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Rochester College commissions new president

Provost Dr. Michael Westerfield seventh person in 45 years to hold the office

Rochester College concluded a four-month nationwide search for a president when its board of trustees unanimously voted to appoint interim president Dr. Michael Westerfield to the office on April 28. The public announcement came three days later at the College's annual fund raising dinner, when board chairman Pat Kirby introduced the new president to over 700 Rochester supporters, who gave a standing ovation.

"Our search committee started with a dozen nominees, narrowed them down to six, then to three and then to one candidate who stood head and shoulders above the rest," said Kirby. "Dr. Westerfield emerged as the man whose qualities best matched the criteria for the office. Not to mention, he was supported by the College's faculty, staff and students."

Westerfield, the College's provost since 1995, served as interim president for several months following the resignation of former Rochester president Dr. Ken Johnson in August 2003. In January, a presidential search committee solicited nominations from officials at other Church of Christ colleges and universities across the nation. The committee asked for candidates whose qualifications included, among other things, Christian character, academic credentials and extensive management experience. A four-month coast-to-coast screening process eventually led the committee back to Rochester, where their man had been working all along.

"I'm honored and excited to be president of Rochester College," said Westerfield. "I'm looking forward to serving the Rochester College family and all its constituents as we work to build on the dynamic progress of the last decade."

Get acquainted with Rochester's new president. Go to page 3 to read Dr. Westerfield's biography and what he has to say about his faith, leadership style, priorities and changes at Rochester.



The College's new president and first lady, Dr. Michael Westerfield (left) and his wife, Sharon, beam with joy a few moments after they are introduced at Partnership Dinner XXXIII on May 1. Photo by Jeff Bennett.

Michael Westerfield vita

Age: 51

Education: Ph. D. University of Nebraska at Lincoln
M.A. Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Ks.
B.A. Harding College, Searcy, Ark.
A.A. York College, York, Neb.

Career: *President, Rochester College (April 28, 2004-)*
Interim president, Rochester College (Sept. 1, 2003-April 27, 2004)
Provost, Michigan Christian/Rochester College (1995-Aug. 31, 2003)
Administrative vice president, York College (1989-1995)
Vice president for student services, York College (1987-1989)
Assistant to academic vice president, York College (1977-1986)
Director of summer school, York College (1979-1986)

Global Christian University and Rochester College form strategic partnership

Rochester College signed an agreement on April 7 that will make an affiliate of Global Christian University, an Internet-based institution that markets non-accredited bachelors' degrees to students around the world.

The joint venture will eventually give prospective students on any continent Internet access to Rochester's accredited programs. At the same time, the partnership will give Rochester unlimited possibilities to market its degrees on a global scale. Officials said the pact would capitalize on the strengths of each school.

"This partnership has great potential to realize Rochester's historic mission to educate and empower Christians who will change the world," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester's president. "We're grateful to God for entrusting us with this opportunity."

Officials said extensive strategic planning over the next several months would produce a long-range plan for integrating Rochester's accredited degree programs into GCU's curriculum. The university currently has 83 applicants from 22 nations.

Westerfield said the joint venture between the schools would please Rochester's founding fathers.

"Our first two presidents, Otis Gatewood and Lucien Palmer, envisioned a college that would train missionaries to carry the Christian message to every part of the world," said Westerfield. "The Internet will enable us to realize their vision in new ways. We can do more than send American missionaries to foreign countries; we can train indigenous missionaries and vocational ministers in their homelands."

"We are grateful to Rochester for making this partnership a reality," said Dr. Charles Myer, Jr., GCU president. "It brings to the students of GCU a whole new arena of opportunities."

The agreement between Rochester and Global Christian took effect on June 1.

Michael Westerfield**Partners for Success**

God has richly blessed Rochester College over the last decade and continues to bless us with new friends and partners in this great endeavor to build a solid Christian college in the North. Our partners, both new and old, are tremendously important to our future. The next decade will be the critical factor in determining what the future holds for Rochester College.

Partnering is a biblical theme when you think about it. I can remember hearing Dr. Don Gardner talking about the "three-fold cord" as he discussed the importance of working together for the common cause of Christian higher education. Scripture emphasizes relationship, relationship between God and us and relationship between our earthly brothers and sisters. Our partners are many, but we are now called upon even greater service as we enter a new era of fund raising to ensure the future of Rochester College.

In the near future, we will unveil the most dramatic and challenging campaign ever undertaken at Rochester College. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can make a difference in the future, how you can provide a legacy for the future.

One of my goals as president is to build a significant endowment to provide security for our future. Several partners have indicated that they have included gifts to the permanent endowment in their estates. Dr. Jack McCorkle and his wife, Madalon, have stepped out to endow our first faculty chair. Others are considering gifts for buildings and academic programs. What is happening is partnering, pure and simple!

If you have not been giving regularly to Rochester College, let me encourage you to do so. From the \$10 per month gifts to the large gifts for major initiatives, all are necessary for the ongoing health of Rochester College. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for your help in making new friends for the College. Most of all, thank you for your prayers as we begin this partnering journey together.



Sincerely,

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph. D.
President, Rochester College
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Rochester College is an academic community characterized by the fellowship-creating reality of Christ's presence in the world.

The College's mission is to engage students in a vigorous liberal arts education within a Christian community for a life of study and service.

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News Briefs**E. Lucien Palmer (1921-2004)****A great man rests from a lifetime of service**

Edward Lucien Palmer, the man who led Rochester College from its birth to adolescence, died in Nashville, Tenn., on July 8. Palmer was the College's first dean (1958-1963), second president (1963-1971) and first chancellor (1971-1974). He died as this issue of **north star** was in the final stages of publication. A tribute to Lucien Palmer's life and work will appear in the November 2004 edition.

College creates office of church relations

In May, the College expanded the office of church relations and named Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, vice president (see page 4). Under Fleer, the new office will serve as liaison between the College and leaders of its largest constituency, the Church of Christ. The College also launched two new publications: *Church Connections*, a tri-monthly newsletter for Church of Christ leaders in the Great Lakes region; and *Rochester College Bulletin*, a bi-weekly news release for publication in church bulletins. For more information, call (248) 218-2144.

Westerfield to be inaugurated August 26

The Rochester College family will inaugurate its seventh president, Dr. Michael Westerfield, during a full day of activities on Aug. 26. The Rochester Church of Christ will host the inauguration ceremony at 11 a.m. Other events, including a VIP lunch, picnic and concert, will follow. Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 5, for more information.

Richardson Center to open by fall semester

The College will dedicate the Richardson Academic Center, in the final stages of construction, on Oct. 1. Officials expect the new campus hub to be ready for occupancy by the time students return to classes on Aug. 26. The building will be home to the Academic Center for Excellence, Department of Science, Department of Theatre, a "fine arts auditorium," the president's office and the Utley-McCauley Student Center.

Founders Day scheduled for October 2

On Oct. 2, the College will pay tribute to the men and women whose work laid the foundation on which today's Rochester is built. Alumni representing every decade since the 1950's will present honors to the administrators and professors whose work influenced their lives. Organizers say they hope Jim Thomas, the only surviving member of the original board of directors, will be in attendance. Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 4.

Restoration Forum coming to Rochester

Rochester College and Great Lakes Christian College will host the 24th Annual Restoration Forum, Oct. 15-17, at Rochester's campus and Rochester Church of Christ. The forum is designed to reunite believers in Jesus Christ who trace their religious heritage to the American Restoration (Stone-Campbell) Movement. Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 4.

Students participate in summer missions

About 30 Rochester students participated in Christian evangelistic missions this summer. About half of them completed a six-week missions internship in Uganda. The internship was designed by Rochester employees Dr. John and Sara Barton, and Danny Hardman. Other students went on missions to places like Australia, Kenya and Thailand.

News from Partnership Dinner XXXIII

Paul Harvey

Mary Lou Retton

About 700 people helped raise \$100,000 for student scholarships at Partnership Dinner XXXIII, held at Cobo Hall in Detroit on May 1. Guests enjoyed a spirited presentation by 1984 U.S. Olympic Gold Medalist Mary Lou Retton. Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester's president, announced world famous radio personality Paul Harvey would headline Partnership Dinner XXXIV May 7, 2005. Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 4, for more information.

New life for old library

On March 11, the College rededicated Muirhead Center after a year-long renovation converted the former library building into faculty offices. Dr. Michael Westerfield honored Alberta Muirhead, who, along with her late husband, gave most of the funds to make several renovations to the building during the last 30 years.

**Sermon Seminar's fame spreads**

The Seventh Annual Rochester College Sermon Seminar attracted over 120 professional ministers from 30 states and more than a dozen Protestant denominations. The participants came to Rochester on May 24-26 to hear renowned theologian Walter Brueggemann and other acclaimed Christian scholars lecture on the art of preaching the Psalms. The seminar's lectures and sermons will be made into a book by ACU Press.

Briefly...

One-hundred, twenty students graduated on May 8. Rochester hosted the **24th Annual Christian Scholars Conference** July 15-17. Almost 40 students participated in the College's first **Academic Symposium** on April 28. Nineteen students participated in a spring break **mission to inner city Chicago** Feb. 29-March 8.

FOUNDERS DAY

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From the time I met Dr. Westerfield, I knew he was a capable leader. First, he has a love for the Lord, from whom he gets his strength and wisdom. Second, he has an obvious love for Rochester College and is able to see the significant potential that lies ahead for this great Christian institution.

**Dr. Royce Money, president
Abilene Christian University**

Dr. Westerfield is a visionary and faith-building leader. His vision goes beyond strategic plans and mission statements; he sees the potential in people and is able to bring it out of them.

**Jeff Simmons, dean
College of Business and Professional Studies**

Dr. Westerfield helped create the dynamic contemporary Christian culture at Rochester. He is an excellent communicator who will effectively tell the story of Rochester College. Having served under at least five college presidents, he and his wife, Sharon, know the challenges and sacrifices required in such a role.

**Dr. Ken Johnson, president emeritus
Rochester College**

We were excited to see Dr. Westerfield become president because he has long been known for his work on behalf of the students and is a familiar face around campus.

**Rebekah Parsons, president
Student Government Association**

Dr. Westerfield is forward-thinking, knows higher education, thinks first of students, cares for the faculty and staff and has a heart centered on the quest for what is right and true. Behind all the good things I've been a part of here, his constant support and leadership has been present.

**Jennifer Hamilton, dean
College of Arts and Sciences**

Mike has a heart for the College and the students. He's a man with a mission who serves with passion and determination. He's a man after God's own heart.

**Pat Kirby, chairman
Rochester College Board of Trustees**

I'd been impressed with Dr. Westerfield's ability as provost, but it was not until I served as interim president that I came to realize his true value. I was delighted to see his grasp of the 'big picture.' He was not only a warm, friendly person who genuinely was concerned with others, but he also had the wisdom and ability to deal with the problems that face leaders of schools such as ours.

**Robert Utley, member and former chairman
Rochester College Board of Trustees**

Dr. Westerfield knows the power of prayer and how important it is to ask God's guidance in seeking answers to the problems that are placed on his shoulders day by day.

**Dr. Milton Fletcher, chancellor emeritus
Rochester College**

This is part one of a two-part feature about Rochester's new president. This segment introduces Dr. Michael Westerfield and his qualifications for the office. The next segment, due in November, will report Westerfield's vision and plans for the College's next ten years.

Rochester's new president is a "lifer" in the culture of Christian academy. Born in the Bible Belt and raised by a family that traced its Church of Christ ancestry to the days when Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone roamed the American frontier, Michael Westerfield grew up with a natural appreciation for the church and its Lord. He submitted to baptism at age 13 and grew to consider a career in professional ministry. He found his calling, however, after four years at York College and Harding College, two Church of Christ schools located in Nebraska and Arkansas, where his studies kindled a love of English literature, teaching and the academy.

Westerfield couldn't resist the academy. He earned a master's degree and then the Ph. D. in English from the University of Nebraska. Meanwhile, he went to work as an English instructor at York in 1974. He got his first taste of college administration three years later when he became assistant to the academic vice president. He became director of York's summer school in 1979. The course was set, and Westerfield eventually became administrative vice president in 1989.

A few years later, Dr. Ken Johnson, president of Michigan Christian College, invited Westerfield to help him transform the sleepy little school of about 300 students into a comprehensive regional liberal arts college. In 1995, the 42-year old English lover-turned-administrator moved his family to Rochester Hills and became Michigan Christian's provost.

The next eight years would be eventful. Johnson turned most of his attention to raising enough support to build up the College's aging campus. Westerfield applied his experience in academic administration to creating programs that would fill that campus with new students.

A bottomless well of knowledge had opened to Westerfield in 1991, when he became a consultant and evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. He interacted with hundreds of administrators and professors and visited dozens of colleges and universities. As he explored the best and worst of American higher education, he developed a good sense of what a small private college needed to do to succeed.

Westerfield drew from that well of knowledge when he went to work at Michigan Christian. Over the next eight years he led the way to three new baccalaureate degrees and dozens of new four-year majors in fields like business, communication, education, psychology and the liberal arts. Westerfield did more than grow the faculty to match the student population, he attracted some of the brightest scholars around. The academic division eventually grew strong enough to support an adult education program at four locations in southeast Michigan. Westerfield helped launch a study abroad program in 2001 and laid the groundwork for the College's first graduate program.

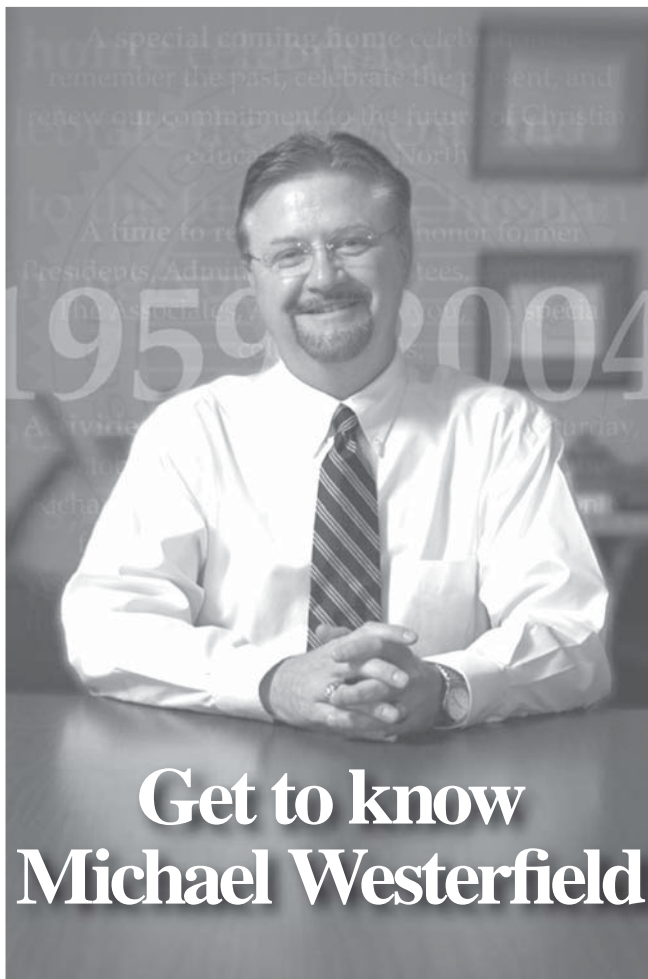
Johnson and Westerfield's work paid off as new buildings and enrollment rose quickly at what became Rochester College in 1997. Westerfield continued to teach a little and to consult for the High-

er Learning Commission. He took leadership roles for the National Conference of Academic Deans, the Rochester Community Coalition and the Rochester Church of Christ, where he served as elder.

Westerfield thought little about becoming a college president, but when Johnson suddenly resigned in August 2003, Rochester's board asked their provost to fill the president's office while they looked for a replacement. Westerfield kept the seat warm for someone else, but college presidents across the country joined hundreds of Rochester professors, staffers and students in nominating him for the permanent job. The College had its man.

On April 28, 2004, Westerfield became the seventh president of Rochester College. He follows a president who served longer than any other president in the College's history. No president, however, came into office more qualified and more ready than Westerfield to lead the College toward the realization of its founders' dream.

The following is an interview between **north star** and Rochester's new president.



**Get to know
Michael Westerfield**

How do you feel about your new job?

MW: Honored and humbled.

Why did you take the job?

MW: I believe God has a plan for Rochester College and I want to be part of His plan.

Which of your life experiences most prepared you for this?

MW: My career in Christian higher education. My work with the Higher Learning Commission has allowed me to work with and visit colleges of all types.

Why did you choose a career in Christian higher education?

MW: I wanted to fuse my two loves: ministry and the academic life. Christian higher education is the perfect match.

What about being president excites you most?

MW: The future. We are just beginning to see great things happen. As president, I will have a front row seat and I cannot wait.

Describe your leadership philosophy.

MW: A president is a servant first. What that means is that the president is first among equals

and leads in that spirit. A president should surround himself with good people, build a cohesive team and cast the vision for the campus.

What three aspects of your job will be most important?

MW: Share the vision with our constituents, make new friends for the College and work with the trustees to implement their strategic vision for the College.

What makes Rochester unique?

MW: Rochester is a smaller academic community where we value our Christian faith and scholarship. It's a place where people still matter and where tremendous human support systems exist.

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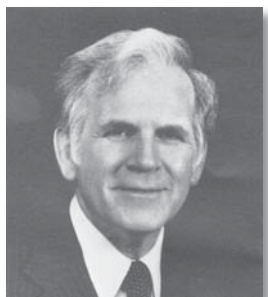
Rochester College presidents



**Otis Gatewood
(1958-1964)**



**E. Lucien Palmer
(1964-1971)**



**Don Gardner
(1971-1978)**



**Walter Gilflen
(1978-1980)**



**Milton Fletcher
(1980-1991)**



**Ken Johnson
(1991-2003)**



**Michael Westerfield
(2004-present)**

Leaders

Accomplishments

Sara Barton, campus minister, spoke at the Abilene Christian University lectureship.
Charles Blake, controller, MBA from Baker College.

Appointments

Elton Albright, director of institutional advancement, annual gifts.

Scott Cagnet, admissions advisor.

Eric Campbell ('01), director of enrollment services, College of Extended Learning.

Tedd Case, director of Title III programs.

Dan Curtis ('03), admissions advisor.

Doug Edwards ('62), vice president of institutional advancement, planned giving, endowment, and major gifts.

Dr. David Flear, vice president of church relations.

Denise Flynn ('76), assistant to the vice president, College of Extended Learning.

Bruce Foulk, Rochester College Board of Trustees. Foulk is president of Norplex Associates in Livonia, Mich.

Kirsten Larsson, enrollment counselor, College of Extended Learning.

Cathy MacKenzie, registrar.

Karen MacKenzie, assistant, institutional advancement.

Dick Miller ('76), director of alumni relations.

Donna Mosly, assistant, Academic Center for Excellence.

Birgie Niemann, vice president of institutional advancement, foundations, grants and public relations.

David Richardson ('67), Rochester College Board of Trustees. Richardson is CEO of Richardson Eagle, Inc., of Arlington, Texas.

Don Robinson ('72), vice president of institutional advancement, campaign strategies.

Burt Rutledge ('93), supplemental instruction coordinator, Academic Center for Excellence.

Lora Schwab, Rochester College Board of Trustees. Schwab is CEO of StatProbe, Inc., in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Chris Shields ('04), admissions advisor.

Joan Sullivan, director of testing and career planning.

Alexander Waites ('04), admissions advisor.

Lee Watson, director of student financial aid.

Dr. Michael Westerfield, president.

Amanda Wolfe ('03), enrollment counselor, College of Extended Learning.

Goodbyes

Lucille Green, a clerk in the College bookstore for 25 years, retired at the age of 88.

Chris Osburn, director of Title III programs, resigned to relocate to Lake Charles, La. She will be a full-time high school science teacher.

Toby Osburn, vice president of enrollment services, resigned to become dean of students at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, La.

Texas couple creates Rochester's first endowed teaching chair

A Dallas, Texas, couple recently provided funds to create the first endowed chair in Rochester's 45-year history. Dr. Jack McCorkle, a radiologist, and Madalon, his wife, pledged a significant gift to create the Madalon Herren-McCorkle Music Chair in Rochester's department of music.

"I am very pleased that Dr. McCorkle and his wife, Madalon, have shown confidence in the future of Rochester College with this significant gift," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester's president. "Endowed gifts assure that Rochester will continue to be served with well-equipped faculty, training leaders for the future. The Madalon Herren-McCorkle Music Chair will be a blessing to the College for generations to come."

An endowed chair is a teaching position that is paid for (salary and other associated costs) by interest earned on principal (endowment). Westerfield expects the College to name the McCorkle Professor during the 2004-2005 school year.

The McCorkles are noted friends of Christian higher education throughout the world. Both graduated from Harding University, Rochester's sister in-

stitution in Searcy, Ark. Dr. McCorkle served as chairman of the board of International Christian University in Vienna, Austria. Later, he served as board chairman for Global Christian University before it consolidated with Rochester College. The McCorkles also created an endowed scholarship for Bible and ministry students at Harding.

"We've been interested in Christian education all of our lives," said Dr. McCorkle. "We decided that Rochester was in a position to do for that area of the country what Abilene Christian University and Harding University have done for [the southwestern] area. Rochester showed that it is a survivor and we expect it to make a lot of progress over the next few years."

Doug Edwards, Rochester's vice president of institutional advancement specializing in endowment and major gifts, anticipates the McCorkles' endowment gift could be the first of many of its kind.

"The McCorkle gift is an example to partners of Christian higher education," said Edwards. "We hope it leads others to consider endowing teaching chairs and endowment opportunities at Rochester College."



Dr. Jack and Madalon McCorkle.

Q & A with David Flear, Rochester's VP of church relations

On May 17, Rochester College made Dr. David Flear, professor of religion and communication, the College's first-ever vice president of church relations.

"Dr. Flear is uniquely qualified to reach out to the College's partners in the church," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester's president. "He brings passion and an extraordinary number of relationships with a broad-based group of Christian leaders, ministers and churches."

Flear, whose energy is almost atomic in nature, says his whole life has been leading up to his new role. Planning is under way to offer up to four diverse opportunities per year to strengthen congregations and their leaders. Here's what he said about church relations in a recent Q & A with north star.

What about this job excites you?

Flear: I feel like a matchmaker bringing together the two people I love most: Rochester College and the church. What excites me most is the realization that God has been preparing me for this for a long, long time.

Why should an institution of higher education be concerned with the church?

Flear: Rochester's church relations will be characterized by *service to specific constituencies* within the Christian community. These programs will be of the highest quality, reflected in the participants, topics and even the placement of advertisements. The College will deliver to the church the best academic and spiritual resources, including the teaching and research strengths of the faculty.

What would be the ideal relationship between the College and its church constituents?

Flear: Rochester is an academic community where we wish to embody scholarship and service; an ideal expressed through our valued relations among researchers, speakers, teachers of excellence and the churches.

Please share a few examples of some

initiatives you would endorse to capitalize on these opportunities.

Flear: We will continue to develop the Sermon Seminar, which has become the gold standard for preaching enhancement programs in the Church of Christ and in the larger Christian academic community. The Seminar annually draws attendees from more than half the states and a dozen different denominations. The 2004 Seminar was the seventh in the ongoing series and drew 181 ministers from all over the globe. Publication through ACU Press, the use

of nationally-recognized speakers and regional and national advertisements have enhanced the College's reputation. The target audience for the Seminar are those who have strong biblical interests in preaching.

We plan to implement an academic colloquium that will attract scholars in the field of theology and set Rochester as a beacon for academic integrity, especially as it relates to the church. The target audience will be ministers, leaders and scholars. We are

already planning to present findings on Sept. 11 from the archeological dig at Tamar (a site in Israel) led by our own Dr. Craig Bowman.

Congregational development has long been a keen interest at Rochester through the Jim Wood seminars. This program has an excellent tradition and represents the audience we embrace.

I am excited to develop our speakers bureau, which will facilitate preaching and teaching by faculty at area congregations and events. The target audience will be congregations of the Church of Christ and all other Protestant fellowships, evangelical and mainline. We have in our midst the finest teachers in our fellowship and some of the world's experts in various topics.

Do you see the College moving more toward or away from the Church of Christ? What is the cause of this movement?

Flear: We are (with pride and sensitivity) moving toward the Church of Christ. Our emphasis at Rochester is the same emphasis of our first preachers and teachers in the early 19th century, who called for the unity of believers in the pursuit of Scripture.

How will you relate to an audience that is so diverse and wide?

Flear: I will seek to maintain and improve Rochester's relations with its church constituency by developing and nurturing connections with the Church of Christ, regionally and nationally, including African American congregations. At the same time, I will continue to nurture dialogue with fellowships outside the Church of Christ, who share essential concerns. Our conversation with the larger Christian community will involve a specific audience: the "reforming center" in Protestant Christianity, which is characterized by thinking evangelicals and biblically-oriented mainliners. In harmony with the plea of the Restoration Movement, the College will seek the unity of all Christians by reading and living in the world imagined in Scripture.

Dr. David Flear résumé

"I will work under the foundational assumption that we are part of a greater community, which believes truth is open to scholarly pursuit and inquiry. I will work to enhance the College's image as an academic and spiritual resource worthy of its constituents' trust and support."



Title: Vice president of church relations (as of May 17, 2004)
 Age: 50
 Family: Married to Mae for 29 years; sons, Josh, Luke and Nate
 Education: B.A., education, Washington State University
 M. Div., Abilene Christian University
 M.S., speech communication, Portland State University
 D. Min., Fuller Theological Seminary
 Ph. D., rhetoric, University of Washington
 Career: Professor of religion and communication (1995-2004)
 Interim minister for congregations of the Church of Christ in Michigan (1995-present)
 Helped create and direct the Rochester College Sermon Seminar (1999-present)
 Lectures in Church of Christ venues: Abilene Christian University, Lipscomb University, Oklahoma Christian University and Pepperdine University
 Editor for *Leaven* journal and co-editor for ACU Press preaching series, of which the most recent publication was volume five, *Preaching the Eighth Century Prophets*
 Pulpit minister, Andreson Road Church of Christ Vancouver, Washington (1981-1991)

Jennifer Hamilton appointed dean of College of Arts and Sciences

On May 6, Dr. Michael Westerfield announced a change of leadership for the College of Arts and Sciences, Rochester's largest academic division. Dr. John Barton, who served as dean since the formation of the CAS during the summer of 2003, resigned to give his full attention to teaching. In his place, Westerfield appointed Jennifer Hamilton, assistant professor of English, and one of Rochester's brightest stars, dean.

"I wish to extend my appreciation to Dr. John Barton for his outstanding service as dean during the past 12 months," said Westerfield. "A president is not often blessed with a person who can excel in the classroom as well as in an administrative role. Dr. Barton is that rare exception."

Barton is professor of philosophy in the Department of Religion and Bible. He will continue some administrative duties as associate dean of the CAS.

Westerfield said Barton's replacement would excel in the dean's office.

"During her five years at Rochester, Jennifer Hamilton has distinguished herself as a scholar and a leader," said Westerfield. "She is the right person at the right time to lead the College of Arts and Sciences to a new plane of excellence."

Few scholars could surpass Hamilton's quality and most scholars know it, at least at Rochester. In 2003, the College's faculty voted her Faculty Member of the Year. Although she says her first priority is "teaching...teaching...teaching...and loving it," Hamilton has repeatedly demonstrated brilliant leadership.

Shortly after her arrival at the Land Around Lake Norcentra in 1999, she took up the banner of international study and, two years later, the Global Education Opportunities (GEO) program was born, transporting Rochester students to Europe to study world cultures. True to her discipline, Hamilton helped form Ex Libris, a student creative writing group, and publish Blackberry Winter, a collection of the group's work. A member of the president's academic cabinet, she became one of the main voices of the College during its accreditation visit a couple of years



Jennifer Hamilton

ago, working with several criteria committees and drafting the statements that would be read by the Higher Learning Commission. Last spring, she quarterbacked the first Rochester College Academic Symposium, a wildly successful lollapalooza of student scholarship on parade. She frequently presents papers at academic conferences and in journals such as Stone-Campbell Journal, which recently published an essay about Super Bowl halftime entertainment (is it pop culture or propaganda?). All the while,

she has run steady in the marathon that is her dissertation on modern Scottish literature and the work of Scottish author Naomi Mitchison. She expects to receive the Ph.D. in literature from the University of Aberdeen (Scotland) this fall.

Hamilton will need all of her brilliance, experience and more when she takes charge of the college that boasts 13 of Rochester's academic departments, 52% of its students and 70% of its full-time faculty. She says she has

the perfect role model, however, from which to learn.

"I hope to continue to promote an atmosphere where faculty and department chairs can be visionaries for this institution. I hope to lead and inspire people like I have been by President Westerfield," says Hamilton. "His brand of leadership is so appropriate for an academic institution, for he recognizes the talents of people around him. He situates them according to their gifts, then frees them to accomplish good things for this institution."

Hamilton believes Rochester College, in general, and the College of Arts and Sciences, in particular, stand at the beginning of the greatest period of progress and transformation yet to come along in Rochester's half century on the scene.

"Rochester is poised to become a significant institution in the Midwest," says Hamilton. "I believe the right people are in the right places for this institution to provide a quality liberal arts education in a Christian setting."

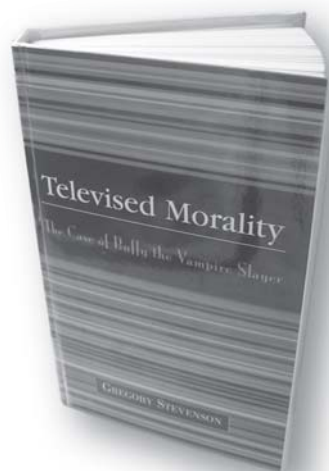
Hamilton's vision for the future includes deepening the CAS's degree portfolio with new majors and widening and diversifying the faculty to create cross-cultural classrooms in every department. She also expects more graduate programs to follow the Rochester College Master of Arts in religion, set for approval by the Higher Learning Commission in the next few months.

"At Rochester, one doesn't have to look very far to see opportunity," says Hamilton. "What remains is to take the initiative and make things happen."

The value of those opportunities, however, may only be weighed when the classrooms and hallways become silent, students become graduates, and raw potential becomes kinetic energy guided by something more than knowing the right answers on a test.

"I've a firm belief that higher education matters," says Hamilton. "We are about much more than 'job training.' We are about teaching people how to think, how to discern, how to quest for the things that matter. Those are life-shaping things. Being true to those convictions has guided all that I've done here at Rochester."

Professor's book explores hidden morality in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*



Dr. Greg Stevenson, professor of religion and Greek, and Rochester's pop culture expert extraordinaire, recently transformed his fascination with a popular television show into *Televised Morality: The Case of Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (Hamilton Books), a 299-page case study that attempts to help Christians identify morality hidden in the flickering images of primetime TV.

The subject of Stevenson's case study is *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, a

show about a teenaged girl "chosen" and empowered to fight demons and vampires. *Buffy* aired on the WB Network and UPN from 1997-2003.

Stevenson got hooked on the show, but felt troubled by its occult elements, disturbing sexuality and violence. Yet Stevenson sensed *Buffy* presented something more than met the eye.

"The incoherence between the moral messages I was taking from the show and the seemingly immoral form

in which they were sometimes cast captivated my imagination and set me on a journey of discovery," wrote Stevenson in the preface. His "Hollywood and Religion" class spent many hours in discussion about the material that eventually formed his book.

"I wrote the book because I sensed a need for students and church members to learn how to evaluate the moral value of a television show in a manner that is much deeper than simply tallying up instances of sex, violence and profanity," said Stevenson. "The reason I chose *Buffy* to do that is because it is a show that simultaneously has been highly praised and highly criticized for its approach to morality."

Televised Morality is available in the Rochester College Bookstore. Call (800) 521-6010, ext. 6.

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Faculty

Accomplishments

Joe Bentley, associate professor of music, received a community service award from the **Rochester Tuesday Musicale**, a music organization based in Rochester, Mich. The award included a \$500 gift to the Department of Music.

Jeff Cohu, associate professor of business, earned the **Senior Professional in Human Resources** certification, the highest certification in the human resources field.

Ron Cox, assistant professor of religion, voted **Most Influential Professor** by student body.

Dr. David Fleer, professor of religion and communication, voted **Professor Every Student Should Have** by student body.

Holly Hebert, adjunct librarian, received the **Master of Library Science** from Wayne State University.

Vivian Turner, assistant professor of mathematics, voted **Professor Every Student Should Have** by student body.

Dr. Beth VanRheenen, associate professor of English, voted **Most Influential Professor** by student body.

Activities

Dr. John Barton, professor of philosophy, **Sara Barton**, campus minister, and **Danny Hardman**, assistant professor of business, led a team of student missionary interns to Uganda in June and July.

Ron Cox, assistant professor of religion, presented at the **Seventh Annual Rochester College Sermon Seminar** in May.

Dr. Keith Huey, associate professor of religion, presented a book review at the **24th Annual Christian Scholars Conference** on July 17.

Frank Pitts, assistant professor of music, directed the **Troy Athens High School** production of *Les Miserables*.

Appointments

Jennifer Hamilton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, from assistant professor of English.

Dr. Keith Huey, chairman of the Department of Bible and Religion, from registrar.

Billie Miller, professor of early childhood education. Miller taught for over 20 years in public schools and served as a teaching supervisor for the University of Illinois.

Dr. Mel Storm, director of graduate programs, from chairman of the Department of Bible and Religion.

Goodbyes

Dr. John Barton, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, resigned to focus on full-time teaching. He is professor of philosophy.

Coach Bill Shinsky, professor emeritus of physical education, died March 3, 2004.

Dr. Beth VanRheenen, associate professor of English, resigned to relocate to Pennsylvania with her husband.

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GATEWAY TO THE WORLD

Starting with Otis Gatewood and Lucien Palmer in 1959 and continuing with Michael Westerfield in 2004, the College's leaders have always insisted that Rochester would be a gateway to the world. Long known for its large population of international students and institutional commitment to world missions, Rochester's most recent leaders have set in motion a plan to make cross-cultural interaction and world travel part of every student's experience.

"When our professors and students engage in activities that bring them into experiences with cultures other than their own, I believe they are living out our mission at Rochester College," said Dr. Michael Westerfield, Rochester's president. "Jesus told us to go into all the world, but we cannot go if we do not understand how others think and believe."

The following is a glimpse at "what in the world" Rochester administrators, professors and students are doing.

Global Education Opportunities (GEO).



Since 2001, dozens of Rochester students have spent their summers studying in Aberdeen, Scotland. This fall, GEO will sponsor its first semester-abroad program in Bavaria, Germany.

"It was an amazing experience. I read about stuff in books, but it didn't mean much until I was there and saw it firsthand," says Nicole Hornbaker, a junior English major from Delaware, Ohio, who studied in Scotland in 2003. "It broadened my understanding of the world, the way other people live. It gave me a huge confidence boost because I learned how to live and work in a different country. The experience will be beneficial to me as I want to become a writer. It helped me better understand people."

Missions

This year, about 30 students participated in foreign evangelistic or service missions to places like Australia, Brazil, Kenya or Thailand. The popularity of missions is on the rise at Rochester, thanks in part to IMAGE, a campus organization devoted to getting students involved in missions, and faculty and staff members who used to be missionaries.

Lindy Emerson, a senior interdisciplinary studies major from Mt. Vernon, Mo., and a veteran of two summer missions to Kenya (2002, 2003), says her experience changed her world forever:

"Kenya shaped me and changed me in more ways than I can count. It broadened my worldview and showed me that people can think differently than me and still be right—a hard concept for an American, I think. I learned that love does not take money, wealth or even ability. I don't need position or power to show the love of Christ. Kenya showed me that I am far wealthier than I ever thought and I cry every time I think of the people who are living in poverty as I sit here in my padded chair, typing on my computer in the comfort of air conditioning. Kenya showed me the creativity of God. He created the world for all His children and He didn't make it all the same. We learn more about ourselves and others when in hard living conditions. It shows you a glimpse of how hard it should truly be to be a body of believers, yet the amazing reward it is to be unified under Christ despite your differences. I thought I went to Kenya to teach people; they taught me."



Uganda internship



This summer, the College hosted its first missions internship under the direction of veteran missionaries Dr. John Barton (professor of philosophy), his wife, Sara (campus minister), and Danny Hardman (assistant professor of business). Fourteen students participated.

One of those student interns, Samantha Winterrowd, wrote from Ankole, Uganda, to describe her first experience beyond America.

"It has helped me to see all the missionaries and how 'real' they are," wrote the senior social work major from Jamestown, Ohio. "They are no longer these superheroes that you can't imagine you could ever be like. They are pretty amazing; however, it is in their heart to simply serve God. They are trying to get out of the way and let God work. I am for sure learning so much from them all. I wish everyone could have this experience."

Archeology in Israel

Dr. Craig Bowman, professor of religion, led a two-week archeological expedition to Tamar, a site in Israel, in March. Bowman expects to return with more students in 2005.

"One of the most positive aspects of the trip was being able to do what I have spent four years studying," said student archeologist and May 2004 graduate Jared Cramer. "It is one thing to read about what archeologists have found; it is quite another to actually participate and be the one finding things."



Global Christian University

Global Christian University, Rochester's new Internet-based academic division, received applications from 23 countries over the last few months. GCU will open a new gateway for people from every part of the world to interact in the name of education.

"My parents and I were serving as missionaries in Albania when I began my education with Global Christian University," says Eric Wineberger, a missionary in Durres, Albania. "When I enrolled, my only desire was to be a missionary (that is still my only desire). I moved back to the States and enrolled at Harding University to continue my education in missions. Harding accepted my GCU credits. I am thankful for what I learned at GCU, most of all the Bible classes I took. The church at Durres is doing very well. There are usually about 60 in attendance on a typical Sunday morning and many individual Bible studies are going on every day throughout the week."

International students

About 30 international students attended Rochester in 2003-2004. They came from Albania, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, England, Honduras, India, Kenya, Liberia, Nepal, Poland, Romania, Tanzania, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

Roxie Florescu, a senior accounting major from St. George, Romania, gives an international student's view of what it is like to encounter American culture for the first time:

"The first six months [in America] were difficult. I never studied English in school, so I had to learn it on my own. The hardest thing to accept about America was that everyone was so nice to me, walking up and hugging me. We don't get that close in Romania. The relationship between students and teachers is different here. You can go up to a teacher here and he would go out of his way to help you. You never get that in Romania. I'm a much better person because of my time in America. Growing up in Communism, you don't really get a voice. I'm much more confident, have more self-esteem and know my opinion is valid and worth being expressed."



A diverse campus culture

Rochester officials recently set in stone their intent to make the College a place where diverse cultures interact. A diversity committee, made up of administrators, professors, staff members and students crafted a diversity vision statement that will henceforth govern all College policy.



The Rochester College Diversity Vision Statement:

Following the model of Christ, Rochester College will intentionally affirm and value the uniqueness of all individuals and their past or potential contribution to our diverse society.

Through its statements of policy and by its actions, the College's board, faculty, administration, staff and student body will demonstrate its commitment to valuing diversity by:

Seeking to create a campus culture that encourages respect and appreciation for all individuals regardless of differences;

Working to achieve representative numbers in the student body, faculty, administration, staff, board, and constituents of groups historically denied access to opportunities for higher education and employment;

Developing programs of study that help students learn of the experiences, perspectives, challenges and contributions of a wide variety of individuals representing various cultures and groups, resulting in a greater understanding of and appreciation for those cultures and groups;

Providing opportunities for building relationships with individuals of various groups and supporting causes that will enhance the quality of life for all.

Krystal Lambert, a junior from Swartz Creek, Mich., says the diversity of cultures on campus has been very important to her as a student and as a person:

"I come from a town where everyone is white. Diversity on campus makes you a better person by being around different people. You learn how to interact with other cultures, learn to respect people who are different from you. It's helped me appreciate different points of view."



Internships open doors for Rochester students

Would you like fries with that?

The summer after I graduated from high school, I made \$4.25 per hour working the counter at a burger stand in my hometown of Ashland, Ohio. Five years later, I had a \$40,000 salary as an account executive at a Fortune 500 multinational in Chicago.

Kids all over the Great Lakes region, working elbow-deep in fryer grease, might wonder how I did it. Even some adults, stuck in dead-end jobs, may wonder, too.

I'm thankful to God, my parents, the Church of Christ, Ashland City Schools, Michigan Christian College and Harding University for equipping, educating and empowering me to become a salaried professional. I'm thankful to live in the United States, where freedom and opportunity abound.

Yet I needed more than education and talent to move out of the fast food kitchen and into a ninth floor office overlooking downtown Chicago. I needed a key to unlock the door of opportunity.

I received that key during the summers of 1997 and 1998, when I served as a youth ministry intern for the Southside Church of Christ in Grenada, Mississippi. The first job that gave me responsibility for more than french fries, that internship gave me the chance to be a leader of people and a manager of processes and resources. My successes and failures at Southside became the experience that attracted three job offers two months before I graduated from college.

My experience five years ago is more common among students today. In fact, the latest data shows that today's interns are most likely to be tomorrow's most sought-after employees. A recent survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) reports that employers converted four out of ten interns into full-time employees in 2002 and 2003. Vault.com, a leading career planning resource, reports that many larger companies select new hires only from among their interns and most businesses will not hire fresh college graduates who haven't participated in internships.

"As a rule, employers look for job candidates who have the kind of work-related experience that students can gain through an internship program," says Larry Norman, Rochester's vice president of career services. "At the same time, many employers will look first to their own pool of interns when they have regular, full-time openings."

I recently interviewed three students and two recent graduates to see how this national trend looks up close.

Today's interns

Most Rochester degrees now require students to complete an internship for credit. One of those students, Darren McCullough, a senior from Midland, Mich., needed to complete a semester internship to earn the Bachelor of Science in mass communication. Some students must find their own internship, but Darren benefited from the placement office at Specs Howard School of Broadcast Art, the school that delivers some of the classes for Rochester's mass communication program.

"Specs Howard has a great reputation for graduating quality broadcasting professionals," says Darren. "Companies come to Specs Howard looking for interns."

Last spring, Specs Howard helped Darren get a three-month internship at Clear Channel Radio's WNIC-FM in Farmington Hills, Mich., where he helped the promotions department announce, assemble and deliver the hundreds of prizes the station gives out each week. The prize closet may be a long way from the broadcast booth, but Darren says his internship was a big step in the right direction:

"This business is about who you know. Now I know people who know other people and so on. I will definitely benefit from the connections."

David Brazle, a senior secondary education major from Tallmadge, Ohio, didn't need an internship for his program, but found one anyway. Better put, an internship found him.

When the Cortland Church of Christ, a congregation of about 150 people in Warren, Ohio, needed a summer youth ministry intern in 2003, they called David, the son of a minister at a sister congregation. David felt that preparing and delivering two Bible lessons each week for high school and junior high students would be good practice for teaching math in public high school, his career of choice. He learned a lot about the classroom.

"Working with people is not as 'cut and dried' as doing my math homework," says David. "It's tiring. It's so tough figuring out when the work day begins and ends, but I like that every day is different. I learned to be decisive, to think on my feet and trust God in everything."

Sally Williams needed an internship to fulfill the practicum requirement for her major in sports management. Unlike Darren and David, however, the senior from Flint, Mich., had to find her internship on her own. She used the Internet to locate a 12-week summer 2004 internship at Sports Monster, a Chicago-based company that organizes, markets and operates adult recreational sports leagues.

Sally found room and board with members of the Lakeview Church of Christ on Chicago's north side and went to work on the day-to-day operations of a summer softball league for 23-35 year olds. As an intern, she schedules games, registers members, does some basic accounting, assigns referees (sometimes she has to ref, too), manages facilities and does a little marketing.

"The internship is helping me see how an adult recreation league is run," says Sally via e-mail. "It's letting me see how much work actually goes into sports management."



Kevin Stewart, a May 2004 graduate, says his summer internship in 2003 is the main reason he got a job at Daniel Brian & Associates in Rochester, Mich. Photo by Jeff Bennett.

sessions and observed client meetings. He worked, worked, worked and learned some things about the professional realm.

"I never realized how busy an agency is," says Kevin. "I never realized how much of yourself you have to throw into a job to be successful."

The agency liked him enough to create a full-time job (with a salary) for him.

"I have a job mainly because I had an internship," says Kevin. "In the world of work, they're not going to look just at the grades you got; it's more about what you've done and where you've been. My boss told me when he hired me full-time that I proved I have what he's looking for. Without my internship, I'd still be looking for a job."

Helping students make the change

Rochester's leaders want every student to share in the experience of the five men and women featured in this story. In addition to requiring most students to complete an internship as part of their degree programs, the College recently appointed Larry Norman vice president of career services and hired Joan Sullivan to direct testing and career counseling. More recently, Norman's office launched a Web site (www.rc.edu/careerservices) for employers and students interested in internships. All of this adds up to a top-down commitment to position Rochester graduates for the best jobs.

"We're committed to helping students understand, locate and get the most from the career opportunities out there," says Norman. "There are many benefits to completing an internship other than not having to ask, 'Do you want fries with that?'"

Story by Bradley T. Irwin

Tomorrow's professionals

Natalie Whitbread says every student in Rochester's counseling psychology program should be required to complete an internship. In 2000, Natalie completed a 240-hour internship as a student at Oakland Community College before enrolling at Rochester and earning the B.S. in counseling psychology in May 2004.

As an intern, Natalie worked for Macomb-Oakland Regional Centers (MORC), a nonprofit agency based in Macomb Twp., Mich., that provides an array of services to adults and children with developmental, physical or psychiatric disabilities. She handled more than the usual paper-shuffling assigned to most interns; MORC gave her responsibility for a handful of people who profoundly depended on her.

"I was responsible for helping my clients integrate with the community," says Natalie. "I taught them job and social skills, learned about crisis intervention, did some basic counseling and helped them with government paperwork."

The experience overwhelmed her at first, but finally prepared her to go to work full-time at Lincoln Behavioral Services, a Dearborn, Mich., nonprofit that provides services and support for substance abusers.

"I learned how to interact with disabled people," says Natalie. "I had limited interaction before my internship and, at first, I felt like a fish out of water. It was a wonderful learning experience, which aids me daily in my current position. My internship opened up a wide range of opportunities for me and exposed me to situations that educated me beyond a classroom setting."

Kevin Stewart, a May 2004 B.B.A. graduate, says his internship turned into a full-time job at a company he loves.

Last summer, Kevin worked 25 hours per week at Daniel Brian & Associates, an marketing agency based in Rochester, Mich. Kevin didn't get paid one penny, so he soaked up every drop of experience. He assisted account executives with dozens of projects, sat in on creative

Students

Awards

Steve Corp, a senior youth and family ministry major from Ashtabula, Ohio, was voted **Mr. Rochester College**. Corp was a member of **Autumn** (Rochester's Christian vocal band), **A Cappella Chorus**, and was president of **Delta Nu** social club. Corp also hosted **Celebration**, Rochester's annual student-produced musical review. Corp was a frequent worship leader for daily chapel. The students elected Corp from a list of nominees selected by the administration, faculty and staff.

Kara Nulty, a senior communication major from Whitehall, Mich., was voted **Miss Rochester College**. Nulty was a member of **Pied Pipers** (an improvisational drama troupe for children) and **Company** (a traveling Christian drama troupe). She was president of **Alpha Tau Theta** social club, led a student mission to Australia, and was a **Celebration** hostess. She also interned in the **public information office**. The students elected Nulty from a list of nominees selected by the administration, faculty and staff.

Lindy Emerson, a junior interdisciplinary studies major from Mt. Vernon, Mo., was presented the **Lynn and Sandi Bliss Second Miler Award**, given to the student who best exemplifies the Spirit of service to his or her neighbors. Emerson led a Sunday afternoon small group Bible study for students, worked as a tutor in the **Academic Center for Excellence** and as a resident advisor in **Ferndale Hall**. She served as a **SGA** senator and participated in two mission trips to **Kenya** (one of which she led). She also participated in a mission trip to **Chicago** and a mission internship in **Uganda**. She was captain and **All-American Honorable Mention** for the **Lady Warriors** volleyball squad. Emerson also won the **Peggy Matthews Award**, given to the female student athlete who best demonstrates Christian sportsmanship, two years in a row.

Jeremy King, a junior marketing major from Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, received a citizen's citation from **Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard** for helping deputies apprehend two bank robbers in Rochester Hills in June 2003.

Accomplishments

Kim Griswold, a May 2004 graduate from the College of Business and Professional Studies, and a native of Brownstown, Mich., received a full tuition scholarship to attend **Pepperdine University Law School** in Malibu, Calif.

Jared Cramer, a May 2004 graduate from the College of Arts and Sciences, received a full tuition scholarship to attend the **Graduate School of Theology at Abilene Christian University** in Abilene, Texas.

Alumni



"I'm motivated to serve Rochester College because I believe in what the College represents and the positive impact it has on people's lives. I also appreciate the wonderful faculty and staff who cared about me. My experience and relationships at Michigan Christian helped me develop emotionally and spiritually. Despite the changes at the College in recent years, it continues to communicate, to 'live out,' its mission to provide quality education in a Christian environment. I'm always proud to say that Rochester is my alma mater."

Brenda Phillips
Michigan Christian College Class of 1977
Volunteer, Rochester College Alumni Association

About 6,000 people call Rochester their alma mater. Whatever success they enjoy in life, Rochester prepared them to some degree. Conversely, Rochester succeeds only to the degree that its alumni succeed. Dick Miller, the College's new alumni relations chief, says Rochester will from now on work to provide its alumni lifelong service and support to be successful well beyond their years on the shores of Lake Norcentra.

Businesses



"I've worked with the College for about ten years, starting with the [Ferndale Hall/Hoggatt Hall project]. I appreciate the repeat business and the loyalty from the College. In return, we've tried to be loyal by providing the best service at a competitive rate. I've been working on the [new] gym. A gym will be good for the community because we could always use more recreational opportunities for kids. I value the long-term relationship with the College. Not enough people have those kinds of relationships any more."

Frank Rewold
President, Frank Rewold & Assoc.
Rochester, Mich.
Constructed Ferndale Hall-Hoggatt Hall (1997),
Ennis and Nancy Ham Library (2002), Richardson
Academic Center (2004)

Rochester specializes in higher education, not construction, foodservice or publishing. That's why the College relies on business partners like Frank Rewold & Assoc., Chartwells Campus Dining Services, Utley Bros. Printing and dozens of other companies to service today's students who will become tomorrow's best job applicants.

Churches



"The College provides speakers for special events and its seminars and workshops have been instrumental in educating and equipping our membership. Most important is the opportunity for our children to be educated by Bible-believing professors. While we recognize that the College is not the Church, it has enhanced the function and maturity of the Church's membership."

Dr. Russell Bone
Minister, Parkside Church of Christ
Dearborn, Mich.

Rochester College was conceived at the Northwest Church of Christ in Detroit during the spring of 1954. The College opened its first offices at the Royal Oak (Mich.) Church of Christ in 1956. Today, the Rochester Church of Christ stands next to campus as a symbol of the interdependence between Church and College. Hundreds of Rochester graduates lead congregations all over the world. Each year, hundreds of congregations send their children and their resources to Rochester. The College's recent creation of a church relations office is a sign that Church and College leaders intend for both institutions to grow together.

Neighbors



"The College has been our partner for several years as sponsor of Festival of the Hills. With the College's support, this event has grown to attract nearly 50,000. The College is also our partner in A Day in the Life. With support from the College, this publication and traveling display will reach every resident in our tri-community area. The College has also been a good steward in saving its historic resources on campus. It always seems that a project with Rochester College is a win-win situation for all partners."

Pat McKay
Director, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Each year, the College participates in community events and projects designed to enrich the collective life of Greater Rochester. For example, Arts 'n' Apples, an annual arts festival in downtown Rochester or Festival of the Hills, the community's annual Independence Day celebration. Recently, the College partnered with the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm to sponsor *A Day in the Life*, a photo documentary of what goes on in Greater Rochester during a typical 24-hours.

Nonprofits



"The mission of the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce is to provide leadership by advancing business development partnerships with civic and educational interests for the benefit of Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. A perfect example is the partnership between Rochester College and the Rochester Regional Chamber to create the Leadership Rochester program, which enrolled over 20 students in 2004, its first year. We hope that Leadership Rochester will continue to grow."

Sheri L. Heiney
Executive director,
Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce

Nonprofit organizations like the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce and Rochester College share similar objectives in the community. That's why the College shares its resources with partners like the Rochester Regional Chamber, Rochester Community House, Rochester Rotary Club, or God's Helping Hands. This year, Rochester Regional Chamber and the College teamed up to create Leadership Rochester, a community leadership development program for Greater Rochester.

Parents



"We are excited to have our David and Karina at Rochester. We will never forget David's first assessment of the College: After David had been there just one month, we asked him if it was as good as he had expected. He said, 'I never dreamed it could be this good!' Rochester provides wonderful leadership-building opportunities in a Christian environment. We are so thankful for Rochester."

Mark and Jill ('73) Brazle
Tallmadge, Ohio
Parents of David and Karina Brazle, Rochester students

The dads and moms who send their children to Rochester College and support them as they pursue their college education do far more than just pay the bills; they give our students the love and encouragement that compliments the Rochester College experience. In the future, these members of the Rochester College family will assume a more visible role in our pursuit for academic excellence in a Christian setting.

Partners

Foundations



"The Kresge trustees were quite pleased with Rochester College's effective use of the Foundation's challenge grant in the campaign for the Ennis and Nancy Ham Library. The \$1 million raised from donors responding to the challenge helped the College raise more than twice the amount raised in any previous campaign. Nearly one fifth of those gifts represented new givers, which will stand in good stead for future efforts."

John Marshall III
President, The Kresge Foundation
Troy, Mich.

Grants from private foundations are one of the bases beneath Rochester's rise in stature. In 2001, a grant from the Teagle Foundation enabled Rochester to hire the vice president who coordinates fund raising for projects like Ham Library, Richardson Academic Center and an athletic center (in the planning stages). The Kresge Foundation's challenge grant in 2001 accounted for a large part of the money needed to construct Ham Library. Smaller grants funded campus beautification, improvements to academic programs, technology upgrades and other initiatives designed to augment Rochester's world mission.

Friends



"It was important to us that, as our sons went off to college, they were spiritually fed as well as receiving a good education. Michigan Christian equipped them, not only with knowledge in their various vocations, but most of all, to walk in the ways of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will continue to pray for the professors, the workers and the students at Rochester College. How blessed we are in Michigan that Rochester College is part of our spiritual heritage, not only for our children, but for our grandchildren and future generations."

Jerry and Rita Brackney
Parents of David ('87), Mark ('90) and Philip ('97)

"Friends" are not alumni, but they identify with the Rochester College dream and give their resources to transform it into reality. Some, like Alberta Muirhead of Dearborn, Mich., give money to build campus. Others, like Jerry and Rita Brackney, send their children to the shores of Lake Norcentra for a Rochester education. Many more volunteer time or personal effects or even simple prayers. The College could not succeed or survive without its good friends.

Hometowns



"I'd like to compliment the College for being an integral part of the City of Rochester. The College's educational, cultural, athletic, recreational and community programs enhance the city. The city was flattered when [Michigan Christian] changed its name to Rochester College."

Kenneth A. Johnson
City manager, City of Rochester, Mich.

"Rochester College is an asset to the City of Rochester Hills for many reasons. It brings many outstanding students to our area. It has an attractive campus that has grown and expanded in the last few years. It is involved in many worthwhile community programs. I encourage everyone to take a tour of the College and, if you ever get a chance to hear its heavenly choir, please do."

Pat Somerville
Mayor, City of Rochester Hills, Mich.

Simply put, Rochester College would not trade its location in Greater Rochester (the cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills) for any other hometown in the world.

Schools



"Our two schools, together, offer our collective student bodies the best of both worlds. It seems Rochester is always exploring new ways to enhance its relationship with Specs Howard and increase the value of our students' education. The people at Rochester are great to work with, too. Not only do they talk business with us, but we'll go to lunch together, talk about our families and enjoy a personal component to the relationship. We're just delighted to be allied with such great people at such a prestigious institution."

Jonathan Liebman
CEO, Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts
Southfield, Mich.

Rochester enjoys partnerships with Macomb Community College in Clinton Twp., Mich., Mott Community College in Flint, Mich., and Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts. In exchange for Rochester delivering bachelors' degrees on site, these schools deliver a constant stream of new students for Rochester. Rochester's academic partners allow it to offer students access to more and better choices. For example, Specs Howard gave Rochester the resources to create a mass communication major.

Students



"Student Government serves to keep constant communication between the students, faculty and administration. SG officers hold weekly meetings with Dean [Terrill] Hall and President Westerfield, and also chairs multiple campus improvement committees, including the campus quality of life committee and the cafeteria committee. Our goal as an organization is to bring students, faculty and administration to the point where all three groups can work together to fulfill their needs. The partnership between Student Government and the College is invaluable to the students."

Rebekah Parsons
President, Rochester College Student Government Assoc.

The heart and soul of Rochester College, over 1,000 students do more than fill classrooms and hallways; their discoveries, dreams, questions and propels the College into the future. From lowly freshmen to working adults enrolled in night classes to graduate students, all will shape the culture of learning around Lake Norcentra for generations to come. Students are both the source and the finished product of Rochester's vigor for academic excellence in a Christian setting.

Volunteers



"By supporting the College, we are ensuring a Christian college for our children and future generations. In return, we constantly receive benefits from the College by receiving teachers, strong Christian individuals, preachers, volunteers, etc. in our churches. The Associates of Rochester College believe there are no limits to the positive impact the current students and alumni can provide to strengthen businesses and churches in the North."

Tammy Conner
President, the Associates of Rochester College

Paid employees alone could not do the work required to sustain Rochester's growth. Volunteers like the Associates have always been vital to the College's work and always will be. For example, the College's 30 trustees work without pay to champion Rochester's cause all over America while working to keep the College close to its original mission. Rochester might have failed early in its history if not for the Associates, a volunteer organization made of women devoted to Christian higher education. Since 1959, these women have raised almost \$4.3 million for Rochester College. Their generosity has provided everything from library books to learning technology.

National champions!



The Rochester College Warriors men's basketball team celebrates its United States Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA) national title on March 6 in Tulsa, Okla. The Warriors captured their second national championship in a 73-70 overtime win against Northwest Christian College of Eugene, Ore. Coach Garth Pleasant said the game would go down as one of the all-time greatest in College history. Photo by the USCAA.

In a game that may go down as the greatest in the history of Rochester College sports, the Warriors men's basketball team captured the United States Collegiate Athletics Association (USCAA) national title in a 73-70 OT battle against the Beacons of Northwest Christian College (Eugene, Ore.) in Tulsa, Okla., on March 6.

Led by tournament MVP and senior captain PG Justin Sherlock, the Warriors fought their way out of a 32-29 halftime deficit to a 66-66 tie at the end of regulation. Sherlock played every minute of the game, scoring 17 points and ringing up seven rebounds and six assists. Senior All American F J.D. Austin and junior C Mike Tobin each scored 18 points.

"In my 30 years of coaching I have never had a player who loved the game

of basketball as much as Justin," said Warriors coach Garth Pleasant, who recorded his 562nd win and second national title at Rochester. "He may only be 5'8" in height, but the size of the kid's heart can't be measured."

The game played out in Hollywood fashion: Sixteen lead changes, eight ties and neither team led by more than six points. The stats sheet nearly balanced out as well: Both teams made 14 of 18 free throws, shot 48 percent from the floor, and made almost the same number baskets from beyond the arc. Rebounds made the difference, however, as Rochester grabbed 46 to Northwest's 31. Austin and Tobin led Rochester with nine rebounds each.

The Warriors led 72-70 with five seconds left in OT when junior G Colin Wilkinson made the free throw that

brought the national championship trophy back to Rochester Hills.

"I am so thankful for these young men and their commitment to excellence," said Pleasant. "There are very few basketball players who can say they've played on a national championship team."

Pleasant, who last won a national championship in 1989 when Michigan Christian (Rochester) College was part of the National Small Colleges Athletics Association, dedicated the USCAA title to Coach Bill Shinsky, the father of the Warriors sports program, who died three days before the championship.

"It was a bittersweet week, losing Coach Shinsky," said Pleasant. "The entire Rochester College sports program is indebted to him. I dedicate this championship to Coach."

USCAA All Americans

J.D. Austin (men's basketball)
Sr. F Baldwin, Mich.
BA interdisciplinary studies
19.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg

Andrew Hendershot (baseball)
Jr. LHP Macomb Twp., Mich.
Sports management

David Smith (baseball)
Sr. SS Troy, Mich.
Management
USCAA All Tournament
(8 H)

Chris Zimmerman (baseball)
Jr. RF Waterford, Mich.
Undecided
USCAA All Tournament (9 R, 8 RBI, 2 HR)
Hit 25 RBI in 27 appearances

Brett Crawford (baseball)
Jr. 1B Clarkston, Mich.
Sports management
USCAA All Tournament
(.522 BA, 2HR, 11 RBI)
Hit 27 RBI in 27 appearances

Chris Rickard (baseball)
Sr. 3B Toledo, Ohio
Secondary education
.359 BA, 33 RBI
USCAA Tournament leader:
Hits (8) and runs (10)

USCAA All Americans (honorable mention)

Chris Avery (baseball)
Jr. C Waterford, Mich.
Undecided
Hit 24 RBI in 26 appearances

Chris Greene (men's soccer)
Soph. D Hartland, Mich.
Elementary education

Richard Hendershot (baseball)
Jr. LHP/OF, Macomb Twp., Mich.
Business communication
USCAA All Tournament
(1 GS, 9 IP, 5H, 1R, 7K, 0.00 ERA)

Justin Sherlock (men's basketball)
Sr. PG, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
BA interdisciplinary studies
4.4 apg

Kelly Carr (baseball)
Fr. RHP St. Clair Shores, Mich.
Undecided

Kevin Garner (men's soccer)
Jr. MF Lincolnshire, England
BBA sports management
Scored 1.9 ppg

Jon Hilborn (baseball)
Soph. LHP, Toronto, Ontario
Sports management

Joe King (baseball)
Fr. 2B, Harper Woods, Mich.
Undecided
.395 BA, 34 H
USCAA Tournament leader:
(4 SB)

USCAA Academic All Americans

(juniors or seniors whose GPA is 3.5 or higher)

Christian Adolfsson (men's basketball): Sr., management, Denmark
Brett Crawford (baseball): Jr., sports management, Clarkston, Mich.
Kim Griswold (women's soccer): BBA management, Brownstown, Mich.
Heather Hammond (women's soccer): Soph., psychology, Fredrick, Md.
Jessica Porter (women's soccer): Soph., psychology, W. Lafayette, Ind.
Branko Rebrovic (men's soccer): BBA management, Zagreb, Croatia

Wes Taphin Award

This award is named for Wes Taphin, who played basketball for the Warriors in 1966 and 1967. Taphin died in a drowning accident in 1967. The Wes Taphin Award is given to the Warrior student athlete who best demonstrates Christian sportsmanship.

Henry Oyier (men's soccer) won for the second straight year

Jr. F, Nairobi, Kenya
Computer systems management
Three-year letterman
2003 Coach's Award for leadership, sportsmanship, and work ethic
Hoggatt Hall residents' advisor
Led student mission to Kenya (2003)

Peggy Matthews Award

This award is named for Peggy Matthews, a 1970 graduate of Michigan Christian College who played basketball for the Lady Warriors. Matthews died in 1987. The Peggy Matthews Award is given to the Lady Warrior student athlete who best demonstrates Christian sportsmanship.

Lindy Emerson (volleyball) won for the second straight year

Jr. MB, Mt. Vernon, Mo.
Interdisciplinary studies
Team captain (2003)
Led student missions to Kenya (2002, 2003)
ACE lab tutor
Spring break mission to Chicago (2004)

Rochester baseball runners-up at national tournament

The mightiest bats in the United States Collegiate Athletics Association were not enough to overcome a pitching disaster that resulted in a 11-1 Rochester College loss to Florida College in the USCAA national title game, May 7 in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Florida riptide swept away the Warriors' 28-11 season record and second consecutive appearance at the national tournament, the

best run of Rochester baseball since Coach Bill Shinsky started the program at Michigan Christian College in 1970. The USCAA named five Warriors to its All-American baseball squad and five to its All-American Honorable Mention baseball squad.

The only thing more fierce than Rochester's hit squad in 2004 was its determination on the ball diamond. For

the second year in a row, the Warriors routed cross-town rival and NCAA Div. I Oakland University 14-7 on the Golden Grizzlies' home field.

Vergil Smith coached the Warriors for a fifth consecutive year. Since his first two seasons at Rochester, Smith has coached the Warriors to a 56-41 overall record with two appearances at the USCAA national tournament.



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EULOGY

by Coach Garth Pleasant

I can see him in heaven, going up to God, and saying, "Pull my finger."

For nearly 30 years, Coach and I walked heart in heart at Rochester College. He was my coach, mentor, colleague, friend and brother. We spent countless hours with each other and traveled thousands of miles together. We shared an office and he stood up with me at my wedding. He would do anything for me, as I would for him. I doubt the College ever had two employees as close to each other for such a long period of time as Coach and I. He probably was my number one fan. Our team was playing in the national tournament when word of his death came to me. Maybe it was appropriate that we were in practice when the call came. As we were crowned national champions, I thought of Coach and how much he would have enjoyed being there. I said in my mind, "This one is for you." In the locker room, I commented how Coach was with me when we won our first national championship. One of my players said, "Coach, he was with you this evening, too." I would like to believe that was true.

In the area of alumni relations, the College has lost her greatest ambassador. When the word of his death reaches the ears of alumni all over the country, there will be sadness followed by a smile brought on by a memory of Coach. To Rick in Florida it might be the memory of his good luck red socks that he wore for every basketball game. To Barry in Missouri it might be a "Polish joke." To Carol and Ruth, former Warriorettes in Texas, it might be the song they made up about his talent for getting lost. He had nicknames for everyone: "Shorty", "Slim" and "Norma Jean the Queen". For the past 35 years I have been "Boz", short for "Bozo". A few years ago, Dave and Jan Rimer from New Mexico came by the campus. We were discussing his nicknames for people. I asked Jan what her nickname was and she replied, "Bubbles." Asked why he called her "Bubbles", she replied, "I don't know and I was always afraid to ask."

You never wondered what was on his mind because he was going to tell you. Just because he was Coach, he could get by with saying things that would get a normal person slapped. If he thought you were too heavy he would tell you that you needed to shed a few pounds. If he thought your clothes were too tight he would ask you if you could get them a little tighter.

We were "The Odd Couple." He was a neat freak and my messy desk was a source of frustration to him. For many years he was in charge of the grounds for the campus during the summer months. The grass, shrubbery and flowers were all immaculately kept. He had the greatest love for the College. I can't recall him being selfish, whining if he didn't get what he wanted or having any hidden agendas. He was a true team player. Yet he was one who always seemed to get the upper hand.

However, there was one occasion that I got the upper hand. I was standing on a street corner in Rochester. Standing by me was an elderly lady. Coach was standing on the opposite side of the street. The pedestrian sign said "DON'T WALK." As I stepped into the street, the lady followed. I stepped back up on the curb as Coach started to yell, "Hey you dummy, can't you read? It says DON'T WALK." As he yelled, only the elderly lady was in the street and she hurried back up on the curb. I took off the opposite direction. As I turned around, I saw Coach pointing in my direction, trying to explain to the lady that it was me he was calling a "dummy."

In many athletic programs, one can find power struggles among the coaches. That was never the case, nor will it ever be the case at Rochester. Nevertheless, Coach always referred to himself--and rightly so--as "Coach Number One." He always will be.

Garth Pleasant has been the men's basketball coach at Michigan Christian/Rochester College since 1978. As a player, he led Michigan Christian to its first conference title in 1969. Bill Shinsky was his coach.



Big league dreams...

It's summertime in Dearborn, Mich. The year is 1940. A mess of boys poke around an empty lot. They are here to play baseball. Standing a good spit's distance from home plate (a shoebox lid) and trying real hard to spook the batter with the meanest glare he can coax out of his boyish face, a little Polish-American kid stands atop the lump of sand these kids call a pitcher's mound. He makes believe the sandlot is the corner of Michigan and Trumbull in Detroit and the houses behind the batter's box are the Briggs Stadium mezzanine. In his daydream he is no longer the nine-year old son of a Ford auto worker, but the starting pitcher for the Detroit Tigers in Game Seven of the World Series. He takes the ball from the umpire, winds and pitches: STRIKE ONE! STRIKE TWO! STRIKE THREE! The sandlot is quiet except for a few muttered words by the boy who walks away from the batter's box, but the pitcher thinks he can almost hear 50,000 fans cheering somewhere beyond the clouds. Gratified, little Bill Shinsky tips his hat to the Michigan sky.



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Eleven years later, Bill got a chance to make the big leagues for real when he tried out for the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League. But the Korean War struck like a landmine and the young pitcher gave up baseball to serve his country in the U.S. Navy. With that, Bill's big league dreams died.

The rookie

William Kenneth Shinsky was born Sept. 26, 1930, in Detroit, Mich. His father worked in the glass plant at Ford's River Rouge complex in Dearborn. His mother took care of Bill and his four siblings.

Sports were the love of Bill's life and he starred in baseball and football at Fordson High School. He graduated in 1949 and went to work on the mid-night shift at the Rouge, where he joined the UAW-CIO football team. Then the long Michigan winter buried the ball fields in snow and Bill looked for a chance to play basketball. He and his buddy, Glenn Hannah, decided to join a church basketball league. The league rules required them to attend two Sunday morning services a month, a small



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Gone to the Big Leagues...

A tribute to the man we called "Coach"

price to pay for the chance to play ball every week. That's how Bill came to the Church of Christ on Chase Road in Dearborn early in 1950.

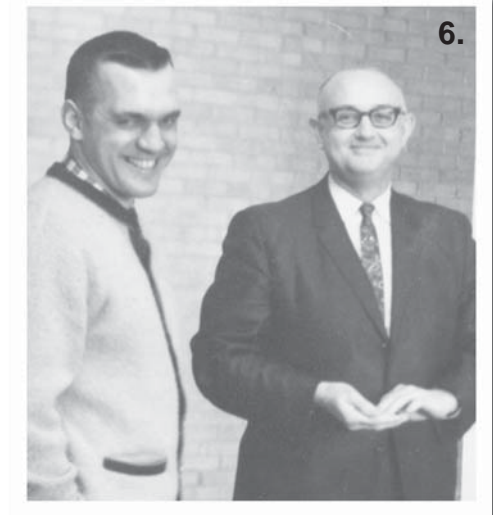
The Christians at Chase Road impressed Bill and one girl in particular, Joanne McKeel, bedazzled him. Two Sundays a month weren't enough. He made two decisions of eternal consequence: He decided to pursue Joanne and, most important, he submitted to Christian baptism.

Bill tried out for the Phillies in 1951, but knew he would soon be drafted into the U.S. Army. He volunteered for the Navy instead, boarded the U.S.S. *Greenwich Bay* and sailed to the Middle East. As a barber, he cut hair for the sailors and for children at ports in places like Iran, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. On May 17, 1952, Bill and Joanne married. Several months later, she sent him a telegram in Norfolk, Va., that simply said: "You are a father."

In 1955, the Navy discharged Bill and he returned to the auto plant in Dearborn, but he decided he wanted



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to make his living as a coach. A few months later, he quit his job and moved his wife and son to Abilene, Texas, where he enrolled in the physical education program at Abilene Christian College.

"Peaches and Cream"

At Abilene, Bill relished the chance to play baseball again, but could no longer pitch like he used to. He moved to first base, where he became one of the Wildcats' all-time greatest hitters. In 1959, he hit .414 with 40 RBI and 7 HR, still on the record books as the seventh-best offensive season by an Abilene Christian player. His 40 RBI stood as the school record for the next 33 years.

By 1960, Bill had a college degree, several school records, two more sons, but no job.

Meanwhile, back in Michigan, Lucien Palmer, the man Bill called his "father in the Lord," had become dean for North Central Christian College, a new Church of Christ school that opened near Rochester in 1959. The College needed a P.E. instructor and a coach for its men's basketball team. Palmer called Bill, who took the job.

On his arrival at North Central Christian, Coach Shinsky found a campus that looked more like a church camp than a college. The school consisted of three small buildings set back from Avon Road, a ribbon of dirt that cut through the Michigan countryside. The College had no athletics facilities and no money to build them.

The new P.E. instructor resorted to marching his students up and down Avon Road to pick up trash. Later, he managed to set up a ping-pong table in a maintenance shed. The College changed its name to Michigan Christian in 1961 and piled up a few more buildings, including Barbier Hall, a men's dorm where Coach Shinsky became the supervisor. For the next five years the Shinsky family lived among three-dozen teenaged boys until retreating to the peace and quiet of a private home in 1966.

Michigan Christian's students warmed to their coach/neighbor and took to calling him "Peaches and Cream" after a line from a basketball cheer. The 1963 *Totem Pole* wrote:

"He's the peaches, he's the cream, he's the coach of our team!" This one statement sums up what the students of Michigan Christian think of their coach, William K. Shinsky. Of all the "v.i.p.'s" on campus, "Coach" is regarded as one of the most important. He not only coaches the basketball team, but teaches Physical Education



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1. The kid from the Dearborn sandlot. 2. Fordson High School senior (1949). 3. Getting his kicks with the UAW-CIO football team (c. 1950). 4. Dearborn Moose Club baseball team (c. 1950). 5. In the Navy (1951). 6. The new North Central Christian College coach and his "father in the Lord," Lucien Palmer (1960's). 7. Chief of the Warriors (1974). 8. Still just a kid at heart: Playing softball for the Older Persons Commission of Rochester (1980's). 9. Rochester's Number One Coach gets his due: An induction into the Rochester College Sports Hall of Fame (2001). Picture with sons David (left), Paul (left center) and Lynn (right), and wife, JoAnne (right center). Photos provided by JoAnne Shinsky and Larry Stewart.



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Westerfield

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Describe your philosophy of Christian higher education.

MW: We are a community of Christian scholars who believe that truth is valuable in whatever form it is revealed. We believe people are valued by God, and thus, by us. We believe service is the hallmark of a well-educated person.

Name the three most significant changes at the College since you came here nine years ago.

MW: First, the name change. This was significant because it immediately articulated for those outside our church community that the College was a liberal arts college and not a Bible college. The College was able to attract more students and share our deep Christian commitment with a larger number of students. Second, construction of Ferndale Hall and Hoggatt Hall. This began the dramatic revisioning of the campus. The curbside appeal was dramatically improved and led to the campus having a higher visibility in the community. Third, construction of Ham Library. This building set the bar for all future construction on campus. Not only was the building functional, it was also aesthetically pleasing.

Tell us about a challenging situation you encountered in life, how you dealt with it and what you took from that experience.

MW: Completing my doctorate was a challenge. My father was the first in my family to go to college so for me to pursue a graduate degree was a huge step. I did it through hard work, prioritizing my time and the faithful support of my family. I learned that very few accomplishments we make are completed on our own. Anything I have accomplished has happened because of the support of many others.

Describe your walk with Christ.

MW: I continue to be challenged. I try to keep my faith fresh and living.

What do you do on a daily basis to relate to Christ?

MW: I do not separate activities as "spiritual" and "secular." All I do is related to my faith.

What in this life is more important to you than the College?

MW: My faith and my family are most important to me. The College is simply a means to an end, a tool to be used to lead others to lives of service and faith. However, my faith affects all that I do as an administrator, husband, father and scholar. My family is the measure of all that is good about my life. I would hate to gain worldly or spiritual accomplishments and lose my family. **ns**

College names former Michigan Christian student alumni relations chief



Dick Miller, Rochester's new director of alumni relations.

Rochester College recently hired its first full-time director of alumni relations to act as a liaison between the College and almost 6,000 people who call it their alma mater.

Dick Miller, a student at Michigan Christian College from 1976 to 1978, is the man whose only job will be to make sure the College and its alumni get the most out of each other. The 48-year old native of Barre, Vt., and father of three accepted the job after 20 years of professional ministry at the Kemp Church of Christ in Arcola, Ill. He also played a leading role in several community projects, including a major fund raising campaign for a new library and directing quite a few events designed to create interaction between Christians and their neighbors. He says his experience as a leader and relationship builder makes him the right man to keep warm

the partnership between Rochester and its alumni.

"Over 20 years in professional ministry taught me how to build relationships with people from different walks of life and how to get those people to relate to each other," says Miller. "I am a liaison between the College and its alumni. I listen and encourage both to help each other pursue their dreams."

Miller's homecoming to the land around Lake Norcentra signals a new era of alumni relations at the College.

"The idea here is to find ways for the College to continue to be a benefit to its alumni long after they move on from here," says Miller. "At the same time, we want to encourage alumni to give back to the College so new generations of students can enjoy the same experience that was so beneficial to alumni."

Over the next few months, Miller

says he will work on some new goodies for alumni, including a benefits package and more points of access to College services. He also plans to host a series of alumni gatherings in key cities across the Great Lakes region. As he gets reacquainted with old friends, Miller says he wants to get to know what alumni need from Rochester. He will also look to connect alumni with volunteer opportunities that could benefit the current crop of Rochester students.

Larry Stewart, who served as part-time alumni relations director for many years, will continue to be active with the alumni while taking a more active role managing the College bookstore.

Miller anticipates good things: "Rochester is a special place because here, students become family. We want our alumni to feel like an extension of that family."

Alumni News



John Van Horn
July 7, 1950 -
April 4, 2004

John Van Horn, 53, died April 4, 2004, when he succumbed to melanoma, a type of skin cancer. He was a chaplain resident for William Beaumont Hospice in Royal Oak, Mich.

Van Horn was born July 7, 1950, in Grand Rapids, Mich. He attended Michigan Christian College from 1969 until 1971, then completed the bachelor's degree in Biblical studies at Abilene (Texas) Christian University in 1973.

Rather than seek a pulpit in the Church of Christ, Van Horn chose to become a carpenter instead. He moved to Troy, Mich., and spent most of his life as a successful carpenter, eventually going to work for Meijer Corp., where he became facilities manager. He also served as an elder for the Troy Church of Christ.

Shortly after his diagnosis in 2002, Van Horn decided to set up a chaplain training program at Beaumont Hospice in Royal Oak, Mich. He ministered to terminal patients and taught other prospective chaplains to do the same even as he was dying himself.

Van Horn is survived by Janice ('71), his wife; Jessica, his daughter; and Joshua, his son.

*Your mem'ry will live
in our heart.*

1967

Cecil "Clyde" Phipps passed away on Jan. 22. He and his wife **Diana (Moore)** were married 35 years and had four sons and four grandchildren. 425 Weddington Branch Rd. #2, Pikeville, KY 41501.

1975

Albert Swindle completed a mediator training program at Southeast Dispute Resolution Services. PO Box 1454, Adrian, MI 49221.

1977

Ernie and Ginny (Fidler-78) May celebrated 25 years of marriage on June 16. Ernie is in law enforcement for Oakland County. Ginny is assistant to the superintendent of Oakland Christian School. They have a daughter, Caitlin. 1334 Pembroke Ln., Oxford, MI 48371.

1979

Eddie and Lori (Miller) Young moved to Montana, where Eddie preaches for the Church of Christ. P.O. Box 817, Libby, MT 59923.

1984

Doreen Yoder married David Mueller Oct. 11, 2003. Doreen works for M&N Plastics, and David for Meijer. 20610 Seneca Dr., Clinton Twp., MI 48306.

1987

David and Francis Haywood welcomed Carole Elizabeth on Aug. 15, 2003. 23-A Maplewood Ct., Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

1991

Scot West will be playing Friar Francis this summer in *Much Ado about Nothing* at the Riverside Shakespeare Festival in Iowa City, Iowa. He also will be appearing in the opening show of Riverside's 2004-05 season, *Boy Gets Girl*, named by *Time* as the best play of 2000. 935 E. College St. #9, Iowa City, IA 52240.

1995

Chris and Jennifer (Kogowski) Doucet recently relocated to work with the Bethel Boys Academy. The couple has two children, Jonathon and Brendan. PO Box 1544, Lucedale, MS 39452.

Avin Noble joined **Justus Max** in the home of **Kelvin and Amy (King-97) Brown** on Feb. 23. Kelvin is a business development officer for Comerica Bank and Amy is a homemaker. 24329 Mt. Olive, Brownstown, MI 48134.

1996

Bradley Irwin is a student in the Graduate School of Theology at Abilene Christian University in Abilene, Texas. He recently finished three years as director of public information at Rochester College. 1109 Musken Rd. #201, Abilene, TX 79601.

1997

Steve Means and his wife Jackie recently relocated in Tokyo, Japan, where both are working for the Department of Defense Dependent Schools. Steve is substitute teaching while finishing a teaching credential and Jackie is a librarian. PSC 473 Box 95, FPO, NY 96349.

1997 (cont.)

Chad Smith is regional vice president for Trans Western Publishing. His wife, Melissa, is the human resources manager for the Frazier Historical Arms Museum. 5113 Silverton Ln., Louisville, KY 40241.

1998

Edwin Cahill was named director of student administrative services for Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. He also received gold and silver medals at the California State Senior Tae Kwon Do Championships in February. 24403 Chaparral Circle, Malibu, CA 90265.

Jeff and Kelly (Coleman-02) Bennett wed on July 30, 2004. Jeff is graphic designer and photographer for Rochester College and Kelly is office manager for the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce. 801 Ironwood Dr. #252, Rochester, MI 48307.

Chris and Tannon (Ashlock) Davis recently moved to 3635 Ponderosa Dr. SW, Grandville, MI 49418. Chris is working in the human resources department of Fifth Third Bank as an associate education consultant. Both Chris and Tannon teach on-line courses for the Harding University School of Business.

1999

Aaron and Wanda (Hibbard) Bolhous welcomed Riley Elizabeth on February 12. Aaron works as a mechanical engineer for Gryphon Engineering and Wanda is a homemaker. The family lives at 118 Dorothy Street, St. Catherines, ON L2N 6Z4.

Alumni, the friends you made around Lake Norcentra are the kind of friends you keep for a lifetime. That's why we reserve this space to publish your news, to help you keep those friendships alive through time and space. Please send your latest news to the Rochester College alumni office, c/o Larry Stewart, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307. You may also submit news on-line by clicking "News for North Star" at www.rc.edu/alumni. Please remember to include your address and contact information along with the years you attended North Central Christian/Michigan Christian/Rochester College.



HOME COMING NOV 13, 2004

Alumni soccer game 9:30am at Borden park, Campus Tours at 10:30am, Alumni Chapel 11am,
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Alumni basketball game 1:00pm, HOME COMING game will be at 3:00pm

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\$100,000 Utley challenge gift sets the pace for capital campaign



This student center, inside the Richardson Academic Center, will be named in honor of Loree Utley McCauley ('78), daughter of Bob and Mary Utley, whose \$100,000 gift initiated the Richardson Center capital campaign.

Bob and Mary Utley, a couple whose devotion to the College extends back to the 1950's, made a \$100,000 gift to help pay for the new Richardson Academic Center. Bob, a Rochester trustee for almost 29 years, challenged the board to match every one of his dollars with three of its own. It was Utley's fourth major gift in 20 years.

"It was a major thing for Bob and Mary to dig deep at this stage of life to help the College one more time," said Doug Edwards, Rochester's vice president of institutional advancement. "It shows their deep love for the College."

The new student center housed in the Richardson Center will be named in honor of Bob and Mary's daughter, Loree McCauley ('78), a Michigan Christian College alumna and registered nurse who lost her life to cancer on Dec. 22, 2003.

"Mary and I requested that our gift be a memorial to Loree," said Bob Utley. "Mary and I are very pleased that the student center will be named in her honor because the College had a special place in her heart and she maintained lifelong relationships with friends from her days at Michigan Christian."

Shinsky

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as well as being men's dormitory supervisor. Like most of the faculty, Coach is working toward his M.A. degree. Every Thursday evening, he can be seen at Wayne State University in some class relating to physical education. Aside from his busy schedule, Coach will take the time to listen to a problem and give any advice he thinks would be of help.

Meanwhile, Coach Shinsky took charge of the Warriors, the men's basketball team. In its first year, under Coach Clyde Balderson, the team finished 5-5 in a Detroit church league. In 1960-1961, "Peaches and Cream" sweetened things up and the team finished 16-5. One year later, the Warriors played their first intercollegiate game against Detroit Institute of Technology. In 1963, the Warriors joined the Michigan Christian College Athletics Conference, the source of the College's intercollegiate sports competition until 1982. The team lost a lot of games during its first seasons in the MCCAC, but Coach Shinsky's popularity fired up a blaze of school spirit.

Swinging for the fences

The College promoted Coach Shinsky to athletics director in 1967 after he received the Master of Arts from Wayne State University in Detroit. He immediately added women's basketball, women's softball and men's track to the Warrior intercollegiate sports roster. His most important addition, however, was a kid named Garth Pleasant.

In 1969, Pleasant led the MCCAC in scoring and made the All-Conference team. He also gave the College and Shinsky their first conference title. Coach decided his first championship was a good time to end his career as men's basketball coach and turned his attention to starting a baseball team at Michigan Christian. Shinsky coached the College's first baseball team in the spring of 1970 and built the field of dreams on which hundreds of Warriors would play for the next 34 years.

Coach Shinsky became Dean Shinsky in 1971 when he became head of the student services office. Three years later, he was the busiest man on campus, managing student services, the athletics office and department of physical edu-

cation while coaching baseball, starting a tennis team and returning as head coach of the men's basketball team. That same year, the Rochester Church of Christ made him an elder.

On the baseball field, the Warriors staggered to a 1-8 start before Coach inspired them to win their next seven games and an unlikely MCCAC title, the team's first. A few years later, the Warriors again appeared to be out of the hunt when their tough old coach inspired them again. In a story that appeared in *The Shield*, the College's student newspaper, in April 2004, Dan Iserberg ('82) recalls how it happened:

Coach was a tough guy. We had a great team my freshman year, but after winning six straight, we lost two in a row. So Coach toughened us up by pitching batting practice, and he could really bring it. Our third baseman whipped a ball back to him. Coach wasn't looking. The ball hit him hard, square in the neck. It just bounced off him. He started throwing harder after that. We went on to win three straight and a conference championship.

In 1974, Shinsky dropped "Dean" from his duties and title and went back to plain old "Coach." He still had a big job as he coached most of the College's teams through the next few years. In 1978, Coach's old Warrior team captain, Garth Pleasant, returned as head coach of the men's basketball team. Shinsky became Pleasant's assistant coach, a sight that must have been strange to those who remembered when the head coach used to play for his assistant.

Coach kept up his pace as the 1980's began, eliminating the tennis program but reviving women's softball and introducing women's volleyball in 1981. He coached both the baseball and softball teams for the next few years and assisted the volleyball team in its first season.

"Peaches and Cream" grew sweeter with age. In the 1980's, the College began to suffer from changes in the marketplace and "less is best" seemed to be an unspoken theme around Lake Norcentra. But Coach kept doing more. Twenty years into his career, Coach Shinsky stood taller than the old totem pole as a symbol of Michigan Christian College. Larry Stewart, who directed admissions in the 1970's and 1980's, says that Coach was "the most recognizable person during the founding and developmental years of the College."

A massive heart attack in 1985 almost ended Coach Shinsky's career,

but he returned to manage the baseball team in 1986. Coach made his final great contribution to the College in 1987 when he created the men's soccer program and served as assistant coach during the team's first four seasons.

The home stretch

The College won its first national championship in 1989, when Garth Pleasant coached the men's basketball team to the National Small College Athletics Association title. This shining moment marked the full circle of Coach Shinsky's work, coming almost 30 years after he coached the Warriors in their first intercollegiate game and 20 years after he coached Pleasant and the rest of the team to an MCCAC title.

Coach suffered a major stroke in 1990 and finally gave up coaching the baseball team after 21 years in the dugout. As spring came to Michigan in 1992, Coach admitted that he was in the autumn of life and retired from Michigan Christian College, leaving the program to his old friend, Pleasant.

So ended the era of the College's patron saint of sports. In 32 years, he led the Warriors out of the church league and into intercollegiate competition. He started seven men's and women's intercollegiate sports and coached every one of them at one time or another. He built the Department of Physical Education and a campus intramural sports program. He breathed his spirit into the sports scene and brought to life a culture of winning at Michigan Christian.

Coach was school spirit personified. His enthusiasm was not confined to the gym, but warmed the whole campus and gave the place its familiar glow. He was a firecracker of a man, a good-natured rascal, a jolly saint, a rough old oak who stood taller and more true than anyone else at the College for three decades. He gave Michigan Christian more than sports: he gave the College its heart and soul. His name belongs next to names like Gatewood, Palmer and Utley. He was Michigan Christian's "Peaches and Cream," and how sweet he was.

When Coach retired, the College paid tribute by naming the athletics field "Coach Bill Shinsky Field."

Retirement did not suit the fidgity old coach. He got more active in the community, where he had been a familiar face for many years. He'd been in the Kiwanis Club since the 1970's and helped establish the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester in the 1980's. After he retired, Coach got involved at the Older Persons Commis-

sion, where he helped disabled adults participate in programs designed to keep them active. He also played for the OPC's "Over 50" softball team. He stayed active until 1995, when another heart attack forced him to settle more.

The College had one more honor for Coach. On Nov. 12, 2001, Bill Shinsky became the first inductee to the Rochester College Sports Hall of Fame.

A third heart attack in 2003 signaled the bottom of the ninth for Coach. Mostly confined to his home, he volunteered to do office work for God's Helping Hands, a charity that provides clothing and food for the poor.

Called up

On the last day of February 2004, Garth Pleasant and the men's basketball team departed for the United States Athletics Association national tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Coach was too weak to travel with the team, but, ever the Warriors fan, received daily updates from Pleasant himself. As the Warriors gained strength at Tulsa, Coach grew weak back in Rochester and had to be admitted to Crittenton Hospital. On the morning of March 3, 2004, Bill Shinsky fell asleep for the last time.

Three days later, the Warriors won the national championship.

It's summer in the kingdom of heaven. A baseball stadium unlike any on earth stands at the corner of two streets of gold. Inside, a great cloud of witnesses fills the stands to watch a baseball game that could only be played in heaven. The King, a baseball fan Himself and the one who chose the players for each team's roster, is in His usual seat. Gabriel announces the starting pitcher, a left-hander recently called up from the minor leagues. The fans have heard of this kid; he was legendary at some place called Rochester, Mich.

A young man in a clean white uniform emerges from under the stands and walks to the mound. When the kid appears, the King is the first to rise, followed by the crowd, which gives up a mighty cheer. The young man tips his hat, then steps to the rubber. An angel hands him the ball and says, "Welcome to the Big Leagues, kid."

With that, Bill Shinsky winds and throws his first pitch, a perfect strike. **ns**

Bradley Travis Irwin earned the A.A. from Michigan Christian College in 1996. He loves peaches and cream.

Doug Edwards



Celebrating Partners

About ten years ago, I worked in Vienna, Austria, with International Christian University, a university begun as European Christian College and established by Dr. Otis Gatewood (founding president of Rochester College). At that time, I had the pleasure to meet Dr. Jack and Mrs. Madalon McCorkle. Jack was serving as the chairman of the board for ICU.

Years later, our paths crossed again while he was serving as chairman of the board for Global Christian University. Along the way, we began to discuss the possibilities of building a partnership with Rochester College and GCU. I am thankful this partnership has now been culminated through the help of Dr. Michael Westerfield, Dr. Bud Myer and others.

There is another dimension to this partnership in that the McCorkles wanted to do something to help advance Christian education here in the North (and ultimately around the globe) through their estate. In so doing they have become a marvelous example to other friends of the College. They have chosen to endow the first faculty chair at Rochester and selected the music department for that endowment. Dr. McCorkle wants to honor his wife and life-long companion, Madalon, in naming this chair. Madalon has several relatives in Michigan with her maiden name, "Herren."

The McCorkles have named Rochester College a beneficiary in a trust and established a charitable gift annuity. They will have some tax and annuity benefits during their lives while their estate gifts will greatly serve our students in years to come.

You have the ability to partner with Rochester College in your estate plans. It can be a mutually beneficial thing. I would be pleased to discuss ideas with you that could benefit your family while helping to change the lives of students at the College. I also want to offer you a free booklet entitled *A Guide to Giving in 2004*. Please write to me at **Rochester College, Advancement Office, 800 W. Avon Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48307, e-mail: dedwards@rc.edu, or call (800) 521-6010, ext. 4.**

Sincerely,

Doug Edwards
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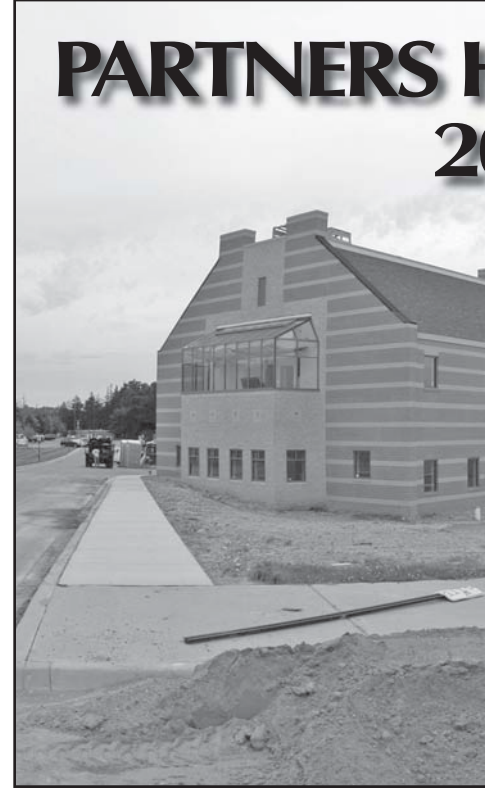
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