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Study abroad program adds new dimension to RC



Standing atop the tower of Castle Fraser, the Scotland group has an incredible view of the countryside.

On May 20, the first-ever Rochester College Global Educational Opportunities (GEO) expedition left from Detroit Metro Airport for London, England. During the next three days, the group saw many, many famous sights throughout the city. London is an incredible place, filled with intriguing history and immense architecture. It was the perfect place for the adventure to begin!

After the action-packed London experience, the group split in two. Seventeen people headed up the west coast of the United Kingdom to Aberdeen, Scotland, while the other five met up with students from Oklahoma Christian University and flew to Vienna, Austria, in the center of the European continent.

The Scotland group spent four weeks in Aberdeen taking classes and getting to know the area. Aberdeen, located on the North Sea coast, is home to such sites as Union Street, the Scottish Maritime Museum, and the ancient University of Aberdeen. Field trips were taken to other Scottish cities, like Edinburgh, St. Andrews, and Inverness, and also to other countries, including France, Ireland, and Wales. Other highlights included visits to Stonehenge, one of the seven wonders of the

world, and Oxford University in England.

In Vienna, the group also divided their time among classes and various sight-seeing opportunities. Vienna is a city rich in history and culture, and is home to places such as Schönbrunn Palace, the Staats Opera House, and the Danube River. Day trips throughout Austria were taken to Innsbruck, Mauthausen, Salzburg, and Melk. There were also several opportunities for weekend trips, during which the students visited a variety of places like Germany, Italy, France, the Czech Republic, and Hungary.

"It was an experience that changed all of our lives in so many ways," said junior participant Casey Arnett. "The most significant way is that now we are all so much more aware of this world. We saw buildings that have stood for a thousand years or more, and we walked in places where kings, queens, prime ministers, and religious leaders have walked. We saw God's majesty manifest in the rolling hills of Scotland, the splendor of the Austrian Alps, and the diversity of the European people. We bonded as a group, students and teachers alike, and we learned more than anyone ever could have imagined. This was an incomparable growing experience, and any person who participated would recommend it highly."



Schönbrunn Palace was only one of the many beautiful sights in Vienna.

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Social clubs are just one of the many ways to get involved at Rochester College. Club events include weekly meetings, service projects, theme parties, banquets, and the college's annual production of Celebration. With this year's record enrollment exceeding 900 students, social clubs Sigma Phi Delta Nu (pictured here in Celebration 2001), Tau, and Epsilon are all preparing for their biggest year yet!

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Summer Jam continues to grow in size and spirit

Since its beginning in 1991, Summer Jam at Rochester College has provided a week of spiritual renewal and fun to all its participants. Each year it continues to grow in size and in spirit. Summer Jam 2001, held from June 17-22, was no exception.

Patrick Mead, of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, was the keynote speaker of the week. His talks centered around the theme of "Pursue His Purpose-Pitch Everything Else." Comedian Scott Gregory and improv group CPR both provided good, clean stand-up comedy acts. Focus, RC's own traveling summer group, also performed.

Activities for the week included outdoor relay games, a talent show, a scavenger hunt, and a prayer walk. There was also a new activity this year called the Redemption Walk.

Shannon Williams, director of spiritual life at the college and Summer Jam coordinator, felt that the week was extremely moving and powerful. "Summer Jam proves to be a life-changing experience each year, and this year was no different," he said. "It's always exciting to see what happens in the lives of the teens that spend the week of Summer Jam with us. We had 100% response from the group this year as we challenged them to either renew their relationship with Christ or to come to Him for the first time."

Plans are already in the works for Summer Jam 2002. The date is set for June 23-28, and it promises to be a life-changing week for everyone involved. Mark your calendars now to join us!



Students bounce away on the moonwalk, only one of the surprise activities this summer.



Students enjoy taking a break in the Isom Atrium.

Isom Atrium and Solid Rock Café in full operation

The 2001-2002 academic year at Rochester College is off to a great start, especially with the addition of the Isom Atrium and Solid Rock Café to student life. Last year, while the atrium was being constructed, there was no central location for students to study and relax. The beautiful new site, complete with the Solid Rock Café, has made the wait worthwhile.

Besides just offering many places to sit, the atrium

also contains two large televisions, computer and internet ports at every table, and a great view of the campus. The café offers a wide selection of foods, beverages, and candy.

"Since there wasn't one last year, I didn't realize how nice having an actual student center would be," said sophomore Colleen McVehil. "It's a great place to hang out and relax."

RC Community breaks ground for new library

Rochester College officials, local dignitaries, and more than 200 students gathered on August 30 to break ground for the new Ennis and Nancy Ham Library. Amid enthusiastic cheers, Rochester College president Ken Johnson, Board of Trustees chairman Howard Hagerman, the mayors of Rochester and Rochester Hills, and library benefactors Ennis and Nancy Ham turned over earth on the library site, which is located in front of the Associates Campus Center.

"Today, we are celebrating a major step of progress," said Dr. Johnson. "This is one more step in the direction of having a highly recognized, premier liberal arts college right here in our hometown." The new 17,500 square foot facility will provide twice the capacity of Muirhead Library and will feature classrooms and a state-of-the-art computer lab in an open and spacious setting. Construction will begin this fall on the building and is scheduled for completion by next August. Ennis and Nancy Ham, of Lansing, Michigan, donated \$1 million toward the \$4 million total construction cost.

In their speeches, the mayors of Rochester and Rochester Hills congratulated Rochester College for the groundbreaking and expressed great pleasure over the student turnout at the event. In his speech, Rochester mayor David Katulic compared the excitement shown by the student body to the kind of energy that usually surrounds a college basketball game.

"We're very grateful to the students who came out to the groundbreaking," said Dr. Johnson. "Next to our Christian heritage, I cannot think of anything that we as administrators could be more proud of than our students. This new library is for them."

The new library is the first project in the *Catch the Vision* campaign that will continue to improve the

Rochester College campus over the next decade. Upcoming projects include the construction of a new residence hall, parking lot, athletic fields, administration offices/music center, and gymnasium.



Students watch in anticipation as board chairman Howard Hagerman, benefactors Ennis and Nancy Ham, the mayors of Rochester and Rochester Hills, and President Johnson break ground for the new library.

Sports News

Three new coaches come to RC

Julie Coss, Women's Volleyball and Softball

Coss is a 2000 graduate of Campbellsville University in Kentucky, where she gained experience as an assistant coach. Both of her parents attended Rochester College in the 1970's.

Eric Green, Cross Country and Track

Green, who once ran in the Boston Marathon, is currently working on his master's degree in kinesiology at Wayne State University. He and his wife have three children.

Jeff Debandt, Women's Basketball

Debandt, a veteran AAU basketball coach, worked last year as the team's conditioning coach. His daughter, Kristen, is a freshman at RC and is playing basketball.

New year, new look

New logo designed for Rochester College athletic teams



For years Rochester College has been in need of the right athletic logo. Finally, during the summer, a committee was formed to choose a design the college community could wear with pride.

Serving on this committee were various administrators, coaches, faculty, and alumni.

After much deliberation, the committee members came up with a clear idea of what they wanted, and their ideas were presented to new hire Jeff Bennett, the college's official graphic designer. The design had to incorporate the Rochester College name, the Warrior mascot, and the Christian heritage of the college while still providing an edgy and competitive look for the athletic teams. Bennett was successful in creating a logo that includes each of these characteristics.

Larry Stewart, director of alumni relations, is extremely pleased with the end result. "I've been trying to get volunteers together for four years to work on this, but nothing seemed workable until now. We've been waiting a long time, and we finally got a design that can be used not only for athletics, but in the bookstore and a variety of other places as well. I'm very happy with the final product."



Company

Company, Rochester College's resident drama troupe, is made up of members (from left to right) Aaron Mize, Eddie Moral, Samantha Winterrowd, Kelly Galloway, Caleb Miller, Matt Perry, Jared Cramer, and Sarah Mapes. Company's packed fall schedule includes performances at the Stamford, Connecticut Youth Rally, the Youth Cruise in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and the Grimsby Youth Rally in Ontario, Canada.

Spectrum

In their second year as an instrumental group, Spectrum continues to be an exciting contemporary Christian band. Group members are (from left to right) Neil Graney, Andy Robinson, Bob Bullock, David Cheek, Kari Herron, and Colleen McVehil. Spectrum's biggest show of the year will be held at Fallfest in Niagara Falls, Canada. They will also be appearing at the Christ Alive lock-in in Lebanon, Ohio, and at several high schools throughout Michigan.



Rochester College features several different performing groups that travel throughout the country during the academic year. These are Company, a drama group, Spectrum, a Contemporary Christian band, and two acapella groups called Autumn, one of which is all female. This year's group members come from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Tennessee, Arizona, California, and Canada. Auditions for the performing groups are held every spring. For more information on any of them, please call Enrollment Services at 1.800.521.6010.

Performing Groups

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Female Autumn members are (from left to right) Deanna Rimer, Veronica Arnett, Danielle Brown, Megan Wilson, Teresa Whitt, and Sandy Dallas. Already this year the girls sang at Summit, a huge conference in Columbus, Ohio. Some upcoming performances will be held at the Hope for the Future rally in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, and the Westside Family Night in Cleveland, Ohio.

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Male Autumn members (from left to right) Cameron Jones, Jason Hine, Brett Cummins, Chris Shields, Steve Corp, and Jeremy King began their season way up in Canada, singing at the North Bay Church of Christ. Still to come are venues at the Michigan Youth Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Bedford Retreat at Spring Mill Bible Camp in Mitchell, Indiana.



Mark your calendar to join us for these upcoming events



The Rochester College Concert Series was kicked off this year, with an exciting concert by Reliant K.

RC Senior High Conference	October 12-14, 2001
Cadet Concert	October 13, 2001
College Life Preview Day	October 19, 2001
RC Bible Lectureship, IMPACT	October 19-21, 2001
College Life Preview Day	November 9, 2001
Knowdaverbs Concert	November 9, 2001
Fall Play, "The Glass Menagerie"	November 15-18, 2001
Spring Semester Pre-Registration Begins.....	November 26, 2001
Riley Armstrong Concert	November 30, 2001

For information on any of these special events, please call Enrollment Services toll-free at 1.800.521.6010

Teacher certification program reaches final stages

On May 17, 2001, the State Board of Education granted approval for the development of elementary and secondary teacher preparation programs at Rochester College. Most current education majors complete their degree programs on campus but must be certified through Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. Now Rochester College has permission to develop a teacher certification program of its own, which means this year's freshmen class will receive state certification through Rochester College.

Education is the fastest growing major at Rochester College today. Currently there are around 110 students who are registered as education majors (including close to thirty who are new this semester). "Education majors at Rochester College will benefit from the very latest methods of teacher education," said Dr. Mike Westerfield, provost. "We're building a program where students will actually learn in elementary and secondary classrooms, from practitioners, rather than in a sterile environment where they're far-removed from what's really going on in contemporary education."

The faculty of the Education Department is

comprised of chairperson Vikki Bentley, veteran professor Linda Park, new addition Jim Dawson, and certification officer Lynne Stewart. Each of these faculty members is working in a different area of specialty that is sure to benefit education students greatly while making the transition to this new program run as smoothly as possible.

The 2001-2002 academic year is already shaping up to be a big one for the Education Department at Rochester College. In addition to the new advancements that have been established, the college also plans to have its independent set of requirements and regulations in place for fall 2002. If you would like more information about the Education Department, please contact Enrollment Services at 1.800.521.6010.