

EDITOR'S NOTE

United We Stand

Dear Readers,



Nivedita Ananth (left) and Chandana Karthik (center) discuss with Dr. Vladimir Riabov (right) the global cooperation issues during the *Holi* Indian Holiday Celebration. The creation of the Indian Students Association at Rivier College (ISARC) was announced on the same date of March 19th, 2008 (Courtesy photograph)

The Spring'2008 edition of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* is dedicated to Rivier students, alumni, faculty, and global community. It offers a variety of pedagogical themes on cultural diversity; research studies of sciences, Catholic social teaching, faith, and reasoning; students' papers on cultural values; voices; art statements, including "*E-Pluribus Unum*" ("*United We Stand*"), and campus news. The range is wide: a discussion of the approaches in teaching the diversity (*Dr. Albert DeCiccio*); the debate on the relationship between faith and reason (*Dr. Herman T. Tavani*), reflections on Catholic intellectuality (*Dr. John Caiazza*) and Catholic charity tradition (*Mary Ellen Foley McGuire*); research studies of the river water quality monitoring (*Dr. Susan Barbaro*), of the Internet Multimedia Subsystems Architecture (*Jhansi Jujjuru*, graduate student in Computer Science Program), cultural values (*Kathryn Pitten*, graduate student in Mental Health Counseling Program) and cultural diversity training (*Cynthia Batchelder*, graduate student in Guidance Counseling Program), and children with physical disabilities (*Jillian Pizzi*, undergraduate student in Psychology Program); poetry by gifted authors (*Charles W. Bevis*, *Alessandra Lopes*, and *Carilyn Flynn*); essays by faculty members and students (*Dr. Charles L. Mitsakos*, *Lynn Lessard Sperl*, and *Helen Ballou*); and many remarkable stories about Rivier students, faculty, and alumni.

Three themes are notable in this issue of the *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal*: the art statement of Marc Gagnon '81 ("*E-Pluribus Unum*" [*United We Stand*]), the announcement of creating new students' associations (a chapter of the National Education Association, the Student Government Association 2008-2009, and the Indian Students Association) and clubs (The Rivier College Republicans and Rivier's dance team) at Rivier College, and the publication of manuscripts from the *Rivier InSight* archives. The authors (alumni, students, faculty, and staff members) share with us their reflections on Americas' history, society, and perspectives; on charity, cultural values, and globalization, as well as on preserving the best Catholic traditions in Liberal Arts education.

In the *Art* section, readers can find a digital image, "*Dragon's Task*" (*Paul Scannell*, an officer from the Department of Safety) and two color photographs, "*Spring Awakening*" and "*Harmony (Symphony of Light)*" (*Dr. Vladimir Riabov*).

The *Chronicle* section covers various remarkable events in Rivier campus life, such as the meeting with Sr. Helen Prejean, the Rivier Theater Performance, Rivier College's First Capital Campaign, the opening of the renovated Regina Library, Senior Honors Thesis Presentations, Professional Seminar in Computer Science, 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 *InSight: Rivier Academic Journal* in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Vladimir Riabov

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