

Investing in the Lives of Our Sons and Daughters

Rosedale Bible College takes the stage for Christian Education Program

by Vicki Sairs

Friday night's Christian Education Program session was a journey into the world of youth, with Rosedale Bible College students front and center. Ryan Graber's video treatment of an RBC school day outing kicked things off, and 2007's Salt & Light Co., the Rosedale Chorale, and Cross Reference took the stage at various times to share their talents and lead worship.

President Dan Ziegler unveiled RBC's new promotional video "Small College...Big Impact" and told his

listeners that the purpose of Rosedale Bible College "is...to be a place where the Word of God is heard in such a way that it cannot come back empty." He drew a picture of the "digi-

tal world of non-stop data" which young people inhabit, and said that the Rosedale experience was crafted to allow students time and space to hear God's word in their own lives.

Dan invited his audience to dream with him about harnessing the full potential of the college for the glory of God. He also reported on recent changes at the school that are a result of RBC's vision to be a center for the advancement of an engaged and evangelical Anabaptist faith. These changes include three new concentrations, a cross-cultural term in Spain, the Evangelical Anabaptist Symposium series,

\$15,000 in new scholarships, and improvements to campus facilities, and were made possible by donations of almost \$200,000 toward the Vision fund.

Keynote speaker Duffy Robbins, associate professor of youth ministry at Eastern University, St. Davids, Pa., got across a serious message with a lot of humor, describing the forces adolescents are up against. Adolescence today is a time of rapid childhood, raging change and random choices, he said. Our culture gives young people zero guidance about right and wrong, but expects them to make life-changing choices, and it's no wonder so many teenagers choose things that hurt them.

Duffy challenged his listeners to take seriously the opportunity of sharing "the great news of the God-man Jesus" with teenagers. The darkness they face, he said, "makes the light of the Gospel so much more vivid." **BB**



A captive audience listens to Joe Wood as he challenges them.

