

EDITOR'S NOTE

STUDENTS' VOICES

Dear Readers,



The Commencement. Courtesy photograph.

The Fall'06 issue of the *Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, alumni, and faculty. It offers a variety of essays, philosophical themes, teaching approaches, research reports, voices, art statements, photographic images, and campus news. The range is wide: a discussion of the academic goals during the College Mission Colloquium (*Dr. Timothy Doherty*), the Engaging The Times Colloquium (*Dr. Karen Spohn*), and the Commencement'2006 (addresses by Rivier graduates, Doreen Paula Hutchins, Susan Coakley, and Carol Kilmister); research studies of aquatic eco-systems (*Dr. Susan Barbaro*) and kinetic effects in rarefied-gas flows (*Dr. Vladimir Riabov*); poetry by young authors (*Karen Johnson, William Maniotis, and Cheri Cimon*); short non-fiction stories by

gifted writers (*Theresa Bolen and Dyan Puma-Ciccone*); selected works and artists statements (*Sr. Theresa Couture, Clifford Davis, Willard L. Hall, Loretta CR Hubley, Ron McClure, Sheli Petersen, and Patricia Schappler*); photographs from Spain and New Hampshire (*Paul Shea*), Japan (*Prof. Eric Drouart*), Morocco and New York (*Dr. Vladimir Riabov*); and many remarkable stories about Rivier students, faculty, and alumni.

Two themes are notable in this issue of the *Rivier Academic Journal*: the voices of our students against terror and violence, and devotion of students and faculty to research studies. The authors share with us their passions for life, wisdom, scholar endeavors, and self-expressions.

Karen Johnson presents a poem, "We Will Always Remember" dedicated to the victims of the 9/11 tragedy. *Paul Shea* exhibits a photograph of the lion statue in the Parque Del Buen Retiro, which was taken during the week of the devastating Metro bombings in Madrid, Spain, in March of 2004. Essays of *Theresa Bolen* and *Suzanne Forte* tell grim stories of violence on television and in the workplace.

Two computer-science graduates have published their own manuscripts on development of Web services for musicians (*John Dion*) and wireless network security (*Vandana Wekhande*). *Jill Leppanen Lerner*, an education student, shares her results of multi-cultural counseling studies. *Jamie Anderson*, an undergraduate nursing student, has co-authored the article on non-trivial solutions of challenging mathematical problems with his mathematics instructor, *Dr. Vladimir Riabov*.

The *Chronicle* section covers various significant events in Rivier campus life, such as *Commencement' 2006; Baccalaureate Mass; Hooding and Pinning Ceremonies; Humanities Lecture Series; Exhibitions in the Rivier College Art Gallery; Summer Grants; Scholarship Honors; new Online Programs; Anniversary of the Rivier Nursing Department*, and others. Here the readers can find *Faculty Profiles* and information about articles, which have been recently published by faculty, students, staff, and alumni in other publications.

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We look forward to your contributions to the *Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.
Sincerely yours,

Vladimir V. Riabov, Ph.D., Editor