At the 2001-2002 academic year begins at Rosedale, things are happening. Several exciting developments—some unexpected, some planned—have taken place in a remarkably short span of time.

**Introducing Rosedale Bible College**

Rosedale Bible Institute became Rosedale Bible College in August at the annual meeting of Conservative Mennonite Conference in Kalona, Iowa.

"The name change simply reflects what the institution already is—a college that offers a solid junior Bible college education," said Leon Zimmerman, president. "Changing our name really has no necessary connection to the accreditation process or to the academic programs we offer. We just think that many prospective students and other colleges will more easily recognize us for what we have become."

Several factors that led to the name change include:

- The belief that the term institute fosters the impression for some that studies at Rosedale do not meet normal college standards
- The growing percentage of students who view their studies at Rosedale as the first component of an undergraduate degree
- The belief that a name change would increase Rosedale's appeal to potential students
- Rosedale's recent authorization by the Ohio Board of Regents to grant the Associate of Arts of Biblical Studies degree, a credential normally associated with a junior college
- Rosedale's ongoing pursuit of accreditation with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges

**Campus Growth**

It's old news by now—that of purchasing in co-operation with Rosedale Mennonite Missions just under 140 acres of land. And of an unexpected $800,000 gift from an anonymous donor. But the possibilities of growth and development certainly remain fresh.

Administrators and trustees of both organizations are working on a long-term campus master plan. The master plan could include a new student center, new dorms, and additional building by Rosedale Mennonite Missions and Choice Books.

New dormitories top the list of needs on the campus. "The days of routinely housing four students in a room for a year are over. To attract students to enroll for years at a time, we need more dormitories," said Zimmerman.
A Spike in Enrollment

The plans for an expanded campus would be irrelevant if not for an encouraging rise in enrollment in recent years. Since the 1998-99 academic year (which was the least attended year in recent history), enrollment has increased 38%. First term enrollment this year stands at just under 80 students.

"I think we're going to see enrollment increase for years to come. Accreditation, authorization to grant the associate degree, investment in student recruiting, and changing denominational affiliations in the Mennonite world are already contributing to higher enrollment. Our change of name and the associate degree are serving to sharpen our image in the minds of prospective students," said Zimmerman.

"We hope to see levels close to third terms in the 1970s, except that enrollment stay high year round, not for just a term or too," said Zimmerman.

Accreditation Within Reach

The series of self-studies and team visits from AABC will culminate February in Orlando, Florida. At that meeting, Leon Zimmerman and Jon Showalter, academic dean, will appear before a panel to defend Rosedale's request for accreditation.

"I feel genuinely good about how this process has pushed us to be a better institution, especially organizationally," said Zimmerman. (See page 12 for more information about accreditation.)

Looking to the Future

Despite a changed name, more people, and new buildings, don't expect the vision and focus of Rosedale to change.

"Ultimately, all these exciting possibilities will not change our mission. We've set out to provide an environment that encourages students to grow spiritually and academically. A larger enrollment and expanded campus will make us more effective in that mission to more students," said Zimmerman. "I believe that Rosedale has a lot to offer college-age students in this generation."

Throughout its history, Rosedale Bible College been known as Berlin Bible School, Conservative Amish Mennonite Bible School and Institute, Conservative Mennonite Bible School, and Rosedale Bible Institute.

What Our Change In Name Means

- that Rosedale will be more easily recognized as a college
- that prospective students will no longer be as likely to view Rosedale as a glorified high school or school that does not meet normal college standards.

What Our Change In Name Does Not Mean:

- that we are now accredited.
- that we previously did not offer a college-level education.
- that our academic programs (associate degree, one-year certificate, Institute for Pastoral Studies, etc.) are changing.
New Staff Members At Rosedale Bible College

Several new faces joined the staff for the 2001-2002 academic year. The new men’s resident director is Collin Hochstedler (01), and Bethany Geib (01) is the women’s resident director. Kayleen Miller serves as the school nurse. Chris (98-99) and Hannah (99-00) Weaver and Tonya Brennenman (01) will work in the maintenance department and in the kitchen. John Shrock (83) also serves as a maintenance worker. Jared Stutzman (01) is bookstore manager.

Enrollment Jumps Again

The 2001-2002 academic year is off to a good start with another enrollment increase from last year. 78 students are enrolled first term compared to 60 in 2000, 55 in 1999, and 43 in 1998. For information on registering for third term which begins January 7, contact the admissions office by phone (740-857-1311), fax (740-857-1577), or e-mail (admissions@rosedalebible.org).

Akwachink Leadership School

Nine students participated in the annual Akwachink Leadership School, a three-week wilderness adventure offered by Rosedale Bible College and Impact North Ministries. The expedition includes backpacking, canoeing, leadership training, and classes on cross-cultural issues.

Family Camp 2002

It’s a family vacation…and more!

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Capture the Flag, flag football, shaving cream slide

WORSHIP together

campfires, hymn sing, chapels, guided family devotions

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build the fastest mousetrap car and the safest egg drop device

FIGHT together

Fabulous Family Feud

LEARN together

at family forums, on a five-acre map of Bible lands

To register, visit Rosedale’s website at www.rosedalebible.org or call (740) 857-1311.
70's News

Nadene (Swartzentruber) Brunk (71) works at Virginia Women’s Center in Mechanicsville, Pennsylvania as a nurse and midwife practitioner. Her husband, David, is pastor at Evergreen Church of the Brethren in Stanardsville, Virginia.

Dwight Gingerich (77) has been the basketball coach at Iowa Mennonite School for 19 years and has compiled a record of 317 wins and 104 losses. This past year Dwight served as interim basketball coach at Goshen College. He, his wife, Maureen, and two children live in Kalona, Iowa.

Ervin Stutzman (73-74) was installed as moderator for the newly formed Mennonite Church USA on July 7, 2001. He will serve a two-year term of the denomination, which was formed out of a merger of the Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church.

Roy Zimmerman (77-79) has served seven years on the Northern Lebanon School Board in Pennsylvania. He is married to Carolyn and has five children, one foster daughter, and two grandchildren.

80's News

Rick (81-83) and Connie (Headings) (84) Beachy were married in 1987 and have four children: Amanda, Caleb, Hannah & Joshua. They served nine years with Rosedale Mennonite Missions in Juarez, Mexico, and currently pastor a new church in Sarasota, Florida.

Deryl Troyer (83) married Linda Derweiler in 1986 and has three children: Austin (12), Ashley (8), and Kristen (3). He works in the window and siding business, and in 1998, started started glassing glass. They are active at Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek, Ohio, where Deryl is on his third and final year as an elder.

90's News

Regina Cyzick (97-98) has been to Africa and England on short term missions since Rosedale and plans to go to El Salvador in the beginning of 2002. She writes, “It has been and continues to be awesome in my life, and I thank everyone of you who were instrumental in making me who I am today.”

Heidi Hochstedler (92-93) graduated from Grace College with a master’s degree in counseling. She currently works as a resident director at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Indiana. She writes, “I have 150 young women under my care. It’s an exciting opportunity to invest in their lives!” Heidi will also teach a class at Indiana Wesleyan in the fall.

Charles (90, 92, 94) and Heidi (Shetler) (93, 92) Kline were commissioned on June 17, 2001, for church planting in the Myerstown, Pennsylvania area. The commissioning took place at Dove Christian Fellowship in Lebanon, Pennsylvania under Al Rainbow. Charles was licensed to the ministry in 1998. He will pastor Fireplace Christian. Charles and Heidi live in Myerstown with their children: Clarissa (8), Philip Norman (5), and Cory (2).

Births

Evonne (Groff) (87) and Lynn Beiler of Paradise, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Sara Elizabeth on April 28, 2001. She joins siblings Emily, Rachel and Hunter.

Keith (88) and Cheryl Beiler of Paradise, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Erica Rachel. She joins her sister Alyssa (4) and brother Adrian (4).

Jean (Hess) (82) and David Bremner of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Hannah Beth on June 2, 2001. She joins siblings Aniia, Nathan, Jonathan and Matthew.

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• Basketball tournament
• Dramas
• Concerts
• Museum
• Mini-classes taught by your favorite instructors

Phil (88-89) and Pamela (86) Delweiler of Blountstown, Florida. announce the birth of Karissa Rose on June 6, 2001. She was welcomed by her sister Katherine Ann (2).

Jim and Tawapa Durante (87) of Terre Hill, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of their fourth child, Konnor Evan. He was born July 18, 2001. Siblings Kyle (11), Kiera (6), and Cameron (5) welcome Konnor home.

Matthew (94) and Heather (Beachey) (94) Funk of Millburg, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Moriah Daeshan. She was 6 lbs, 9 oz. and was 18½ inches long.

Wes (93) and Joann (Baldwin) (90-91, 93) Gingerich of Middlebury, Indiana, announce the birth of Lucas Anthony. He was born August 19, 2001 and is their third child.

Bob (88) and Zonya (Lehman) (85-86) Good of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of their fourth child on January 23, 2001. Brayden Michael joins Jared (7), Brianna (4) and Alesa (2).


Marilyn (Swartzentruber) (94) and Joel Isaacs of Greenwood, Delaware, announce the birth of Anna Jolene on February 19, 2001. Anna is their first child.
Kevin (90-91, 95) and Wendy (Byler) (95) Mayer of Irwin, Ohio, announce the birth of their first son, Evan James. He was born on June 27, 2001.

Joanna (Byler) (83) and Dennis Miller announce the birth of Maria Joy on January 7, 2001. Maria is their first child.

Kevin (84, 86) and Lydia (97) Miller of Wilmore, Kentucky, announce the birth of Alana Rose, their first child. She was born on May 31, 2001.

Matt (96) and Melanie (Ehlenman) (94) Miller of Kolona, Iowa, announce the birth of Logan Matthew on July 29, 2001. He is their first child.

Susan (Witmer) (90-91) and Kevin Miller of Narvon, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of a son on April 14, 2001. Joshua Tyler joins his older brother Devin Timothy "to make us a happy family of four."

Wendell (81, 83-86) and Diane (Beck) Miller of Winona Lake, Indiana, announce the birth of Dezaray Faye on April 20, 2001. Wendell had the "great privilege to deliver Dezaray in the car. It was an exhilarating experience! We thank God for His care."

Joshua Tyler joins his older brother Devin Timothy "to make us a happy family of four."

Cheryl (Yoder) (93) and George Peebles of Grand Rapids, Michigan, announce the birth of Jenna Yvonne on March 22, 2001. She joins her older sister Lydia (2).

Duane (86-87) and Judy Roth of Winston, Oregon, announce the birth of Jonathan Eugene on September 30, 2000. He joins his brother David (2).

Mary (Bromhagen) (86) and Craig Rutenacht of Archbold, Ohio, announce the birth of their third son on December 12, 2000. Ryan Patrick was born 15 weeks early and weighed two pounds. He spent nine and a half weeks in the hospital before he was able to come home. He was welcomed by Evan (3½) and John (2). Mary reports, "Ryan is our miracle, and he is doing very well!"

John (83) and Alfa (Eash) (80) Shrock of Dover, Ohio, announce the birth of Julian Andre Shrock. Julian was born on May 7, 2001, and joins siblings Alex, Jensen, and Ashley.

Jeff (88-89) and Tammy Smoker of Cochranville, Pennsylvania, announce the birth of Jared Jeffrey. He was born April 5, 2001, and was joyfully welcomed by his sister Kayla (2).

Jay (81) and Bonnie (Yoder) (81) Stoltzfus of Prospect, Virginia, are pleased to announce the birth of Derek Lee on May 18, 2001. He was welcomed by his sisters Erica, Melissa, and Kendra and brother Tyler.

Tony (85-87) and Diane (87-88) Swartzentruber of Goschen, Indiana, announce the birth of Olivia Paige on August 27, 2000. She was welcomed by Kiana (7), Lance (4), and Shana (2).

Conrad (92) and Leslie (Slabach) (92-93) Weber announce the birth of Jace Benjamin. He was born July 11, 2001, and was welcomed by his brother David (2).

Alfred (75-78, 86-90) and Alma (83, 87) Yoder announce the birth of a son, James Hanson. He was born June 10, 2001. He is their third child.

Sue (Wingerd) (91, 96-97) and Chris Zarkle of Plain City, Ohio, announce the birth of Anna Christine on June 7, 2001. Anna is their first child.

Engagements

Regina Czyzick (98) of Dayton, Virginia, and Stacy Wheelbarger announce their engagement.

Weddings

Joanna Byler (83) and Dennis Miller were married November 27, 1999. They live in Jackson, Mississippi.

Curtis Bromhagen (99) of Middlesbury, Indiana, and Sarah Morgan of Elkhart, Indiana, were married June 9, 2001, at First Mennonite of Middlesbury. Rodeny Gehman (99) of Manheim, Pennsylvania, and Jodi Miller (99) of Kolona, Iowa, were married June 9, 2001. They enjoyed a week-long honeymoon in St. Thomas. Rodeny writes, "We're living in Kolona, Iowa, and I'm adjusting to small town Midwest life. It's not too bad. I'm still working in construction, and Jodi juggles landscaping and photography between taking care of our family pet, a Beta fish named Zebedee."

Carmen (83) and Jason (83) were married on June 23, 2001, in Hartington, Nebraska. They spent their honeymoon camping and hiking in Zion and Yosemite National Parks, camping with their 18-mile, 10-hour hike to Half Dome in Yosemite. Carmen works as an RN at Rockingham Memorial Hospital. Jason will resume studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary in the fall.

David Schrader (88-89, 95) of Freeport, Illinois, and Ann Marie Swartz (97) of London, Ohio, were married October 27, 2001, in London, Ohio. They will live in Freeport, Illinois.

Angela Troyer (98) and Mark Helmuth, both of Plain City, Ohio, were married August 18, 2001. They will live in Plain City.

Jamie Troyer (99) and Jeff Roth, both of Milford, Nebraska, were married on April 27, 2001, at East Fairview Mennonite Church in Milford. Anthony Troyer was the officiant.

Randy Troyer (99) of Plain City, Ohio, and Loretta Yoder (90, 92) of Bounti, Florida, were married on September 15, 2001, in Bounti.

Carol Sue Yoder (78) and Paul Kauffman of Middlesbury, Indiana, were married June 30, 2001. Carol writes, "We met in September 1999, and have had a wonderful time getting to know each other. He has five children: Caris (26 and married), Justin (23), Travis (22), Kayla (17), and Keiser (14). I have three daughters: Cecilia (20), Sheila (18), and Joni (16). I have worked at Artisan Interiors for almost six years and enjoy my work. I sew curtains and blinds for manufactured housing. Our church is in the planning stage of building a new church in the Elkhart area, and we are training toward attending and serving in that church. I would love to hear from any of you from Rosedale. I will always remember those days with fondness."
Rosedale Bible College Doesn't Receive $1,000,000

Rosedale Bible College has been advancing in some big ways over the last half year. Changing the name, buying land and large financial gifts make great headlines and mark some of the transitions that are taking place. But like the widow’s mite, the tiniest little gifts might be the ones that are huge in God’s eyes. The true measure of a gift is not its monetary value, but the attitude of the heart of the one who gave it. So while I cannot report that the college received its first $1,000,000 gift ever, I can report that many are supporting the school in ways that demonstrate faithfulness to God’s call to stewardship. And as long as that is truly happening, I will happily save that $1,000,000 headline for some other issue of The MIRROR.

—Ken Miller, Director of Financial Development

Four classmates of Berlin Bible School in 1962, just two years before the college moved to Madison County, Ohio. From left: Eise (Helmut) Beachy of Nappanee, Indiana; Mariann Miller of Kalona, Iowa; Laura Gingerich of Kalona, Iowa; and Rosetta Shrock of Goshen, Indiana.
Accreditation Update
by Leon Zimmerman

In just a few months Jon Showalter, academic dean, and I will meet with the Accrediting Association of Bible College's (AABC) Commission on Accreditation to make the case that RBC is ready for accredited status. The Commission is made up of twelve individuals who administer Bible colleges across North America. The meeting will take place in Orlando, Florida, likely on February 13, 2002.

In mid-October over a three-day period RBC hosted a five-member team visit. The five members were each assigned a specific area, an area that they work in regularly at their Bible college. The five areas are administration, academics, library, student life and finance.

Before coming to campus each team member read the materials that we sent to AABC over the last year, becoming particularly familiar with the area that they were to explore. While on campus they inspected RBC's program and function, measuring their findings with AABC's criteria manual. The manual is a compilation of about 145 statements that define a healthy Bible college.

After conducting their research the team wrote a report stating their findings. They also made a recommendation regarding RBC's readiness for accredited status. Their recommendation will be the weightiest factor considered by the Commission in February.

The accreditation process, which began in 1992, has been a rigorous one. Has it been worth it? I certainly think so. It has caused us to assess ourselves at a deep level with a view to enhancement. Has it solved all problems? By no means. It has been (and continues to be) a source of accountability that asks us who we are and who we want to be while at the same time holding us to a standard that we would ultimately desire for ourselves.