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## GEO EXPANDS

### Overseas program holds third summer in Scotland; Semester abroad to begin in Germany in Fall 2004



The 2003 GEO Scotland group enjoys a breezy day at Dunnottar Castle in Stonehaven, Aberdeenshire

This year, Rochester College sent its third summer group overseas with the GEO (Global Educational Opportunities) program. This six-week program, based in Aberdeen, Scotland, allows students to take six or nine credit hours of course work, while exploring not only Scotland, but England, Ireland, and Wales as well.

The success of the GEO program, as well as the success rates of study abroad programs at other colleges and universities worldwide, prompted the desire for Rochester College to host a semester long program as well. The GEO committee spent months researching and traveling throughout Europe to find the perfect location, and finally secured all the necessary elements in

the German capital of Munich.

A report from the committee cited the city's cosmopolitan culture, central European location and vast resources that could support special business and education programs as the factors that made Munich the clear choice over 28 other prospective European sites.

"Munich is a vibrant city, filled with all sorts of opportunities," said GEO chairperson Jennifer Hamilton. "There are museums, operas, theatres, historical sites and sports to take in. Munich is a travel hub, so even a two day weekend will provide opportunity to visit other cities in Europe." Popular travel choices will likely be Paris, Rome, Italy, Vienna, Prague, and Zurich.

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Munich will be the home of GEO Bavaria beginning in Fall 2004. This 14th century Karlstor archway leads to the heart of the city.

## Put yourself in the picture!



At the end of each semester, a favorite activity on the campus of Rochester College is the Midnight Breakfast. Held the night before finals begin, the faculty and staff cook up a five-star breakfast buffet in the cafeteria and then serve it to the student body. Special features include a made-to-order omelette bar, pictured here with chefs Jeff Bennett (Graphic Designer) and Elliot Jones (Director of Recruiting), as well as live entertainment. Other faculty and staff members refill drinks, bus tables, and clean up the mess after the students go back to the dorms to hit the books!

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# RC BREAKS GROUND ON NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING

On September 19, the RC faculty, staff, and student body, along with the Board of Trustees, the City of Rochester and Rochester Hills mayors, and other college supporters and community sponsors gathered next to the Ham Library to break ground for a new Academic Center. Despite gray skies and pending rain, the atmosphere was bright as yet another historic moment was written into RC history.

The Academic Center will be attached to the east side of the library, which itself has been open for only a year, and will house classrooms, labs, music facilities, a theatre, and a student center. It will be the fifth major addition to the Rochester College campus since 1997—and as some students believe, it may be the most important one yet.

"I guess it's hard to say that any one can be more necessary than the others," said senior Music major Colleen McVehil, referring to

the dorm, atrium, parking lot, and library additions that preceded this structure,"but having an academic center with all the elements this one will have will be such a huge addition to the college."

Although the academic opportunities this facility will provide will be state-of-the-art, excitement on campus (at least within the student body) is largely directed toward the student center. With comfy couches, pool and bubble hockey tables, games, televisions with DVD players, and even a fireplace, it will be a hangout that RC has long been missing.

The Academic Center is set to be open by the end of the fall semester in 2004. Until then, the noise of construction, inconvenience of rerouted car and foot pathways, and clouds of dust in the air will be constant reminders that something major is happening out on the RC front lawn—but as anyone here will attest to, the end result will be well worth the wait.



"Groundbreakers" for the new academic building were contractor Frank Rewold, RC Interim President Mike Westerfield, Board of Trustees Chairman Pat Kirby, Rochester Hills Mayor Pat Somerville, City of Rochester Mayor Karen Lewis, and Student Body President Tim Parker.

## SOCIAL CLUBS PREPARE FOR PLEDGING

Fall at Rochester College means a couple of distinct things: new faces, new classes, and social clubs! From the first week of classes, posters can be seen all over campus, changing almost daily, all advertising upcoming mixers and events. Each club has one goal: to convince new and clubless students that *theirs* is the club to join.

Pledging begins at the end of October and concludes Homecoming weekend. That gives clubs two months to build up excitement and recruit potential pledges, which they do mainly through mixers. Mixers are parties and gatherings hosted by a club where potential pledges can come and get to know about the club and its existing members—and also create a name for themselves as interested, committed, and active potential members.

So who are these clubs, you ask? Roch-

ester College has three, each divided into male and female counterparts—there's Sigma Phi/Delta Nu, Epsilon Theta Chi/Epsilon Delta Psi, and Alpha Tau Theta/Kappa Tau Xi. All the clubs participate in meetings, intramural athletics, *Celebration*, and many other activities throughout the year. Also, each club has its own unique purpose, which means that every RC student can find a place in one of them!



Just like Tau and Epsilon, Sigma Phi Delta Nu (some members are pictured here at the 2003 Members' Welcome Back party) wants YOU!

## ACADEMIC OFFERINGS: DEGREE PROGRAMS IN TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Rochester College now offers a Bachelor of Science in Technical and Professional Studies. This program allows students to combine a technical/professional area of study with either a second professional concentration or with another concentration of study from the liberal arts and sciences (such as Communication, Science, History, English, Music, Religion, or Mathematics). The technical/professional part of the degree can be chosen from the professional options at Rochester College or from a wide selection of technical certificate programs at other local institutions such as Oakland Community College, Macomb Community College, or Specs-Howard School of Broadcasting. Some possible options for certification are

Radio and TV Broadcasting (see [www.rc.edu](http://www.rc.edu) for complete list).

This is also a great opportunity for transfer students. Students who have completed a recognized community college degree or a technical certificate program can transfer to Rochester College and apply the credits from those programs toward a four-year Bachelors Degree. This program can help a student develop a wider variety of resources and skills that are valued by employers and that are satisfying to the student's personal goals of achievement and development as well.

For more information about this program, contact John Barton, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, at 248.218.2026 or [jbarton@rc.edu](mailto:jbarton@rc.edu)

# FROM THE CLASS OF 2007...

*New freshmen speak on the RC experience*



I'm a freshman here at Rochester College, and I grew up in Syracuse, NY. There are a few factors

**Naomi Cochran**  
*Liverpool, New York*

that played into my decision to come to Rochester: I grew up as a member of the Church of Christ, I attended a private Christian school, and I thrive on relationships with others. When I was looking for a college, I was really looking for a school that would match my background. I found it in Rochester. When I came and visited I noticed two things: the spiritual openness, and the friendly faces of both students and professors. Atmosphere makes a college. Here at Rochester I can be spiritually encouraged, and I can encourage others. Also, the people I have met here so far are proving to be trustworthy, caring, and genuinely interested in my life. I hope to be a friendly face, like those I saw when I first visited. Hope to see you here!

I'm from a small town on Michigan's west coast. I went to a small school with the same people my whole life, and I attended a small church where the members were like family. I needed to find a college with the same small atmosphere, but I was afraid of being sheltered from the real world. Rochester College offered the solution: a small Christian college with a large, real-life surrounding. I knew some students through my sister (a senior), and I met a lot of new ones through playing on the soccer team. The people of RC are amazing, and I've had so many opportunities to get to know them personally. Plus, with the bumpin'



**Patrick Nulty**  
*Whitchell Michigan*

city of Detroit only a few miles away, this school is just what I need. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else.

Several people from my church had gone to Rochester, which sparked my interest—then when I came for a visit and met some of the students it became a done deal. From the second I stepped onto this campus I felt at home. RC is like no place I've ever seen—there's a sense of love and appreciation for everyone. Everyone can find their place here. I've

already been able to get involved in many ways—I sing and do vocal percussion in Autumn, I sing in the Acappella Chorus, and I'm a sound engineer for *The Offering*. Coming to RC and becoming a part of this community is one of the smartest things I have ever done.



**Dan Shivener**  
*Reynoldsburg, Ohio*



**Karen Desloges**  
*Ontario, Canada*

I am from Canada originally, but now

my family and I live in Florida and work as missionaries. I just entered Rochester College as a freshman. I'm here because God called me to be part of this spiritual body of believers. I believe that I am called to serve Him and Rochester is definitely the place for that. It has touched my life dramatically, mainly because of the openness and freedom that it offers for students to grow closer to God and know Him in a deep and intimate way. Rochester is awesome and I pray that more people are able to experience it in the way that I have so far.

Rochester College is sort of a family tradition—both of my parents and my siblings came here. Most people would think I felt a lot of pressure, but that wasn't the case. In visiting over the years, I really loved the atmosphere and all the people here. Ever since I was young, I always looked forward to the day when I could be a student at RC. My expectations have been met and exceeded. One thing I looked forward to most was the opportunity to grow closer to God, and in my short time here my personal relationship with Him has just grown and grown. There are so many opportunities for people to get involved in RC and enjoy it fully—like I am!



**Kristin Graham**  
*Flint, Michigan*



**Candice Jaloszynski**  
*Davison, Michigan*

I came to Rochester College with hopes of furthering my education while at the same time playing soccer and most importantly, growing in my relationship with God. I was baptized after being here for only a couple of weeks and it was the most memorable experience in my life thus far. I've also met so many amazing people and have found some truly great friendships just in the short amount of time that I've been here. Choosing Rochester College has been the best decision I've ever made—I'm so happy to be here!

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Munich is a visitor-friendly "world city" that welcomes 3.5 million visitors each year, according to its tourism bureau. "Someone with very little knowledge of the German language can effectively live in Munich," said the committee's report. "Meanwhile, students will meet people from all over the world."

As far as academic opportunity is concerned, Munich has more libraries than any other city in Germany (183), and many contain English collections. The city also boasts ten universities that enroll nearly 100,000 students. Munich's status as one of Europe's business capitals make it an ideal location for business students to taste the flavor of global commerce. In addition, education students will attain experience in cultural diversity, a requirement for teacher certification in some states.

Rochester College is now in the process of preparing for a trip of this magnitude, by procuring facilities, preparing for classes, and building excitement in the student body. "I'm excited to see the Munich program take off," said 2003 GEO Scotland participant Jamie Litton. "My experience in Scotland showed me the value of international study programs, and I think everyone experience something similar while they're in college."

Hamilton agreed, saying, "Students learn a

lot about the world and other cultures when they travel overseas. In this age, global awareness and understanding are necessary—and not just for being competitive in the job market. If we are to be good stewards of all that we have been blessed with, we must understand who we are and what responsibility we bear globally."

The GEO program—both the existing summer session in Scotland and the soon-to-come semester in Germany—presents just another exciting opportunity to EMBRACE YOUR FUTURE with Rochester College. We can't wait to see you here!

*For your reading enjoyment, check out these fun facts about Munich:*

- Population:** 1.3 million (Germany's third-largest city)
- Established:** 1158 A.D.; became capital of Bavaria in 1255
- Nicknames:** "northernmost city in Italy"; "Village of a Million"
- Universities:** Ten, with nearly 100,000 students
- Libraries:** 183 (most in Germany), many with English language sections
- Commerce:** Europe's "Silicon Valley"; 75% of workers employed in technology industries
- Culture:** Over 200 museums, galleries and collections; 50 theatres; seven concert halls; baroque, classic and rococo architecture