

EDITOR'S NOTE

Projects for Community

Dear Readers,



The Janusz Korszak memorial honors the Polish educator who did not want to abandon his Jewish pupils and followed them to Treblinka Nazi camp, where they all were executed. Yad Va-Shem, Jerusalem, Israel. (Vladimir Riabov photo)

The Fall'07 issue of the *Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, alumni, faculty, and community. It offers a variety of Rivier community projects, pedagogical themes, research studies, students' colloquium papers, voices, art statements, and campus news. The range is wide: a discussion of the approaches in teaching the non-traditional students during the Celebrating Pedagogy Conversations (Dr. Albert DeCiccio, Dr. Denise Baxter, Prof. Leonard Deneault, Dr. Marjorie M. Faiia, Dr. Vladimir Riabov, and Dr. Herman T. Tavan); Convocation Addresses (Dr. Sharon Dean and Dr. Virginia M. Ryan); research studies of the working capital management efficiency in telecommunication industry (Vedavinayagam Ganesan, MBA student), of improving parent involvement in schools (Theresa Keane), and methods of network access control (Arti Sood, graduate student in M.S./Computer Science Program); poetry by gifted authors (Charles W. Bevis and Stacie L. Derderian); essays by Rivier faculty members (Dr. Charles L. Mitsakos, Dr. Richard Greene, and 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*: valuable community projects of our students, and devotion of undergraduate students to research studies. The authors share with us their passions for greater humanity and literacy, art philosophy, scholar endeavors, and self-expressions.

Stacie L. Derderian, a student from the Junior Year Seminar (JYS), "Biology" (instructor – Dr. Susan E. Barbaro) reviews topics of "Alexander Fleming's Miraculous Discovery of Penicillin" and "Incidence of Antibiotic Resistant Strains of *Helicobacter pylori*: Can It Explain the Low Cure Rate of the Infection?" Christina Caruso, a student from JYS "Mass Media and Propaganda" (instructor – Dr. Elizabethada Wright) presents a study, "Propaganda Found in the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass." Helen Ballou shares her reflections on Samuel Bak's painting, "In Need of a Tikkun." Carolyn Choate offers the essay on the literacy divide between Hirsch and Freire.

Students from Clifford Davis' classes (Christina Caruso, Denisse Joniaux, and Angela Landry) participated in the service learning mural project for Nashua's Livable Walkable Communities and directed neighborhood children in decorating the "Growing Garden" and "Living Tree" murals with flowers and wildlife. Art students had also participated in the Heritage Rail Trail mural project. In the Art section, readers can find a digital image, "Announce" (Prof. Ronald McClure) and samplings from the "Cross/Purpose" Exhibition of art and artifacts with a thematic focus on the Cross of Christianity (Sr. Theresa Couture, Director of The Rivier College Art Gallery).

The *Chronicle* section covers various significant events in Rivier campus life, such as 72nd Commencement Ceremony, Scholar and Academic Convocations; Celebrating Pedagogy Conversations; Humanities Lecture Series; Biology Seminars; Math & Computer Science Lecture Series; new Doctorate of Education Program; new Behavioral Science Laboratory, 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,

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