50th Anniversary plans in full swing

COMING HOME
Three classes enjoy reunion celebrations in 2007

PRESERVING HISTORY
Larry Stewart pens The Seasons of Rochester College

GOING TO WORK
Alumnus Jon Horst puts his time in with the Detroit Pistons
Our Board of Trustees has been very busy during this last year. Many goals have been set, and new officers have been elected. Each trustee serves Rochester College on a volunteer basis and works hard to shape the institution into a solid, academic institution of higher education within a Christian community. I am pleased to work with these men and women who care deeply about the spiritual and academic mission of Rochester College.

During the first week of July 2007, the board met in a pivotal meeting to plan for the future of Rochester College. At the end of the full day session, the Board of Trustees affirmed several qualities for which they want Rochester College to be known.

- A resource for churches
- A place that loves the Lord and loves young people
- A place that is an impeccable academic institution where scripture is discussed openly, without prejudice, no matter what the issue
- A place where Jesus is the focus
- A place in collaborative partnership with the community
- A place where liberal arts and high academic standards are present
- A place where students are presented growth opportunities that lead to employment and high standards and ethics
- A place that is building upon its heritage as a place where members of the Christian community will want to send their students
- A place where the study of the Bible and engagement with the text is inextricably intertwined with everything we do
- A place where alumni are successful personally and professionally and who remain invested in the college

These are certainly high goals and aspirations, but we at Rochester College, from the trustees to the employees, are determined to meet them. We will continue to look for better ways to serve the community, the church, and the academic needs of our students.

This issue has a focus on our approaching 50th Anniversary. However, as we look to the past, we also turn and look toward the future, a future that includes partnerships with the community, new exciting degree programs, and expanding infrastructure. Although challenges are ever present, we confidently march forward toward a strong future. Thanks for your help in getting us there!

Michael W. Westerfield, Ph.D.
President, Rochester College
50 years... and counting!

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Pages from several 1970s yearbooks show flashbacks into life at Michigan Christian College. Look carefully and you just might see a few familiar faces! On this page, top, the entrance to the Maxon Estate, the first building on campus. Today it is Gallaher Center and houses admissions, financial aid, the business office, and the alumni music center!
Spring ahead with Rochester College
Our campus is stunning in the
in Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Fee is a noted New Testament scholar, having published several books and articles in his field of specialization, New Testament textual criticism. Registration is $180 for boarding and $150 non-boarding. For more details and to register visit www.rc.edu/resource.

JUNE 22-28, 2008
ELEVATE SUMMER CAMP
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The theme for ELEVATE 2008, Unashamed, will encourage participants to move beyond regret and shame and embrace love and forgiveness. The summer camp is designed for students in grades 7 through 12. Shannon Williams, a worship leader from Columbus, Ohio, and Christian music artist Riley Armstrong are scheduled to appear. Early bird registration is $175 before May 1 and $200 after May 1. To register online visit www.rc.edu/elevate.

AUGUST 4, 2008
FLETCHER-SHINSKY GOLF CLASSIC
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The Annual Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic will return to Greystone Golf Club in Romeo, Mich. on Monday, August 4, 2008. Last year’s event drew a record number of supporters raising nearly $30,000 in scholarship money. A total of 145 golfers were in attendance. Former Michigan Christian College president Dr. Milton Fletcher administered the honorary tee shot to start the tournament. Fletcher was later presented with a 24-karat gold plated putter for his continued service and dedication to Rochester College. In addition, several sponsors donated items for the golf classic’s first silent auction. To obtain a registration form for this year’s golf classic call 248.218.2059.

AUGUST 21, 2008
ELIE WIESEL TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS
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Professor Elie Wiesel is one of the most distinguished authors and public personalities of our era. A survivor of Auschwitz and Buchenwald concentration camps, he has authored more than 50 books and has used his position as author, teacher and storyteller to defend human rights and peace throughout the world. Wiesel has received numerous awards including the United States Congressional Gold Medal and the Nobel Peace Prize. On August 21, he will deliver a lecture entitled “The Power of Language for Reconciliation,” thus kicking off both the 2008-2009 academic year and the college’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets will be available to the public for purchase. Details are forthcoming. (Arrangements for Professor Wiesel made through the B’NAI B’RITH LECTURE BUREAU.).

SEPTEMBER 20, 2008
FALL FESTIVAL
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Fall Festival is a tradition started in 1960 by the Associates to provide a delightful day of fun on campus for college affiliates and the surrounding community. Attractions include live entertainment, food and merchandise vendors, “X-treme” events, games, prizes, children’s area and appearances by city officials. For more information visit www.rc.edu/rcf.

MAY 17, 2008
PARTNERSHIP DINNER
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Robin Roberts, co-host of Good Morning America will be the keynote speaker for the 2008 Partnership Dinner. This fellowship dinner is for RC alumni, donors, constituents and friends and is the largest single annual fundraising activity to fund scholarships for RC students. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. Tickets cost $125. Sponsorship opportunities range from $350–$10,000. For more information, visit www.rc.edu/development.

MAY 19-21, 2008
RESOURCE! MINISTRY SEMINAR
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In the tradition of Sermon Seminar, RESOURCE! offers in-depth textual study with application to daily ministry. All are welcome as we explore the theme “Reading I Corinthians & Doing Christian Ministry.” The featured presenter is Dr. Gordon Fee, professor emeritus of New Testament at Regent College in Vancouver, B.C. Dr. Fee is a noted New Testament scholar, having published several books and articles in his field of specialization, New Testament textual criticism. Registration is $180 for boarding and $150 non-boarding. For more details and to register visit www.rc.edu/resource.

NOVEMBER 1, 2008
HOMECOMING
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Homecoming will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008. It is open to students, alumni, faculty/staff and friends. The all-day event features a tailgate party, games, prizes and food! The highlight of the event will be the Warrior and Alumni basketball games in the afternoon. The King and Queen will be crowned during halftime of the varsity game. Everyone is invited to attend the evening theatrical performance in the Richardson Center Theatre. Remember, alumni receive discount tickets!

NOVEMBER 1, 2008
LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON WITH MAX LUCADO
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Celebrated Christian author and minister, Max Lucado will be the featured speaker during a mid-day reception at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester on Saturday, November 1, 2008. Dubbed “America’s Best Preacher” in 2005 by Reader’s Digest, he is best known for such titles as In the Grip of Grace and more recently Facing Giants. He received a master’s degree in Biblical studies from Abilene Christian University and serves as the senior minister of Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas. Details about ticket pricing will be made available in the fall.
Class reunions are a time to reflect, exchange good news and laughs and sometimes shed tears. So what’s the best part of going back to one’s alma mater for a reunion?

“Seeing classmates and wondering how ‘they’ got to be so old,” jokes Dean Moore, ’62. Moore is one of nearly four dozen alumni who brought their families to the class reunions last summer. The class of 1962 joined the classes of ’61 and ’63 for a weekend-long celebration and journey down memory lane. Activities included dinners, devotions, recreation, and a tour of the campus, which has undergone tremendous changes over the course of the college’s history. Alumni from 1982–1983 and 1987–1988 also held class reunions in July.

A native of Pontiac, Moore now lives in Leesburg, Fla., with his college sweetheart, Mary Lois (Branstetter, ’62). Both are currently retired and have three children and nine grandchildren. They last visited the campus five years ago for their 40th class reunion. Mary, who was born in southern Kentucky and raised in central Indiana, initially planned to enroll in David Lipscomb College.

“An acquaintance from a neighboring town told me about North Central College. I applied and was accepted. A representative of NCCC visited my home to talk with my parents and me about enrolling. One statement that he made was that if Church of Christ members who move from the south keep sending their children to colleges in the south, the churches in the north would have difficulty growing.”

“My daddy left the decision to me. Inasmuch as both schools had accepted me and both had offered pretty much the same amount in scholarship money. I decided on NCCC based
Class of '77 gifts College with all-new annual scholarship

1977.

Jimmy Carter had just succeeded Gerald Ford as the 39th President of the United States of America. Fleetwood Mac released their Grammy-winning record, Rumours. Star Wars was the highest-grossing movie of all time. Elvis Presley was dead. And, amidst all the change and tumult of the latter part of the 1970s, a special group of students were graduating from Michigan Christian College.

This year, as part of the Rochester College homecoming festivities, the class of '77 returned to the place they all called home for two years of their lives for their 30-year class reunion. To observe them, one would think they had never left, picking up conversations and relationships right where they left off. Smiles and laughter were the order of the day.

For many of them, it was their first time back to the campus since leaving. Obviously, the physical and educational landscape had changed quite a bit. There are new dorms, classrooms, and a library. When the class of '77 was here, Michigan Christian College only offered two-year programs. Open house was held just once a semester. Jeans were considered “progressive.” Men couldn’t have facial hair. Shorts were taboo. Today, Rochester College is a four-year, fully-accredited liberal arts institution, and many of those other rules have evolved with time. However, one thing has remained a constant—the Christian outlook.

“It’s all Kent Hoggatt’s fault I’m here,” says Jill Skidmore. “I had already been accepted to another college and he came to my house, knocked on my door, and convinced me that MCC was the place for me. I prayed about it and ended up at MCC. Now, its 30 years later and this place still holds a special place in my heart.”

During the reunion, the class of '77 was treated to a light brunch and performances by Autumn and Focus, two of Rochester College’s performance groups. Both groups were well-received, bringing back fond memories for Ed Rosenbaum.

“There used to be a girl who sang with Autumn... for the life of me I can’t remember her name right now. But she sang the song ‘I Want Jesus to Walk with Me’ and this just brought all of that back to me. The current group all did a good job, but I was especially impressed with the young man who was doing the vocal percussion [freshman Grant McClure],” Rosenbaum comments.

As part of the weekend reunion, the former students also enjoyed a walk down memory lane, with a plethora of memorabilia set up to view: yearbooks, old uniforms, pictures, and more. They also enjoyed a tour of their old stomping grounds to see how much things had changed, as well as how many things had stayed the same. After this, they enjoyed the Rochester College Homecoming basketball game where the Warriors bested Lambton College 71-52.

During the annual Scholarship Dinner held that evening at the Royal Park Hotel, class of '77 alumni and president of the Rochester College Alumni Association Brenda Phillips delivered a rousing speech that brought tears to the eyes of her fellow classmates. She recalled one of her favorite professors and read a poem titled “Bits and Pieces,” which the professor used to read at the beginning and end of each semester. Phillips received a standing ovation.

“When you were at MCC, friendships were 24/7. That doesn’t happen as easily once you’ve left college,” explains Ronda (O’Hearn) Rosenbaum. “It’s a once in a lifetime experience.”

Because of the special place Rochester College holds in the hearts of the class of '77, they pooled their resources to offer the ‘77 Legacy Scholarship, which will be made available next school year.

“The class of '77 has always been a leading class. Traditionally, they’ve held their reunions during the summer, but they wanted to hold their 30-year reunion during homecoming to give their friends and family a sense of what Rochester College is like. One thing they’ve found is that the experience is the same whether the college is called North Central Christian College, Michigan Christian College, or Rochester College,” says Scott Samuels, associate vice president of development.

Dr. Gordon MacKinnon, a member of the class of '77, sums up the feelings of many in attendance. “When I was here I learned a lot from the faculty. They taught me what it means to be a leader. They taught me what it means to serve others. Today, I’m happy that my daughter is here at RC. Now she can share in that same experience.”
College drafts all-star

Men’s baseball and women’s basketball among other sports to benefit from new and improved coaching staff

Brett Crawford joined Rochester College this fall as head baseball coach and assistant professor. Crawford earned a BBA in marketing and sports management from RC in 2005. He played for the Warriors baseball team for three years as a student where he was selected as a first team All-American and two-time Academic All-American. As captain of the baseball team during his senior season, he led the Warriors to their only USCAA College World Series appearances in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Since graduating he has been an assistant baseball coach at Calvin College, a prospect camp coach for Indiana University and most recently an assistant baseball coach at Eastern Michigan University. In addition, Crawford is in the process of completing his MBA with the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

New Assistant Coaches
Assistant/Pitching Coach: Jim Kosmerick; Assistant Coach: Josh Masden
Recruiting Coordinator: Tom Kolodge

Joel Schroeder is the new head coach of the women’s varsity basketball team. Joel served as an assistant coach for the men’s basketball team from 2003-2007. From 1999-2002 he was the head boy’s varsity basketball coach at Bellvue High School. After earning All-League honors at Lapeer East High School in 1995, Schroeder played at Olivet College from 1995-1998, being named to the All-Tournament Team in 1998. He played his final college season (1998-1999) at Rochester College. In addition to his Rochester College coaching responsibilities, Schroeder is involved with basketball camps at Michigan State University, University of Toledo, and University of Wisconsin. He is also Sports Director at the North Oakland YMCA.

Athletic director Garth Pleasant says of Joel: “Joel is a real student of the game and has done a great job developing his coaching ability. We look forward to watching him build the women’s program into a national contender.”

OTHER NEW COACHES:
Women’s Soccer
Head Coach: Rich Henderson; Assistant: Michelle Lewis; Assistant: Sarah Moulik

Men’s Basketball
Special Assistant Coach: George Beaudoin; Assistant Coach: Nick Grabowski

Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp began in 1980 under the leadership of athletic director and men’s basketball coach Garth Pleasant. Each year hundreds of kids, ages 6-17, learn the fundamentals of basketball and techniques on passing, dribbling, shooting and much more. Approximately 750 students enrolled in the 2007 camp. They received a special treat with a visit from Zap and the Pistons Flight Crew.

Zap, the mascot for the WNBA’s Detroit Shock, along with flight crew members Mike, Samer, Dan and Glen wowed the crowded gym with high-flying acrobatics and slam dunk routines using a trampoline.

Before the performance, campers were given a motivational speech by Pistons’ crew member Aaron Smith. Smith shared important lessons he learned as a student athlete and encouraged the group to put education before sports. Smith also gave the students a chance to view one of the Pistons’ championship trophies and rings as well as one of the Shock’s trophies.

Lake Norcentra Basketball Camp operates for four weeks from mid-June through mid-July. For more information, contact the basketball department at 248.218.2135 or email gpleasant@rc.edu.

Rochester College places 2nd In USCAA Director’s Cup competition


The United States Collegiate Athletic Association Director’s Cup honors member institutions that excel in a wide range of sports. The cup sets out to highlight the efforts of a single institution that produces an outstanding athletic program with diverse offerings and competes in national championships. Athletic director Garth Pleasant (pictured) was happy to accept the plaque for second place.

During the 2007 USCAA national soccer championship tournament the women’s team placed second under the direction of first year coach Rich Henderson. The men’s team won the 2006 tournament but succumbed to 5th place in 2007. Several players from both teams received All-American
Board of Trustees appoints new officers

Jim Randolph
Chairman
- Elected to the Board of Trustees in January 1998
- Retired, Executive Director, Global Business Services, Delphi automotive
- Graduate of Pepperdine University

Duane Harrison
Vice Chairman
- Elected to the Board of Trustees in January 1992
- President and CEO of Utley Brothers, Inc.
- All three children are graduates of Rochester College
- Family has been involved for many years with the college and the Associates

Phil Herrington
Treasurer
- Elected to the Board of Trustees in June 2005
- President and CEO of Herrington Inc., Little Rock, AR
- Served on missions committee supporting John and Sara Barton while they were in Uganda
- Graduate of Harding University

Ed Dickinson
Secretary
- Elected to the Board of Trustees in October 1995
- Group General Manager, The Crown Group
- Graduated from Michigan Christian College in 1979
- Both sons graduated from Rochester College
- Family has supported the college for years—father

Library “edutains” students and the

The Ennis and Nancy Ham Library at Rochester College has become much more than a place for studying. Library director Allison Keller and her staff have created a learning environment that values both education and entertainment.

Last February, the library organized a video game night that was well attended by students and staff. The following month, several participants engaged in a chess tournament. Those game nights proved to be a great way to motivate students to visit the library.

Harn Library also successfully hosted an “Art in the Library” reception, which featured a discussion and display by two local artists. During the spring, the campus and surrounding community were treated to an exhibition of Mexican and African sculptures and ceramics donated by an area art teacher, which drew many outside visitors. Another key to promoting resources available in the library occurred during several used book sales held over the course of the year.

During the fall of 2007 the library displayed a special traveling women’s exhibit (pictured above) called Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County. The exhibit was sponsored by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm and showcased the accomplishments of several local women including the late Alma Gatewood, wife of former college president Otis Gatewood. More about Alma and the exhibit can be found in the Anniversary section on page 17.

The library also has been instrumental in spearheading a paper recycling program for the campus and the Avon Road community. Its staff has collected over 12,000 pounds of paper since the fall. The efforts of the recycling program led to a $200 reward from the Abitibi-Consolidated company, one of the leading recyclers of newspapers and magazines in North America. The Library is currently working in conjunction with the Education Department to purchase library education books and audio visual materials with a $9,000 grant from the Hess and Ponting Foundations.

Stay connected with e-news!

The Rochester College Development Office has a brand new monthly e-newsletter that delivers news and information about the latest campus events.

Keep connected to the college by subscribing to the e-newsletter, where you will read about student life, alumni achievements, academic events, and campus activities such as theatrical and musical performances and workshops, seminars and keynote presentations.

If you have not been receiving the newsletter, send an email to news@rc.edu and let us know that you would like to be added to the mailing list. You can visit the RC News page at www.rc.edu/news.
College donates land and funds to preserve Clinton River

Last fall, Rochester College joined efforts with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Oakland Land Conservancy (OLC) to protect the beauty and natural land area on the campus that runs along the Clinton River.

The college donated an easement of land near what is referred to as Riverbend Park to the MDEQ, in addition to a $7,500 check made payable to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan. In September, the gift was presented to Donna Folland, executive director of the Oakland Land Conservancy. Folland and her staff will monitor and preserve the easement. Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett has been instrumental in this multi-year process and was present to witness this important collaboration between a private property owner and the OLC.

Pictured above, Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan Barnett and Oakland Land Conservancy executive director Donna.

The Center for Extended Learning (CEL) first opened its doors to the non-traditional student population on the campus of Rochester College in 1997.

Since its inception the center, which offers accelerated evening and weekend courses for working adults, has undergone tremendous growth. Within ten years the student body has grown from 40 students to an average that exceeds 500—more than ten times the initial enrollment.

One of the most instrumental factors in the program’s popularity is its expansion across Southeast Michigan. CEL provides both classroom based and select online courses at four different locations including the main campus in Rochester Hills, Macomb Community College in Clinton Township, Mott Community College in Flint and most recently, Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts in Southfield.

“Specs Howard School of Broadcast Arts provides exceptional technical training in the field of radio/video and Rochester College provides exceptional education with theory and scholarship. This creates a perfect relationship for any student desiring a degree in mass communication,” explains Christopher Davis, director of enrollment for CEL.

The mass communication degree incorporates a broadcast concentration giving students full access to Specs’ state-of-the-art broadcast equipment including video cameras, a recording studio and radio station.

The reputation of the Southfield campus continues to attract prospective students and gain the attention of employers, so much that CEL recently opened two additional classrooms to accommodate the growth.

“We added two more classrooms including a computer lab for specialized software courses. It is definitely an exciting time for CEL and Rochester College,” said Davis.

In addition to mass communication, students may also pursue degrees in business management, organizational leadership and communication, biblical studies, counseling psychology, early childhood studies, as well as an associate of arts degree. Last year, CEL began offering tracks in public relations, human resources and marketing.

For many, the appeal of the CEL program is the flexible schedule and accelerated 8-week sessions. Students can maintain full time status by attending class twice a week. Being a small Christian institution sets the program apart by placing a higher level of emphasis on ethics according to Davis.

“We are bridging the gap between ethics, employees, and employers. Being a smaller institution, we excel at our level of personalized student service,” Davis adds.

To learn more about CEL visit the website at www.rc.edu/cel.
Our Golden Anniversary
��50周年庆

罗切斯特学院建立在坚实的基础上，有数百名个体在过去的五十年里做出了贡献。这些人是学院的领导者。以下是一些最重要的发展。

1959年
- 北中教会在基督教大学开放
- 星级校园中心完成

1960年
- 科学大楼的第一个扩建
- 沃尔德学院完成

1961年
- 名称改为密歇根基督教学院
- 第二个扩建
- 蒙特西奥大学完成

1962年
- 第三个扩建
- 第一次校庆
- 体育馆完成

1963年
- 体育馆完成
- 公会大厦完成
- 状态认证

1964年
- 校友协会成立
- 吉尔洛克农场购买
- 杜克特中心完成

1965年
- 争取学生中心和图书馆

1966年
- 下层书店完成
- NCA认证

1969年
- NCA候选人认证

1970年
- 加特伍德大厦完成

1972年
- 第一次伙伴关系
- 百乐美

1973年
- 秋季
- NCA认证

1975年
- 入学人口超过300

1977年
- 这个年度的第一笔捐款
- 第一个里程碑
- 三年级圣经课程
- 应用科学学位

1978年
- 西部剧院
- 上层书店

成员们1962级的毕业生发起了为修复图腾柱而筹集资金的活动。从1959年到1997年，图腾柱位于湖边，是湖的中心。

自1997年以来，图腾柱位于肖尼斯家族的院子里，由肖尼斯修复并重新油漆，图腾柱在2004年之前，天气的严重影响了图腾柱，使柱子和历史建筑在未来的体育中心内。图腾柱的修复工作必须在3000美元以内。成员们发起了一个目标为25000美元的活动，旨在为一个巨大的展示会提供资金。

2007年4月，罗切斯特学院，800西阿文路，罗切斯特山，MI 48307。这个检查应被指定为图腾柱基金。问题请与Dean Moore联系，1962级竞选活动的负责人，通过deanmoore14@embarqmail.com与Larry Stewart联系，lstewart@rc.edu。
FEATURE 50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Walter Gilfillen 1978-1980
1978 Bachelor of Religious Education degree approved by state
Name changed to Michigan Christian College
1979 Gymnasium annex completed
New campus master plan unveiled

1980 Bachelor of Religious Education degree approved by NCA
1982 Wang VS-80 purchased for campus-wide use
1983 Business programs added at associates degree level
Accreditation reaffirmed
1987 Second millionth dollar donated by Associates
Third year added to business program
1989 Accreditation reaffirmed
Counseling major added to B.R.E. program

Kenneth L. Johnson 1991-2004
1993 Bachelor of Business Administration degree approved
1996 Bachelor of Science degree approved
1997 Name changed to Rochester College Center for Extended Learning launches Ferndale/Hoggatt Hall completed
1998 Enrollment exceeds 500 for first time
2000 Enrollment exceeds 800 for first time
2001 GEO international studies program initiated
2002 Bachelor of Arts degree approved
Ham Library completed
2003 Enrollment exceeds 1000 for first time
2004 Richardson Center completed
2005 Master of Religious Education approved
2006 College authorized to recommend teachers for certification

Heritage Series CD
You may now order copies of any recordings produced since 1962 by the A Cappella Chorus, Autumn, and Spectrum. Re-mastered on compact discs, this series allows you to replace old recordings or to purchase recordings that were originally produced on vinyl records, 8-track tapes, and cassette tapes. View the full listing of 57 recordings on-line at www.rc.edu/bookstore or call 800.521.6010, extension 5.
Close ties to home

This college is my life," said Larry Stewart emphatically during a recent interview.

Stewart has spent nearly forty years of his life on Avon Road—two years as a student and 36 years as an employee. His office, tucked away on the ground level of the campus bookstore, offers one of the most scenic views of the campus. One of the walls is almost entirely consumed by a sliding glass door that overlooks Lake Norcentra and a picturesque wooded backdrop.

Several photos align the opposing walls depicting various scenes reflecting campus life. The most endearing photo is of his two children Kevin ('04) and Beth ('02) as toddlers rustling in the fall leaves with their hands on their chins. "Photography was a hobby at one time, but I eventually got burned out," he admits. Despite wearing multiple hats in his current position as director of alumni information and bookstore manager, his office is immaculate. Every single piece of paper, book and ornament has a place. He attributes his impeccable sense of organization to a "personality quirk."

Stewart grew up in the small town of Corunna, Mich. located 20 miles west of Flint. His father owned a shoe store where all six children and even his grandmother were employed. He was in fifth grade when he began working for the store and continued well into his college career, a probable explanation for his strong sense of dedication. Three of his siblings, Bob ('68), Janie ('71) and Ken ('82), attended Michigan Christian College along with three of his nieces and nephews. Stewart was the second sibling to attend MCC when he enrolled in 1968. He completed the two year program in 1970 and went on to receive his bachelor's degree in Bible from Harding College.

He returned to MCC in 1972 under the leadership of President Don Gardner as an admissions counselor, campus photographer, residential supervisor, yearbook advisor and editor/designer of campus publications. A year later he was appointed director of admissions and over the years has served under five of seven college presidents as director of public relations, Bible and journalism teacher, and chorus tour manager, among other things. "I've experienced 80% of Rochester College's history," he explained. "I was also here during the 10th anniversary celebration."
He met his wife Lynne ('74) upon his return to campus—she was the yearbook editor and he was the sponsor. Stewart also had interaction with Lynne through her participation in Autumn and chorus. “We were always good friends,” he remembers. Lynne completed her education at Siena Heights in Adrian, Mich., and the couple married in 1976. Lynne is now a 30-year employee of Rochester College and has worked in various departments including academic services, student services and the business office. She currently serves as the education certification specialist.

Stewart’s latest job entails writing, editing, designing, and laying out the 50th Anniversary historical book. “I’m calling it The Seasons of Rochester College because it’s a play on what we see outside on the campus grounds, but it also reflects the changes the college has gone through over the years.” The daunting task of completing the 144-page book is not a first for Stewart, who created the 25th Anniversary book that chronicles the years of 1959-1989. He gave that book the title I Know the Lord Will Find a Way. Stewart was initially hesitant when approached to do the 50th Anniversary book, but after seeing the quality and composition of Abilene Christian University’s 100th anniversary book he couldn’t resist. “The book was so appealing I immediately said we had to do it. I felt like we needed to do this again in a really fresh and exciting way.”

After being in charge of publications for 30 years as the sole person responsible for writing copy, taking photos, designing publications, negotiating with printers and scheduling mailings, Stewart realized that he would in all likelihood walk down that road again with the historical book. “My brother [Ken, graphic designer at ACU] told me that I was crazy because he knew how many people were involved in the creation of ACU’s book. But it’s easier to not have to wait on people,” he explained. He began the project in March 2007 and gave himself until April 2008 to complete it. The final product will be revealed during the opening ceremony of the 50th Anniversary Celebration in August of this year. “Writing this book has consumed most of my free time. Even when I’m at home, my mind is constantly thinking about it,” he confesses. “I write at home and then do layout at work.”

ACU’s historical book has helped Stewart in the development process. He used it as a “text book” and a model to approaching Rochester College’s book. The historical book will narrate the college’s history decade by decade. “The early 60s was tricky because I wasn’t here, so I had to recreate the tone and atmosphere by talking to people who were. I mixed that together with facts from researching old Northstars, bulletins and yearbooks.” Each decade covers specific topics that were relevant to that time period such as student life, academic development, technology, missions, church relations, campus development, and fundraising. “I hope the book will be something that is a permanent record of what happened here, but I’m designing it in ‘coffee table’ style. I want it to be fun for people to read, not a boring history book,” he says with a cautious laugh.

The stories and snippets will be complimented with a variety of student-centered historical photos and pictures of artifacts from each period. “I wanted to get as much student coverage as possible. I also want it to be comprehensive and to tell a balanced story of the institution’s development.” For Stewart, reporting a balanced story means disclosing some painful memories. “Tears well up in his eyes as he recounts the college’s struggle to approve the Bible bachelor’s degree through the state of Michigan. ‘Those are the type of things that most people don’t know about. It was very difficult to build new buildings and it took a lot of donors and people to make it happen. It’s a challenge to move an institution forward, but we have made tremendous progress.’ He also remembers when the construction of Gatewood Hall nearly put the college out of business. “Partnership Dinner was birthed out of financial crisis. We had to raise money to pay for Gatewood.”

His involvement with chorus as a student and later as the tour scheduler is one of his fondest memories. “I estimate that I’ve spent nearly a year of my life on a chorus bus.” He was so deeply involved with chorus,” he says. “Even now it makes me proud to see the chorus perform and watch how the audience responds. It makes me proud of them and the institution.” The 25th Anniversary Reunion of the singing groups was yet another highlight of his alumni career. Almost 70 percent of the members participated in the two-hour concert.

The Stewarts are heavily involved in alumni relations. He and Lynne attend all the reunions. “I love seeing people and watching them rekindle their associations with one another. It’s great to know the level of impact the college had on them.” He considers having the opportunity to work at Rochester College while his son and daughter completed their education as a moment that he would “freeze in time.” His daughter Beth and her husband Brian Bowers are currently enrolled in the master’s degree program. Beth is expecting a baby girl this March—the first grandchild for the Stewarts and a potential future alumna.

Looking back he remembers when Knapp’s was the best place to get a burger, God Is No Fool was the top selling book on campus and when Barbier was the “nice” dorm. As for the future, he hopes Rochester College will continue to add buildings and new programs, and draw students from a broader geographic area. As the unofficial historian for the college, Stewart holds a wealth of information and great memories—yet through all the ups and downs of the past he realizes that one thing has remained the same. “The faces have changed, but what we’re all about hasn’t... influencing people’s lives and making people better people.”
Brenda Phillips (’77) was born and raised in Midland, Michigan, the seventh of eight children (four boys and four girls). The size of her immediate family should come as no surprise when one takes into consideration the size of her extended family. “My dad has 12 siblings and most of them lived within walking distance, so I grew up with lots of cousins, aunts, uncles and grandparents,” says Phillips. As a matter of fact, attending Michigan Christian College from 1975-1977 after graduating from Midland High School was a natural choice for Brenda because so many of those family members had called the college home before her.

“My three older sisters had attended MCC, as well as a number of my cousins. When my sisters were at MCC I would visit on the weekends with my parents. Everyone was always so friendly and nice. It made a big impression on a quiet, shy 11-year-old. I thought it was cool that everybody seemed to know each other,” Brenda fondly recalls.

Starting out in the secretarial science program, which Brenda now believes sounds utterly antiquated, she planned to get a job directly after leaving Rochester. But as providence would have it, during her freshman year, two of Brenda’s teachers encouraged her to pursue a degree in business education. Since then, she has spent her entire career in the field of human resources, having worked for such corporations as Consumer’s Energy and Volkswagen of America.

Heavily involved in activities at MCC, including the Alpha Chi social club and cheerleading, Brenda believes three specific experiences affected her more than any others: chapel, Thursday night devotionals, and dorm life. “Chapel was my favorite time of the day because everyone was together. It was both uplifting and entertaining. During Thursday night devotionals there were usually 50-60 students who would sit in a circle on the floor with the lights dimmed. The singing was beautiful. Sometimes it would just go on and on because we didn’t want to stop,” says Brenda. And when it came to dorm life, Brenda warmly reminisces about “staying up late talking and laughing, studying in the hallway, and singing Linda Rondstadt songs into our curling irons and hairbrush ‘microphones.’”

Activities always connected Brenda with people. Ultimately, every experience was intimately tied to the spirit of community that has been the hallmark of Rochester College since its inception 50 years ago. “Mrs. [Carolyn] Franklin pushed me to do more than I thought I could, and helped me begin to develop a sense of confidence in myself. Mr. [Ken] Franklin was very involved in campus life. It wasn’t unusual to find him in the Campus Center lobby between or after classes just hanging out with the students. He would start every class with a prayer or read a passage from his favorite book, God Is No Fool. I still have that book, and think of him every time I pick it up.”

Brenda cherishes every relationship she made while a student at MCC. This has prompted her to teach others not to take friendships for granted. “Actually, I’m sure that I didn’t learn that lesson until after I left MCC. It didn’t take me long, though, to realize that those friendships were special. That hit home with me when we had our 30-year reunion in November. Being with those people again really felt like coming home.”

Having been involved with the Alumni Association for over 20 years, Brenda believes she has invested a lot of time and emotion into the organization. However, as the years
Mother, daughter, and leader of Oakland County

By Jennifer Hamilton

Alma Morgan Gatewood was born on December 28, 1908 in Abilene, Texas. Her convictions and upbringing in a religious family were apparent in the way in which she lived her life. Her sense of mission was evident through her vocation. She attended Harding College and Abilene Christian College, graduating cum laude in 1933. During her college career, she was a member of the Girls Training Club and the “W” Club, a women’s honor society. She became a teacher, instructing classes in Abilene and Merkel, Texas for ten years.

She married Otis Gatewood, a minister, while she was teaching. Their ministerial commitment to education took them many places such as Las Vegas, New Mexico, Utah, and Frankfurt, Germany. The Gatewoods were among the first missionaries into Germany following WWII. They brought $1 million worth of supplies to the residents of Frankfurt. In 1958, the Gatewoods were called to help establish North Central Christian College, now Rochester College.

During her four years of work with NCCC, Alma founded the “Women’s Associates,” a group of women concerned with raising funds for the college. Initially, the Associates funded library acquisitions, but this expanded to include building renovations, debt retirement, equipment, student scholarships, music equipment, and costumes. Upon her death on January 18, 1963, funds were dedicated to the Alma Gatewood Memorial Fund. The monies in the Memorial Fund helped build a women’s dormitory in her honor. The support of the students and academics by the Associates continues today.

The Associates currently have a membership of 700 women who are organized into 15 chapters throughout Michigan and Ohio. In the history of the organization, these women have raised over $4,408,000 to support the mission and vision of Rochester College.

For her contributions to the Rochester Hills community, Alma was selected to be a part of a traveling exhibit called “Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County,” created by the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. The exhibit consists of three areas: the biographies and photographs of 17 outstanding Oakland County women; “Leaders from our Community” which allows visitors to add their own nominations to the exhibit; and “Women through the Ages” that features a timeline of women’s historical events from a national and state level. The display appeared in the Rochester College Ham Library from August 22—October 1, 2007 (see photograph on page 9).

Anniversary Planning Committee

A special committee has been formed to plan all of the events for the Anniversary Celebration. If you have any thoughts, questions, or ideas regarding these events, contact one of the committee members listed below:

Klint Pleasant
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Julie Harper
Scott Samuels
Committee Co-Chair
Cathy Ries
Committee Secretary
Mark Johnson
Committee Secretary
Robert Martin
Larry Norman
Brenda Phillips
Garth Pleasant
1972
JUDY IRENE PITT has moved to Durango, CO, at the beginning of Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. It is one of the most scenic steam engine trips in America and has been in operation since the 1880's. Judy lives at 1401 E. 3rd Ave., Durango, CO 81301.

1983
DAYTON BLAKE and his wife Joyce returned from China on July 4, 2007 with their newly adopted daughter Esther. Esther was born on September 13, 2006, but the Blakes did not receive her until June 25, due to an adoption process of 27 months. Updates can be found at the family's website at www.chinalblakes.com. The family lives at 1264 Merrycrest Dr., Memphis, TN 38111.

1985
BECKY (BLAKE) EUBANKS and her husband Blake welcomed their daughter Lydia Rebekah on June 27, 2007. Lydia joins sisters Elisla and Gabriele and brothers Elijah, Micah and Judah. The family lives at 1216 Sorrento Lane, Flint, MI 48507.

1986
JAMIE (CLARK) STARLING completed her master's degree in teaching on May 12, 2007. She graduated summa cum laude. Jamie and her husband, MARK STARLING, live at 11305 W. Gates St., Bruce Township, MI 48065. They have one daughter, Megan.

1987
MICHAEL AND SANDI (JONES) WALLACE have returned to Walt Disney World Co. Michael is a safety and health technical administrator and Sandi is a communication specialist. They live with their son, Parker, at 1051 Home Grove Dr., Winter Garden, FL 34787.

1989
LAURA (DAY) LEACH and her husband Rick have welcomed their newest addition, Elijah Jack. He joins big sister Olivia. Laura is a stay-at-home mom and Rick is in his 10th year as youth minister for the Northside Church of Christ. The family lives at 3304 Utica Sellersburg Rd., Jeffersonville, IN 47130.

1990
Nicole Renee joined Brett and Sean Lewis in the home of Gino and KRISTY (BENTLEY) DEHERRERA on July 18, 2006. The family lives at 15345 S. Constance, Olathe, KS 66062.

1991
SCOT WEST was invited to be a member of Ohio University's Professional Actor Training Program. He will spend the final year of the program performing with the Tony Award-winning Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and will graduate in 2010 with his M.F.A.

DAWN (DICKEY) MANNON has returned to grad school at Arizona State. She is in her second year of work towards a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Degree and is currently a clinical supervisor at Phoenix Children's Hospital. She and her husband Greg have been married four years. They live at 18617 N. 20th Way, Phoenix, AZ 85024.

ERIC (92) AND SUND (LAMBERT) SEELIG welcomed Erica Kathleen on Dec. 21, 2007. She joined proud sisters Jessica (13) and Kaleigh (8). The family lives at 829 8th St., Wyandotte, MI 48192.

1992
RANDY AND KIM (PLEASANT '93) SPECK welcomed their second child, Lainey Hope, on June 13, 2007. Randy is the superintendent for Oakland Christian Schools and Kim is a Psychologist at Treeside Psychological Center. The family lives at 434 Franklin Lake Circle, Oxford, MI 48371.

1993
John and KATIE (MICHELS) HAVERKAMP welcomed Kaylee Lauren on March 19, 2007. The family lives at 1754 N. Lofgren Rd., Rolling Prairie, IN 46371.

1994
DAVID PENN received his second master's degree from St. Xavier University in Chicago in May 2007. He matriculated with honors in educational administration and supervision. His first master's degree is in curriculum and instruction from City University in Bellevue, WA. David currently serves as dean of students at Richard T. Crane Tech Preparatory High School in Chicago, IL, and aspires to become a secondary principal. He and his wife Brenda received their first granddaughter, Rian Danielle, in January 2007. They live at 18629 Amlin Circle, Country Club Hills, IL 60458.

JASON CONLEY finished his master's degree in business administration in May 2007. After ten years at work with an orthopedic manufacturer, he recently accepted an opportunity with Silicone Insurgency Group.

1995
CHRIS CHAFFIN and his wife Jessica welcomed Hailey Ophelia on August 4, 2007. The family lives at 26313 Princeton, St. Clair Shores, MI 48081.
Jon Horst shines in the Detroit Pistons organization
by Kanette S. Worlds II

God does not care about perfection—he cares about direction.”

This, according to Jonathon Horst (’06), was the greatest lesson he learned as a student at Rochester College in Dr. John Barton’s New Testament class. Horst was born and raised in the area known as the Thumb of Michigan. He was recruited to play basketball at Rochester College during his senior year at Sandusky High School and accepted the invitation in 2002 based on merit.

“I wanted to play basketball at a school that had a winning tradition and would help me create professional opportunities for my future,” he says. “Academically I wanted to attend a school where I could interact with the teachers and students on a personal level. I did not want to be associated with my school by an I.D. number.”

Horst was a member of the men’s basketball team for four years and occasionally volunteered with the mission outreach group I.M.A.G.E. He had the good fortune of being on back-to-back national championship men’s varsity teams as a sophomore and junior. “My sports experience at RC had an extreme impact on me. While playing basketball I learned nothing comes easy and that work ethic, character, and morals can take you a long way, whether they are positive or negative.”

During Horst’s last year of college, Detroit Pistons vice president of basketball operations John Hammond was looking to fill an internship position in his office. Coach Garth Pleasant connected Horst to Hammond, which landed him in a one-year part-time position that eventually became a full-time job in June 2007. Horst is now the manager of basketball operations for the Pistons and putting his BBA in sports management to good use.

“My education at RC has had a major impact on my career today. The sports management classes allowed me to apply the concepts and ideas that I learned into everyday work situations and allowed me to be better prepared in my current job.”

Self-described as a “highly motivated person with a lot to learn,” Horst admits that working for the Pistons is a dream come true. “From a young age I have had a passion and obsession with basketball. I always wanted to work in sports—specifically basketball—for my career. What better way for a Michigan man to be involved in basketball than to work for the Detroit Pistons?”

Horst adds that the basketball operations staff, coaching staff, and players that make up the Detroit Pistons are the finest, most professional people imaginable. “I believe while in college I played for one of the classiest, professional, well-behaved, and hardest working teams in college basketball. I believe a man of high integrity, who leads with a strong work ethic, coached us and led his players to success. I say that because I also believe the Detroit Pistons organization is led by the same type of people who have the same beliefs, and it all starts with Joe Dumars, president of basketball operations.”

On a personal note, Horst says he puts God first, his wife Mia (Dinnan, 05) second, family and friends third and basketball shortly after. In his spare time he enjoys watching his wife coach her JV basketball team, hanging out with his friends and attending the Rochester and Lake Orion Churches of Christ.

When asked what he hopes to accomplish in his career, Horst replied, “I have received a lot of good advice from many people who have succeeded in this career field. Maybe the best was just, ‘I hope to survive.’ So what do I hope to do? I hope to survive. I would love to be involved with the NBA and Detroit Pistons for as long as possible, and I would love to provide for my family by working in the game I love every day.”

“If I am able to succeed and survive in the world of the NBA long enough, I will eventually retire and would then like to work at a high school and coach young men in the game of basketball. I also hope that someday Mia and I will be able to go to Africa and do mission work... and I’m sure I can figure out a way to have the NBA and basketball be involved in that mission work,” he jokes.
The write
Marty Kindall puts a passion for romance into writing
by Amanda Passage

For most of her life, alumna Marty Kindall felt as though her interest in writing would only ever be a hobby. She never dreamed she would become a published author with a portfolio of short stories and historical romance novels.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Kindall developed an interest in reading, music and art at an early age. She read all the time and couldn't get her hands on enough books. "Judy Blume was my favorite author as a young girl and I was always at the library. At some point, I thought, 'I could write something like that,'" Kindall said.

She began writing her own stories at the age of ten, mostly to entertain herself. In college, she realized that she didn't want to study English and began focusing her studies towards art and history. Kindall attended Michigan Christian College from 1990-1991, pursuing an associate of arts degree. After graduation, she enrolled at Harding University in Arkansas where she earned a bachelor of arts in social science in 1993 and a master of science in education in 1994. She went on to attend the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and in addition to coaching, Kindall worked as a recruiter in the admissions office until the spring of 1997. "The group I worked with believed we could recruit students who were a good fit for the college, who wanted to take the school into the future, who wanted a chance to be leaders and change the face of what was at that time—a small college with limited resources. We, and they, saw what Rochester College could become and wanted to be a part of that vision," she explains.

Ten years after moving to Charlotte, North Carolina, Kindall began using her free time to make writing a priority. After finding a few workshops and friends to help her refine her skills, she felt confident enough to look for a place to publish her stories. Kindall's portfolio now consists of short stories entitled "A Cook in the Family" and "A Kiss on the Wind," as well as novels The Knot and Bootlegger's Bride and various articles. Kindall's newest novel, published last fall, is a "sweet" romance set in 1948 and titled All in Good Time.

"All the works I have with The Wild Rose Press are set in the same small town in the North Carolina mountains, so the storylines intertwine. My newest work in progress is a romance novel set in ancient Rome, a new direction for me, and I'm having a good time with it. I love history and I love to write, so what better way to put the two elements together?" said Kindall.

Kindall strives to live an honest life with openness toward new experiences. "I want my stories to reflect the same kind of attitude. I write about real people that readers can connect with and care about, not some lofty perfection that's impossible to achieve. Like everyone, my characters make mistakes, suffer the consequences, and work through difficult times with real emotions. They aren't perfect, but they strive to grow and learn, and to create something better for themselves and those around them. I still write mostly for my own entertainment. I'm just lucky readers seem entertained as well," she said.

Kindall works as an administrator at the Art Institute of Charlotte, where she is also the resident history instructor. Her dream is to write full-time and teach history on the side. When she is not writing, Kindall enjoys entertainment, music, movies and sports. When time permits, she also enjoys long trips or short excursions to the beaches and mountains of North Carolina.

Kindall, similar to other authors of today, reaches her audience through MySpace, Yahoo!360 and Bebo. For more information visit her website, www.martykindall.com. •
is now the youth and family minister at the Trenton Church of Christ in Trenton, MI. His family’s new address is 26843 Inverness St., Woodhaven, MI 48183.

1998
Miriam Grace joined Donald, Josiah, Samuel, Philip, and Abigail in the home of Brian and Carrie (Pier) Ellerbroke on February 18, 2007. The family lives at 15855 Road B, Leipsic, OH 43546.

Paul Robak and his wife, Jenny, welcomed their third child, Elliana Hope, on October 26, 2007. Paul works with Walter’s Financial Group. The family lives at 422 Salus Dr., Waterford, MI 48327.

1999
Yolanda (Crites) Fett has moved to Fort Wayne, IN. She works as a special education teacher at Crestview Middle School and her husband, DJ, works for W.A. Sheets and Sons, a commercial contractor. They have two sons, Noah and Xavier.

2000
Ashley and Kelly (Hillman, ’02) Harrison welcomed Ella Ryan on October 18, 2007. Ashley works as an operations manager for Utley Brothers, Inc. and Kelly works part-time for the Rochester Church of Christ. The family lives in Shelby Township, MI.

Laura (Evans) Heidelberg and her husband James welcomed Sarah Lynne on June 21, 2007. Laura is now a stay-at-home mom, while James continues to work for Saturn. The family lives at 5500 Beresford St., Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

2001
Mark and Tamara (Tittle) Johnson welcomed their first child, Grace Sophia, on August 28, 2007. Mark is the director of operations at Rochester College and Tamara is his wife’s assistant. The family lives at 4510 Justice, Shelby Township, MI 48317.

Alicia Roe-Russell and her husband Clifford recently purchased a home at 341 E. 3rd St., Gaylord, MI 49735.

Christa (Husmeier) Melton married her husband Steven on July 4, 2007. They live at 783 Hubbell, Flint, MI 48503.

Hal Forgie recently earned his MBA from Baker College. He works as an imaging engineer at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, TN. He and his family live at 6676 White Hawk Lane, Olive Branch, MS 38654.

Lisa (Szappnon) Brady and her husband Dan welcomed Chloe Lauren on November 20, 2007. The family lives at 4943 Pebble Creek F., Apt. 9, Shelby Twp, MI 48317.

2002
Cameron Jones was recently promoted to associate fermentation scientist. He has been with Emergent Biosolutions—Biodefense Operations since 2006. He lives at 6150 W. Michigan Ave., Apt 58 Lansing, MI 48917.

Jaime (Bolland) Mukherjee recently took a position with MetLife in Somerset, NJ. She and her husband live at 450 W. End Ave. #80, North Plainfield, NJ 07060.


Dan Curtis and his wife Rachael welcomed John Alden on November 7, 2007. They live at 406 Miller, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

2003
Caleb and Suzy (Goffin) Plettner welcomed Ezra Steven on February 23, 2007.

The family lives at 746 W. Belmont Ave., Lincoln, NE 68521.

Tarnell Smith accepted a position with Nationwide Insurance and has been in the Phoenix, AZ area for four years. He works in the High Severity Insurance Investigation Unit and lives at 23732 N. Wilderness Way, Florence, AZ 85232.

2004
Hudney and Erika (Watson) Piquant welcomed their daughter Akira on June 12, 2007. The family lives at 23622 Civic Center Dr., Apt #243, Southfield, MI 48033.

Matt Stroup has dedicated himself to being a positive influence for peer sailors and Marines, serving as a volunteer in the Naval and Air Technical Training Center’s Positive Student Peer Program. Matt lives aboard Naval Air Station Pensacola at 230 Chevalier Field Ave. Bar C, Pensacola, FL 32508-5151.

2005
Leighton and Kendra (Mowrer) Rogers welcomed Lorelai Dawn on July 13, 2007. Leighton is a computer technician for Tech Resources, Inc. and Kendra is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 913 Cedargate Ct., Waterford, MI 48328.

Michelle (Corbin) Witt and her husband Rick welcomed Geraldine Lela on November 19, 2007. The family lives at 4921 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346.

2007
Sarah “Lenny” Grabowski and Henry Oyer were married on May 19, 2007. The couple lives at 15700 Lakeside Village Dr. #201, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

Trevor Keiser is a staff writer for the Clarkston News in Oakland county. He lives at 720 Gregory Dr., Lapeer, MI 48446.

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Note children’s names, recent births, job changes, marriages, promotions, etc. on a separate sheet of paper and remit with this form.
Special scholarship added for the Windy

During the 2007 Chicagoland Dinner, held at the Lisle Hilton Hotel on November 30, the Rochester College development office announced the Chicagoland Endowed Scholarship. In order to implement the scholarship the college is seeking support in the amount of $50,000. This project will conclude at next year’s dinner, scheduled for December 4, 2008.

Each year Rochester College will raise money from the Chicagoland Dinner, which will be added to the scholarship fund to benefit aspiring students from the Chicago area. The scholarship will be invested and a percentage of the corpus will be awarded annually.

“The Chicago area is vital to the success of the college. We have many special friends, donors and alumni in the Chicago area and we are grateful for their support. This dinner has really blossomed into a special event, and I pray our endowed scholarship project will be successful as we look to make a difference in the lives of students from this region,” said Klint Pleasant, vice president of development. To donate to the scholarship fund contact Pleasant at 248.218.2058.

Tennessee Volunteer lobby project launches

The launch of the Tennessee Volunteer Lobby project was the highlight of last year’s Nashville Dinner, held at the Inn of Walking Horse Farms in Franklin, Tenn. on December 13, 2007.

With the support of friends and donors in the Tennessee area, the development office hopes to raise $75,000 which will go towards naming the lobby/entryway in the new athletic center. In commemoration, a plaque of the state of Tennessee with a list of the people who participated in the project will be placed in the lobby.

“The Nashville dinner continues to be a tremendous blessing for the college. We were able to reconnect with so many special friends and alumni that have helped make the college what it is today. Our friends in Nashville were very generous with gifts towards the athletic center,” commented Klint Pleasant, vice president of development. “Our constituents in the area mean so much to us and we are grateful for their support.”

To date, Rochester College has received almost $50,000 in cash and commitments towards the project. The goal is to reach completion by this year’s dinner on December 11, 2008. A generous $25,000 challenge gift from Hank Davis is included in the $50,000 commitment.

John Todd Honor Scholarship announced

Alumnus and Rochester College trustee Robert Norton recently announced the establishment of an endowed scholarship in honor of Dr. John Todd, professor of political science.

Dr. Todd came to Rochester College in August of 1979 and has been a beloved teacher on campus for nearly 30 years. Thousands of students have played audience to his humor and witnessed firsthand his commitment to the college and traditional American values. His banner every four years at election time (and in between) with colleagues from opposing political parties has become legendary.

Dr. Todd served in the Vietnam War and as a lawyer in the Nixon administration before coming to Rochester College. He is married to Joyce (Whitaker, ’67) Todd, who shares her husband’s passion for law and serves as Assistant Prosecutor in the Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office. They have two daughters, Lacey and Jessica.

The goal of the John Todd Honor Scholarship is $50,000, which is one component of the 50th Anniversary endowment drive. Currently, pledges and cash donations total $20,000. Contributions may be made directly to the development office or online at www.rc.edu
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