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Exciting new era begins at Rochester College

Completing its first semester under a new name, Rochester College entered a new era with the opening of the 1997-98 academic year.

"This has to be one of the most exciting times to be a student at Rochester College," stated David Carnes, a junior from Streamwood, Illinois. "In so many ways, the dreams of the college's founders are now being realized."

After two years of study, discussion, and prayer, the Board of Trustees decided to change the name of the institution from Michigan Christian College to Rochester College. The change coincided with the opening of a new residence hall complex and with major improvements in the campus entrance and outside areas.

"For years, the college name caused people to develop misconceptions about the nature of the institution," stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. "Many assumed that we were a seminary instead of a liberal arts college



Opening of a new residence hall complex adds to the start of a new era.

in a Christian setting. Without any change in our commitment to Christian principles, teaching, and activities, the college is now serving without the seminary image."

"Other colleges that have undergone name changes in recent years indicated that we might experience an initial drop in enrollment, followed by a period of rapid growth," Dr. Johnson continued. "However, God blessed us with a record number of students in the fall, representing a 24% increase over the previous year."

Admissions has experienced a strong increase in activity. "Word is spreading and we have had banner application months," noted Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services. "We are recommending that students apply early to secure rooms in the residence halls."

"We also are excited about the year ahead," stated Dr. Johnson. "In the strategic planning process, we will be looking at the development of additional academic programs and the construction of two more facilities. Rochester College definitely is on the move!"



Recent campus improvements include new walkways.

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Homecoming ceremonies featured formal crowning of the 1997-98 Homecoming King and Queen. Prior to Homecoming day, all four classes selected representatives. The student body then chose the King and Queen, Chris Davis and Angela Gonzalez. Capping a great day, the Warriors defeated St. Clair College of Windsor, Ontario, 83-78.

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The Beginning of a New Era for Christian Education a



Right: Students are excited about the great new look of the Rochester College campus! A distinguished new entryway welcomes guests to the campus, reminding them and the college community of the institution's proud identity as a liberal arts college in a Christian setting. So sweeping and positive are the improvements that many consider this time in history as the beginning of a new era for Christian education in the Northern United States.

Right: Providing a popular gathering place for students, the Dearborn Commons is situated at one end of an area that will develop as an outdoor mall. The commons also will serve as a reception area during special campus events.



Above: The addition of a large parking lot near the new campus entrance provides substantial parking for campus residents and guests to the campus. Workers also repaved and added new lighting and curbs to existing parking lots.



Above: New faculty offices, located in the Associates Campus Center, occupy space made available as a result of the construction project.

Right: State-of-the-art equipment in a newly renovated computer lab provides an added dimension to classroom instruction.



at Rochester College



Left: The attractive collegiate appearance of Hoggatt Hall, the men's wing of the new residence hall complex, establishes a style for future construction.

Below: Residents of Ferndale Hall enjoy a contemporary room design with modular furnishings in the new residence hall.



Left: Laundry facilities in the new residence hall complex provide a practical place for students to visit while taking care of daily necessities. Each wing also includes a kitchen.



Students work with powerful new computer resources.

Computer lab updated

Recent improvements in the campus computer network provided an opportune time for Rochester College to update the student computer lab with the latest in technology. "We have invested over \$100,000 in computer equipment in recent months," stated Shane Godmere, director of information technology.

"I teach without paper," stated Bob Jones, instructor of computer science. "Everything is done electronically. Students submit assignments through e-mail attachments, and the new system makes this entire process much easier and more efficient."

The lab is equipped with Pentium 200mmx, 64 MB RAM computers, running NT4 Workstation. In addition to specialized educational software, each unit features Microsoft Office Professional 97, with word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation software, e-mail, and Internet explorer.

"All of our applications are current," stated Mr. Jones. "A new overhead projection multimedia system also allows students to view the instructor's computer. Everyone can visually follow instructions on a step-by-step basis."

"In the process of upgrading the network and reequipping the lab, we also managed to move the older computers to a new learning lab," stated Mr. Godmere. "Students can also dial up a network connection from their rooms in the residence halls, giving them access to their file space, Internet resources, and e-mail."



Mark your calendar for these upcoming events

Celebration High School Day	March 21, 1998
Autumn and Spectrum Auditions	April 3-4, 1998
Company Auditions	April 18, 1998
Home School Science Camp	June 15-19, 1998
Summer Jam	June 21-26, 1998
Cedar Point Sonshine Rally	June 29, 1998
Warrior Soccer Camp	July 13-17, 1998
Warrior Cross Country Camp	July 26-31, 1998
Fresh Start Welcome Weekend	August 20-24, 1998
Fall Semester Classes Begin	August 26, 1998

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

Jazz band added to regular music program

Originating as a temporary ensemble for Celebration in Song, jazz band appeared on the class schedule of Rochester College for the first time this year. "Response to the band at last year's Celebration was so overwhelming that we decided to make it a regular part of our music program," stated Frank Pitts, director of the ensemble.

"We have always heard from prospective students that they wish we had an instrumental program," stated Joe Bentley, director of

musical activities. "This is a logical step toward the development of a more extensive program that eventually could include larger ensembles and private instruction."

"Originally, we set a target of fifteen participants for our first full year with the group," stated Mr. Pitts. "We already have twenty-one members and continue to add others. We anticipate further growth as the group establishes its reputation."

For its first year, the ensemble plans to perform a variety of jazz styles, primarily in local programs. "Celebration will continue to be a focus of our efforts, but we also plan to appear in some schools and at special events in the community," stated Mr. Pitts.

"Addition of the jazz band gives us more flexibility to meet the needs of our students and to provide a broader base for their musical education," stated Mr. Bentley. "It adds another dimension to our strong emphasis on vocal music, and will play an important role in our development of a bachelor's degree program in music." The faculty currently is preparing a proposal for a music major.



Trombone players practice at a jazz band rehearsal.