

EDITOR'S NOTE

Community & Photo Contest-2009

Dear Readers,



In the Rocky Mountains, July 2008. (Courtesy photograph)

The Fall-2009 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community. It offers a variety of polemical themes on happiness, true success, and the cost of acquiring wealth (Convocation Addresses of *Dr. Elizabethada A. Wright* and *Dr. Susan E. Barbaro*); the role of mentors for students in gaining hands-on practical experiences (a review by *Jennifer J. Liskow*); a farewell message by *Dr. Louise A. Auclair* at the Graduate Hooding Ceremony; Rivier Heritage (a biography of College's founder and first president recently published by *Sr. Lucille Thibodeau*, p.m., Ph.D. '66/'72G, former Rivier president); research studies of women behind bars (*Dr. Marjorie M. Faiia*), race and gender in teacher preparation programs (*Audrey Rogers*), and teacher's views on social studies and globalization (*Dr. Ann Ackerman*); personal reflections by *Sarah Paling Cardoso*; memoirs, "Trophies of War" by *Dr. Richard Greene*; numerous poetical voices; sculpture images and the artistic statement, "Future Memories" by *John Weidman*; reviews of the Art Gallery Exhibitions (by *Sr. Theresa Couture*); and campus news.

Three themes are notable in this edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: 1) a collection of 33 photographs that have been selected by jurors (*Cliff Davis*, *Elissa Lautenschlager*, and *Dr. Herman Tavan*) from 176 entries submitted by students, staff, faculty, and community members for participating in the First Rivier Community Photo Contest organized by the Journal Editorial Board and dedicated to the 75th Anniversary of Rivier College; 2) outstanding discussions on the *Veracity of Memory* (*Dr. Elizabethada A. Wright*, *Dr. Jerome Rekart*, and *Dr. Ivor Pattison*) during the Interdisciplinary Colloquium organized by *Prof. Sheli Petersen* and *Dr. Martin Menke*; and 3) remarkable poems written by *Dr. Elizabethada A. Wright* and *Dr. Robert T. McLaughlin*, as well as by gifted young poets: *Jeff Wyman*, *Jessica (Jaimee) Bellissimo*, *Denise Petz*, and *Margaret Shaw*.

In the *Research & Scholarship* section, readers can discover studies of Rivier students on the *Concept of a Crusade* (by *Thomas Jackson*), *Constitutional Challenges in the Twenty-First Century* (by *Joseph Thompson*), *The Truth about Poverty and Its Effect on Our Nation's Youth* (by *Katelyn Tocci*), and a review of the *Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service* (by Computer Science students, *Daniel Szilagyi*, *Arti Sood* and *Tej Singh*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as the Rivier's 74th Commencement, the Holly Mass and Academic Convocation, the Graduate Hooding Ceremony, the Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Biology Seminar Series, Senior Honors Thesis Presentations, and others. Here the readers can find information about Rivier's Student Achievement Awards, scholarships, 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 *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

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