Record enrollment sets pace for new era at Rochester College

Enrollment records toppled as Rochester College opened for its thirty-ninth academic year. A total of 439 students registered for classes, representing an impressive 21% increase over the previous fall semester.

“The air of excitement on campus is hard to describe,” stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. “The campus has a great new look, the name transition is going smoothly, and now we have a record number of students to serve.”

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As visiting professor of missions, Mr. Stephens is teaching courses in the religion department. “During our year at the college, we also hope to spark additional interest in missions,” stated Mr. Stephens.

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Transformation of the campus adds to the excitement of a new era for Rochester College. Students discovered major campus improvements upon their return for the fall semester. Ranging from new facilities to a walkway for a future outdoor mall, the campus has a great new look.

Missionary family enhances campus atmosphere

Placing an added emphasis on world missions, Rochester College welcomed its first missionaries in residence at the beginning of the fall semester.

“For quite some time, we have wanted to bring a missionary family to the campus,” stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. “Dr. Westerfield and I met Larry and Diane Stephens while visiting the Livonia Church of Christ two years ago. Since then, we have been corresponding with the church and the Stephens family in an effort to make their coming possible.”

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Worship sets tone for daily assembly

"I look forward to our worship time in assembly, especially the prayer requests," stated Dion Frasier, a sophomore from Buffalo, New York. "People feel comfortable about sharing concerns and asking for help. Everything comes together those days."

For thirty-nine years, daily assembly has been an integral part of campus life at Rochester College. "Many of our sister colleges are struggling with the amount of interest and participation in their chapel programs," noted Dr. Michael Westerfield, assembly committee chairman. "We have been determined to make our program a highlight of the day for the students."

"By dividing the type of activities that take place in assembly into particular days, we have been able to devote a more concentrated amount of time to worship," stated Dr. Westerfield. "The response to those days set aside entirely for worship has been wonderful."

Last year, small groups met during the assembly time for one day each week. The assembly committee recently decided to replace that particular day with a series of student speakers. "I like the focus on student speakers," commented Treviss Willis, a senior from Midland, Michigan. "It is encouraging to hear from our peers and to see this type of leadership."

"I have worked at three of our sister institutions and have spoken at most of the others," stated Dr. Michael O'Donnell, professor of family studies. "Since coming to Rochester College, I have been impressed by the level of participation. A greater percentage of our students are attentive and involved in the singing. I appreciate the enthusiasm that is demonstrated by them."

Interns acquire valuable experience

Internships continued to provide graduates of Rochester College an edge into the job market as they sought employment this past summer. "In many cases, our students obtain their first professional work experience, and ultimately their first job, through an internship," stated Dr. Ben Noah, director of career guidance and assessment.

"One of our spring graduates completed an internship with AAA of Michigan last year, and AAA immediately turned around and hired him," stated Dr. Noah. "We find that this is not an unusual situation."

"Two of our social work graduates gained acceptance into a select master's degree program at Wayne State University this fall," Dr. Noah continued. "In both cases, their admission was determined largely by their internship experience."

Chris Davis, a senior management major, is completing a concentration in criminal justice at Rochester College. Through the efforts of Don McLellan, a part-time instructor at the college, Chris secured a summer internship with the marine division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

"My shift included eight hours on a lake, including patrol and safety of the water," Chris stated. "I learned patience and control. I was in a boat with no other police around me. In this type of situation, you have to learn how to control your emotions."

"If you let your emotions get the best of you, something that could have been avoided might happen," he continued. "People tend to get irate when you stop them and issue a ticket. You learn how to handle yourself and communicate effectively."

The Sheriff's Department decided to keep Chris on the force as a deputy sheriff until he graduates in May and begins graduate studies. "It is nice to have my career started before graduation. A degree is just not enough anymore. You need experience, and God has given me that."

Currently, internships are required in all management and behavioral science concentrations offered by Rochester College, and in both ministry options under the Christian services major. Internships can be completed either during the regular academic year or during the summer months.

Daily assembly provides students with a time to sing songs of praise.
Employee Highlights

Featured as the bass soloist, Frank Pitts, instructor of music, performed a piece by Schubert with the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra in September.

Dr. Steve Eckstein, professor of religion, spoke at both the Michigan State Lectureship and the Northern Michigan Bible Lectureship in September.

One of two invited guests from religious colleges, Dr. Michael O’Donnell, professor of family studies, attended the Institute for American Values Symposium in New York City in September. Dr. O’Donnell has been approached by a national publisher about the possibility of writing a marriage and family textbook with a stronger focus on family values.

Dr. David Fleer, associate professor of religion and communication, taught a summer graduate class at Pepperdine University on Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible. He taught another graduate class on Narrative Preaching for the Harding Graduate School in October.

Bible class teachers gathered for a workshop hosted by the Livonia Church of Christ on October 4. Dr. Michael Westerfield, Elton Albright, Vikki Bentley, and Linda Park each taught class sessions.

Jazz band added to 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 fall. “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 new 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 at programs in the local area. “Celebration will continue to be a focus of our efforts, but we also hope to appear in some of the local 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 part in our development of a bachelor’s degree program in music.”

Currently, a faculty committee is designing a proposal for a major in liberal studies under a Bachelor of Arts degree. “In support of our cooperative program in education, we would like to add concentrations in such areas as music, social science, communication, English, and science/mathematics,” stated Dr. Michael Westerfield, vice president for academic affairs.

“We plan to present our proposal to the state of Michigan and the North Central Association by the end of this academic year,” stated Dr. Westerfield. “With these program additions, we would be better able to serve the needs of students with interests in the fields of study as well as those planning to teach.”

Computer lab updated with latest in technology

Major summer improvements in the campus computer network provided an opportune time for Rochester College to update the student computer lab with the latest in technology. “With assistance from the Associates, we invested over $100,000 in computer equipment this summer,” stated Shane Godmere, director of information technology.

Mr. Godmere designed the new network system and lab plan after consulting with Bob Jones, instructor of computer science. Derek Agar, information systems specialist, organized the administration automation and installed the equipment.

“I teach without paper,” stated Mr. Jones. “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 200mhz, 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 again current,” stated Mr. Jones. “A new overhead projection multimedia system also allows students to view the instructor’s computer. Everyone in the room can visually follow instructions on a step-by-step basis.”

“By upgrading our Internet connection, we also improved our access to the web,” stated Mr. Godmere. “Everyone in the classroom is now able to use the Internet at the same time without bogging down the system.”

Stained glass student artwork

“In the process of upgrading the network and reequipping the lab, we also managed to move the older computers to a new learning lab,” Mr. Godmere added. “In addition to using both labs, students can also dial up a network connection from their rooms in the residence halls, giving them another means of access to their file space, Internet resources, and e-mail.”

Worth Repeating

Responding to a question about why he recently chose to become more involved with Rochester College, a local church leader recently stated, “All three of my children attended Christian colleges in the South and now none of them live in Michigan. I have seen several of the teens from our congregation attend colleges in the South and I can’t remember any of them who now live in Michigan. I believe we have more members who attended Rochester College than all of the other colleges combined.”

Students from Rochester College participated in mission efforts in Honduras, Mexico, and Venezuela over the past few months. During the summer, David Handley, a senior from Jackson, Michigan, worked with Journey, a camp in Trujillo, Honduras, that hosts teen mission groups from the states.

Trombone players use their musical skills in a Jazz Band rehearsal.
College launches improved web site

Web surfers began noticing a major change in the appearance of the college's web site at the beginning of October. At that time, the college launched a new site at www.rc.edu.

“Our previous network connection did not allow us to include many graphics,” stated webmaster Shane Godmere. “By upgrading our connection and adding a new server, we have been able to make major improvements.”

“Two users saturated our line before,” Mr. Godmere remarked. “We can now serve over fifty at one time since our connection is twenty-four times as fast.”

Bob Jones, instructor of computer science, coordinated structuring of the new site. His daughter, Sandy Wallace, an alumna and employee of Walt Disney World, provided graphic design services. “We are trying to implement as many suggestions as possible from users of our site,” Mr. Godmere noted.

Initially, priority has been given to the development of information for prospective students and alumni. “Even though we have a lot more planned, we wanted to open up the basics for use,” Mr. Godmere stated.

“A good web site changes constantly,” he continued. “Information needs to be current and people like to see new things when they revisit a site. We hope to add more interactive forums, a virtual campus tour, and a number of other items in the weeks ahead.”

During September, our previous web site received nearly 10,000 hits, representing hundreds of individuals. “With improved graphics and services, that number can only increase,” noted Mr. Godmere.

Molding Futures ...

Good instructors are the heart of a quality academic program. The lives of students at Rochester College are molded not only through strong experiences in the classroom, but by individual attention and personal relationships with instructors. Some of the outstanding faculty members that serve the students of Rochester College are introduced below.

Experience as a professor, author, and speaker adds depth to the teaching of Dr. Steve Eckstein, professor of religion and Greek. Dr. Eckstein joined the faculty in 1986, after teaching on the Bible Chair of Eastern New Mexico University for thirty-three years. Dr. Eckstein is the author of three books, History of Churches of Christ in Texas, The Pentateuch, and The Purpose of Genesis; a booklet series, Nobody to Somebody; a children’s game book, Bible Loop-a-Word; and a guide for converts, I’m a Christian. He is a regular speaker throughout the United States at lectureships, workshops, and seminars. He holds degrees from Harding University, Eastern New Mexico University, and Texas Tech University.

Joining the faculty of Rochester College this fall, Linda Park, assistant professor of English, brings with her a strong background in education and language arts. Mrs. Park began teaching for Luckett Christian Academy when it opened in 1977, and most recently served as the school’s principal. She recently participated in a curriculum alignment project for the state of Michigan with Madonna University and Lawrence Technological University. In addition to degrees from Rochester College and Oklahoma Christian University, she earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from Oakland University.

Originally using her bachelor’s degree from Pepperdine University to teach middle school in California, Sheila Owen, director of library services, returned to college to pursue a degree in library science. She completed her master’s degree at the University of Missouri at Columbia in a program accredited by the American Library Association. Miss Owen accepted her current position at Rochester College in 1994. She is a member of the American Library Association and a participant in Christian College Librarians.

End of an Era

Anticipating the fall enrollment, Admissions personnel dubbed the past recruiting season as the End of an Era. “This fall, we passed the 400 mark for only the third time, and we firmly believe that Rochester College will never again enroll less than that number,” stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services.

Joining Dean Conner are Lora Cuthbertson, financial aid director, Ginny May, secretary, and counselors Terry Leashart, Steve Ostrowski, Brent Crump, Jeff T prognate, and Jim Calkin.
Women’s softball returns to intercollegiate roster

Expanding opportunities for participation in athletic competition, Rochester College recently reintroduced women’s intercollegiate softball. “Limited student interest caused us to discontinue softball in 1991, but a renewed interest brought it back,” stated Garth Pleasant, athletic director for the college.

“Several girls came to me last spring, wanting a softball team,” stated Dennis Carter, assistant baseball coach for the past two years. “Many of them play volleyball in the fall, so we decided to begin softball in the spring of this academic year.”

Currently, Coach Carter and his assistant coach, Susan Noah, are conducting off-season practice for the team. “We also are preparing a new field, designed for softball, between Avon Road and the baseball field,” stated Coach Carter.

“This year, we will be laying foundations for the program,” stated Coach Carter. “Several of our players are athletes, but have limited experience. As we begin to rebuild the program, I am confident that our experience level will increase.”

The cross country team also experienced a major change in the fall. After coaching the team for twelve years, Michael Light decided to turn his full efforts to the classroom. David Hutson, a new employee of the college, then accepted coaching responsibilities for the team.

“We are excited about the addition of David Hutson to the staff,” stated Dr. Ken Johnson, president of the college. “In addition to coaching both cross country and track, he will be developing a series of summer programs, including sports camps.”

Early in their season, the women’s cross country team took first place at the Delta College Cross Country Festival. Tiffany Hanna, a freshman from Warren, Michigan, won the women’s division for Rochester College, and the runners set a new team 5K distance record.

“Our women’s team has taken runner-up position at the national meet on several occasions,” stated Coach Hutson. “This year, we hope to take the championship in November when we travel to Unity College in Unity, Maine, for this annual event.”

Team signs top players

Three-point shooters emerged from a lineup of potential players as Coach Garth Pleasant selected his team for the 1997-98 basketball season. All-county performers from both Oakland and Macomb Counties, and the top player of the Flint Metro League made the final cut.

“We feel very good about the team,” stated Coach Pleasant. “Eleven out of thirteen players from last year, including three starters, are still with us. With our influx of new talent, we should be in great shape for an exciting season.”

The Warriors made headlines on multiple occasions last season as they successfully challenged several large NCAA and NAIA institutions. They concluded the season with a 17-14 record, including a victory over Wayne State University, and runner-up position in the national tournament of the NSCAA.

“Similar to last year, our regular season will be preparing us for the national tournament,” stated Coach Pleasant. “Our schedule includes NAIA powers Lipscomb and Siena Heights. We also will face off with several NCAA division II teams, including Wayne State, Saginaw Valley, Grand Valley, Northwood, Ashland, and Hillsdale.”

“We have even added Central Michigan along with Oakland University from division I of the NCAA,” Coach Pleasant added. “With a schedule like this, we may be the best winless team in America,” he quipped.

“Within a year or two, we hope to be joining the NAIA,” stated Coach Pleasant. “We have been heading this way for some time by playing NAIA and NCAA institutions. We have started following this pattern with most of our intercollegiate teams.”

“We have our eyes on one of the NAIA conferences, and they are interested in having us join,” Coach Pleasant continued. “However, they will expect to play on a consistent home court when they come to Rochester Hills. Consequently, they will probably require us to complete a new athletic center before they will accept us into their league.”

College officials are discussing the possibility of constructing a new complex in conjunction with a community partner. Several potential partners have already expressed an interest.
The Beginning of a New Era for Christian Education

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 social space for the entire student body, 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 for those attending special guest events on campus.

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 near the last phase of the construction project.

Above: New faculty offices, located in the Associates Campus Center, occupy space made available as a result of the construction project (page 4).

Right: State-of-the-art equipment in a newly renovated computer lab provides an added dimension to classroom instruction (page 3).
Left: The attractive collegiate appearance of Hoggatt Hall, the men’s wing of the new residence hall complex, establishes a style for future campus 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 for student use.
Alumni News and Notes

1964
Dale Rideout received his M.B.A. from Southeastern Oklahoma State University on May 9. Dale is a publisher and the owner of Howe Enterprise. Dale, and his wife, Lana, can be contacted at P.O. Box 489, Howe, OK 74569.

1969
Darrell Lanham lost a two year struggle with cancer on June 3. His wife, Debbi (Curnette-70) Lanham, plans to return to a teaching position at Walnut Grove Elementary School. Debbi and her daughter, Jessica, may be contacted at 101 Clarendon Circle, Franklin, TN 37069.

1972
Douglas Clay is a controller for Omni Bank. He lives at 15 Leroy Street, River Rouge, MI 48218.

1977
Living at 3691 Crestview Avenue, Lebanon, OH 45036, David and Billie Jo (MacDonald) Buzbee are starting their fifth year of home schooling for their children, Jon, Naomi, and Mary. Billie Jo is on family leave from her regular job as a registered nurse to care for Naomi, who was diagnosed with cancer last November. David is a designer.

Randy Clouse is currently the executive director of Radiology Associates of Abilene. Randy and his wife, Teresa, have a daughter, Katie. The family can be contacted at Route 6, Box 373, Abilene, TX 79601.

Gordon MacKinnon recently completed a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is currently a staff psychologist at Havenview Hospital and is in private practice as a psychologist. Gordon and his wife, Nancy (Keller-76), live at 2912 North Wilson, Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Gary and Ann (Jones) Varner recently moved to 302 College Drive, Abilene, TX 79601. Gary is an administrative coordinator at Abilene Christian University, and Gary is an associate professor and director in the ACU Theatre Department. The couple has four children, Courtney, Cari, Jeremy, and Matthew.

1979
Mark Briggs is the maintenance administrator of the York facility of the High Plains Corporation, a producer of ethanol. His wife, Rhonda (Miller-78), is a homemaker and works for Ten Thousand Angels, a business that designs and sells angel jewelry. The family can be contacted at RR2, Box 34, York, NE 68467.

Mark Taylor is a visiting assistant professor of English at Keene State College. Mark and his wife, Fenice, have a son, Paul. The family lives at 164 Roskuy Street, Keene, NH 03431.

1981
Doug and Cathy (Miller-80) Allen have three children, Andrew, Holly, and Joey. Doug is the minister of the Peral Street Church of Christ, and will finish his master’s degree at Cincinnati Bible Seminary in December. Cathy is the expert on herbs and spices for a greenhouse. The family can be contacted at P.O. Box 380, Lynchburg, OH 45142.

On June 18, Julia Lauren joined the family of Kevin and Lori (Reinholt) Shaffer. Kevin is a design sculptor, and Lori is a speech pathologist. The family resides at 20900 Waltz Road, New Boston, MI 48164.

Barry and Becky (Morrell) Thompson recently moved to 1204 Harding Place, Nashville, TN 37215. Barry is a supervisor for Sunrise of Nashville, a landscaping firm, and Becky is employed by True Value.

1982
Anita Clay is employed as a...
Along with their five-year old minister at the Rochester Church on a graduate degree in communications, Deb (Estep) Sirclumb home of Stephen Lee joined Caleb in the Morton, MS 39117. She lives at 6446 Felton, Davenport, IA 52804.

Brian and Becky (Richardson) Woytovich recently moved to 2862 Corinthia Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. Brian is a computer consultant. Becky is a secretary for Bearn Woytovich, a computer firm. Their graphics department from Reagan Marketing of Grand Rapids, Michigan, was available for young people in the college with volunteer design services. The couple lives at 13395 Village Park Drive #A2, Melvindale, MI 48122.

Two alumni of Rochester College, Dr. Jerry Rushford, a member of the class of 1963, and John Smith, class of 1965, recently authored new books. "I'm a little shy about my real talents and gave me the courage to take the next step and go on to art school," said Mr. Stewart. "I'm very grateful for the opportunity to do some innovative, creative work." In 1996, Mr. Stewart was selected as the college's Artist of the Year. He prepared all of the design materials for the 1995 Grand Rapids Ady Awards, and won a Citation of Excellence from the same group last year.

Active involved with the Grandville Church of Christ, Mr. Stewart has assisted the church, Beechwood Hills Camp, and the college with volunteer design services. He stated, "I feel fortunate that Rochester College is available for young people in the North, and look forward to when my children can attend."
Fall Festival features new activities

Prior to their arrival on campus for the annual Fall Festival, the Associates received a note from Benita Ward, project chairperson of the event. The group could detect a change in routine, but could sense one that would be well worth the effort.

“The college has been in an expansion stage this summer. The Associates received a note for the annual Fall Festival, stating Larry Stewart, director of alumni activities. “We received a lot of compliments on the campus improvements.”

A car show, arranged by Art Pope of Dearborn, lined the walkway in front of Gatewood and Ferndale Halls and added a new dimension to the festival. The student government and admissions personnel helped sponsor a bungee run, velcro wall, and orbitron for teens.

“The teen attractions were a real hit,” stated Phil Conner, dean of enrollment services. “Lines formed immediately and stayed full until the time the activities closed.”

During the festival, the Associates presented a check for $33,500 to the college from the annual queen contest. Former festival queen Janice Parent crowned Jeannette Schiele of the Northeast chapter as queen during an afternoon ceremony.

Throughout the summer, numerous local chapters sponsored dozens of projects on behalf of the queen candidates. Other participants in the contest included Denise Econom of the Plymouth chapter, Wilma McKeel of the Rochester chapter, and Mary Parry of the Livonia chapter.

Over fifty booths participated in the day. Chapters receiving first place ribbons included Hazel Park in the outside area, Oakland in the craft tent, Metro in the food tent, and Vulpiani in the children’s area.

Advisory board formed

Expanding information resources available to the development staff of Rochester College, Doug Edwards, vice president for development, recently established the Estate Planning Advisory Board.

“We often need professionals to advise us as we work with individuals who are interested in planning their estates,” stated Mr. Edwards. “Such individuals can be a tremendous resource when we are meeting with friends of the college.”

Initially, four members have been selected to serve on the advisory board. The group includes two financial planners, Gregg Carrier of Clio, Michigan, and Dean Oliver, of Davison, Michigan. Mike Thomas, an attorney from Flint, Michigan, and Dr. John Todd, an attorney and associate professor of political science at Rochester College complete the group.

“We hope to expand the advisory board to a group of about ten individuals in the months ahead,” stated Mr. Edwards. “We are now seeking certified public accountants, as well as additional attorneys and financial planners to serve on this board.”

“I believe this will be a very valuable organization for the college.” Mr. Edwards continued. “As we intensify our outreach to those wanting to be involved with the college on a long-term basis, this group will be a key to providing such services.”

Although the advisory board will probably hold an annual meeting, they primarily will provide services on an individual basis. “Generally, we will call the appropriate advisory board member when we need advice on a particular situation,” stated Mr. Edwards. “Occasionally, one may make a visit with us.”

Persons interested in serving on the Estate Planning Advisory Board or knowing individuals who have expertise in the appropriate areas should contact Mr. Edwards in the Development Office at 1-800-521-6010.
**Volunteers in Action**

Asking with the summer transformation of campus, college employees volunteered for a change in responsibilities on two occasions. One crew prepared soil for seeding and sodding, while another painted and laid carpet tiles in the new offices of the Associates Campus Center. Additional volunteers assisted on other occasions with campus beautification, office renovations, and furniture assembly, including individuals from congregations in Livonia, Wayne, and Rochester.

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**Memorial Gifts**

*July 16, 1997 to September 30, 1997*

- **BOSLYN BAILEY**
- **Richard & Betsy Grice**
- **Annette Riley**
- **HARVEY & SANDI BLISS**
- **Ray Rasmussen**
- **WILLIAM BRACKEN**
- **Grace Bracken**
- **DON & MARIE CARTER**
- **Dan Carter**
- **WANDA CHITTICK**
- **Floyd & Beverly Fair**
- **ROYCE DICKINSON**
- **Betty Dickinson**
- **MARTIE DUNN**
- **Don Dunn**
- **LUCILLE FRENCH**
- **Howard & Joan Hagerman**
- **John & Vordena Ireland**
- **IRIS GALBAIRTH**
- **Flaura Owney**
- **MAE HOWELL**
- **Jean & Sarah Yoakum**
- **NELSON HOWELL**
- **Clyde Summers**
- **DARRELL LANHAM**
- **Larry & Lynne Stewart**
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- **Neil Russell**
- **Sylvia Turner**
- **Leila Wallace**
- **CHERYL RILEY**
- **Olga Dworkin**
- **Annette Riley**
- **GRADY ROLLINS**
- **Gina Deaver**
- **RONALD RUMMEL**
- **John Rummel**
- **JOHN STERRITT**
- **Art & Margaret Pope**
- **EDNA STEWART**
- **Larry & Lynne Stewart**
- **Jean & Sarah Yoakum**
- **GRACE STRICKLAND**
- **Burner Area**
- **MRS. PAT WAGNER**
- **Mrs. & Mr. Edward Dawe**
- **Don & Colleen Trouser**
- **CHARLES VINCENT**
- **Lawrence & Debra Brown**
- **Mary & John Shields**
- **Rochester Church of Christ**
- **Sarah Sluss**
- **Jean Vincent**
- **GRACE WOLFE**
- **Bob & Betty Gough**
- **CARRIE YOAKUM**
- **Gin & Joan Berry**
- **Jim & Betty Gause**
- **Stephen & Clarice Rink**
- **Robert & Mildred Ruck**
- **Larry & Lynne Steward**
- **Jean & Sarah Yoakum**

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- **David & Amy Nelson**

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Memorial gifts and honor gifts may be sent to the Office of the President. Be sure to include 1) your name and full address, 2) the name of the person being honored, and 3) the name and address of the person to receive an acknowledgment card.

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**Golf Classic scholarship fund builds**

Filled to capacity, the seventeenth annual Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic drew 144 participants to Brighton, Michigan, for a day of fellowship on July 26. For the second year, sponsorships of the event provided funds for scholarships.

“Fund-raising has never been a primary goal of the Golf Classic,” stated Duane Harrison, committee chairman. “However, the committee has been looking at ways to increase our effectiveness in this area.”

“The cost paid by participants basically covers the greens fee, cart, and dinner,” stated Phil Conner, campus coordinator of the event. “Last year, the committee introduced the sponsorship program to begin raising some funds for the college.”

“With we offered three levels of sponsorship, with sponsor names posted at each of the tee boxes,” Mr. Conner continued. “All proceeds were marked for endowed scholarships.”

In addition to planning for the outing, committee members also sold sponsorships. Committee members included Russ Bosen, Duane Harrison, Larry Norman, Cathy Ries, Bill Shinsky, Jerry Taliman, and Rick Watson.

“As usual, Coach Shinsky did a great job soliciting door prizes,” stated Mr. Conner. “Coach continues to play an important role in this event.”

“Primarily, the Golf Classic has provided a great time of fellowship for friends and alumni of Rochester College,” stated Mr. Harrison. “The last two years have been particularly successful in this respect since we changed to a shotgun start.”

“Because we all start and finish at the same time, we are now able to spend a lot more time with one another,” Mr. Harrison continued. “The fellowship was enhanced even further this year with our full house.”

“This really is a fun afternoon for men and women who have a common interest in Christian education,” noted Mr. Conner. “We normally have friends and alumni travel from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana to participate in the event.”

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**Partners**

Fifty individuals from seven congregations participated in Partnership Dinner North, the first in a series of six annual dinners, on September 27 in Gaylord, Michigan.

- **October 11**
  - Mid-Michigan Partnership Dinner
- **November 1**
  - Chicagoland Partnership Dinner
- **March 28**
  - Partnership Dinner West
- **May 9**
  - Partnership Dinner XXVII

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