

Strategic plan addresses growing enrollment

Addressing the needs of a growing student body, Rochester College recently adopted a new strategic plan. Designed as a guide for the next decade, the document addresses important goals that will benefit students who are planning to enroll in coming years.

“Our student enrollment has nearly doubled over the past eight years,” stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. “Consequently, our plans call for the addition of facilities, academic programs, technological resources, and personnel to serve the many students who are planning to obtain their education at Rochester College.”

Along with major improvements in current facilities and outdoor athletic fields, the plan identifies priorities for construction. Topping the list are a library and classroom facility, as well as a new athletic complex.

“Even while finalizing the strategic plan, we



Students pass the site where an atrium will be added to the auditorium.

have managed to meet several goals,” stated Dr. Johnson. New majors in history and interdisciplinary studies, renovation of the college cafeteria, major improvements in the baseball field, and impending construction of the Isom Atrium are four of those items.

“Along with enrollment figures, interest in Rochester College is growing every day,” stated Larry Norman, vice president for enrollment management. “From an increase in inquiries from around the nation to the number of prospective students who attended our last Junior-Senior Preview, we are talking with a lot of high school students about their future at Rochester College.”

Those interested in applying for admission for next fall are encouraged to do so soon in order to secure their place in the student body. For more information, call Enrollment Services at 1.800.521.6010 or visit the college web site at www.rc.edu.



Guests of a fall Junior-Senior Preview visit the construction site.

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Put Yourself in the Picture !



Whether cheering for your friends in a cross country race or competing in a sport yourself, there is a place for you at Rochester College. The college recently hosted national competition in volleyball, cross country, and soccer. The Rochester College volleyball team and men's cross country team each captured their respective championships!

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Top students on campus honored by Alpha Chi

Joining over 300 colleges and universities from over the nation, Rochester College chartered a local chapter of Alpha Chi during the fall semester. The national honor scholarship society recognizes students in the top ten percent of junior and senior classes at member institutions.

"This is a significant step for Rochester College and the students that will be honored by this organization," stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, pro-

most of the college. "It is our first honor society that serves all majors on the campus, allowing us to recognize overall academic excellence."

After formal installation of the local chapter, Rochester College inducted sixteen students into the inaugural group. Each had earned a grade point average in excess of 3.80 during their academic career at Rochester College.

"We want to hold our students to the highest academic standard at Rochester College," stated Rex Hamilton, assistant professor of religion and sponsor of Alpha Chi. "We encourage them to see their studies as a significant part of their service to God and want our students to find joy in the rigor of study and discovery."

In order to better serve the campus community, members of Alpha Chi plan to conduct a study during the next semester, analyzing the relationship between music and culture. Through public discussions and programs, they hope to stimulate critical thinking that will positively affect the music listening habits of the student body.



Sports Highlights

CROSS COUNTRY

Caden Ruohomaki broke the college five-mile record at the Quaker Classic at Wilmington College in November. Seventeen teams participated in the tournament. Caden placed second out of 130 runners.

BASEBALL

Playing on a newly renovated field, the baseball team posted a 9-1 record for their fall season. Workers recently excavated the baseball field, installed an irrigation system, laid sod, replaced baseline dirt, and built outdoor batting cages. New dugouts are under construction. One visiting coach commented that Rochester College will have one of the finest baseball facilities in the area upon completion of the project.

VOLLEYBALL

Opening their season with eleven straight victories in the Warrior Invitational, the women's volleyball team ended the season with a repeat of their national invitational championship from the previous year.

Early admission available for high school juniors

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

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



Tristin, Leslie, and Kevin visit after a day of final exams.



Opportunities for involvement in summer mission programs attracted the attention of several students at a fall Mission Fair. Image, a campus service organization, hosted the event. Students viewed photos and materials from previous mission efforts that included students from Rochester College, and learned about additional opportunities in such parts of the world as the Ukraine and Africa.

influence me greatly and point me in the right direction, both academically and spiritually."

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

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

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

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

For more detailed information about the early admission program, please contact the Enrollment Services Office at 1.800.521.6010.

Update for Fall 2000

Andrea Bullock is a senior at Pinckney High School. In addition to serving in student government and participating in the Key Club, she runs cross country, plays on the soccer team, and manages to maintain a high grade



point average. Andrea stated, "Rochester College has become a family tradition. My two sisters attended, and my brother presently is there. I visit often and really appreciate the Christian atmosphere. I am looking forward to attending Rochester in the fall."



Jared Cramer is a senior at Grand Haven High School. He sings with a choral ensemble and serves as editor of his school paper. He was selected to Who's Who's and Boys State. Jared stated, "I plan to attend Rochester Col-

lege because I feel in my heart that it is where I belong. Ever since I was a kid, I have wanted to attend. I want to be a preacher. I know that through the Bible-based academic program and diversity of Rochester College, I will be able to get the education I need."

RECORD APPLICATION PACE!

Excitement about the record enrollment that occurred at Rochester College last fall has set the pace for another record application rate for the fall of 2000. During the first five months of the recruiting year, the college already has received more than the 350 applications normally received for an entire year! "God is richly blessing our efforts," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president. In addition to receiving a larger number of applications, the college also is accepting students for admission at a record pace. "We are excited not only about the number of applications, but by the quality of those applying," stated Larry Norman, vice president for enrollment management.



“Moments with Majesty”

Summer Jam 2000

June 18-23, 2000

- Good Friends, Exciting Group Discussions, Uplifting Worship, and Service Projects in the Community
- Special Guests B. Martin, Tom Rellinger, Comedian Bob Smiley, Lost-n-Found, One Time Blind, and Focus

Watch your mail for more details!

Summer Jam to focus on life-changing worship

Moments with Majesty: The Experience of Life-Changing Worship will serve as the theme for Summer Jam 2000. The popular teen program, held on the campus of Rochester College, is scheduled for June 18-23, 2000.

“We believe that time spent in the presence of God is supposed to be impacting and life-changing,” stated Shannon Williams, director of spiritual life and coordinator of Summer Jam. “God’s word is full of examples of people coming into the presence of the King and leaving with changed hearts and renewed spirits.”

Throughout the week, lessons and group discussions will focus on ways that worship can change lives. B. Martin and Tom Rellinger will present practical lessons, and entertainment will be provided by Comedian Bob Smiley, Lost-n-Found, One Time Blind, and Focus.

“If your youth minister is not aware of how awesome an event Summer Jam is, fill him in,”



Summer Jammers visit with a nursing home resident.

Shannon commented. “Make plans for your entire youth group to join us!”

Further details and registration forms for Summer Jam will be mailed in the coming weeks. In the meantime, further information can be obtained from the Enrollment Services Office by calling 1.800.521.6010.



Spring High School Day March 17-18, 2000

Inspirational Messages by Patrick Mead of West Virginia
Special Concert ~ Devotionals ~ Campus Tours
Overnight Stay in the Campus Residence Halls
Matinee Performance of Celebration in Song



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Spring Semester Classes Begin	January 17, 2000
Celebration High School Day	March 17-18, 2000
Autumn and Spectrum Auditions	March 30-April 1, 2000
Company Auditions	April 8, 2000
Junior-Senior Preview	April 20-21, 2000
Home School Science Camp	June 12-16, 2000
Summer Jam	June 18-23, 2000
Cedar Point Sonshine Rally	June 26, 2000
Warrior Soccer Camp	July 17-21, 2000
Warrior Cross Country Camp	July 23-28, 2000

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

Library donation benefits education students

Education students at Rochester College are now benefitting from the donation of a library from Luckett Christian Academy. Luckett recently ceased operation of its elementary and middle school programs.

"With Luckett's donation, we tripled our children's literature collection," stated Sheila Owen, director of the Muirhead Library. "We now have an extensive collection of award-winning books covering several decades."

Among significant titles now available in the

Muirhead Library are a collection of Newbery and Caldecott Medal Books, and a number of Coretta Scott King Award Winners.

"Previously, we had a limited number of nonfiction books for children in areas like history, math, and science, which are needed to learn how to prepare lesson plans," stated Ms. Owen. "About one-third of our children's collection is now starting to meet that need."

"Barbara Gray, a retired librarian, developed a substantial portion of the Luckett library when I worked at the academy," stated Linda Park, assistant professor of education and instructor of the children's literature class. "Mrs. Gray, who now does volunteer work in the Muirhead Library, traveled around the country and obtained many rare volumes while assisting Luckett. Those books are now a wonderful resource for our students."

Since establishing a cooperative program for teacher certification in 1996, Rochester College has added certifiable majors in English, music, and history. The college plans to add other majors and seek state approval to provide the certification process as well.



Education students share favorite children's books.