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How would you like this to be your dormitory?



hours in the program, in subjects such as aesthetics/music appreciation, German language, mission experience, and fitness and wellness. Opportunities for spiritual development are also offered through daily devotional times and mission work at clothing and food distribution centers to refugees and shelters for children.

"The experience that GEO provides is incredible; there is no better way to learn," said John Barton, associate academic dean. "You learn more about yourself, history, music, food, politics, and more. Traveling cross-culturally adds an unbelievable dimension to a college semester."

GEO also hosts short-term travel to London and Paris, China, and Israel. Check out [www.rc.edu/geo](http://www.rc.edu/geo) for more information today!

If the answer to that question is "yes," you should start thinking about Global Educational Opportunities (GEO) at Rochester College! Each fall, a group of students and faculty spend a semester in Vienna, Austria, and this very castle (called Schloss Neuwaldegg) serves as their residence—a home base for 14 weeks of European travel and adventure.

Vienna was chosen as a host site based on its well-preserved history and culture. Its central location also provides accessibility for train travel, allowing weekend getaways to Germany, Belgium, France, or anywhere else throughout Europe. Extended excursions in London and Italy are included in the group itinerary before settling in at Neuwaldegg as well.

Student travelers take between 12-18 credit



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### College Life Preview Days

College Life Preview Days are designed to give you and your parents a full range of the experiences of campus life at Rochester College. The days are more structured than individual campus visits but still offer some flexibility. Registration takes place from 8:30-9:00am and the day ends at approximately 3:00pm.

#### 2007-2008 Preview Days

October 29, 2007

December 3, 2007

February 11, 2008

April 7, 2008



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# MISSIONS



**Danny Cagnet**  
**Dean of Students**

I had the wonderful opportunity this past summer to spend 12 days in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Our mission team was a mix of Rochester College students and members of the nearby Rochester Church of Christ. We spent our time building relationships with church members, working on service projects at the church, visiting with children at a local orphanage, and preparing for an English Evangelistic Day. While most of us were only able to say a few words in the Portuguese language, we were able to communicate God's love for those that we came into contact with.



**Dave Rotberg, Class of '07**  
**Professional Studies Major**

This past summer, myself and five other Rochester College students traveled to Jarabacoa in the Dominican Republic to work with a mission organization called Students International. Students International has been established in the Dominican for the past 10 years and has several ministry sites throughout the country. We each worked at different sites for the 14-day trip. We did everything from running sports camps to traveling art sites to helping with Vacation Bible school and working at a special education school in the city. The trip was a great blessing, and seeing God's children work with one another all over the world is always a humbling experience.



**Carmen Stewart, Class of '09**  
**Elementary Ed Major**

This summer's mission trip to Australia was one of the best experiences of my life. Our purpose was to form relationships with the people we met, and in turn show them the love of Jesus. We worked with the World Wide Youth Rally, where we spent two weeks ministering to the people of Sydney through simple acts of service. It was truly amazing to see how God used us daily to show them his love and compassion. Being in Australia made me realize how much people thrive on good relationships, and how important it is to meet people where they are and to love them for the gifts that God has given them. It was truly life-changing.

# SPORTS

## Men's soccer team strives to defend title

The Warriors enter the new season with just one goal: REPEAT as National Champions! Last fall, the Warriors battled their way to a shootout victory in the 2006 USCAA (United States Collegiate Athletic Association) National Invitational Men's Soccer Tournament.

This season, head coach Rick Gutierrez says that the USCAA national tournament and national championship remain primary goals for the Warriors. "The core of last year's team has returned intact, and is already making a strong presence on the field. Everyone is excited with the play of returning sophomore goal keeper David Ristich, who was a key to the 2006 national championship victory." The team's 2007 schedule includes more than 20 games, plus the National Tournament, against fellow USCAA schools as well as NAIA and NCAA Division III programs.

## RC basketball coach hits 600 wins

Head basketball coach Garth Pleasant reached a major milestone last year when he led the Warriors to his 600<sup>th</sup> victory, making him the winningest active college basketball coach in the state of Michigan. "What does 600 wins mean to me?" said Coach Pleasant. "It means that I've been coaching for a long time! It also means that I've had outstanding young men playing for me over the years. I will always be indebted to these men and to Rochester College." Coach Pleasant begins his 32<sup>nd</sup> year as RC's head coach this fall.

## Volleyball season heats up

The Lady Volleyball Warriors enter the 2007 season with high expectations, hoping to build on a strong third-place finish in the 2006 USCAA National Tournament. While happy to have finished so well, the team is not satisfied.

Coach Dave Crump says he is very optimistic about the team's chances this season. "We have a stronger, talented team, more height in our front row and more depth, but we also have a stronger schedule, playing a balance of NCAA Division III, NAIA, NCCAA and USCAA teams. Our intent is to get out of the gate faster this year and to continue to climb until we peak at the national tournament. I have full faith that the team will deliver."

## Golf and cross country programs return to RC

This fall, golf teams for men and women were added to the athletic docket for the first time. Clayton Bissett was hired as the coach for both teams. Athletic director Garth Pleasant enthused, "I have known Clayton for a number of years and there is no question that he will be a tremendous asset. He is a man of integrity and his work ethic is unsurpassed."

Also, next fall cross country teams for both men and women will return to campus after a five-year hiatus. Ron Keen, currently the athletic trainer for Rochester College, will head up the program. Keen not only participated in cross country as a student, but has coaching experience as well. Concerning Keen, Pleasant said, "Ron is one of the most organized and capable individuals I have had the pleasure to work with. He leaves no stone unturned."

If you would like information about any of our teams, contact the athletic department at 248.218.2135 or see [www.rc.edu/athletics](http://www.rc.edu/athletics).



# Campus



## Wireless, wherever you go!

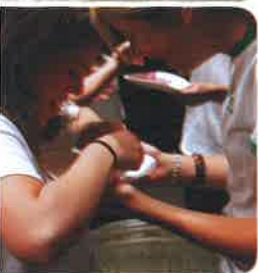
Although sections of the campus have been equipped with wireless access for several years, we can now proudly say that all of Rochester College is wireless! Take your tech devices on the go from the dorm room to the classroom, or do your research while sitting in the brick plaza or student center on a nice day. Anywhere you go, wireless access will be there waiting!

## Campus Ministry kicks off new year

Each semester, the campus ministry team organizes a wide variety of activities designed to help our students grown spiritually. One of these activities is daily Assembly, a Rochester College tradition, which includes times of praise and worship, as well as presentations by students, faculty and staff, and special guests (in September we welcomed author Lauren Winner). The team also oversees *The Offering*, a weekly, student-run evening worship gathering, and Tuesday Night Testimonials, a community-building time for students to share their stories. No matter what you're looking for spiritually, we have something for you.

## Social club mixer season in full swing

The fall always brings with it the recruitment efforts of our six social clubs—Sigma Phi/Delta Nu, Alpha Tau/Kappa Tau, Theta Chi, and Delta Psi. In a quest for pledges, these clubs sponsor mixers both on and off campus, where new students have a chance to meet and greet club members, play games, and enjoy lots of free food! Some of the more interesting mixers this semester include a Monday Night Football party at a local restaurant with plenty of free pizza, an indoor beach party, and a "Tin-Foil Dinner." Clubs provide a great opportunity to meet people, do service projects, and carve out your niche at Rochester College. New member orientation week takes place each November.



# ELEVATE

In case you're out of the loop, ELEVATE is Rochester College's annual summer camp for students entering 7th-12th grade in the fall. It's a rockin' good time, filled with crazy games, small group bonding, fun-filled evening activities, and engaging worship times.

And this winter, we're kicking it up a notch...

Join us for the first-ever  
ELEVATE REUNION!

Michigan Christian Youth Camp  
January 11-13, 2008

It will be ELEVATE as you know and love it—only shorter and colder! Instead of crud wars and cardboard-boat rafting, we'll have sledding and ice skating—and probably even a few snowball fights. Great keynote speakers and awesome times of praise and worship are a given, of course.

If you haven't ever attended ELEVATE, you're still invited to the reunion. Come hang out with us and see what makes ELEVATE so great! The cost is \$55 per person, and you can register on the Rochester College website after November 1. See the site or call 248.218.2031 for more information.

While you're marking the reunion on your calendar, go ahead and add **June 22-28, 2008** as well. Those are the dates for next summer's ELEVATE. Riley Armstrong will be back as the emcee and as a musical guest, and Shannon Williams will be back to lead worship. Plans are already in the works to make this the best week of ELEVATE yet!

Check out [www.rc.edu/elevate](http://www.rc.edu/elevate) for more info about the camp and pictures and videos from last year!