misinformation is really nothing more than background noise in the search for knowledge. The impact on society, both from greater knowledge and from greater circulation of misinformation, will be revolutionary because this power to spread background noise at the speed of light has the potential to pull society apart at the seams.

One of our primary tasks as a Christian college is to give our young people the tools to sort out truth from background noise. We teach them to do that by insisting that information has to pass the test. It has to meet the standard. It has to survive heavy inquiry from capable and well-prepared examiners before treating it as knowledge.

As our young people become experts at the sorting-out process, their value to tomorrow's world and to tomorrow's church will increase tremendously.

Dr. J



Dr. Brian Stogner discusses current issues with his psychology class.

## December graduation develops into major event

Forty-eight graduates marched across the stage on December 14 as the midyear commencement established itself as a major event of Rochester College.

"We initiated the December graduation last year with seventeen graduates and less than a hundred in attendance," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost. "In just one year we had to relocate the program in order to accommodate the audience, which this year grew to about 400."

"As graduation drew closer, we kept hearing of graduates in our program who wanted to bring all of their relatives," stated Angela Hazel, associate dean of the College of Extended Learning. "One student even had a van load coming from a church in Indiana where her husband had recently started preaching."

Based upon the anticipated size of the audience, college officials moved the ceremony from campus to the nearby auditorium of the Rochester Church of Christ. The change proved wise since the crowd did exceed the size of the campus auditorium.

"There was such a sense of pride among all the graduates," stated

Mrs. Hazel. "Everyone wanted all of those who had supported them in their efforts to be a part of the ceremony."

While college officials developed the December graduation primarily to serve graduates of the College of Extended Learning, several traditional students discovered that the event met their needs as well. All but three of the

December graduates received the bachelor's degree from Rochester College as the institution continued to move away from associate degree programs.

"The December graduation was among the most memorable of my years at the college," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "The fine tone of the program was positively received

and commented upon by a large number of persons who have experienced many of our graduations over the years."

"This new event has exceeded our expectations," Dr. Westerfield noted. "While the spring graduation will remain a focal point for traditional students, the December event will continue to grow with our adult programs."



Many of the faculty with doctoral degrees gather with those working on doctorates for a photo at graduation.

## Graduate degree coming to campus

Beginning this fall, a Master of Arts degree in counseling will be offered on the campus of Rochester College. The degree will be awarded by Siena Heights University of Adrian, Michigan.

"Every year we have a number of good students who complete our bachelor's degree programs in psychology and counseling and decide to stay in this area," stated Dr. Ben Noah, associate professor of counseling. "Since many

want to work full-time while pursuing a graduate degree, we began looking for options to help them meet that goal."

Since Siena Heights offers degrees in several off-site locations, Dr. Noah approached their dean, Dr. Robert Gordon. As a result, Siena Heights decided to bring their graduate programs in both community and school counseling to the campus of Rochester College.

"We were most impressed by the similarity of approach to the educational process between Rochester and Siena," stated Dr. Gordon after his initial visit. Both institutions value a program that incorporates spiritual values in the counseling process.

As part of the formal arrangements, Rochester College will provide classroom space and student prospects. Courses will be delivered during the evening hours. Additionally, Siena Heights plans to use Rochester College faculty members to teach many of the courses.

"Siena Heights also plans to help us develop our library holdings, particularly in the area of journals," stated Dr. Noah. "This will be beneficial not only to the students in the graduate program, but to our own undergraduate students as well."

Currently, staff from both institutions are working together to set up class rotations, select professors, and promote the program. Approximately fifteen current students and alumni already plan to apply for admission to the program.

"Our strategic planning calls

for the addition of graduate programs, so this is an important first step toward that goal," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, provost of Rochester College. "This arrangement will provide a valuable resource to both the college and the community."

## Why RC?



Why does Rochester College exist? Because of students like Dion Frasier, a senior ministry major from Buffalo, New York, and new youth minister of the West Carpenter Road Church of Christ in Flint.

In addition to providing spiritual leadership on campus, Dion has performed with the A Cappella Chorus and Autumn, and has served as a host of Celebration and as an assistant in the residence halls. His peers named him Mr. Rochester College in 1999.

"Rochester College is definitely a place that excels academically while placing a heavy emphasis on the transforming of lives into the image of Jesus," stated Dion. "The college will continue to be a part of my daily conversation as I believe it to be a model of true Christian education."

**IT'S HAPPENING  
HERE!**

Need more information about Rochester College for yourself or a friend? Call the Enrollment Services Office at 800.521.6010.



Seniors Ashley Harrison of Rochester Hills, and Heather Turner of North Branch, Michigan, reigned as king and queen at the annual Homecoming Game. The Warriors defeated Kirtland College in the basketball game by a score of 104-53.

## Worth Repeating

English majors at Rochester College must complete a senior writing seminar, which includes an academic or creative writing project. Kerri Morrison chose an autobiography. The following observations are taken from her paper. In addition to working on her degree at Rochester College, Kerri also serves as volleyball coach for Birmingham Seaholm High School.

"As I approach my final semester at Rochester College, I am still in disbelief that I am going to receive a bachelor's degree. I have always wanted to graduate from college.

I have always felt deep down that my leaving the University of Michigan was a disappointment to my parents. Now I will be the first person in my family to receive a college degree. I know my parents love and support me, that goes without saying. But graduating is just important to me. It's my way of saying to my parents, you were right. I wish I would have listened to you; your wisdom was heaven-sent and I ignored it.

When I was young, I thought I knew everything. I did not consider that the choices I made would have consequences that would affect my entire life. I did not take advice from those who talked to God, and I did not listen and learn from those that know God. But this college helped me change all that.

This college is a very special place. God lives here. He is the light that shines through all the people that teach and work here. I have felt His presence and experienced the subtle miracles that abound in this place. I stopped doubting myself. I finally stopped asking, "God why me," and began thanking Him for this opportunity to truly change my life. His plan for my life has led me to this place, and the teachers here have helped me finish the goal I set for myself so long ago."

## Molding Futures ....



*Dr. Greg Stevenson, Beth VanRheenen, and Barry Wheeler*

Good instructors are at the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Rochester College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Rochester College are introduced below.

Excellent writing skills have earned **Dr. Greg Stevenson**, professor of religion, space in such publications as the *Journal of Biblical Literature* and *Restoration Quarterly*. Currently, his doctoral dissertation is under review for possible publication as a book. Before joining the faculty of Rochester College last fall, Dr. Stevenson completed degrees at Harding University, the Harding Graduate School of Religion, and Emory University. He also taught at Emory's Candler School of Theology while completing his doctoral program.

Seventeen years of teaching experience at both the secondary and college level enrich the classroom experience of students enrolled in classes taught by **Beth VanRheenen**, assistant professor of English. Joining the faculty of Rochester College in 1998, Mrs. VanRheenen previously taught at Harding Academy, Harding University, and Arkansas State University. She holds degrees from Harding and the University of Texas, and is enrolled in a doctoral program at Wayne State University.

An alumnus of Rochester College, **Barry Wheeler**, assistant professor of physical education, returned to his alma mater in 1989 to teach and coach athletics. While completing his master's degree in sports medicine at the United States Sports Academy, he taught and served as athletic trainer at Mobile Christian School. Currently he serves as coach of the women's teams in volleyball, basketball, and softball. He has lead his volleyball teams to two national invitational championships.

## Warriors capture second at nationals

Entering the NSCAA national basketball tournament as the third-seeded team, the Warriors of Rochester College captured second place at the association's annual March event.

"For the first time, the tournament seeding was determined by a committee," stated Garth Pleasant, head basketball coach. "Even though we did not have as good of a season record as normal, we entered the tournament with our highest seed ever."

While normally determining seeds based only upon power ratings, the committee this year considered strength of schedule, team experience at the tournament, and interviews with competitors. The Rochester College team rated high in all areas.

After playing such institutions as Wayne State, Central Michigan, Saginaw Valley, and Grand Valley State during regular season play, the Warriors rebounded near the end with wins over NSCAA rival St. Mary's College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Leading throughout their first game in the national tournament, the Warriors defeated Northern

Maine Technical College 96-73. The next day, the Warriors came from behind during the last two minutes and won over Madaile College of Buffalo, New York.

"In the third round, we played our best defensive game of the year," stated Coach Pleasant. As a result, the Warriors posted a 69-48 victory over San Jose Christian College of California, who had already defeated Northwest

Christian College, the two-time defending champion.

In the final game of the tournament, the Warriors faced Kansas Wesleyan University. "We had a couple good runs during the second half, but it was not enough," noted Coach Pleasant. The Warriors fell 58-69. Powerhouse Kansas Wesleyan had previously missed a spot in the NAIA tournament by one only point.



*Coach Pleasant provides instructions and strategy during a time-out.*

## College hosts tourneys

Rochester College once again hosted national invitationals for the NSCAA last fall. Teams from around the nation traveled to Rochester Hills to participate in cross country, soccer, and volleyball competition.

"Since many colleges participate in all three tournaments, most prefer to schedule them all in one location," stated Barry Wheeler, volleyball coach. "We are centrally located for many of the teams, so this is the fifth time NSCAA officials have chosen us to host the events."

Defending their championship from last year's national invitational, the women's volleyball

team entered the tournament with a 19-20 season record. The season had included notable victories over Olivet, Spring Arbor, and nationally-ranked Moody Bible Institute.

In opening rounds of the volleyball tournament, the lady Warriors defeated Southern Virginia College, National Christian University, Principia College, and Florida College. They defeated Southern Virginia in the semifinals, and National Christian in the championship, not losing a game the entire weekend.

In soccer, the Warriors lost early matches against Centenary College and Southern Virginia, eliminating them from the final tournament brackets. "Like most of our season, we normally controlled the field, but lacked depth for adequate scoring," stated Coach Kurt Fleischhut.

The men's cross country team won their competition with institutional record-breaker Caden Ruohomaki taking first place in the race. Both Caden and Jim Primeau received NSCAA All-American honors.

Others earning All-American honors included volleyball players Lynsay Kwasnik and Tiffany Burghdorf. Gregg Sadowski was named to the All-American team in soccer.

"Athletic competition plays a major role in student life at Rochester College," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We look forward to expanding such opportunities once we are able to construct a new athletic center and make further improvements in the athletic fields."



## Athletics

### BASKETBALL

Recovering from a difficult opening month, the lady Warriors posted six straight victories during February. The late season comeback included a 71-61 win over the University of Michigan at Dearborn.

### TRACK

Jason Manns, a sophomore from Randalstown, Maryland, set three institutional records during the winter indoor track season, including the 60 meter dash, and both the 200 and 400 meter distance runs. The team's spring schedule includes the Hillsdale Invitational and the Eastern Michigan University Open.

### BASEBALL

Returning to the field after a 9-1 fall season, the men's baseball team traveled to Florida during spring break for the Cocoa Expo. With a 4-5 record from Florida, the team opened their regular spring season by posting wins over Mott Community College, Concordia College, and St. Clair Community College. The team also benefited from new dugouts on their home field as the spring season opened.



*Runners from the men's cross country team leave the starting lineup during the national invitational race.*

## Second generation enrollment continues to grow Alumni News

Second generation enrollment at Rochester College hit another record during the current academic year as forty-eight sons and daughters of former students enrolled for classes.

"My parents talked about the college a lot as I was growing up, so I always wanted to attend," stated Megan Graham, daughter of Todd and Connie (Kinser) Graham, class of 1971. "I feel con-

nected since my parents have done many of the things that I now do on a daily basis."

Since 1979, nearly 250 second-generation students have followed in the footsteps of one or both parents by enrolling at Rochester College. While many have grown up in Midwestern states, others have traveled to Michigan from such places as Massachusetts, Tennessee, Arizona, Texas, Min-

nesota, Maryland, Colorado, Florida, and West Virginia.

"I feel a sense of gratitude that my child can experience life on campus similar to what I did many years ago," stated Dean Oliver, class of 1973. "Whenever I pull away from campus, I have a sense of comfort and security knowing that my children will be urged to do what is right."

Before corresponding with a

former student who had written a note about her son attending Rochester College next fall, an employee recently checked the second generation list. He discovered that eighteen of that person's classmates already had children attending this year.

"Coming to the campus for reunions when I was little helped me decide early that I wanted to come here," stated Kim Burgess, daughter of Terry and Sue (Bertch) Burgess, class of 1976. "A lot of my friends are the sons and daughters of people that were friends of my parents."

Second generation students find that they have a lot in common with each other. Many are active participants in campus life. This year, one served as a host for Celebration, several sing in the chorus, some play on the intercollegiate teams, while others perform with small groups like Autumn, Spectrum, Company, and the Jazz Band.

"My mom sang in Autumn and my dad was a host for Celebration," stated Brett Cummins, son of Gary Cummins, class of 1978, and Sherry (Taylor) Cummins, class of 1979. "When performing with the chorus on our last tour, it was a great feeling to have my dad come up and sing with me at the close of the program."



Second generation students Megan Graham and Amy Yoakam visit with friends before a cross country race.

1976

Randy and Pam (Colglazier) Matheny recently moved to 1718 Scandia Road, Warren, PA 16365. Randy preaches for the Warren Church of Christ, and Pam is a homemaker. The couple also remains active in mission efforts in India. They have three children, Evan, Collin, and John.

1977

David and Billie (MacDonald) Buzbee live at 3691 Crestview, Lebanon, OH 45036. They have three children, Jon, Naomi, and Mary. Naomi has been in remission from cancer for almost two years. David is a manufacturing engineer, and Billie does private duty nursing in addition to her work at Village Christian School.

1978

Ken Kokotkiewicz and his two daughters, Amanda and Stacy, are living at 5458 NC Highway 90 East, Hiddenite, NC 28636. Ken teaches special education for the Hickory City Schools, and serves as minister of the Mooresville Church of Christ.

Loree (Utley) McCauley recently received recognition for mathematics achievement from Harris College, where she is pursuing a nursing degree. Loree and her husband, Bob, live at 6521 Rolla, Houston, TX 77055.

1982

On October 10, 1999, Bryan and Judy (Searle) Whitfield welcomed Miles Christopher. Bryan is a DaimlerChrysler engineer, and Judy is a corporate controller for Cancer Care Associates. The family resides at 255 Lancelot Lane, Ortonville, MI 48462.

1983

Cathy Hartman married George Fancher on December 4, 1999.

## Graduate creates Mattel action toy

Children from around the nation soon will be playing with an action figure designed by Jeff Clark, an alumnus of Rochester College. Sandy Beaches, the newest addition to the Rescue Heroes series by the Fisher-Price division of Mattel, is scheduled to hit toy stores in April.

"I have always loved action figures and have always wanted to work in the toy industry," stated Mr. Clark, a 1996 graduate with a degree in marketing. "With that goal in mind, I focused my studies at Rochester College on marketing to children."

"For my business ethics class, I wrote on the ethics of marketing to children," Mr. Clark noted. "I made a video on the marketing of

television-inspired toys for another class, and designed a toy line for a directed study."

Mr. Clark accepted a management position with Mattel soon after graduation. At a recent toy fair, someone suggested that he submit some designs for the Rescue Heroes line, so he submitted twenty-four characters.

"To my surprise, I soon learned that one of my characters had been accepted for development and another was under consideration," stated Mr. Clark. "Sandy Beaches is a lifeguard with big bare feet so he can stand easily for the little ones."

"Unfortunately, in recent years the action figure category has been populated by figures of scant-

ily-clad women, horrific monsters, and ultra-violent heroes," Mr. Clark continued. "I was very excited when Fisher-Price introduced a line of positive role models like firemen, construction workers, and astronauts."

The new line of action figures has been so successful that it has spawned a new CBS animated cartoon. Sandy will be available to become part of the Rescue Heroes Chrome Team.

"As for the other character, well I can't talk about him yet," Mr. Clark concluded. "He is still under consideration!"



Jeff Clark proudly checks out the Rescue Heroes line at a local toy store.

## What's Going On?

Do your teens know about all the exciting new opportunities available to them at Rochester College? Sons and daughters ... teens from your youth group ... friends ... they all need to know!

Please provide the Enrollment Services Office with the following information on prospective students.

Name, Address  
City, State, Zip  
Home Phone Number  
Year of Graduation

You can send information to the college at 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307, or you can call Enrollment Services toll-free at 800.521.6010. They will be in touch!

P.S. Don't forget transfer students! Nearly one-third of the new students entering Rochester College last fall transferred from other colleges and universities to finish their bachelor's degree at Rochester College!

## We want to hear from you!

Share your news! Clip and return this form to Larry Stewart, Director of Public Relations, Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

Name (maiden if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

Years \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name (maiden if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

Years \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (area code \_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please note children's names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and send it to the college with this form.

## Then and Now ...



### Then ...

In 1976, Randy Gill returned to his alma mater to build upon an institutional tradition in music. During the next seven years, he carried the music program to yet another level of success.

### Now ...

Rochester College is known for its strong music program. The college now offers a bachelor's degree in music, with specialized tracks in music education, music ministry, and vocal performance. Ensembles include the A Cappella Chorus, Chamber Chorale, Autumn, Spectrum, and Jazz Band. Three full-time and five part-time instructors teach music. The tradition continues!



John Whitwell, Mike Westerfield, Ken Johnson, and Wayne Baker pose after the graduation ceremonies.

## Classmates honored with doctorates

Rochester College honored two members of the class of 1962 with the doctor of laws degree at the winter commencement. Wayne Baker and John Whitwell each received the honorary degree in recognition of their professional accomplishments.

"Words cannot begin to adequately express my profound appreciation for the honor," stated Dr. Whitwell. "The college has played such a large role in my life and created so many opportunities for me to grow."

After teaching high school in Jackson and Ann Arbor, Michigan, Dr. Whitwell became the director of bands at Abilene Christian University. He later served in the same position at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Dr. Whitwell currently serves as director of bands and professor of music at one of Michigan's foremost schools of music. He began that career with Michigan State University in 1993, and now conducts the Wind Symphony and guides the graduate program in

wind conducting. He is a popular clinician and leader in professional associations.

"I cannot imagine my life without the influence and friendship of the many truly great people I came to know in Rochester," Dr. Whitwell noted. He named former employees and students. He also met his wife, the former Carole Blackburn, while enrolled.

Wayne Baker currently lives in York, Nebraska, where he serves as president of York College. Both Dr. Baker, and his wife, the former Darlene Pobur, are alumni of the college.

Beginning his thirty years of experience in Christian education on the campus of Rochester College, Dr. Baker served as the institution's first admissions counselor. He later worked for both Pepperdine University and Faulkner University. He also has preached on a full-time basis, including ministries in Kalamazoo and Livonia, Michigan.

"I learned principles of Christianity, leadership, and personal sacrifice by watching many employees of the college," Dr. Baker stated. "They impressed on my mind that when people of faith and talent surrender themselves to the will of God, great things can be accomplished."

Cathy is a communications administrator for Hertz, and George is an internet specialist for Multimedia Cablevision. The couple lives at 1824 Churchill Way, Oklahoma City, OK 73120.

### 1985

KeyBank Dayton's Commercial Banking Group recently named **Tim Pittman** senior vice president. Tim and his wife, **Laura (Sandlin-82)**, have two children, Jared and Caleb. Laura is employed as the travel coordinator for National City Mortgage. The family lives at 275 Parker Drive, Springboro, OH 45066.

### 1986

Steve and **Michele (Maxwell) Abercrombie** welcomed Vivian Rose on June 9, 1999. Michele currently is working as an administrative assistant for Norrell Services. The family lives at 752 Clinton, Wyandotte, MI 48192.

Camden Dee joined Tres, Katie, and Faith in the home of **Dan and Shannon (Roper) Boren** on December 14. In addition to teaching science and coaching girls basketball at Gladwin High School, Dan preaches part-time for the Harrison Church of Christ. Shannon operates a daycare center. The family lives at 4348 Sylvan Grove, Gladwin, MI 48624.

### 1987

**Tina Merrie Gosmann** is now living at 428 Briarwood Avenue #F, Dayton, OH 45403.

### 1988

Brendan Joshua Donald Elmore joined Steven and Ryan in the home of Steve and **Laura (Bologna) Elmore** on September 23, 1999. Steve is a network administrator for Johnson Controls, and Laura is a homemaker. The family resides at 39883 Day Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

### 1989

Mitchell Gaetano joined Caryann in the home of Pete and **Julie (Wilson) Piazza** on March 3, 1999. Pete is employed as vice president of Joy Carroll & Associates, and Julie is a homemaker. The family resides at 1239 Cottonwood, Lake Orion, MI 48360.

### 1990

In May of 1999, **Brad and Julie (Vaughn-89) Hartz** welcomed a daughter, Madison Emma. Brad is employed as director of information systems for Heritage Food Service Equipment, and Julie is a homemaker. The family lives at 1127 West Ludwig Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Jason joined Betty in the home of **Paul and Camille (Parsley-92) Yoder** on April 8, 1999. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 675, Almont, MI 48003.

### 1991

**Pam Tatara** is the director of childcare for Godwin Heights Public Schools. She married Troy Griggs on October 3, 1998. The couple lives at 419 Mill Street #5, Wayland, MI 49348.

### 1993

**Michael and Tiffany (Rutherford) Holland** welcomed Sage Malina on April 23, 1999. Mike is employed by Letavis Enterprises, and Tiffany works part-time for Family Orthopedic Associates. The family lives at 1513 Bradley Avenue, Flint, MI 48503.

### 1994

On February 29, **Jim and Jennifer (Fredin) Theisen** welcomed their first child, Jacob Robert. Jim is employed as an engineer at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, and Jennifer is a homemaker. The family lives at 3370 Binyon, Fort Worth, TX 76133.

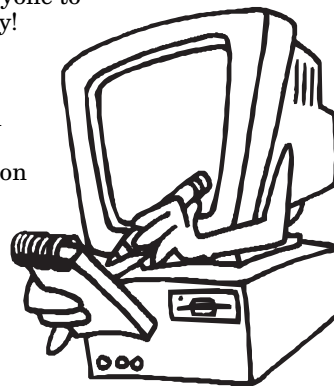
## Do You Have E-Mail?

Alumni, have you registered your e-mail address on the college web site or left a note for everyone to read? If not, please do so today!

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[www.rc.edu](http://www.rc.edu)



### 1995

**Evalee Brown** currently is working as an employee services representative at Yosemite National Park. She can be contacted at P.O. Box 811, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389.

Brendan Jacob joined Jonathon in the home of Chris and **Jenni (Kogowski) Doucet** on August 25, 1999. The family lives at 16658 North Kimberly, Holly, MI 48442.

Abigail Marie joined Timothy in the home of **Chris and Deanna (Jessee) Stampfly** on September 14, 1999. Chris recently began serving as youth minister of the Camden Church of Christ. The family lives at 680 Whitfield Road, Camden, TN 38320.

### 1996

**Brad Irwin** is an account execu-

tive for Lexmark International. He currently is living at 4712 North Malden, Chicago, IL 60640.

### 1997

**Michael and Natascha (Thomas) Boren** have moved to 13281 Peach, Southgate, MI 48195. Michael is employed by Ford Motor Company, and Natascha is a mental health advocate at the Downriver Guidance Clinic.

### 1998

**Troy Butler** currently is employed by Group USA. He can be contacted at 1060 Glaser Road, Troy, MI 48098.

### 1999

**Wanda Hibbard** married Aaron Bolhous on July 17, 1999. Wanda is an Internet support technician for Nucomm Marketing, and

## Reunions

**Class of 1970**  
July 7-8, 2000

**Class of 1990**  
July 28-29, 2000

**Classes of 1981-1984**  
September 28-31, 2000  
Reunion Cruise  
Call Jill Vincent  
800.676.1072

For reunion planning information, contact Larry Stewart at 248.218.2023 or [lstewart@rc.edu](mailto:lstewart@rc.edu).

Aaron is a mechanical engineer at Gryphon Engineering International. The couple lives at 4-26 Cumming Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2S 1H9.



## Planned Giving Matters

Doug Edwards  
Vice President  
for Development

### Practicing What I Preach in Estate Planning

My wife, Janet, and I recently went through an estate planning process. Years ago we put together a crude homemade will when we were traveling overseas to have something in place. However, there never seemed to be a convenient time to look at how we could be better stewards of what God has provided in our lives. This is something we should all seriously review.

The Edwards' estate is quite small and it would be easy for us to say "why bother." However, as we sat down with Dean Oliver, a financial planner, and Bob Perry, an attorney, we began to see that we have more in our estate than we had thought. We have some equity in our home, a life insurance policy, retirement annuities, and miscellaneous other things.

Dean Oliver suggested that we take a few dollars from what we are now giving to charitable organizations to buy a wealth replacement insurance policy. This would allow us to pass along a gift equivalent to the size of our estimated final estate tax-free to our children and then still leave a significant estate gift to Rochester College and several other charities. A revocable trust was then set up to make everything work to best advantage.

Now is the time to begin thinking about **your** estate and how you can be a good steward of your assets. **Call us at 800.521.6010 (option 4) to speak to someone about estate planning.**

## 43rd Bible Lectureship



**Evening Keynotes**  
Lynn Anderson (Sunday)  
Floyd Rose (Monday)  
Ken Durham (Tuesday)

**Daytime Classes**  
Alan Black  
Kelly Carter  
Claude Cox  
Randy Harris  
D'Esta Love (women)  
John W. Smith  
Ron Tyler  
and others

**Special Activities**  
Sonsational Sunday  
Area-Wide Worship

**Mark your calendar!**

**October 1-3, 2000**

## Memorial and Honor Gifts

October 16, 1999 through April 3, 2000

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#### EVERETTE ALEXANDER

Jim & Barbara Ingram

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Chuck & Julie Grise

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#### BEVERLY ARMSTRONG

Jess & Lorene Temple

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Mary Ann Snodgrass

#### CLARENCE BAKER

Louise Baker

#### REBECCA JOY BAKER

Larry & Valerie Baker

#### BLAKE BARIL

Tedd & Linda Case

#### HENRY "BABE" BARTON

Dr. Donald Barton

#### THOMAS BASH

Marjorie Bash

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Cynthia Saulsberry

Kathy Sedor

Daniel Sparks

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Jim & Bertha O'Rourke

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#### DR. ROBERT H. JOHNSON

Ann Luchsinger

#### EDITH LOUISE JONES

Parkside Church of Christ

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Bob & Marge Norton

Powertrain

Ron & Gail Rickard

#### LOU KIRK

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#### LODEMA KROMPETZ

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Beatrice Cramdall

Clarence & Lovene Cramdall

Ed & Delores Dickinson

Marvin & Karen LaBean

Jeanie McDaniels

Don Rashoff

Nan Vater

Billy & Lurene Wilson

#### LARRY LESLIE ('60)

John & Rosemary Brown

#### JOHN LESNEY

Nick & Geneva Schafsnitz

#### PAUL LUTZ

Don & Judy Blake

#### DARREN MAGGARD ('87)

Martha Bouman

Kent & Debi Hoggatt

Larry & Lynne Stewart

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Al Oz

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Nina Pettigrew

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Annette Riley

#### JAY W. ROBINSON

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Mabel Schultz

Ruth Wilson

#### MEARL RYAN

Donna Ryan

#### JEFF SCHAFFSNITZ ('74)

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#### RUDY SCHAFFSNITZ

David & Niki Kirkpatrick

#### KATHRYN SCHULTZ

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## Build Better Churches!

### Midwest Sermon Seminar

May 15-18, 2000

"Preaching from  
Autobiography in  
Paul's Letters"

for more information  
phone 248.218.2144



### Jim Wood Church Leadership Seminar

June 2-3, 2000

featuring George Oliver  
and local church leaders

for further information  
phone 248.218.2022

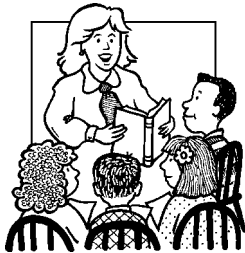


### Bible Teachers Workshop

June 3, 2000

practical lessons on  
teaching the Bible  
to various age groups

for more information  
phone 248.218.2022



### Zoe Worship Conference

August 11-12, 2000

featuring Randy Gill ('74),  
Larry Bridgesmith ('68),  
and Jeff Walling

for detailed information  
phone 248.218.2022



## Volunteers in Action

Phase one of the Associates Brick Plaza is under construction. Bricks still can be purchased from Barbara O'Rourke at 810.739.4836.

Bob Waggoner, former instructor of Bible, recently donated a copy of his doctoral dissertation to the Muirhead Library. His research centered on training for Christians to confront secular humanism.

## Getting Started

To use the Shop & Support program, follow these simple steps:

- Log onto [www.shopandsupport.com](http://www.shopandsupport.com).
- Enter *Associates of Rochester College* when asked for your particular nonprofit organization. For state and city, use *Michigan* and *Rochester*.
- Confirm the organization by clicking the college name when it appears on the next screen.
- Enter your e-mail address when requested. Shop & Support will not use or sell your address. This simply will enable the Associates to contact you in the future.
- Choose an on-line retailer from more than 100 choices. Make sure the name of the Associates appears in the red bar at the top of your screen once you are on the retailer's site. You are now ready to place an order. The Associates will receive a percentage of any purchases you make.

## Summer series planned for churches

Providing a valuable service to churches in the northern region of the United States, Rochester College will host a series of four training programs this summer. Each will focus on ways to build stronger churches.

The Midwest Sermon Seminar, which last year drew participants from fourteen states and three countries, will take place on May 15-18. Carl Holladay of Emory University, Carson Reed of Indianapolis, Indiana, Andre Resner of Abilene Christian University, and John York of Lipscomb University will center lessons around the theme *Autobiography in the Pauline Epistles*.

"Recognizing the quality of our program and caliber of our seminar speakers, ACU Press recently announced that the first in a series of books on biblical preaching would be based on last year's seminar," stated Dr. David Fleer, program coordinator. "There is the possibility that the entire series of six books will be based upon the seminar."

On June 2-3, George Oliver, director of the Human Resources Program at Harding University, will be the featured speaker at the Jim Wood Church Leadership Seminar. The seminar is named in honor of Jim Wood, who served as an elder with Mr. Oliver at the Royal Oak Church of Christ for many years.

In addition to sessions by Mr.

Oliver, six successful leaders from the local area will address church growth strategies. Those include Vernon Boyd, Mark Brackney, Jim Larsen, David Parks, Zachary Pope, and Jerry Tallman.

Running concurrent with the Leadership Seminar on June 3, Dr. Michael Westerfield, Vikki Bentley, and Lynne Stewart, all of Rochester College, will present a morning workshop for Bible class teachers. Special sessions will focus on teaching methods for various age groups.

Rounding out the summer, the Zoe Group of Nashville, Tennessee, will present a seminar on August 11-12. While focusing on their mission of fostering wor-

ship renewal in the lives of individuals and churches, the group also will present special sessions on church leadership and the planting of new churches.

Sponsored thus far by eight congregations from Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, the seminar will feature Randy Gill and Larry Bridgesmith, alumni from Nashville, Tennessee, and Jeff Walling of Charlotte, North Carolina.

"By providing specialized programs for preachers, church leaders, Bible class teachers, and worship leaders, we hope to equip individuals with better tools to serve in their local communities," stated Elton Albright, director of church relations.



Participants in last year's Midwest Sermon Seminar visit a book table.

## Associates tap into on-line shopping

Tapping into current trends in on-line shopping, the Associates of Rochester College recently announced participation in the Shop and Support program. By shopping on-line through the Shop and Support site, individuals can divert a percentage of their purchases to the college at no additional cost to themselves.

"We now have the easiest and most fun way ever to make money for the Associates," stated Ann Luchsinger, coordinator of the program. "You do not have to bake anything, plan ahead, or even leave the house."

Currently, over 100 shopping

sources, including many major retailers, participate in the Shop and Support program. Once an individual enters a retailer's web site from the Shop and Support platform, they have full access to that company's entire line of products and services.

"Shop and Support is the easiest fund raising effort I have ever seen," stated Sharon Whitlatch, president of the Associates. "Everyone should share this information with their family, friends, and co-workers."

Most participating sources donate anywhere from three to nineteen percent of a sale to a nonprofit organization like the Associates. Some offer as much as 48%. Available products include everything from clothing, gift items, flowers, and toys to greeting cards, cosmetics, office products, and auto parts.

"I have tried out this program, and it works great," stated Mrs. Luchsinger. "One of my purchases came the next day, and all of them within a week."

A complete listing of participating retailers can be obtained at [www.shopandsupport.com](http://www.shopandsupport.com). Important instructions for using the program correctly are included on the left.

For more information or questions about the Shop and Support program, contact Mrs. Luchsinger at [hal75@voyager.net](mailto:hal75@voyager.net).

## Sampling of Sources

Over 100 on-line shopping sources now participate in the Shop & Support program. Here is a sampling of those sources and the percentage of a sale that is donated to the Associates of Rochester College:

Avon .....	7%
Baby Outlet .....	9%
Borders .....	3%
Bugle Boy .....	4%
Burpee .....	3%
CVC Pharmacy .....	14%
Dell Computers .....	1%
Disney Store .....	3%
Express Autoparts ...	14%
FTD .....	4%
Golf Warehouse .....	5%
Hallmark .....	11%
Hickory Farms .....	5%
JC Penney .....	4%
Lands' End .....	3%
Leggs Products .....	8%
L.L. Bean .....	\$4.00
Mattel .....	8%
OshKosh B'Gosh .....	6%
Office Max .....	4%
Sharper Image .....	13%
Sony Music Direct .....	9%
Toys R Us .....	10%
Warner Brothers .....	5%







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## Education program takes major step

Officially launching the process that will enable the college to certify teachers through the state of Michigan, Rochester College recently entered into a mentoring agreement with Madonna University of Livonia, Michigan.

"For years, we have desired to provide all the training required for students preparing to teach," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "We are now at the point where that dream will soon become reality."

Rochester College initiated a cooperative program with Madonna in 1996 through which students have been able to complete both teaching majors and teacher certification. That program has allowed students to complete approximately three years of their work at Rochester College before finishing at Madonna, while remaining on the campus of Rochester College the entire time.

Since starting the cooperative program, Rochester College has added certifiable majors at the bachelor's degree level in English, music, and history. In Michigan, students desiring to teach must obtain a certifiable major and then obtain their teacher credential along with that major.

"Since we are now able to offer teaching majors, it seemed like an appropriate time for us to be-



*Classroom observation provides practical experience for Kim Burgess.*

gin the process for providing certification as well," stated Dr. Mike Westerfield, provost.

"The state requires applicants desiring a program for certification to have a mentor that presently serves as a teacher training institution," Dr. Westerfield continued. "Naturally we decided to approach Madonna because of our present arrangements with the cooperative program."

During the mentoring process, Dr. Robert Kimball, director of Madonna's education department, will lead the college through the application process and pro-

vide advice as the college develops its education program. Dr. Kimball has chaired several committees that visit campuses on behalf of the state during the approval process.

"This fall, we will begin offering the freshman-level classes," stated Dr. Westerfield. "At first, each institution will teach about a third of the courses, and the last third will be covered by student teaching. As we continue through the process for about five years, Rochester College will assume more classes each year."

While all courses will be offered on the campus of Rochester College, Madonna will recommend credentialing to the state as the mentoring process begins. Eventually, that process will transfer to Rochester College.

"We expect education to develop as our largest program on campus," noted Dr. Westerfield. "Last year, over half of our incoming class indicated an interest in education."

"The projected teacher shortage over the next decade is tremendous," Dr. Westerfield continued. "In light of that fact, we anticipate our education program meeting a strong interest of our students as well as an important need in our society."



*Dr. Michael Westerfield visits with guests from Madonna University.*



## inside the north star

### Enrollment growth propels academic facility planning



**Liberal Arts in a Christian Setting!**  
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June 18-23, 2000

### Summer Jam for Teens

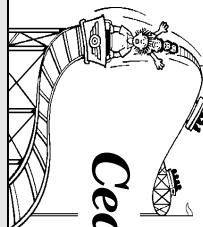
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June 26, 2000

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