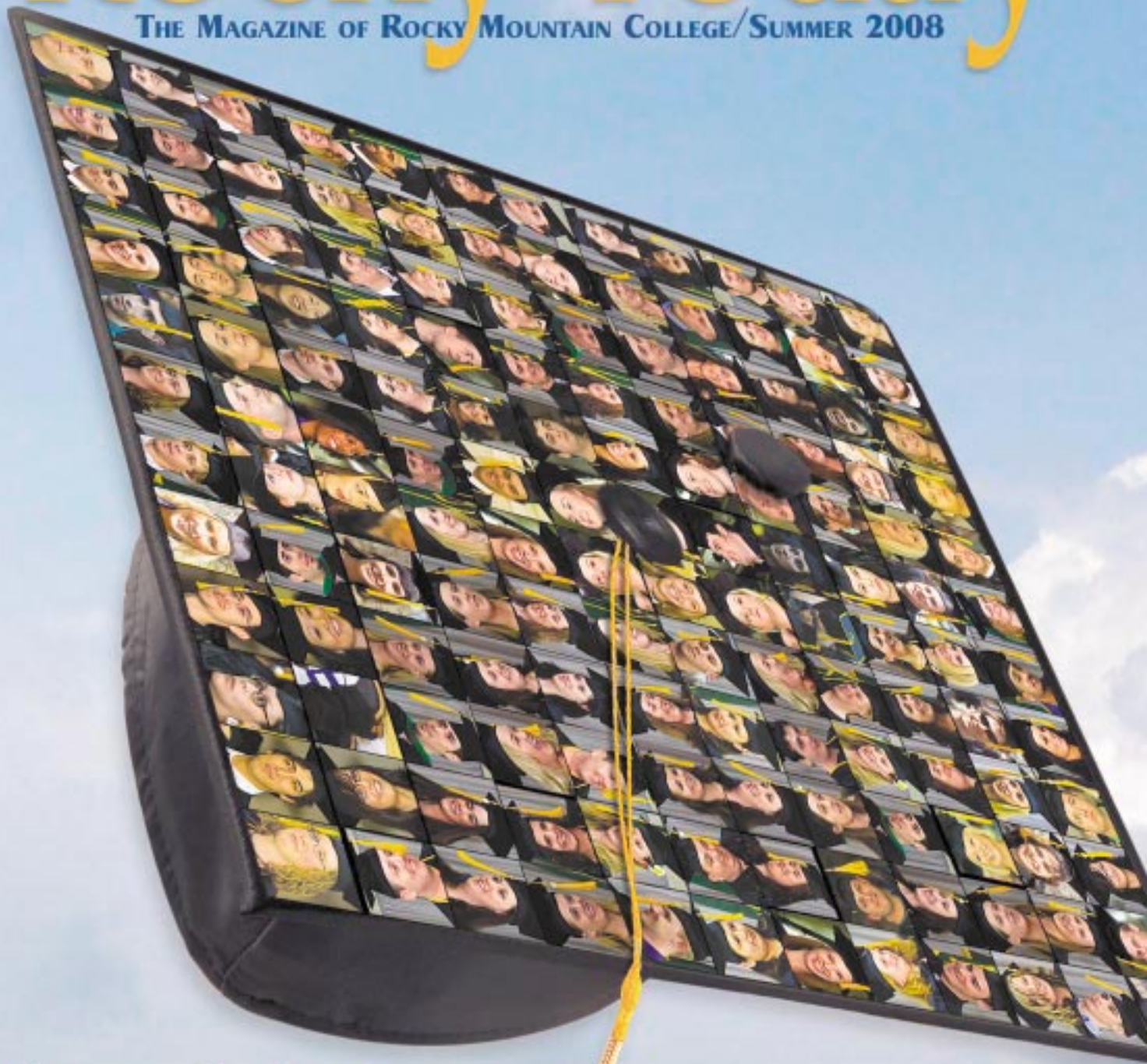


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Will you help us reach our enrollment goals?

I enjoyed a sign I saw recently outside a little town church which said, "Don't point a finger. Lend a hand." Thinking about that message, I thought actually I want to point a finger and ask for people to lend their hands.

Think of my finger pointing as not a fault-finding, accusatory gesture, but more like the old U.S. Armed Services recruitment posters with Uncle Sam, jabbing a finger and saying "I want you." As president of Montana's oldest college, I do want you. And the College needs you. That's where lending a hand comes in. There are many ways to help Rocky Mountain College, and not all require giving money.

Right now, for example, we could use a hand with a major student recruitment effort. As most of you know, the trustees and I have determined that the optimum number of students we need is 1,400. We have taken extraordinary measures to begin growing that enrollment. This will not be easy. We face declining numbers of high school students, which means competition is fierce. We all are dealing with a less robust economy, meaning it takes real commitment to choose a quality college education.

Against those concerns, there is little doubt about the value of an RMC education. With the strategic scholarships we offer, with the high quality of the academic experience, with the value added from our internship experiences and co-curricular opportunities, we are without peer in what we provide in the Rocky Mountain West.

So, where do you come in when it comes to lending a hand with enrollment? You can help in many ways, beginning with bragging about your alma mater. This is a great and distinguished college. Our graduates prove year after year that they will find higher paying jobs, with more rapid promotion opportunities, than other college grads find. Our graduates who choose graduate school find overwhelming success in being accepted as well. Just look at the astounding 88 percent of RMC graduates accepted to medical school. Our graduates are successful in their communities as well as their careers, demonstrating civic leadership.

Another way you can lend a hand is to advise our admissions team when you notice a Rocky-calibre student we should be recruiting. Help us introduce this fine college to young people early on. By the time these prospects become high schools seniors, it's too late. They've made their decisions. It's never too early to start showing younger students what's great about Montana's first and finest. Please use the referral card in this Rocky Today to let us know of prospective students we can contact.

Lend a hand, if you can, by bringing prospective students to our campus for a tour and visit with faculty and admissions representatives. Seventy five percent of decisions about what college to attend are made when students visit a college. A get-acquainted visit to our campus is often the first step to a college career.

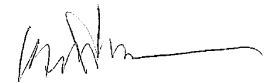
Host a get-acquainted lunch or dinner for students and their families. We'll provide whatever support we can for your effort. These close up and personal encounters with someone like yourself, who can relate why Rocky made a difference in your life, are vital.

Get acquainted with the great new projects at Rocky. We cannot afford to send as many publications as we'd like to keep you posted, but we do our utmost to maintain a current and active website. There are photos of the new construction and renovation as well as photos of events. Articles about the College are there as well as all the press releases we send out. The web site is entirely new, and we welcome your comments. We think it's easier to navigate to get the information you're seeking. You may have noticed the franchise eatery with the slogan, "Eat Fresh." Well, that's how we view our web site. We're committed to keeping it fresh with new information daily.

An important and useful tool on our new web site is the cost calculator for financial aid, scholarship awards and tuition. This can be used to demonstrate how affordable a quality RMC education is.

Need more to brag about? Read this issue closely and see some examples of how our students are succeeding. The profiles of some of our recent graduates show clearly why RMC is a fantastic choice. The stories about how some of our alumni and friends are coming forward to help are testimony to the College's level of support.

So, I'm pointing my friendly finger at you for something we urgently need help with -- growing our student body -- and I'm asking: Please lend us a hand in reaching our enrollment goals.



Michael Mace, President, Rocky Mountain College



A devoted employee says good-bye

“We talk about the Rocky family, and it really is.”

JoAnne Haverland put her years at Rocky Mountain College very simply: “I loved it from the first day I started working here and I loved every day since.”

It was not enough that JoAnne Haverland was a devoted employee, working for more than 20 years as the secretary to RMC Dean of Students Brad Nason.

It was not enough that JoAnne pitched in after work helping with RMC students, especially international students.

JoAnne also demonstrated her love for RMC another quiet way. She holds the record for an employee with uninterrupted payroll deductions to the annual fund all the years she worked.

“This was done on a secretary’s salary. But it was done nevertheless,” said RMC President Mike Mace, when he honored JoAnne at the annual President’s Dinner

JoAnne, beloved among generations of students, announced her retirement in May.

“As one alumna told me recently, JoAnne was her first contact as a lost freshman when she came here. JoAnne was like a mother hen, a piped piper who



PHOTOS by DAVE M. SHUMWAY/RMC

JoAnne Haverland retired after working more than 20 years at Rocky Mountain College. All those years she greeted everyone with a radiant smile. Below, she holds an RMC blanket presented at an ice cream social reception held to bid her goodbye and receives a warm embrace from Brian Henderson, RMC women’s basketball coach.



took her to classes she couldn’t find her first days here,” President Mace told the audience.

Her devotion and dedication came from the College being like a second family, she said. When she had illness in her family, there was genuine sympathy and care. It made her want to give back. She did. She volunteered to be a host family for foreign students. Once, when she was having Thanksgiving for a dozen of her own family, she told two Japanese students to come if they wished. They did, with 17 friends. JoAnne said she never worried about feeding them all -- the turkey went around like the proverbial loaves and fishes, and all



were fed.

She gave in other ways. She always dressed as a witch on Halloween, cackling hilariously and passing out lollipops. A small gesture, to be sure, but one which former RMC President Arthur DeRosier told her, when she dropped by unexpectedly while he was visiting with a prospective student and parents, that probably did more to convince that student to come than anything he had said.

JoAnne was honored by receiving an honorary bachelor of arts degree from RMC. Her citation read: “Elizabeth JoAnne Haverland, for your singular devotion and dedicated service to Rocky Mountain College, we honor you today. We

are grateful that in 1987 you and your sister decided to sell the Husky House Café, which resulted in your joining our campus community. We are grateful, too, that your tenure as manager of the RMC Snack Bar was short lived so that you could join the Admissions Office, and then, finally, settle at home in the Office of Dean of Students. Your welcoming smile, professional demeanor and helpful attitude became legendary. You were often the first point of contact for new students who needed help finding classes, negotiating the campus bureaucracy and a warm embrace.”

JoAnne plans to spend more time writing. She took several writing classes at Rocky and for many years kept a journal.

According to an article about JoAnne, written in The Billings Gazette by Reporter Mary Pickett, “The contemplative ritual of writing has given her insights that she wouldn’t have had otherwise into her life. A few years ago, she was writing her life’s story when she had an epiphany. Although she hadn’t become a teacher as she had planned to years ago, she was working in education at a job that was even better than being a teacher. ‘This was where I was meant to be,’ she said.”

One project she will tackle is turning years of taped and written interviews with Billings aviator Gerhart Blain into a book. Her daughter, Julie, is married to Blain’s son, Robert, and Haverland wants those stories preserved for the family.

She and Ted also have two other daughters, Kim Barnett and Pam Hoffman. The Haverlands have five grandchildren.

“We talk about the Rocky family, and it really is,” she told The Gazette.



OUT WITH THE OLD . . .

Photo by Dave M. Shumway/RMC

RMC President Michael Mace (center, foreground) stands with architects, contractors and prospective subcontractors on "bid day" when company representatives review the construction phases during a walk-through before submitting cost estimates. They are standing where the new annex will be built, adjoining Kimball (inset: architect rendition). The renovation and new annex will create 29 new faculty offices and seven classrooms. The entire complex will be renamed Morledge-Kimball Hall in honor of the Morledge family's funding of the entire project.

A surge of work represents the first phase of RMC's capital campaign

Returning students and new freshmen will be amazed when they arrive at the Rocky Mountain College campus this year. They will be greeted by the results of a summer swell of renovation and new construction work from one end of the campus to the other.

Topping the list of major construction is the renovation of Kimball Hall and the building of an annex with 29 brand new faculty offices and seven new classrooms. Thanks to the Morledge family, this nearly \$5 million project will represent a major improvement and new addition for the second oldest building at RMC. It is consistent with President Michael Mace's goal to provide new offices to an outstanding faculty.

"We have excellent academics because we have excellent teachers, and along with raising their compensation, we need to provide outstanding office space for them. They



There have been no more devoted and enduring supporters of RMC than the late Charles Morledge and his wife, Patricia, honored as RMC's 2007 Philanthropists of the Year.

have been more than patient for the College to get to this important time and place when we can redeem their trust with this investment," President Mace said.

Of course, he added, this is due to the unparalleled generosity of the Morledge family, which has nurtured campus improvements for decades. The new building, which

will be named Morledge-Kimball Hall, will be a major attraction for recruiting students and retaining faculty. There have been no more devoted and enduring supporters of RMC than the late Charles Morledge and his wife, Patricia, honored as RMC's 2007 Philanthropists of the Year.

The Morledge family, along with the families that live in the local area surrounding the College, began a special neighborhood beautification project last spring, and other friends of the College joined the Morledges to fund a long overdue new signage project. Two large, attractive, new signs are at the northeast corner of the campus, on Rimrock Road near Prescott Hall, and at the south entrance on Poly Drive. Four other campus building locator signs have been placed

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Psst . . . "Foundations for the Future" capital campaign not really a secret

The surge of new construction and renovation on RMC's campus is the first phase of a "Foundations for the Future" capital campaign that RMC President

Michael Mace quietly revealed last year. Those who are familiar with capital campaigns know there is first a "silent phase" to arouse interest.

"We are not really keeping a secret that we are in the midst of a capital campaign to raise money for scholarships, and to complete the Morledge-Kimball Hall project," President Mace said.

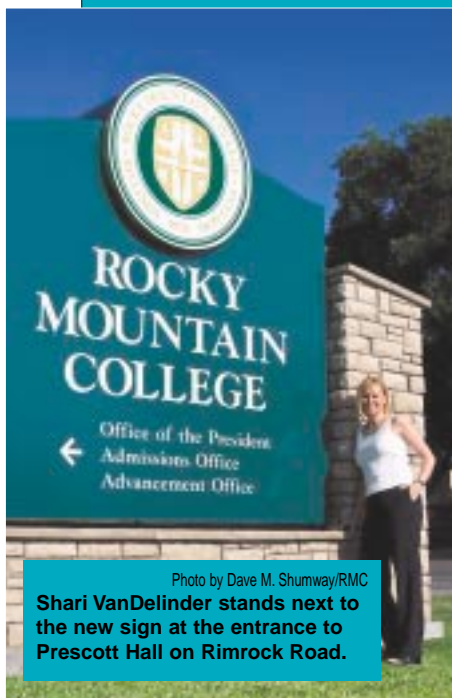


Photo by Dave M. Shumway/RMC

Shari VanDelinder stands next to the new sign at the entrance to Prescott Hall on Rimrock Road.

"Look around campus and it's evident."

The first phase has also included major work on Technology Hall and the Fortin Center. Major contributors have included the Morledge family, Judith C. and Sam E. McDonald, Jr., and the Fortin Family Foundation.

The amount raised to date is about \$8.5 million, he said. About \$20 million is projected as the target of this first phase.

"We certainly can be grateful that Rocky Mountain College has such good friends who have pitched in on this initial phase, and we're confident others will join them as we progress with this campaign," he concluded.



Photo by Dave M. Shumway/RMC

Nick Cladis presents a check for \$600,000 to RMC President Michael Mace, July 11, 2008. Mr. Cladis, of Capstone Wealth Management, representing the Fortin Family Foundation, will be accepting the annual RMC Philanthropist of the Year Award on behalf of the foundation on Aug. 28, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Room of Prescott Hall. The newest grant from the foundation to RMC paid for all new bleachers in the 2200-seat gymnasium, as well as other improvements to the Fortin Education Center. Below, Terry Corey, RMC athletic director, helped remove the old bleachers.



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strategically on campus to help people with directions.

"The new signs are consistent with the progress on many capital improvements. They are beautiful, incorporating the sandstone rock of many of our historic buildings with the College seal," said Shari VanDelinder, RMC director of development, who worked with the Morledge family on the sign designs.

While the new Morledge-Kimball Hall may be the most conspicuous and dramatic change on campus, two other major improvements will also be completed. As part of a \$600,000 Fortin Education Center project that included a makeover of coaching offices, conference rooms, the RMC Athletic Hall of Fame room, and the Herb and Clara Klindt Corner, a \$250,000 project to replace the

bleachers in Fortin gym will be completed this summer. Thanks to the Fortin family and estate trustee Nick Cladis, the details for a major donation from the Fortin family estate were executed to fund the gymnasium project. Visitors will have to stand back and look up to see another major project. A new roof

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Photos: Dave M. Shumway/RMC

Part of the work across the RMC campus includes rejuvenation of the tree inventory. Thanks to a Getty Foundation grant that funded a comprehensive analysis of campus resources, it was evident some trees, which were safety hazards, needed removal. But almost as fast as they were removed (above), new trees were being planted to replace them. In April, two trees were planted, the first of many that will replace the aged and diseased trees that were cut down. The two linden trees were donated by Terry Steiner and his siblings -- David, Glenn and Peggy -- in memory of their parents, Joseph and Marie Steiner. Terry Steiner and his sister, Peggy Salsbury, (below) plant a linden tree in memory of their parents.



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Photo: Dave M. Shumway/RMC

Dr. Janine Pease, shown leading children in Native Indian dancing during American Indian Heritage Day at RMC, is the new academic vice president at Fort Peck Community College.

Dr. Pease resigns to return to 'first love'

Dr. Janine Pease, Rocky Mountain College Vice President for American Indian Affairs, resigned at Rocky Mountain College in June to accept the position of Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fort Peck Community College. "Her resignation was accepted with regret and with our thanks for her service to this college," said RMC President Mace. "We wish her the best in her new job at Fort Peck Community College."

Dr. Pease was named RMC vice president of American Indian Affairs in July 2003. Gov. Brian Schweitzer appointed her to the Montana Board of Regents in June 2006.

"It has been a privilege to serve Rocky Mountain College, which has shown a strong commitment to the development of Indian students demonstrated by the number of Indian graduates. From 1994 to 2008, 176 American Indians have earned bachelor's degrees from Rocky,"

said Dr. Pease.

"Collaboration with the Montana tribal colleges has been the highlight of my five years here," she said.

When the Fort Peck job came up, Dr. Pease decided it was time to move on in her career and return to her first love -- tribal colleges. Fort Peck Community College was chartered by the Assiniboine-Sioux tribal government and has 450 students.

In leaving, Dr. Pease noted this year marked a special landmark in her family's connection with RMC because her daughter, Rosella L. Windy Boy Holds the Enemy, graduated.

Both her father, Ben Pease, and her uncle, Oliver Pease, are alumni of Rocky Mountain College, graduates in the classes of 1947 and 1948, respectively. Her grandfather, Ben Pease, Sr., attended Billings Polytechnic, a predecessor of RMC, in 1918.

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on Technology Hall will be a great asset. That building is comprised of the most classrooms on campus, as well as the Ryniker-Morrison Art Gallery, and having the new roof ensures its use for years to come. We will also be updating the two class rooms upstairs and building a new handicap accessible entrance.



Thanks also to the generosity of RMC's 2006 Philanthropists of the Year, Judith C. and Sam E. McDonald, Jr., for their six figure gift that helped make these improvements possible.

"We're looking beyond the horizon when we plan these projects, to make sure we are ready for the growth in our enrollment that is sure to come," said President Mace.

Alumni Almanac

Photo: Dave M. Shumway/RMC

Children of Arthur Seebart, who was a professor from 1930-1944 at RMC's predecessor college -- Billings Polytechnic Institute -- were welcomed to campus in August, when a plaque was dedicated in their parents' memory in Eaton Hall. Later, friends joined them for refreshments in Fraley Lounge in the Bair Student Center. Seated, (l-r), are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hopper (BPI '32), Helen Mathew (BPI '41), and Carol Seebart Dunkle. Standing, (l-r), are Wayne and Pam Gustafson, George and Don Seebart, Patti Morledge, Obert Udem, and Patsy Rettig.

Seebarts welcomed 'home' for dedication

It was a memorable day, August 5, 2008, when Don Seebart, Carol Seebart Dunkle and George Seebart visited Rocky Mountain College. They are the children of Mabel and Arthur Seebart, who was professor of social sciences and head of religious studies at Billings Polytechnic Institute from 1930 to 1944. BPI was the predecessor to RMC. The three children gathered with friends on the first floor of Eaton Hall to dedicate a bronze plaque commemorating their parents' long service to Rocky and its students.



Arthur and Mabel Seebart stand in front of the house that was moved from Rapelje to the campus. It was remodeled by students under the supervision of the campus carpenter.

RMC President Michael Mace, former president Larry Small, Don Seebart and Francis Wayne Gustafson, whose family shared residence on campus for a part of the Seebart family's campus residence, shared brief comments. Among others in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hopper (BPI '32), Frank and Helen Mathew (BPI '41), Patti Morledge, Wayne and Pam Gustafson, Shari VanDelinder, Patsy Rettig and Obert Udem. After Eaton Hall activities, the group convened in Fraley Lounge in The Bair Family Student Center for refreshments and a tour of Lillis Chapel on the Garden Level of the Student Center.

"It was a beautiful day on this beautiful campus for a much enjoyed reunion of long time friends," said Obert Udem, RMC director of planned giving. "The Seebart family continues to favor RMC with their gifts and we were glad they could favor us with a visit."

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Fond memories: Former prof recalls wilderness teaching, catfish caper

It was Rocky Mountain College students who convinced Larry Weirather to devote nearly 20 years teaching at the College in the 1960s and 1970s. And those memories make him consider himself a Montanan, and that resulted in his wife, Linda (Nodel), RMC '70, and he establishing the Weirather Family Trust, with RMC as a beneficiary.

Weirather, now an author of four books and professor emeritus at Clark College in Vancouver, Wash., was courted by several colleges when he first was invited to interview at RMC.

"When I interviewed for a job at Rocky, other colleges also wanted me, but Rocky's students were so

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Positive reviews for Weirather books

Weirather has received positive reviews for "The China Clipper, Pan American Airways, and Popular Culture" (McFarland, 2007). In addition to serving as editor for various fiction and poetry magazines plus academic journals, his prose fiction, articles, poetry (some award-winning), and photographs have

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Weirather's newest nonfiction book, "Never Outta the Woods: Logging the Upper Mississippi," gives a humorous account of the misadventures of Helle Lumber Company, once the biggest Midwestern logging operation. The Pan American clipper ships of the 1930s

and 1940s were technological marvels of their time. From the movie screen to the bookshelf, "The China Clipper" examines the multitude of ways in which the values inherent in Pan American Airways' clipper ships played out in popular culture. "It might interest Rocky's aviation students," Weirather commented.

\$93 not enough to cover tuition

One of the interesting parts of Heather Rathbun Nitz's job as alumni director, she says, is visiting with people who attended Rocky Mountain College (or its predecessor, Billings Polytechnic Institute). It always impresses her that they have a close connection and appreciation for the college they attended, even after decades have passed. An example is Clarence "Clancy" Graham, who attended BPI from 1934-36. This is his story.

Clarence P. Graham knew what many knew during the 1930s: Overcoming hardship required hard work, if you could find it.

After graduating from Laurel High School, Graham was on his own, barely getting by with a farm labor job that paid \$1 a day. He dreamed of attending college, but the \$93 he managed to save would not pay his way to Billings Polytechnic Institute. His own initiative helped, however. While visiting BPI to check out the college, he noticed crops on the "Poly Farm" were drying up. He suggested that he could help with the irrigation. If he could save the scorched cropland, he could "write his own ticket" he was



Clarence P. Graham

Knowing how to irrigate did

told. To Graham it was a matter of night and day. Graham quickly changed the irrigation to night, thereby taking advantage of when others were not depleting the irrigation canal, and knowing that the evening's cooler temperatures made more efficient use.

"That's how I paid my way for two years at BPI," he recalled.

It did not come without one problem developing. Because he worked at night, he needed to sleep during the day. Because college regulations forbade sleeping in the dorm -- at that time

Tyler Hall -- during the day, the only place Graham found to sleep was in the cornfields. Caught napping among the stalks, he was in trouble until he explained how he managed to green up BPI's fields. Soon, Graham was permitted to nap in Tyler during the day.



Photos: During the days when Graham attended college, the "Poly Farm," above, was key to raising wheat for the "Green & Gold" cereal that students packaged at what is now The Granary Restaurant, its name coming from its original purpose. Threshing grain, next page, used a mix of horse power and machine power.

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friendly and open to new possibilities, that they convinced me this was the best place to be," he said.

The wide open spaces also helped this Illinois native, who was raised on the Mississippi River, make up his mind.

"And when I stood looking down the mall at the rolling hills south of Billings leading up to the Pryors and Beartooth Range, it made a sublime watercolor painting. I was immediately hooked," he said.

Weirather met Linda, who is presently an information librarian at the Fort Vancouver Regional Library's main branch, while teaching at RMC

"I have so many pleasant associations with people from those days. They became lifelong friends," he said.

Some of his memories:

■ "When I first started out in the 1960s, I was so poor I lived in a converted chicken coop behind the KoKo Bar and Archer's Bar and Beer Depot. The FBI followed me home each night and bugged my phone because one of the students who visited the office I shared with a sociologist

proved to be a gun runner for the Black Panthers."

■ "My fondest memories with students occurred when my Literature of the Wilderness class camped out in the Yellowstone backcountry in the fall after tourists had left. This was one of the first, if not the first, literature of the wilderness classes taught in the U.S., and we were proud of that. The goal was to give students a true wilderness experience, one where they lived for several days on someone else's turf. I still remember the looks on the faces of a group that wanted to strike out on its own for a long hike. With blanched, scared faces they returned to camp only after being away for about fifteen minutes. When I asked what was wrong, they said they decided they were too tired to hike after all. They did not leave the tents the rest of the day. Later, I found out they had come upon a tree within sight of camp that a grizzly had used as a scratching tree. The huge gashes lacerated the tree higher than any of them could reach. They had had their wilderness experience."

■ My faculty fondest memories came from the mutual love for fishing and hunting some of us had. Dr. Jim McDowell and I returned one night from ling fishing on the

Yellowstone. As befitting our stature as outstanding citizens and proper college professors, we decided to sneak into the airport near midnight and dump a big ugly catfish into the trout pool that greeted visitors to the great state of Montana. That pretty much ended the trout pool at the airport for quite some time. The next morning there was water and landing nets all over the place. The catfish did not go peacefully, nor did the trout want any part of being in the same pool with something with whiskers.

■ Lastly, I have fond memories of my last year at the Rock. Don Tyler, professor of anthropology, and I made a vow that we would go flyfishing one day every weekend for the whole year--and we did. We fished when it was below zero. We fished when it was over 100 degrees. We fished in blizzards and gales. Once the winter wind was so bad, the only way we could stand was to wade into the Yellowstone up to our chests to get out of the wind. Gravel flew into our faces, but we caught fish. When we arrived home, we found that the wind was clocked at over 100 m.p.h. at Springdale, where we had been. No wonder we had to add a few extra split shot weights to cast into that wind.

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appeared in scores of such widely diverse publications as The Faces of Poetry, The New Journalism, Flyfishing, Earth Science Picture of the Day, Commonweal, The Mississippi Valley Review, The Airpost Journal, The Journal of Popular Culture, The Popular Culture Review, The Victorian Periodicals Review, Crosscurrents, The Windmill, Rocky Mountain Review, and Architecture Quarterly. His career includes working as journalist, Montana Committee for the Humanities public speaker, and college professor teaching popular culture and the writing of prose, fiction, and poetry. He has twice traveled to Ireland for workshops to study with Nobel Prize winner Seamus Heaney, and twice to Brittany, France, to study megalithic monuments.

Weirather grew up along the Mississippi River in northern Illinois where his father worked for a sawmill, and where he also worked after school.

RMC receives Pennepacker estate gift of \$1 million

In April, Rocky Mountain College celebrated a gift of \$1 million from the estate of Dr. J. Scott Pennepacker, which increased the J. Scott and Rebecca N. Pennepacker Scholarship Endowment to almost \$1.3 million.

The endowment generates between \$50,000 and \$60,000 per year in scholarships, according to Obert Udem, RMC director of planned giving. Their lifetime giving ranks them as the fourth largest donors to RMC in its 130-year history.

Dr. Pennepacker died Dec. 20, 2007.

"The Pennepacker Scholarship Endowment represents a wonderful story of commitment and generosity," Mr. Udem said.

Dr. Pennepacker graduated from Billings Polytechnic Institute, the predecessor to RMC, in 1942. Dr. and Mrs. Pennepacker,

who had no children, were life long friends of the College. He was the son of Joseph N. Pennepacker, an early day Methodist minister in Libby, and a long time Dean of B.P.I. His mother was Marion Christie Pennepacker.

Dr. Pennepacker received his medical degree from Boston University and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps during WWII.

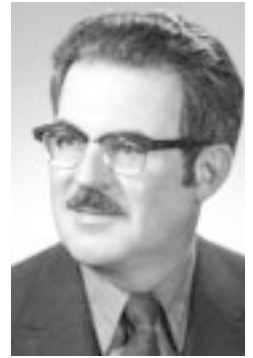
In 1984, he was honored by the College of American Pathologists as the recipient of the Frank W. Harman Memorial Award for meritorious service.

A gifted physician and teacher, he was especially proud of his work with students of medical technology.

He and Rebecca retired to Missoula to be near family. Rebecca died in January, 2003. Scott was also preceded in death by his sis-

ter, Ruth. He was survived by his three sisters: Esther Coombs, Miriam Vosburgh and Elma Marion Leigh and many much loved nieces and nephews.

"Scott and Rebecca's kindness, generosity and love of life remain an inspiration not only to family, but to all who were fortunate enough to have known them. I feel privileged to have known them," said Mr. Udem. "We are grateful to the extended Pennepacker family for this beneficence."



Dr. Pennepacker

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"I worked hard, but my memories are such happy ones of those days," he said.

He remembers when the chemistry lab was upstairs in Eaton while downstairs was the print shop.

He recalls enjoying performing in plays, which went on the road to delight audiences in outlying schools and small towns.

He credits his lifelong ability to speak to crowds to his drama coach, Mrs. Snow, who, seated in the back of the auditorium, would call out, "I still can't hear you."

He recalls basketball, and, even though he was a benchwarmer, he played in a memorable game where they actually were winning against a visiting professional team at the half, only to be walloped in the second half by trick shots and basketball banditry a la the Harlem Globetrotters.

"No one told us. We wondered where those guys came from," he laughed.

Graham's years at BPI ended when he heard he could earn a good living if he got a degree in forestry, which was offered at the University of Montana. Two years later, forestry degree in hand, he discovered there were no forestry jobs. The winds of war were already stirring when he received a commission in the

U.S. Navy. During World War II Graham participated in the invasions of Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa, the latter as commanding officer of a tank landing ship.

The war over, Graham found work as a U.S. Border Patrol agent, working out of Yuma, Arizona. In 1951, he was advised by a friend to apply for a job with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Graham was pleasantly surprised when he was hired, leading to a 25-year career with the legendary law enforcement agency. During that time Graham was involved in solving car thefts to terrorism bombings long before the current war on terrorism. In the 1960s he helped solve the case of a Cuban nationalist who emigrated to the U.S. and who practiced bomb retaliations against those who befriended Fidel Castro. Sawdust-filled dynamite was the terrorist's undoing.

"He successfully bombed a British ship coming into a harbor in Florida and it sank. We came up with the idea of planting fake dynamite in his hands through an undercover agent. That way the fake dynamite was planted with the terrorist's finger and palm prints all over it, but no one got hurt," Graham explained.

Graham also tracked down and arrested a professional car thief who used the money from

selling stolen cars to take flying lessons which elevated his thievery to stealing airplanes. His undoing came when he swerved to avoid a cow on a runway in Mexico where he had flown a stolen plane to evade U.S. agents in pursuit. He crashed the plane into a tree, and was stranded until Mexican and U.S. agents caught up to him.

One of Graham's more thrilling exploits was dismantling bombs set to blow up trains. He and other agents had to dismantle the bombs on a railroad bridge over a canyon. None of them had training and, while snipping 15 wires from the bomb to the detonator, Graham said he felt every wire would be his last. Then, with the bomb dismantled, an agent with a camera and flash attachment decided to record the success for posterity. When the flash popped, agents nearly "set Olympic records for high jumping," Graham chuckled.

After Graham retired from the FBI in 1975, he worked for another 18 years with Wells Fargo Armored Car Service as a security expert. His work meant



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traveling to England, South America and Europe.

"It was how I got to see Stonehenge," he said. "That was quite a trip for a kid from Laurel."

Graham and his wife, Marion, have two sons and one daughter, and are enjoying retirement in West Palm Beach.

"My mind frequently travels back to those days at Poly and always with great affection. That college took kids like me with little or no money and offered them an opportunity to earn an education. I will be forever grateful for that education because it gave me a start and I raised myself out of hard times," he concluded.

Class Notes

Compiled by Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, RMC alumni and parent relations director

1950s

Elsie (Frank) Bernhardt, RMC '55, Park City, Mont., reports that her two sons continue to run the family farm, while one daughter is a nurse and the other is a teacher. Elsie is enjoying her 16 grandchildren.

Rich Alberta, RMC '57, Powell, Wyo., and his wife, Linda, are enjoying retirement.

Dan Freund, RMC '57, Bozeman, Mont., is enjoying his retirement and recently made his first trip to New York City.

LaVerne "Andy" Andrews, RMC '58, Belgrade, Mont., is enjoying his grandchildren with his wife, Leona.

Jim Peterson, RMC '58, Billings, Mont., is busy this time of year working at the election office.

Larry Stanley, RMC '58, East Helena, Mont., is retired and enjoys taking care of his grandkids and playing tennis twice a week and golfing in the summer.

Donald Rowe, attended '58, is enjoying being retired with his wife, Gerri (Rice), attended '61.

1960s

Mary Lou Thornton, RMC '60, Shelby, Mont., works as

an assistant librarian at the Toole County Library. Mary Lou reports that her daughter and her family will return to the Philippines as missionaries in August and her son is out of the Army after 14 years and is the Toole County Sheriff's Deputy in Shelby.

Stewart Wolbach, RMC '62, Easton, Pa., stays busy in his retirement restoring toys. He collects toys from the 1930s to the modern era, restores them, and sells them at a local antique shop. He was featured in an article in The Express Times in October, 2007.

Charles Bannerman, RMC '65, Townsend, Ga., is enjoying his retirement. Barry Hamlin and Terry

(Estes) Hamlin, RMC '67, Bath, Pa., report that although Barry is enjoying his retirement from his job as an assistant principal, he is fulfilling a lifelong dream by running a hot dog stand! He even has a secret sauce!

1970s

Deborah Eacock, attended '74, Fresno, Calif., is self-employed as a yoga instructor and childbirth educator. Deborah and her husband, Michael, also became grandparents for the first time with the birth of their granddaughter, Alexia Noel Eacock, in December, 2007.

Yoly (Coronado) Turner, RMC '74, Avon Park, Colo.,

is employed as an academic instructor at G4S -Youth Services, LLC.

1980s

Lynn Stott, RMC '81, Portland, Ore., is a chemical dependency program director for Community Services Northwest.

Rob Holcomb, RMC '88, Palo Alto, Calif., is self-employed as a process chemistry consultant.

1990s

Shelly (Fenton) Butz, RMC '90, Billings, Mont., is self-employed as a psychologist at Aspen Practice.

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Alumni Bulletin Board

Looking for a few good men and women

The Alumni and Athletics Offices are always accepting nominations for the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Standout Athlete Nominee: To be eligible, the nominee must be a graduate of RMC, in good academic standing and must have graduated or been out of the school for at least ten (10) years. Additionally, the athlete must have a minimum of two years as a letter award recipient with participation in at least one sport and must have been named to an All-Conference, All-State, All-District and/or All-America team at least once. If none of those honors are applicable (because of the period of time, institution, or sport), the nominated athlete must have representative statistical credentials for the committee to consider.

Former RMC Coach: To be eligible for this award, a former coach must have made a significant contribution to RMC, its students, and its athletic department, and must have been employed by the college as a coach for a minimum of three (3) years.

Distinguished Graduate: To be eligible, the nominee must be a graduate of RMC and must have been a letter award recipient with participation in at least one sport for a minimum of one year. The nominee must have positively influenced society in a professional field, as a citizen, and/or in course of performing distinguished service. The nominee must represent well the spirit of our institution's heritage.

It's the '80s in '08!

We've had so much fun at the '60s and '70s reunions that we're continuing on a roll with the '80s. If you were at Rocky Mountain College in the 1980s, don't miss your chance to reminisce and reconnect with old friends at the '80s reunion! It's going to be a ton of fun! Don't miss it! During the '80s, Bruce Alton and Arthur DeRosier both served as RMC Presidents. The Battlin' Bears Football team won the Frontier Conference Championship for the first time in almost 30 years. Arlo Guthrie performed on

Honorary Inductee: This honor is bestowed upon non-alumni who have made outstanding contributions to the RMC Athletic Department and its programs.

If you know someone who fits these criteria, please visit the Alumni page of the Rocky Web site and nominate him or her for the RMC Athletic Hall of Fame! Nominate an outstanding alum today!

The Alumni Office is accepting nominations for the following awards:

Outstanding Achievement: This award goes to an RMC alum who is a recognized leader in a field of endeavor and who has been out of college for at least 10 years.

Outstanding Service Award: This award is for an RMC alum who has exhibited dedication to and support of Rocky Mountain College and its ideals through efforts on behalf of the institution or through financial support.

Honorary Distinguished Service Award: for a person who is not an alum of RMC but who has made outstanding contributions to Rocky Mountain College.

To submit your nomination, visit the Alumni page of the Rocky web site and you will find a nomination link, or call the Alumni office to request a nomination form at 1-800-877-6259.

campus. Majors in Equestrian Studies and Aviation were added. Men's and Women's Alpine Skiing were added as collegiate sports. Come back and meet your old friends and see all the great things that have happened at Rocky since you graduated!

The RMC '80s reunion will be held over Homecoming weekend, October 3rd and 4th. A survey has been mailed to solicit your feedback and ideas so watch your mail! Mark your calendars now to attend!

Candlelight Off Campus



To celebrate the heritage of the historic RMC Candlelight Dinner, President Mace and Heather Rahtbun Nitz, RMC alumni and parent relations director, attended two off-campus dinners to commemorate the occasion, one in Ft. Collins, Colo., above, left, and a second in Minneapolis, Minn., above, right. "These special get-togethers reminded me of how important the College tradition is even when our alumni cannot be on campus for the traditional dinner," said President Mace. "We had a wonderful time doing this and will be doing more of this in the future."

Fort Collins Candlelight

Back Row: Gilbert Zyzniewski, '60, Ben Bents, '01, Tanner Tweten, '01, Emily Tweten, Kyle Mosher, '04, Todd Hutton, '04, Jeri Lyn Hutton. Middle Row: Beth Bents, Bernie (Schultz) Mathison, '66, Dianne (Feller) Johnson, '66, Bernie (Barker) Bliss, '64, John Bliss, '76, David Freeman, '61. Front: Rakhshi (Rizwani) Hamid, '93, Rob Nisley, Aarshi Rizwani-Nisley, '88, Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, '01, Stella (Petermann) Lootens, '59, President Mike Mace.

Minneapolis/St. Paul Candlelight

Back Row: Brad Quatier, '85, Judy Moynihan, '74, Aran Strombert, attended '95, Danielle Langevin, '06, Eric Hjort, Kirk Manfredi '80, Paul Kappes. Middle Row: Mary (Iverson) Quatier, '84, Joan (Ramsay) Kappes, attended '78, Vicki (Clark) Taborek, attended '78, Arline Quilling, Tom Quilling, '61. Front: President Mike Mace, Steve Taborek, Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, '01.

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JoAnn (Knapp) Gray, RMC '90, Rapid City, S.D., works as a reading specialist at Southwest Middle School.

Charla (McVay) Owens, RMC '90, Joshua Tree, Calif., is a massage therapist at Massage Envoy.

Sandra Carpenter, RMC '91, Glasgow, Mont., works for the State of Montana in quality improvement.

Nanci (Hale) Nicholson, RMC '91, Kalispell, Mont., is a teacher in the Kalispell schools.

Janelle "Jill" (Lamb) Marolf, RMC '92, McCall, Idaho, raises Welsh cross ponies.

Michele (Newman) McGuigan, RMC '92, Plains, Mont., teaches social studies at Thompson Falls High School.

Stacy (Schliep) Steiger, RMC '92, Billings, Mont., works as a network administrator.

Kris Voegelé, RMC '92, Billings, Mont., is the chief operations officer of residential services at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Angela Mirich-Holder, RMC '93, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, is a training and curriculum specialist for the Department of Defense.

John Richardson, RMC '93,

Georgetown, Ky., is employed as a pilot for UPS.

Eric Thomas, RMC '93, Boise, Idaho, is a pilot for Conyan Aviation.

Steven D. Moseley, RMC '94, Midway, Ga., is a Space Operations Officer for the US Army. He recently earned his Master's degree in Space Systems Operations from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Aron Branam, RMC '95, Wenatchee, Wash., works as a Northwest territory manager for Cybex, International. Aron and his wife, Ivy, welcomed their

son, Ryan, into their family in September, 2007.

Barbara DeBree, RMC '95, Helena, Mont., is employed as the assistant director of facility programs at Helena Industries.

Charles Hough, RMC '95, Seattle, Wash., operates tHOUGHtPhoto. His work can be seen at www.tHOUGHTphoto.com.

Bruce LeCaptain, RMC '95, Haymarket, Va., and his wife, Kari Enger, (former RMC Publications Coordinator) have started a business together called European Tableware and can be found at www.europeantableware.com.

Becca (Mikulka) Stevens, RMC '95, Bozeman, Mont., is a teacher at Bozeman Public Schools.

Sara (Evans) Kirol, RMC '96, Sheridan, Wyo., is employed as a recreation forester for the USDA Forest Service, Bighorn National Forest.

Matt Kemmer, RMC '96, Cody, Wyo., is a manager for Hitachi Consulting.

Priscilla Korb, RMC '96, Billings, Mont., works at Caring Hands Veterinary Hospital.

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Diane Standish, RMC '96, Billings, Mont., is a clinical exercise physiologist at Saint Vincent Healthcare.

Jennifer (Downing) Bokma, RMC '98, Otis Orchards, Wash., is enjoying life as a mother. Jennifer and her husband, Peter, welcomed their son, Liam, into the world in November, 2007.

Emily Hamilton, RMC '98, Wolf Point, Mont., teaches at Northside Elementary School. Emily recently earned her M.Ed. in Art Integration and Curriculum from Lesley University.

Lacey (Irion) Kraft, RMC '98, Roundup, Mont., works as a financial services associate for Prudential in Billings, Montana. Lacey recently traveled to Washington D.C. to do advocacy work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. She also competed for the title of Mrs. Montana in July, 2008.

Traci (Ames) Piltz, RMC '98, Billings, Mont., is a kindergarten teacher at Beartooth School.

Mylinda (Monro) Smiley, RMC '98, and Darren Smiley, RMC '00, Plains, Mont., operate Lone Ram Ranch, a Christian horse camp. Darren has served two tours of duty with the Marine Corps in Iraq and is part of a reconnaissance unit out of San Antonio, Texas.

Tami (Engle) Sundquist, RMC '98, Corinth, Texas, works for the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Paul Steele, RMC '98, Beijing,

China, is the language training specialist for Lane Crawford, a Hong Kong based company.

Randi Tanglen, RMC '98, Tucson, Ariz., has accepted a tenure track faculty position as an assistant professor of English at Austin College in Texas.

Janet Aurelio, RMC '99, Seattle, Wash., works as a hotel manager for American Safari Cruises.

Meredith (Rubio) Gomez, RMC '99, Exton, Pa., married Christopher Gomez in January, 2008. She completed her Master's degree in Secondary Education in June, 2008.

Beth Hirschi, RMC '99, Billings, Mont., is employed as an exercise physiologist at Saint Vincent Healthcare.

Angela McConnell, RMC '99, Madras, Ore., is a pilot for Atlantic Southeast Airlines in Atlanta, Georgia.

Gina Marie (Langager) Poor, RMC '99, Billings, Mont., works as a mental health therapist at Alternatives-Passages.

Lisa (Borberg) Von Laven, RMC '99, Billings, Mont., is an account manager for Entre Technology Services.

Elizabeth "Liz" (Guenther) Ulrich, RMC '99, Helena, Mont., is employed as a chemist at Energy Labs.

2000s

Danita (Boerl) Berg, RMC '00, Vancouver, Wash., and her husband

Layne, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Hunter Symon, on May 8, 2008.

Katherine "Katy" (Thompson) Laible, RMC '00, Meridian, Idaho, works as a physician assistant at Horizon Health in Boise.

Gordon Ray, RMC '00, Fort Collins, Colo., is a teacher, head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Highland High School in Ault, Colorado. Nikki Ray, attended '00, is in her second year of Veterinary school at Colorado State University.

Staci Beecher, RMC '01, Gillette, Wyo., earned her Master's degree in Public Administration and is employed as the city planner for the city of Gillette, Wyoming.

Chantel (Gerber) Oakley, RMC '01, Billings, Mont., and her husband, Nathan Oakley, announce the birth of their son, Brooks Christian Payne Oakley, on October 19, 2007. Brooks joins his big brother, Peyton.

Jennifer "Jenni" Ries, RMC '01, Billings, Mont., works as a marketing specialist for Westfeeds, Incorporated.

Scott Sandler, RMC '01, Billings, Mont., is a math instructor at Montana State University-Billings.

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Lacey Kraft, RMC '98, with Sen. Jon Tester when she was in Washington, D.C., doing advocacy work with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Hunter Berg was born to Danita (Boerl) Berg, RMC '00, Vancouver, Wash., and her husband, Layne, on May 8, 2007.

Keep up with your college. Fresh information every day at www.rocky.edu

In Memoriam

Special Friends:

- Dr. Donald A. Cooper, Billings, Mont., 12/18/07
- Norma B. Johnson, Billings, Mont., 3/7/08
- James H. Phelps, Billings, Mont., 3/9/08
- Jeanne Scott, Dayton, Wyo., 4/10/08
- Dr. Dolores Taylor, Billings, Mont., 12/12/07
- Blanche M. Vavra, Billings, Mont., 3/2/08
- Clair A. Willits, Jr., Great Falls, Mont., 11/27/07

Alumni:

- Ruth (Edsill) Huffman, MWU '27, Dorris, Calif., 12/10/2007
- Fredrick O. Jackson, BPI '31, Billings, Mont., 03/29/2008
- Clara Klindt, BPI '33, Billings, Mont., 03/02/2008
- Cyral Walsh, IUC '34, Broomfield, Colo., 06/23/1997
- David L. Dunn, BPI '35, Des Moines, Wash., 03/13/2008
- Dorothy (Woodley) O'Connor, BPI '35, Casper, Wyo., 10/23/2002
- Elsie (Dunn) Pierce, BPI '36, Seattle, Wash., 08/23/2002

- Ken Hotchkiss, BPI '37, Missoula, Mont., 07/15/2002
- Gerald J. Dingman, BPI '40, Fort Myers, Fla., 02/22/2008
- George Loren Beadle, BPI '41, Apple Valley, Calif., 11/13/2006
- Armindia J. (Swords) Evans, attended '46, Billings, Mont., 03/30/2008
- Orval B. Boyce, attended '49, Terry, Mont., 05/08/2008
- Steve Pekovich, attended '50, Graeagle, Calif., 01/05/2008
- Herbert K Smail, attended '52, Malcolm, Neb., 10/12/2007

- Larry L. Burrill, RMC '53, Minneapolis, Minn., 09/28/2007
- Albert Genatone, RMC '53, Goleta, Calif., 01/23/2008
- Jerrald J. Judge, RMC '58, Mora, Minn., 05/15/2007
- James B. Schweigert, attended '63, Roundup, Mont., 02/14/2008
- Mary (Lauri) Craig, RMC '73, Helena, Mont., 10/09/2007
- Basil B. Sorrells, Jr., RMC '78, Georgetown, Texas, 12/29/2007
- S. Thais Peterson, RMC '95, Billings, Mont., 06/25/2007

RMC alumni golf tourney sets record for scholarships funds

The Rocky Mountain College Alumni Association's eighth annual golf scramble, held at Peter Yegen Golf Course on Friday, June 27th, raised a record \$3,400 for the RMC Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"This success was due to the participation of 59 golfers and 23 sponsors, including our Premier Sponsor, Carl Hansen, D.A. Davidson & Co., Hansen Wealth Management," said Heather Nitz, director of alumni and parent relations at Rocky Mountain College.

"One of the things we pride ourselves most on at Rocky is the fact that we provide a quality education for a reasonable price, and we couldn't do that without the support of generous alumni and donors. This event was another extraordinary show of support for our students, and a great day of golf for everyone who participated," said Nitz.

The first place gross prize went to the team of Mike Schmitt, RMC '86, Justin Schmitt, Pete Thompson, RMC '01, and Calley (Leppink) Thompson, RMC '95, pictured above. This team received gift certificates to the Granary donated by the Granary. The second place gross



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

prize went to the Hi Tech team of Shane Flohr, Trevor Haar, Terry Steiner, and Jeff Nelson. They received gift certificates to Jake's donated by Jake's. The first place net prize went to Scott Matheny, RMC '85, Kolby Matheny, Larry Dugas, and Kelly Koenig, RMC '85. Their team received gift certificates to the Granary donated by the RMC Alumni Association.

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Amy (Woody) Stocki, RMC '01, Billings, Mont., is a captain for Air Wisconsin Airlines.

George Feeley, RMC '02, Billings, Mont., is employed as the director of administrative services for Rimrock Foundation.

Jerry Nesbit, RMC '02, Cicero, N.Y., works as a physician assistant at Crouse Radiology Associates in Syracuse, New York.

Kendra (Schuetzle) Ruff, RMC '02, Stevensville, Mont., works as a vehicle administrator at Lithia Chrysler Dodge of Missoula.

Dusty Smith, RMC '02, Ronan, Mont., teaches math at Ronan High School.

Derek Stiegemeier, RMC '02, Boise, Idaho, works as a physical therapist at Therapeutic Associates.

Dan Clerget, RMC '03, East Helena, Mont., is a Security

and Support Commander in the Montana National Guard.

Jonathan Lukens, RMC '03, Philadelphia, Pa., is a doctoral student at the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice.

Travis Meidinger, RMC '03, Roswell, N.M., works as an engine boss for the Bureau of Land Management.

Elie John Soueidi, RMC '03, Billings, Mont., works as a physician assistant at Billings Clinic.

Sarah Watson, RMC '03, Tacoma, Wash., is a physical therapist and clinic manager at Apple Physical Therapy in Gig Harbor, Washington.

Kirk Absalonson, RMC '04, Columbia Falls, Mont., is an EMS pilot for Omniflight, Incorporated, in Addison, Texas.

Megan (Wiersum) Angelino, RMC '04, Denver, Colo., earned her Master's degree from Montana State

University-Billings.

Burt Hurwitz, RMC '04, and Amy Mullen, RMC '04, Great Falls, Mont., were recently married.

Antonia Klein, RMC '04, Miles City, Mont., completed her Master's degree in Psychology from Walden University and is now employed as a mental health community program officer for the State of Montana Addictive and Mental Disorders Division.

Nikki Yancey, RMC '04, Billings, Mont., is employed as a lawn maintenance crew foreman for Sylvan Nursery.

Marla Britton, RMC '05, Bellingham, Wash., recently graduated from Western Washington University with a Master's degree in Theater-Arts Dramatic Literature and Criticism. She is employed as an assistant manager at Mount Baker Theatre.

Broc Criswell, RMC '05, Billings, Mont., is a vice

president and loan officer at Beartooth Bank.

Cheryl Kleeman, RMC '05, San Bernardino, Calif., works as a site coordinator for THINK Together in Santa Ana, California.

Kellyn (Miller) MacQuarrie, RMC '05, Everett, Wash., and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Andrew MacQuarrie, born April 24, 2008.

Declan Magee, RMC '05, Warrenpoint, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, works as a web designer. Declan's work can be seen at www.declanmageedesign.com.

Callie Rusche-Nicholson, RMC '05, Billings, Mont., is a teacher in the Billings School District. She is working on her Master's in Educational Leadership through Montana State University.

Randy Senn, RMC '05, Billings, Mont., works at Watts and Associates providing IT support and as a



Jacob MacQuarrie was born to Kellyn (Miller) MacQuarrie, RMC '05, Everett, Wash., and her husband, Richard, on April 24, 2008.

programmer. Randy and his wife, Megan, welcomed their third child, Ella Senn, into their family in July, 2007.

Charles "Chuck" Sowell, RMC '05, Billings, Mont., is employed as a flight instructor at Rocky Mountain College.

Bridgett (Tucker) Stiegemeier, RMC '05, Boise, Idaho, is a Head Start teacher.

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Fagan, Dolar named 2008 inductees to RMC Athletic Hall of Fame

An All Frontier Conference basketball player and champion high hurdler, and an All Frontier Conference and NAIA All America honorable mention quarterback will be inducted into the Rocky Mountain College Clara Klindt Athletic Hall of Fame this September.

The RMC Athletic Hall of Fame Selection Committee is pleased to announce John Fagan, RMC '65, and Jerry Dolar, RMC '78, will be this year's inductees.

Fagan played basketball for three years, baseball for one year, and participated in track for four years. John was a First Team All-Conference basketball player in

1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, and a Frontier Conference Champion in the high hurdles in 1964-1965.

After graduating from RMC in 1965, Fagan worked in Butte for 13 years in sales for Texaco. He later operated his own business in Butte as a petroleum products distributor until he retired in 2002. He played city league softball and basketball in Butte for many years. He and his wife, Marion, spend winters in Mesquite, Nevada, and summers in Butte, Montana.

Dolar was a four-year starter at quarterback for the Battlin Bears from 1974 to 1977. Jerry earned Frontier All-Conference

Honorable Mention in 1976, NAIA All-American Honorable Mention in 1977, selected as District 12 All-District First Team Quarterback in 1977. Jerry also led District 12 in passing yardage in 1977.

Dolar lives in Salem, Oregon, with his wife, Linda, and their children, Josh, 14, and Laura, 10. Jerry is a Logistics Specialist for Johanson Transportation. He has coached youth and middle school basketball and played flag football and city-league basketball.

A reception for Fagan and Dolar will be held on Friday, September 5, 2008, at 7 p.m., in the recently-remodeled Herb and

Clara Klindt Hall of Fame Room in the Fortin Center.

The inductees will be honored at the Hall of Fame Game, on Saturday, September 6, when the Bears take on MSU-Northern in RMC's first home football game of the season.

The reception Friday and tailgate party Saturday are free and open to the public.

A banquet will follow the game, Saturday, at 7 p.m. in the Bair Family Student Center. Cost for the banquet is \$20 per person.

Call the RMC Alumni Office for tickets or more information at 406-657-1007.

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Crystal Marie Wolff, RMC '05, Billings, Mont., is a preschool teacher at Billings Head Start.

Sarah (Dotson) Bruner, RMC '06, Roundup, Mont., is a stay at home mother of two, Lauren and Jillian Bruner.

Jessi (LaBudda) Clavadetscher, RMC '06, Laurel, Mont., along with her husband, Keil, owns and operates Rimrock Custom Construction and Home Repair.

Lindsey (Holden) Davis, RMC '06, Billings, Mont., works at Computers Unlimited and she recently started her own business online at www.bare-foot.wddb.biz.

Eric Dewey, RMC '06, Anchorage, Alaska, is a pilot for Arctic Circle Air, and he loves it!

Kevin Harada, RMC '06, Havre, Mont., completed his second year as a medical student at the University of Washington School of Medicine. He and his wife, Nicole, celebrated their first anniversary in July, 2008.

Danielle Langevin, RMC '06, Stacy, Minn., works at Behavioral Dimensions and she is pursuing her Master's degree.

Roger Larson, RMC '06, Havre, Mont., coaches track at Havre High School.

Loren Mostad, RMC '06, Missoula, Mont., is employed as the director of marketing and public relations for Mostad Construction.

Sam Rettig, RMC '06, Bridger, Mont., is a first officer for Lynx Airlines in Denver, Colorado.

Robert Sherman, RMC '06, Billings, Mont., works as a field specialist for Datascan Field Services.

Katie Truscott, RMC '06, Euless, Texas, is a personal loan consultant for Country Wide.

John Atwood, RMC '07, Billings, Mont., is employed by Computers Unlimited.

Aldean Big Hair Good Luck, RMC '07, Lodge Grass, Mont., works as a finance supervisor at Little Big Horn College.

Lura Brown, RMC '07, Helena, Mont., works as a physician assistant at North Idaho Dermatology.

Mark Christensen, RMC '07, Caldwell, Idaho, is recently married and is self employed as a private contractor.

Jan Hartmann, RMC '07, Colstrip, Mont., is employed as a Technology Supervisor for the Colstrip School District.

Kevin Jurenka, RMC '07, Belgrade, Mont., works as a Processing Technician at Bacterin Int.

Jen Larsen, RMC '07, West Des Moines, Iowa, is attending graduate school at Des Moines University to get a Master's degree in Health Administration and a Master's degree in Public Health.

Nathan Lee, RMC '07, New Westminster, British Columbia, who works as a recruiter for Heli-One, married Jose Nacif-Drah on May 11, 2008.

Laci (Johnston) Pebley, RMC '07, Wahoo, Neb., and husband, Shawn, recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. Laci also completed her first year teaching first grade at Wahoo Elementary.

Erin Pehl, RMC '07, Billings, Mont., is a kindergarten teacher in the Billings Public Schools.

Chris Polsley, RMC '07, Montrose, Colo., is in the physician assistant Master's degree program at Touro University Nevada.

Nathan Schmitz, RMC '07, Billings, Mont., is a history teacher for Billings Catholic Schools.

Dustin Morledge, RMC '08, Billings, Mont., works for Corporate Air in flight following and managing.

Tim Lohrenz, RMC '01, RMC outdoor recreation director, married Cara Crawley, RMC '06, May 17, 2008, at the Beartooth Christian Ranch near Nye, Mont.



Nathan Lee, RMC '07, married Jose Nacif-Drah on May 11, 2008.



Cara Crawley, RMC '06, married Tim Lohrenz, RMC '01, May 17, 2008.

A busy year is a good year



New graduates to Half Century Club

Members of the class of '58 joined the RMC "Half Century Club" with a reunion over graduation weekend. Ben Johns, LaVern "Andy" Andrews, Jim Peterson, and Larry Stanley, all of the class of 1958, returned for a reunion during the commencement celebration. Above, they were joined by Dan Freund, Rich and Linda Alberta of the class of '57, and Don Rowe, who attended in '57, along with his wife, Gerri. The alums enjoyed reminiscing and telling stories at a reception and dinner at Jake's steakhouse on Friday evening. They attended a brunch on Saturday morning with the graduates and their families, and then the graduates of the class of '58 enjoyed front row seating in caps and gowns during RMC Commencement when they were officially inducted into the Half Century Club, below.



Greetings from the Alumni Office!

Just a few months ago, the class of 2008 walked across the graduation stage and joined the ranks of RMC alumni. That same weekend, we welcomed the class of 1958 as new graduates to the "Rocky Mountain College Half Century Club."

The campus is much quieter now with most of the students gone for the summer. This is a nice time to take a breath after a busy spring semester. In February, we had the campus Candlelight Dinner and I traveled with President Mace to Fort Collins, Colorado, and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, for Candlelight Dinners in those



Heather Rathbun Nitz welcomes the crowd to the annual RMC candlelight dinner on campus, but off campus dinners were also on the agenda this year. Below, at one of the wine tastings, a taster checks the color of a vintage sample.



areas. We were very fortunate to have RMC grad David Freeman and his wife and honorary alumna, Sandra, host the dinner in Fort Collins, and RMC alum Joan (Ramsay) Kappes and her husband Paul Kappes, host the dinner in their home in Eagan, Minnesota. Both evenings were wonderful with great hospitality and food. In March, the newly formed Student Alumni Relations Board (SARB) hosted an Easter egg hunt on campus. This was a great event for our local alums and their children. The Alumni Board also presented former RMC math professor Bill Jamison with the Honorary Distinguished

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Artist credits success with broad educational experience at RMC

Kyle Sims believes that the best way to hone his skills as a wildlife painter is to go out in the field and have his own experiences with the animals.

Part of that comes from his experience at Rocky Mountain College, where Sims found faculty who always encouraged him to "see and learn first hand as well as from books and classes," he said.

In fall and winter, Sims found his favorite seasons, when he could watch bison, elk, bighorn sheep,

pronghorn, deer, and moose. He relishes a brief period of time during the month of June, when bison that are shedding their orange-tinted fur, graze in areas of Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park that are blanketed by delicate wildflowers.

Although Sims knew he was headed for a life as a professional painter, he enrolled at RMC because he felt it was important to get a liberal arts education. He studied Greek, Roman, and Egyptian art history as

well as philosophy and psychology. During his senior year, he met Joylene, a sophomore majoring in psychology and the woman he would marry in 2005.

"Right after graduation I didn't have enough money coming in from sales of my work to count on art as my full-time job," Sims says. "I started working part-time as a package handler

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Kyle Sims

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Service Award at the spring Academic Awards Banquet. In April, the RMC Career Services and Alumni offices hosted a "Real World 101" event for the class of 2008. This event included workshops on student loans, saving and investing, and benefits packages, as well as a keynote speaker and a dinner. In June, we held the 8th Annual Alumni Association Golf Scramble.



Lumniaries outside the Bair Student Center light the way to the annual Candlelight Dinner.

These are only a few of the efforts we undertake to stay in touch and have you feel this is always your college.

In an effort to provide more opportunities for our local alums to visit the campus we've been hosting wine tasting events about every three months. In the spring we had one in January and one in April. They were both well attended and I am planning to continue these activities in the fall. Also this fall we will be inducting John Fagan, RMC '65, and Jerry Dolar, RMC '78, into the RMC Athletic Hall of Fame at the first home football game of the season on September 6th, when the Bears take on MSU-Northern. Things are already in the works for the '80s reunion! The '60s and '70s

reunions have been so much fun that we decided to continue on a roll with an '80s reunion. If you attended Rocky during the '80s, you should already have received a "save the date" brochure, and a survey seeking your feedback on ideas for activities. Registration forms and details will be sent very soon! Watch your mail and call your friends and make plans to attend! Be sure and check out our events calendar or on-line for details about all of these events!

The Alumni Board continues to make progress and strives to serve the campus and alumni communities. We are looking forward to a retreat in the fall where we will have a chance to really focus and clarify our mission and our goals and identify the best way for us as a group to serve the College and alumni. We will keep you posted!

I think that's it for this update! Thank you for reading. This is a really exciting time for Rocky, so don't forget to visit our website to check out all the campus and alumni happenings!

*All the best,
Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, RMC '01
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations*

RMC Career Services and the Alumni Office sponsored a visit to campus by nationally-known expert Ariane de Bonvoisin on life changes.



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

For seniors, a course in Real Life 101

Ariane de Bonvoisin, a life-change expert, delivered the keynote address concluding the "Real World 101" day at Rocky Mountain College, in April.

Ms. de Bonvoisin is founder and CEO of First30Days, an organization focused on embracing positive change. As the "face" of First30Days, she can be found jet-setting around New York City and the rest of the country inspiring people and companies to embrace change.

"Here is what I know," she states. "Learning to embrace change has been the single most important tool to helping me love my life more and always looking for the positive in everything that happens. Every one of us will go through some really fun and exciting changes and others

that are so hard, we're not sure how we will get through them."

Ms. de Bonvoisin graduated from the London School of Economics, and joined The Boston Consulting Group. After obtaining an MBA at Stanford University, Ms. de Bonvoisin came to New York to work for the media giants BMG and Sony Music. In 2000, she was tapped by Time Warner to become the managing director of a new digital media venture fund.

Ms. de Bonvoisin was a professional swimmer, a ski instructor and regularly helped disabled runners in the New York Marathon. She reached the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro in January 2001 and accompanied a group of students to Antarctica in December 2002.

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for Fed Ex. It was really stressful working with people all day long. I was happy when I had enough art sales nine months later to leave and paint full time."

While Joylene develops a career working with children in the field of psychology, Sims keeps his nose to the grindstone as he perfects his craft. He takes frequent trips around mountainous regions of Montana and Utah and finds great beauty in Wyoming's wide-open country.

"Being in close contact with creatures other than humans is very exciting and emotionally stimulating," Sims says.

Only 26 years old, Sims has already found success.

His work is included in private collections from coast to coast, and he is a signature member of the Society of Animal Artists and has won several awards, including the Wildlife Merit Award at the 2005 Jackson Hole Arts for the Parks and the People's Choice Award at

the Douglas Invitational in Douglas, Wyoming. In 2005, one of his paintings was selected to be part of the Society of Animal Artists' traveling exhibition and he currently is an exhibiting participant in the Buffalo Bill Art Show and Sale in Cody, Wyoming. He has set high goals for himself that include showing his work at the Prix de West in Oklahoma City and at the Masters of the American West Show at the Autry National Center in Los Angeles.

"Hopefully, I will do something important enough for a medal some day," Sims says. "But I'll just have to keep improving and [paying] my dues. I want to be the very best painter I can be. It seems that it only gets better for professional artists as they get older."

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RMC's Relay for Life team members included (left to right): Tayna Flanagan (Physical Education and Health), Jacquee Dundas (English), Don Dundas, Bob Cummings, Robyn Cummings (Math and SAS), Deb Wiens (Math), Kathy Woodward (Title III Director), Claire Oakley (Biology), and Debbie Hedrick. RMC President Mike Mace is not pictured, but he is the fourth cancer survivor on the team.

RMC Relay for Life team helps set new record

Rocky Mountain College's Relay for Life team raised nearly \$4,000 for the American Cancer Society. The team's fundraising efforts included a bake sale in the student union this spring and obtaining generous donations from the RMC board of trustees. RMC's team -- "The Rocky Walkers" -- had 10 members. Nine of the team members are Rocky employees or family members of employees. Four of the team members are cancer survivors.

"We were definitely going for the Battlin' Bears theme and wore bear ears and brought our big stuffed bear along for the relay," said Robyn Cummings, the team captain.

The event took place on Friday, July 11th and Saturday, July 12th. The entire Yellowstone County Relay for Life event raised nearly \$660,000 -- a new record.

"We are all very passionate about this cause and received fantastic support from the Rocky community," Robyn added.

College among first to receive 'Bookshelf' grant

Rocky Mountain College was among the first recipients of an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) "Connecting to Collections Bookshelf."

The Bookshelf is comprised of a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources to teach and train archival preservation, according to RMC Library Director Bill Kehler. It addresses

such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

"It's exciting to get this because it will help us with archival maintenance of a multitude of photographs, artifacts, documents, and other historical items," he said.

Kehler, working with RMC

Grants Writer Joan Hughes, obtained the grant that typically is awarded to museums and libraries. The resources are donated by the IMLS, the primary source of federal funding of the nation's museums and libraries.

The RMC library's archives collection serves as the institutional memory for the College.

31 RMC students named to "Who's Who"

Thirty one Rocky Mountain College students were selected for inclusion in the 2008 "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

The College's faculty nominates honorees annually. Recipients must hold junior or senior class standing, possess scholarly ability, participate in academic and extracurricular activities, and demonstrate good citizenship, service to the College and potential for future achievement.

Those honored this year include: Brittany Alberson, Billings, Mont.; Andrew Babb, Burlington, Colo.; Kayli Baker, Scobey, Mont.; Julian (Taylor) Capers, Victor, Mont.; Andrew Cronk, Boise, Idaho; Holly Drake, Elma, New York; Chelsie Farmer, Laurel, Mont.; Monica Geary, Billings, Mont.; Kylie Izzie, Bainbridge Island, Wash.; Jordan Jackson, Jerome, Idaho; Misty King, Lame Deer, Mont.; Katherine Kitchen, Billings, Mont.; Jade Kost, Ronan, Mont.; Traase Lear, Roundup, Mont.; William Lynn, Healy, Ark.; Tristan MacDonald, Jordan, Mont.; Kimberly McClure, Scobey, Mont.; Nicholas McDonald, Billings, Mont.; Wenona Meachum, Billings, Mont.; Ashley Miller, Billings, Mont.; Jesse Murphy, Dillon, Mont.; Kaylee Myhre, White Bear Lake, Minn.; Julie Nottingham, Billings, Mont.; James Page, Judith Gap, Mont.; Bridget Rohde, Englewood, Colo.; Chaslee Schweitzer, Billings, Mont.; Jessica Smith, Alberton, Mont.; Tahnee Stosich, Lima, Mont.; Michael Thompson, Billings, Mont.; Rachel Warren, Billings, Mont.; and Sarah Young, Miles City, Mont.

EMAIL EXPRESS

Where are they? What are they doing? Connie Genger Clarke, RMC '00, reports she is loving her experience in the Peace Corps in Morocco following a great job as director of training and development with Payne Financial Group in Billings. "Three of us from my degree completion class have some pretty interesting lives," she wrote Heather Rathbun Nitz, RMC alumni and parent relations director. Kathy Haigh, RMC '00, earned her master's and owns two Billings businesses, and Anne Marie Everitt, RMC '00, is a foreign service officer for the American Embassy in Jakarta. She was previously posted to Bucharest.

FEBRUARY 2008

Rocky Mountain College deservedly gets a lot of ink in newspapers, locally, across Montana, as well as national periodicals focusing on education. The quality of our students and faculty, and the high standards of our academics are compelling stories. The achievements of our alumni, the support for the college from our friends, and the accomplishments of staff all urge reader interest. Interesting celebrities visiting our college is another reason RMC is newsworthy. Here are some of the highlights from the past seven months of RMC in the news.

JANUARY 2008

A triple major bound for med school, Nicole Ruske, was featured in *The Billings Gazette*. Nicole was dismayed with her first college grade — a “C” — but it only convinced her to study harder. By the end of the term, she had an “A” and never looked back. In addition to earning top grades while majoring in biology, chemistry and theatre, she surprised herself by becoming a cheerleader, something this high school soccer and softball player never dreamed she could do. And, while participating in some drama in high school, she never imagined she could make the grade in college level plays. She not only won parts in dramas all four years she attended RMC, she starred in “Moon Over Buffalo,” winning rave reviews. Part of her brisk schedule also included working on a research project conducted by RMC Professor Christy Hunnes and funded through the National Institute of Health that looked into waste water runoff into the Yellowstone River. By graduation, she was summa cum laude and winner of the RMC President’s Cup. Nicole hopes to eventually do medical research, discovering genes that could control or eliminate disease.

A former RMC standout basketball player, Joe Peterson, made the sports front page almost 10 years after he was an All Frontier Conference point guard, but not for exploits on the court. This time it was Peterson’s missionary and teaching work in Kenya that was noteworthy, and the crisis of being caught in the crossfire of violence as the country teetered on civil war. Peterson’s life was at risk as rampaging mobs wielding machetes chased him before he managed to retreat safely to Christ’s Gift Academy, an orphanage where he works. A 1998 graduate, Peterson’s missionary work has been with orphans from HIV/AIDS par-

Doug Sheehan, a playwright who lives in Wyoming but is best known for his career as a “General Hospital” and “Knots Landing” star, visited RMC for a candid conversation with theatre students about the “challenges, pitfalls, rewards and distractions” of a career in acting. Sheehan currently helps revive community theatre in small venues, similar to the summer theatre he supports in Sheridan. Sheehan’s visit was arranged by Bob FitzGerald, RMC director of major gifts, who knows him through connections with the Montana Logging and Ballet Company, the group begun in

the Wheel, the Hager Twins, and Stonewall Jackson. She presented a free concert with her band, Yellowstone, surprising many students who didn’t think they liked country music. “She was fantastic,” one said. Eventually, Tricia would like to combine her music and business interests, and, with that object in mind, her professors worked with her to carve out special study programs in communications and marketing.

Nick McDonald, an RMC senior majoring in computer science and literature, was named a finalist in the Elie Wiesel Prize in Ethics, a prestigious national essay competition. McDonald wrote his essay for an Ancient

The Great Falls Tribune featured RMC alumnus Burt Hurwitz, an attorney with Church, Harris, Johnson & Williams, who found an answer to sedentary office work. He built his own treadmill desk for half what they usually cost. Hurwitz has his computer and phone set up on his treadmill desk. He can do virtually all his work there. The only time he sits at the conventional desk in his office is when he’s reading over a huge file, he said. He averages five miles a day.

Lisa Browning, RMC vice president for enrollment services, was selected as one of *The Billings Business Journal’s* “40 Under 40 Outstanding Leaders.” Browning was selected for her role in transforming RMC’s financial aid, admissions, and student records into a “one-stop shop” for students.

MARCH 2008

President Michael Mace wrote a guest opinion column that appeared in *The Billings Gazette* that focused on five areas he believes are strengths of the region. The column, in response to a city effort to develop a brand, developed a five H theme. Human resources, health care, housing, higher education, and the high plains lifestyle were all positive attributes that should be accentuated.

Venture Theatre hired Robert Wood, RMC ’91, as its new producing artistic director. Wood studied under Gerry Roe at Rocky Mountain College and remembers many local actors and directors from his post college days here. In addition to his knowledge of the local scene, Wood said he’d bring his wider pool of theater connections and expertise in fundraising and organizational structure to his new position at Venture.

An enterprising RMC senior was the cover story in both *The Billings Business Journal* and later in *The Billings Gazette* for spearheading a partnership opening a new wine bar in downtown Billings. Erin Bruner and professors at RMC put together a way for her to earn credits while opening the new business, BIN 119 Kitchen and Wine Bar.

Thanks to a \$100,000 Getty Foundation grant, which paid for a campus-wide study of RMC’s buildings and landscaping,

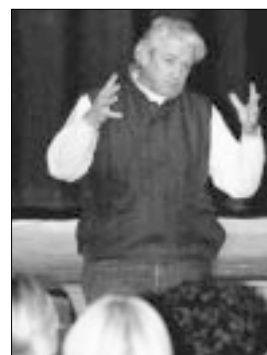
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Nicole Ruske was outstanding in “Moon Over Buffalo.”



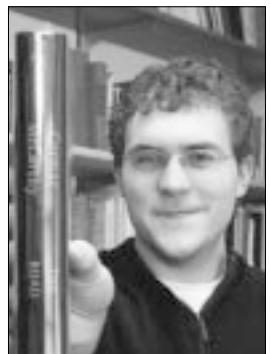
Joe Peterson caught in a crisis in Kenya.



Actor Doug Sheehan visits theatre students.



Tricia Fjeltstad, aka Patricia Ryan, wowed with CW.



Nick McDonald took “The Road” to national finals.



Erin Bruner earned college credits and a new business.

He never graduated from RMC, but filmmaker Brandon Hogan always cherished the small college he attended beneath the rims, which is why he came to talk to aviation students about his experiences flying and making films about flying. The romance of aviation was inspirational to the students who shared in Hogan’s excitement for all kinds of aircraft. *The Billings Gazette* featured Hogan’s talk about flying planes as small as a Havilland Chipmunk — his grandfather’s plane — to a U2 spy plane at 80,000 feet.

Prompting the story was RMC head basketball coach Bill Dreikosen. Despite the harrowing experiences Peterson was enduring, he found time to send an email wishing the coach a happy birthday. “A guy that’s in those kinds of situations over there, to e-mail me and tell me ‘happy birthday’ that really meant a lot,” Dreikosen told the *Gazette*. “He never ceases to stay up on the Battlin’ Bears. He saw that the team was doing well and said ‘great job.’ He’s still one of our number one fans, as far away as he is.”

the 1960s at RMC that still performs today. “It was fantastic having Mr. Sheehan come visit our students,” said Professor Gerry Roe. “When students can hear actual experiences from someone who has had a successful career, that’s always a wonderful learning experience.”

She’s Tricia Fjeltstad on campus, but on stage she’s Patricia Ryan, an up-and-coming Country Western singer who has five Nashville-produced albums out and has been the opening performer for Asleep at

Greek Philosophy course taught by Ellie Bagley, professor of philosophy and religious thought. The essay, comparing Aristotle’s “Nicomachean Ethics” with Cormac McCarthy’s 2006 novel “The Road,” was one of a dozen finalists out of 275 essays submitted. The Elie Wiesel prize is given by the Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity and named after the Nobel Peace Prize winner who survived concentration camps in Nazi Germany that claimed many members of his family.



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a "reforestation" plan began to eliminate dangerous and diseased trees while planting new ones. The "urban forest" concept would create long-living and disease resistant trees on RMC's 60-acre campus.

RMC alumnus Mike Walker, who works full-time as a partner in NAI Business Properties and also served as Frontier Conference Commissioner, was the subject of an article about a study to consider expanding the conference and making the commissioner position full time

A second enterprising RMC student was also featured in The Billings Gazette for undertaking a makeover of RMC residence halls. Maria Schuster went way beyond just decorating her own room. She organized "extreme makeover" of the Anderson Hall women's lounge, which was so well received by students that the student senate hired her to decorate the lounge between Anderson and Widenhouse residence halls.

RMC received statewide press attention for adding a third master's degree. The Montana Board of Public Education approved an accelerated master's degree in K-12 school administration. After completing the Educational Leadership Program, graduates may apply for licensure as a principal or superintendent. The program addresses a growing shortage in Montana as current administrators retire, said Stevie Schmitz, RMC director of distance education and degree completion program. The new master's degree is an 11-month program with online, face-to-face and interactive-TV instruction. Using Web CT and Vision Net, students, many of whom are teaching, will be able to continue to work anywhere in Montana as they study toward the degree.

An article about a woman dying of emphysema who decided she wanted to help RMC by leaving her body to the cadaver program was a graphic and compelling story. Penny Piper, a lifelong smoker, faced her death with hopes that her body would be used for study at RMC where an average of 60 students each year study cadavers in Dr. Claire Oakley's human anatomy and physiology class. Piper researched the process online before calling Oakley, whom she knew as an acquaintance. Piper, who expects to live at

least a couple of more years, settled on donating her body after learning that emphysema precluded her from donating her organs. The article also featured Karissa Hughes, an RMC junior who was a speaker at a bioethics conference about the illegal cadaver trade in New York. "I just have the utmost respect" for body donors, Hughes said. "These people

Billings West student, was one of 20 high school students taking classes at RMC through the Explore College While in High School program. Nine of RMC Prof. K. Stuart Smith's computer students were from Senior, West and Laurel highs during the spring semester. High school students can earn as much as a year's worth of college credit or more by the time

donated \$10,000 to help create a new soccer practice field, a story told in The Billings Gazette, which noted that the couple lived in a high rise over the college and enjoyed watching improvements to the campus. It motivated them to want to help create another green space for young soccer players.

The last issue of Rocky Today featured "Marathon Mom" and RMC alumna Chris Masters Kimbrough, but the story went national after the Associated Press picked up the article from The Billings Gazette. The article told how Kimbrough, who was a star athlete at Billings Senior and Rocky Mountain College in the late 1980s and early 1990s before becoming marathon mom, was among 162 of the best marathoners in the country competing in Boston for the U.S. Olympic Women's Marathon Trials. The 38-year-old mother of four was after one of the three spots on the U.S. Olympic Team and a piece of the \$250,000 prize purse in the 26.2-mile. Chris failed in her bid, but proved that being a fulltime mom didn't mean she wasn't a contender.

MAY 2008



Maria Schuster won acclaim for her "extreme makeovers."



Jesse Murphy was a President's Cup winner.



Karissa Hughes presented a paper on cadaver ethics.



Mike and Karen Mace appeared in Montana Best Times.

gave an amazing gift that many of us can't do."



RMC alumna Chris Masters Kimbrough was still in the running for the Olympics.

they graduate from high school.



Dr. Stevie Schmitz kicked off a new master's program to fill critical needs in the state.

A million dollar gift to RMC from a retired physician who died last year was more welcome news for the college. The gift from the estate of J. Scott Pennepacker will increase the J. Scott and Rebecca N. Pennepacker, BPI '42, Scholarship Endowment to almost \$1.3 million. The endowment will generate between \$50,000 and \$60,000 each year in scholarships, said Obert Udem, Rocky's director of planned giving. The total given by the Pennepackers ranks as the fourth-greatest sum ever donated to Rocky. "Scott and Rebecca's kindness, generosity and love of life remain an inspiration not only to family, but to all who were fortunate enough to have known them," Udem said. "We are grateful to the extended Pennepacker family for this beneficence."

Academy Award winning actor and avid aviator Cliff Robertson honored RMC with his presence as the 126th annual RMC Commencement speaker. Robertson was guest of honor at the annual RMC President's Dinner, and at commencement was given an honorary doctorate of aviation.

More success for RMC's building rejuvenation efforts was reported when the Mary Alice Fortin Foundation awarded RMC \$250,000 to complete replacement of old wooden bleachers in the 2,200-seat gymnasium. A total of \$600,000 came from the late philanthropist's foundation for a variety of improvements to the center that bears her name, built in 1969.

Jesse Murphy, a senior with four academic majors and a robust extracurricular schedule outside the classroom was profiled in The Billings Gazette. Winner of the RMC President's Cup, Murphy joined fellow cup winner Nicole Ruske, as a full-length feature subject in the newspaper.

It was bittersweet when long-time secretary of the dean of students, JoAnne Haverland, announced her retirement. The Billings Gazette had a lovely tribute to the woman who set a record for annual fund giving as

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"Mike Mace is putting Rocky Mountain College on the map" read the cover story headline in the Montana Best Times. The article, which appeared in the supplement to the newspapers in Livingston, Dillon, Lewistown, Miles City, Glendive, Red Lodge, Hardin, Columbus, and Big Timber, told how RMC's ninth president managed to solidify the college's finances and launch \$15 million in construction projects. The story detailed the growth of enrollment, the endowment, and the expansion of opportunity.

Tom and Amoretta Wilkins

Introductory courses for high school students were attracting new students to RMC's computer science program, according to an article in The Billings Gazette. Scott Halsvedt, a

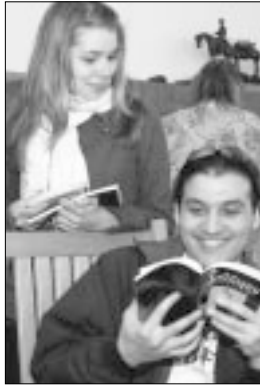


Students 'take a chance' to showcase talents in "Soliloquy"

Winners of the Rocky Mountain College student writing competition and those whose work was selected for "Soliloquy," the college literary journal, presented their work and received awards April 23, 2008, in Fraley Lounge.

This year 10 faculty members from English, Art, Theatre, Religion and Philosophy evaluated 263 submissions from 63 student writers and artists. Fourteen student editors for "Soliloquy" then reviewed the submissions for possible inclusion in the 2008 journal. The theme this year was "Take a chance."

Sponsored by Soliloquy student editors, ASRMC, Katherine Olson Foundation, and the RMC English and Art Programs, the event



was free and open to the public.

The first place winners in art and writing



Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Above, Dr. Linaya Leaf congratulates Nick McDonald for his first place award in the essay category of this year's "Soliloquy" while students, left, enjoyed perusing the volume.

categories earned \$50 prizes.

Winning first place awards were: Espri

Lance, open art category; Jessica Holom, art to theme; Nick McDonald, essay; Sarah Young, fic-

tion; Britany Alberson, poetry; Mal Tift, play; and Brian Krantz, writing to theme.



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Former student about Bill Jamison: "the most influential person in my academic career."

Jamison lauded for distinguished service

The Rocky Mountain College Alumni Association presented former RMC Math Professor Bill Jamison with the Honorary Distinguished Service Award April 8th at the annual Academic Awards Banquet. The Honorary Distinguished Service Award goes to a person who is not an alumnus of Rocky, but who has made outstanding contributions to the College. Bill Jamison began teaching math at Rocky in 1962 and retired in 2005. He also coached the RMC Weight Lifting Team. Jamison was a popular professor and is remembered fondly by many former students. He was recently described by one former student as "the most influential person in my academic career." The RMC Academic Awards Banquet was held in the McDonald Commons in the Bair Family Student Center. In addition to honoring Bill Jamison, outstanding students were presented with departmental awards.

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an RMC employee as well as making contributions many other ways, especially to the international program.

Allyson Kelley was named recipient of a national award, the Healthy Kids Healthy Schools Hero honor, for her work overseeing removal of hazardous and toxic materials from American Indian reservations across Montana. Kelley headed the project that developed partnerships with leaders at tribal colleges and with reservations and their schools. Partners in the project are Montana government, tribal governments including Crow, Northern Cheyenne, Fort Peck and Fort Belknap and the col-



Bob Ketchum won a Puffin Foundation grant for art project.

leges on each reservation. The project also sponsors the K-12 Chemical Cleanout Campaign that addresses issues in elementary and high schools. The work is funded by a \$300,000



RMC Trustee Chris Dorr was recognized for her Angel Fund.

Environmental Protection Agency grant and led by Kelley, who works in the American

Indian Affairs program at Rocky Mountain College. Rocky's technology foundation also funded curriculum development and outreach for environment and health on the four reservations.

JUNE 2008

Diversity celebrated for the 15th year of the RMC Institute for Peace Studies Festival of Cultures. Visitors enjoyed cultural programs, crafts, dancing and foods, sampling fare from eight different countries including Norway, Laos, Italy and France. Craft vendors represented 10 ethnic groups.

Among a flurry of stories about RMC people were those about

Bob Ketchum, an academic specialist and tutor coordinator, who won a Puffin Grant for an art project he created; Prof. Elizabeth McNamer co-authored a new book, "Jesus and First-Century Christianity in Jerusalem; RMC trustee Chris Dorr, who was profiled in Yellowstone Valley Women Magazine for her work with the Angel Fund; RMC student Allison Linhart, who was a finalist in the Miss Montana Scholarship Program; and RMC golfers Rachel Warren and Carlie Breen, who were named 2008 Daktronics-NAIA Women's Golf Scholar Athletes.

A great spread in The Gazette told about the renewal of Kimball Hall, soon to be renamed Morledge-Kimball Hall.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Rocky Mountain College prides itself on educating students who, when they graduate, will succeed in finding employment in their chosen field, or who succeed in being accepted to graduate school. For the fifth consecutive year, the college's career placement survey of 2007 graduates showed 99 percent were working or pursuing further education.

"It's been 99 percent to 100 percent over the past five years, which is phenomenal," said Blaire Martin, RMC director of career services.

As college students wrapped up spring semester and looked forward to some time off in the summer, many of Rocky Mountain College students geared up to put their classroom lessons to the test in summer internships. More than 50 students arranged summer learning experiences at numerous locations here, around the country and abroad, reports Blaire Martin, RMC director of career services. Sites included Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks, Hilton Garden Inn, Big Sky State Games, St Vincent Healthcare, Horizon Air, Yegen Golf Club, About BI, the FAA air traffic control tower, Eagle Mout, and West Billings Physical Therapy. Rocky Mountain College requires students to complete an experiential learning component to earn their degrees. Most of these are completed through internships during their junior or senior year.

Joan Hughes, RMC's grant writer, was the gold medal winner of the 5K female (35-39 age group) marathon in the Big Sky State Games in July. Joan also won the silver medal in the half marathon (35-39 age group). Sara Spinler, administrative assistant for American Indian Affairs, power walked the 5K and proudly finished, a notable accomplishment for someone who is six months pregnant.

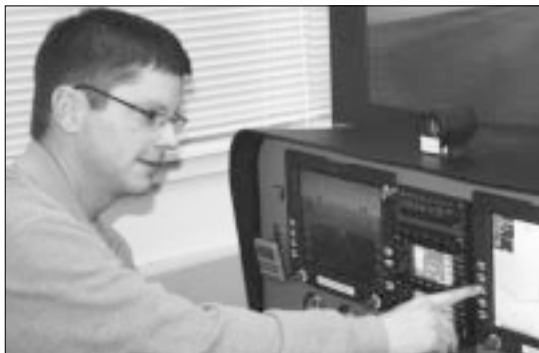
Dr. Sam Hamm, RMC assistant professor of music, premiered a new composition at the Florida Electroacoustic Music Festival, April 11, at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla. The work, titled "Ite missa est," is an eight-channel recorded sound composition that utilizes and manipulates excerpts of settings of the Requiem Mass by Mozart, Verdi, and others. In addition, Dr. Hamm served as an adjudicator for the Tri-County Honor Band and the Eastern State Music Festival in Spring 2008 and directed the Rocky Jazz

band in three performances during the spring semester.

Ellie Bagley, RMC assistant professor of religious thought, presented a paper March 28, at the Rocky Mountain Great Plains Regional meeting of the American Academy of at Denver Seminary. The paper was titled, "The 'False Translation Argument' and the School Bible Controversy in Nineteenth-Century," which argued that the movement to remove the King James Bible from public schools in America actually began with arguments raised by Irish Catholic Immigrants, who



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believed that the Protestant version was a heretical translation. Prof. Bagley is currently revising and expanding the paper for submission to "Church History, the Journal of the American Society of Church Historians." This summer, she also worked on two other articles that were submitted, respectively, to the "Journal of British Studies" and the "Journal of Ecclesiastical History."

David Ison, RMC professor of aviation, was selected a second time by the National Association of Flight Instructors as a Master Ground Instructor. Out of

75,000 FAA ground instructors in the national association, fewer than 25 have earned Master accreditation. Prof. Ison was one of two professors selected by this year's graduating seniors for the prestigious Ossie Abrams Teaching Award, as the professor that had the most influence on students; was appointed by the Federal Aviation Administration as a Safety Team Representative; recently renewed his Master Ground Instructor accreditation; serves with AOPA's Airport Support Network for the Billings Airport (BIL); is a FAAS Team representative for the FAA's Helena FSDO; and had professional articles published five



Elizabeth McNamer's new book was published.

conference hosted by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, on the topic of future trends in collegiate flight training.

Dan Hargrove, RMC director of aviation, was a featured speaker at the Northwest Aviation Conference near Seattle. He spoke on the state of the aviation industry and the challenges of a world wide pilot shortage. Prof. Hargrove was a table host and conversation leader at "Food for Thought, an Evening of Great Conversation," billed as one of 22 of Montana's most interesting individuals by the Parmly Billings Library



Mark Moak had his work exhibited at Carroll College.

Foundation fund raising event. His topic was the Airline Industry, Safety and Future.

RMC President Michael Mace was also a table host for the library fundraiser. His topic was the future of Billings, focusing on "five h's: health services, housing, higher education, human resources, and the high plains location." He reasoned that those segments in the city's progress will improve when it is recognized as a college town, like Missoula and Bozeman.

The Rocky Aviation Program was featured in an article in "Flight Training" magazine, published by the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. The magazine highlighted RMC's excellent aviation internship program which places students in a wide range of practical job experiences across the industry. The magazine has a monthly circulation of 120,000 and is the most prominent of its kind in the nation.

The Paul Adams Memorial Library, under the direction of Bill Kehler, RMC librarian, Library, has received three grants for the library archives, which have funded supplies,

equipment, and training. The last one was the IMLS "Connecting to Collections" bookshelf. Three dedicated volunteers are sorting, identifying, and cataloging old photographs in the archives. They have some stumblers right now that maybe some alums could identify.

Elizabeth McNamer was invited as a visiting scholar to the University of West Virginia. She spoke on "The First Century of Christianity in Jerusalem." Her book by this title was published by Paulist Press in July.

Marilyn Randall, associate professor of equine studies, was recently elected as the chairperson for the American Quarter Horse Association Youth Committee. This year she will be judging in seven foreign countries: Israel, Netherlands, Germany, Dominican Republic, England, Canada, and Japan.

RMC professors of art, James Baken and Mark Moak, were recipients of the RMC Quill Award, an honor bestowed by RMC students to leaders in the area of creativity.

Professors Moak and Baken will be featured artists in two exhibitions in the autumn 2008 at Carroll College in Helena. Both shared the post of RMC Faculty Chair (Baken through spring 2008 and Moak through spring 2009).

Jane Deschner Waggoner, RMC interim director of the Ryniker-Morrison Gallery in Tech Hall, served a 6-week artist residency at The Banff Center in Canada. "Making Artistic Inquiry Visible (MAIV)" brings together a group of artists, writers, curators, and other creative and cultural producers to explore the relationships between research and artistic practice. This residency is a collaboration with Mapping Quality of Life and the Cultural Future of Small Cities, an interdisciplinary Community-University Research Alliance (Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops) that has championed the role of artists as both researchers and agents for social inquiry. This program is partially supported with assistance from Communities n University Research Alliances (CURA) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).

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RMC Choir: Singing Brahms in Bulgaria

Twenty-seven Rocky Mountain College students sang the Brahms Requiem this summer at the Tenth Varna International Conductors Workshop in Bulgaria.

The choir, under the direction of Dr. Steven Hart, who has conducted at the Varna conductor's workshop in previous years, arrived in Bulgaria May 26 and stayed through June 3, 2008.

"This was an incredible opportunity and experience for our students," Dr. Hart said.

It was also one the students shared with the public via the internet.

"You didn't have to wait until we got back. You could follow right along as we practiced and performed the Brahms Requiem, and learned about the culture of Bulgaria," Dr. Hart said.

The students posted photographs and their impressions of their travels at a blog site: <http://rmc-choir.blogspot.com> (which is still viewable).

The trip was made possible with an aggressive fund raising campaign, which raised about half of the expenses, said Bob FitzGerald, RMC director of major gifts.

"Once again, when our students needed help, we had generous donors who came forward," he remarked.

The students practiced for nine



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Practice began weeks before 27 Rocky Mountain College students sang the Brahms Requiem this summer at the Tenth Varna International Conductors Workshop in Bulgaria.

days under the direction of seven different conductors, including Dr. Hart. The workshop culminated in a performance of the Brahms Requiem under the direction of all the international conductors, with each conductor leading one of the seven movements.

But all practice and no play would make for a boring trip so

students also enjoyed several interesting side trips. They saw the oldest forged gold in the world; ruins of an ancient Roman aqueduct; the Gardens of Katherine of Romania; and Nessebar, which has a collection of intact Byzantine architecture.

RMC's choir also toured the Vienna old city center, where the

famous St. Stephensdom church, the Vienna Opera House, and the musical home of Mozart, Beethoven and Brahms is located.

"We saw four original Rembrandt self-portraits at the art history museum," Dr. Hart added. "That alone would make for a worthwhile trip."

Acclaimed climate change expert presented public lecture, visited classes

Dr. Margaret S. Leinen, chief science officer for Climos, Inc., a San Francisco-based company pursuing promising natural processes to help mitigate climate change, was a guest speaker in April. Her public talk - "Should geo-engineering have a role in addressing climate change?" - was given in the Fortin Education Center.

Dr. Leinen is one of the Association of

Women Geoscientists Distinguished Lecturers. Her topic dealt with the recent report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that emphasizes the virtual certainty of climate change and the major influence of human activity in causing the change.

Many research studies since the report suggest even bigger impacts. What are the

choices available to us to deal with CO2 emissions? What are the important roles for science -- especially geoscience -- in the future? And how is the world community responding to this challenge? was the focus of her talk.

In addition to her public lecture, Dr. Leinen met throughout the day with geology and environmental studies students.

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Ms. Waggoner also was appointed a new member of the Montana Arts Council by Gov. Schweitzer.

Barbara J. Vail, RMC associate academic vice president and

professor of psychology, and Katherine Kitchen, an honors psychology student, presented a poster at the annual convention of the Association for Psychological Science, in Chicago, in May. "The Real Life Challenge of Using Second Life to Teach Experimental

Psychology" describes how Dr. Vail and her students explored the virtual world, Second Life, as a source for data collection in a study of attractiveness.

Sarah Myers Brewer, RMC assistant professor of technical theatre is the Vice-Commissioner of Programming for the Education Commission of USITT (which is an international organization of theatre technicians - www.usitt.org). She handles the education

commission programming for the annual national conference. In addition, she chairs the poster session, which for most universities counts as publishing towards tenure. About 3,000 teachers and professionals attend the conference each year.

I wanted to see what I could make of me

When she was a small girl she began hearing an enlightened message: You are a girl, but you can still be whatever you want to be.

That message came to Farida Muhammad from her mother, a survivor of Somalian civil war, and from her father, a Kenyan businessman who works with a non-profit organization that aids refugees. They were defying some of the longstanding cultural and religious prohibitions that made girls subservient.

"I was fortunate. I had parents who wanted me to be well educated and did not just want me to marry," the 22-year-old Kenyan native said. "The general rule was girls cannot do anything. But that was not what I learned from my parents."

Farida, who is now in her final year of earning a masters in accountancy, credits that core conviction of her parents as the reason she has succeeded, even when it meant coming to a completely different country. The conviction that a woman is no less valuable a person than a man was reinforced at Rocky Mountain College.

"I am blessed that I came to this place where I have always been treated as though whatever I wanted to accomplish I could do and where the help to do so has always been there," she said.

Farida's life in Kenya included a good education in Catholic schools, even though it meant "eating lots of grits," she laughs. "Oh, yes, grits all the time."

It also meant a good deal of regimentation and discipline, including the administration of "ruler" punishment when nuns would rap hands with rulers.

"But all that discipline was good in the end. I have confidence that if I work hard I will accomplish my goals," she said.

Farida chose RMC because she knew others from her country who had come to the United States to attend college, and one young man who had attended RMC and recommended it. For Farida it was a major change. She grew up in Mombassa, an eastern African seaport city. She attended school in the tropical climate of the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

"When I came here I was so



Photo: Don Woodward, Ideawave

Farida Muhammad is finding she can "go very far" as she pursues a master's in accountancy.

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lucky to have JoAnne (Haverland, the only recently-retired secretary to the dean of students) and Ken (Briggs, the former director of international studies) give me warm socks and gloves. I knew it was going to be cold, but not that cold," she grinned.

Her first RMC year left her little time to be homesick, she said. She shouldered 18-credit hours, and took on a work study position with the RMC Institute for Peace Studies. Later she would have work study positions with the Institute as well as with the financial aid office. She also filled in as secretarial assistant to the academic vice president.

"I also tutored other students in the Services for Academic Success program," she said.

Along the way, Farida enjoyed travel -- her favorite place became the not-too-distant Chico Hot Springs -- and new friendships. She loves cooking

her native dishes and sharing them.

"I love to cook because I love to eat," she joked. "Seriously, you can share a lot when you share a meal."

Her experiences in the classroom convinced her that business administration, marketing and accounting were right up her alley.

"I took a class from Anthony Piltz (RMC Academic Vice President and Professor, Business Administration and Economics) and had so much to learn, I decided accounting would be my major. It was my first class and it was so good I knew I had come to the right place," she said.

Her experiences outside the classroom, especially with the Institute, convinced her that her classroom education could blend with nonprofit, charitable work. She wants to return to Kenya where she can put her education to work with

administration of programs to help refugees and others impoverished by war and famine.

She learned from the conflict resolution courses the Institute teaches to young people that there were lessons that she could take home.

"There is always so much civil war in Africa, I felt I was learning some things to help solve problems peacefully," she said.

Someday, Farida hopes to find a job with the World Bank or a similar international organization aiding third world countries.

Her last year at Rocky may find her trying some other new things, like theatre. Farida may even make theatre her minor, a nice contrast to her business major.

"I wanted to see if I could make something out of me. I wanted to work hard and learn and see how far I could go," she said. "I am finding I can go very far."

The life of a great college president celebrated

There was a memorial service to commemorate and celebrate the life of former Rocky Mountain College President Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr., July 11, 2008, in Losekamp Hall on the RMC campus.

RMC's seventh president died Nov. 15, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky, at the home of his son, Brett, with his wife, Dr. Linda Scott DeRosier, and other family members by his side. At that time, the family announced it would hold a service in Montana this summer.

"Longtime Rocky Mountain College President Arthur DeRosier Jr. was remembered with personal tributes, poetry and music during a soulful memorial service Friday morning," reported The Billings Gazette.

He will be remembered as a historian, teacher, mentor and leader and for his optimism, passion and vision, said Victoria Cech, former Rocky staff member.

After receiving degrees at the University of Southern Mississippi and University of South Carolina, DeRosier began a long career in higher education, serving at nearly every level of college and university administration.

Dr. DeRosier came to RMC in 1987, already an accomplished college president.

"Whenever I think of Arthur, I think of the word 'bloom,'" said RMC President Michael Mace. "Under his leadership, the College grew. And he grew a community as well as a college."

Only a month before his death, he was actively engaged in writing and attending RMC events. Dr. DeRosier attended RMC Homecoming events in October that included a book signing for his just published "William Dunbar: Scientific Pioneer of the Old Southwest." He also completed a



Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

With the statue of Dr. Arthur H. DeRosier, Jr. in the foreground, Brad Nason, RMC vice president for student services, leads the procession of those who attended a July memorial service to commemorate RMC's seventh president's life. Red roses were placed at the statue, below.

section on his years as RMC president for "Pathways to the Present," the second volume of Dr. Lawrence Small's two-volume history of the College.

In September 2007, both Arthur and Linda were honored at a special dinner at the Yellowstone Country Club where they were praised for their decades of community service. The dinner and tribute was capped by the unveiling of a full-size sculpture of Dr. DeRosier, created by longtime friend and artist Mike Capser. The sculpture now stands outside the RMC Paul M. Adams Memorial Library.

Dr. DeRosier was slated to receive the Jeannette Rankin Peace Award at the annual Institute for Peace Studies ceremony and benefit concert at Albert Bair Theatre. He died the week before the concert.

Brad Nason, Rocky's vice president for student life, said DeRosier will be remembered for his "mesmerizing" speeches during trips around the state to promote the College.

DeRosier was convincing about what he said about Rocky because "This man believed it," Nason said.



Moved to October, Symposium will have politics as theme this year

The fourth annual Rocky Mountain College Symposium on Religion and Culture will focus on a timely topic in October when it examines religion and politics. Prior to the November elections, the symposium, held in Losekamp Hall, will have three honored lecturers this year.

Sheila Suess Kennedy, associate professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), will be joined by Richard Parker, a lecturer in Public Policy and Senior Fellow of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, and Brendan Sweetman, a native of Dublin, Ireland, who is professor of

philosophy, Rockhurst University.

In addition to lecturing classes at RMC and conducting a discussion for a clergy lunch, the three will be the guests on the panel for evening discussions, from 7 - 9 p.m., Monday, Oct. 6, and Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008. The evening presentations are free and open to the public on a first-come first-seated basis. Those interested in attending the clergy lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 7, need to register with Joan Hughes, 406-657-1110.

Previous symposia have been held in January, but this year, with the elections in November, it was decided to hold it in October with a political theme, said Dr. Elizabeth

McNamer, RMC adjunct professor of philosophy and religious thought, who is organizing the event. Serving as moderators for the evening presentations will be Dr. Jay Cassel, RMC professor of religious thought, Dr. Ellie Bagley, RMC assistant professor of philosophy and religious thought, and Dr. Walter Gulick, professor emeritus, philosophy, humanities and religious studies, at Montana State University-Billings. Dr. Jay Cassel, RMC professor of religious thought, Dr. Ellie Bagley, RMC assistant professor of philosophy and religious thought, and Dr. Walter Gulick, professor emeritus, philosophy, humanities and religious studies, at MSU-Billings.

Barb Skelton, Paul Gatzemeier named BTBJ Honorary Chairs

The word ubiquitous -- ever present, everywhere -- best describes the benevolent contribution and involvement in the life of Rocky Mountain College of Barb Skelton and Paul Gatzemeier, this year's Black Tie Blue Jeans Scholarship Benefit Honorary Chairs.

"There is very little at Rocky that Barb and Paul have not been a part of," said Shari VanDelinder, RMC director of development. "They have created scholarships, hosted donor events, contributed to the annual fund, and donated auction items for fundraisers. They have been great stewards of the equestrian program, have helped with the international program, and were among the first to join the Rocky 500 Club."

Barb has served on the RMC National Advisory Council and the RMC Board of Trustees since 1999. She has been a member of the RMC Executive Board since 2003.

"My devotion to Rocky comes from my seeing the huge difference the College has made in everybody's life," Barb said. "Paul and I see something good going on at Rocky every day."

Barb's first experience with RMC was when her daughter, Abbie, decided to attend after being recruited by several other colleges.

"She had scholarship offers at several colleges, but when we visited Rocky, Arthur DeRosier (RMC's seventh president, who died this past year), Brad Nason (RMC's vice president for student services) and Obert Udem (RMC's director of planned giving) visited with her and personally recruited her and offered her a scholarship," Barb said. "It was the close interest and personal touch we were looking for."

Barb and Paul decided to relocate to Billings in 1999, and bought the Intermountain Equestrian Center, agreeing to lease the facilities to RMC to support its equestrian program.

"The more I learned about Rocky while Abbie was attending, the more I appreciated that this was a tremendous college," she said. "I wanted to be part of it."

The involvement of Barb and Paul with RMC is a great pleasure for RMC President Michael Mace.

"They are great friends, great supporters of the College, and an example of commitment to the welfare and future of Rocky," he said. "Whenever something comes



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Longtime devoted friends of Rocky Mountain College, Barb Skelton and Paul Gatzemeier have agreed to serve as Honorary Chairs for the 21st Black Tie Blue Jeans Scholarship Benefit, Nov. 7, 2008

across my desk showing who has contributed, whether it's from buying a Rocky license plate or donating to help the RMC choir travel to Bulgaria, their names are on the list."

A fifth generation Montanan, Barb's record of community service is admirable and crosses political party lines. She was Judith Basin County's first woman county commissioner. She was the first Democratic Party woman nominee for lieutenant governor, running with two-term governor, Tom Judge. She served as treasurer for U.S. Senator Max Baucus. For her work on the Selective Service Board, she received an award from President Ronald Reagan for Outstanding Public Service. For her work with the White House Conference on Small Business, she received an outstanding contributor award from President Bill Clinton. She served on the Montana Banking Commission, appointed by Gov. Marc Racicot and later, by Gov.

Judy Martz. She currently serves on the Montana Highway Commission, appointed by Gov. Brian Schweitzer.

A devoted rancher and horsewoman, Barb has owned world-class champion quarter horses. Barb and Paul raise registered Angus cattle at the Hardenbrook Ranch, in her family since 1887. She serves on the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Leadership Society as well as the AQHA Scholarship Committee. She is also president of the Coal Black Cattle Co. & Consulting.

Paul is a senior executive in the energy industry with 35 years experience in creating and leading environmentally sound energy production companies. He is currently senior managing director of Bicent Power, LLC, a New York private independent power and infrastructure company with expertise in development, acquisition and long-term operation of power generation and infrastructure projects.

Born and raised in north central Montana, he remains involved in the family farming operations his grandfather homesteaded, and in the cattle and equestrian business. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Montana State University and has completed the executive management programs at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Harvard Business School.

Paul has also served on numerous industry, business and civic boards, including Montana Chamber of Commerce; the Montana Chamber Foundation; Montana Coal Council; National Coal Council; Montana Special Olympics; and the Rimrock Foundation. He was chair of the Montana Chamber of Commerce in 1999, and president of the Montana Coal Council from 1989-1994.

It's 21! Years that is. RMC's square deal is a winning hand for our students!



Our students never gamble on obtaining an exceptional education at Rocky Mountain College, so it may seem a little odd that we chose a card-playing theme for this year's annual Black Tie Blue Jeans Scholarship Benefit. But this is the 21st year for the oldest college in Montana's gala event and what comes to mind is that centuries-old game, Blackjack or 21. Interestingly, it is the only game that does not favor the house.

But for our purposes, we use it only to celebrate that Rocky Mountain College gives a square deal to its students who leave with a winning hand. There will not be gambling at this event, but it's a sure bet you'll enjoy an evening that breaks the bank for entertainment and a great cause. Come join us Friday, Nov. 7, 2008 for our 21 event! Call now to reserve your place at the table! 406-657-1006.

Friday, Nov. 7, 2008

S.O.S from students gets an SAS response

For many RMC students, just getting to college is an important achievement. For others, selecting a degree path, staying in school or graduating can be challenges. Regardless of each individual's needs, Rocky makes every effort to provide support for students, wherever they may be on their journey.

Fortin Education Center houses a core program that helps move students forward down the path toward graduation. The Students for Academic Success (SAS) program exists to help students with unique challenges overcome the bumps in their own roads toward a college degree. For some students—those with a physical or learning disabilities, or those from low income families, or those who are first-generation college students—SAS provides crucial services to help them succeed.

According to Dr. Jane Van Dyk, SAS director, the program's entire purpose is student retention and ultimately, graduation. "Our program is quite successful in getting our students through to their degree." She notes that 250 students, approximately one-third of on-campus enrollment, use at least one feature of the SAS program.

This past spring, 50 students were awarded a total of \$56,250 in scholarships from SAS via a Glenn grant and a TRIO grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Each student's story is as unique as his or her journey to Rocky.

MEGAN CLARK

Megan Clark's challenges started when she was born deaf. Although surgery has corrected her hearing, she still struggles with learning disabilities including dyslexia and reading retention problems. However, Megan's pure determination focuses on what she can do, instead of what she can't. She intends to earn not just an undergraduate degree in Elementary Education, but a Master's to teach special education.

Clark notes that she met with Van Dyk for several weeks before the Education Program's application process to draft sample essays. Van Dyk also helped Clark acquire



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Dr. Jane Van Dyk, director of SAS at RMC, was interviewed by both local television stations when they came to cover TRIO Day in Fraley Lounge.

Special day recognizes importance of TRIO awards

Special recognition for 48 students in the Services for Academic Success (SAS) program at Rocky Mountain College was held February 27, 2008, in Fraley Lounge, in the Bair Family Student Center. The event celebrated National TRIO Day, which according to a Congressional Resolution, is meant to focus the nation's attention on the needs of disadvantaged young people and adults aspiring to improve their lives. "We are really pleased this year to be able to provide almost twice the number of scholarships as we have in the past," noted Dr. Jane Van Dyk, director of SAS at RMC.

SAS students are from low-income families, first generation college students, or students with disabilities. Students who received the awards shared their stories of the challenges and barriers they overcame in pursuit of a college degree.

Forty-three students received \$1,000 scholarships to help pay for college. Four students received international study awards to participate in an archaeological dig in Bethsaida, Israel. One student received an award for a faculty-led study trip in Ireland.

"College costs are rising every year, and these scholarships really help our students keep their loan levels manageable, participate in a study abroad experience, or take care of an emergency situation that might have forced them to drop out," Dr. Van Dyk added.

The SAS program is supported by a \$276,987 grant from the U.S. Department of Education and smaller foundation grants.

Montana Talking Books—an auditory learning tool—because her retention increases if she can both read and hear the material.

"Little stuff is what I struggle with the most," she says. "I got Montana Talking Books so that I can listen to the books and that helps my comprehension. I try not to work during school because school is so much more difficult for me. This scholarship will help cover tuition—every little bit helps."

Clark's driving force permeates everything she

does. "I know that I can't do all things well yet, but I know that I will," she notes. "For example, I can't write a good thesis statement yet, but I'm working on it and I will learn how to write a great one. I'm a very determined person."

BRAD GREGORICH

Determination is one key characteristic for anyone completing 21 credits in one semester. That's what Brad Gregorich did this past spring in order to graduate in four

years. "I switched from secondary to elementary education," says Gregorich. "Then I figured out that if I really buckled down, I could graduate in the spring and student-teach in the fall. I wanted to walk graduation with the people I came in with."

Gregorich, who is a first-generation college student, played football his first two years at RMC but later focused more on academics

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and even played with the jazz band. In addition to the SAS scholarship, he used free tickets provided by SAS to attend theatrical productions and the Billings Symphony Orchestra at the Alberta Bair Theater. "I never really had money lying around to get tickets to something like that," says Gregorich.

"Being awarded the scholarship sure took a lot of stress out of my life," he says. "Worrying about rent and things like that can consume a person, especially when they are dealing with that many classes. The scholarship certainly made things a lot easier."

MARKI HERMAN

For Marki Herman, Rocky was in the blood. Her grandfather, Raymond Frank, graduated from RMC and always told her positive things about the college. However, he passed away about a year ago, and Herman, who was very close to her grandfather, struggled in the days and weeks afterward.

"My grandfather was always in my life and talked about how Rocky had small classes and you aren't just a number," says Herman. "Since he liked it so much, I figured I would, too. I think I've worked harder since he's been gone and I've really focused on my degree-he wanted me to go far and he was proud of me."

Herman, who will enter her junior year this fall as a business management major, is paying for her own schooling and will use the scholarship money for tuition. She also enjoys SAS's cultural enrichment aspect, especially the tickets to productions at the Alberta Bair Theater.

KAILA ACOBA

Kaila Acoba was always an athlete. However, two consecutive injuries to the same ankle-which resulted in ongoing growth plate



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Prof. Elizabeth McNamer shares a laugh as students relate stories about some of the challenges they face which are eased by SAS programs. Marki Herman also appreciated the cultural opportunities from receiving free tickets to Alberta Bair Theatre, something she could not have afforded.

Rocky is turning out really fine graduates, citizens that might not otherwise have had a chance to get a college degree. With a little extra support from a program like Students for Academic Success, they will really put Rocky on the map.

-- Dr. Jane VanDyk

and soft tissue damage-sidelined her volleyball and track ambitions. "I used to think that I was going to college for sports and then I would have that scholarship on top of academic ones," she recalls. "Now I focus much more on academics."

For this anthropology and history major, SAS's drop-in tutoring services are a big hit. "They have all the classes that I have trouble with," Acoba notes. "It's free and they always have lots of students there. The cultural events are big with me, too. When I was in Portland I had gone with my school, but never on my own like I

do here."

As a first-generation college student, Acoba is paying for college on her own. She reports that books for two semesters are almost \$1000-the amount of her SAS scholarship. A perfect fit.

ANGELA MILFORD

One second her life was like any other young adult's, the next her car was T-boned and she had three breaks in her hip, a collapsed lung and a concussion. After the vehicle accident, Angela Milford, a junior history major, took a medical leave from her job and was given extra time to complete her coursework.

The accident set her back financially, physically and academically. "I went into spring semester owing for fall," she says. "The SAS scholarship paid most of debt from the previous semester-it was very, very helpful."

Getting back into the swing of college student life was slow, too. "SAS was very helpful in my recovery because they got me notes from lecture classes and helped when I couldn't get across campus-physically make it to classes-when I was on crutches," Milford says.

Retention-helpings student overcome challenges or deal with frustrations in order to stay on their road-is a key component to SAS's program. "Each student has such a unique story of hardship or barriers that they had to work to overcome," says Van Dyk. "The self-confidence and poise they seem to gain while being at Rocky makes them ready to go out there and take on the world."

Van Dyk also notes that SAS advisors develop personal relationships with each student and that the organization has aggressively gone out to find support for international travel and emergency funds-two more SAS services-for students. They also relish turning the students into "Culture Vultures" with tickets to Billings Studio Theater, productions at the Alberta Bair Theater and the Billings Symphony Orchestra.

"Rocky is turning out really fine graduates, citizens that might not otherwise have had a chance to get a college degree," Van Dyk emphasizes. "With a little extra support from a program like Students for Academic Success, they will really put Rocky on the map."

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For Rocky Today*

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SADDLE UP!

RMC's equestrian program offers unique challenges, opportunities and success

Packing up and moving to college can be a daunting task for anyone. But imagine bringing your 1,200 pound horse along. That's what most of the approximately 70 students in RMC's equestrian program do each year. And that's just the beginning of a long road of hard work outside of the typical classroom.

"The amount of hands-on activity that the students get—that is certainly what makes our program unique," notes Scott Neuman, program director. "Our students are exposed to more real-life situations and are better prepared when they graduate. They don't just show up to ride—they know exactly everything that goes into it."

Life for an equestrian student is certainly more than a leisurely trot through a grassy meadow. For many students, that "showing up" involves a couple of hours in pre-dawn light—they are required to report to the barn by 7 a.m. every weekday—well before most other classes actually begin.

Students are expected to care for their own horses—which includes daily feeding, exercising, grooming, and stall-mucking—plus each student takes a weekend rotation of chores at the barns.

Shantel Besel, a junior from Billings who was attracted to RMC because of the equine program's reputation and its high graduation placement, realizes that chores are an integral part of the whole package. "In the beginning, chores might seem like a lot but it's a great opportunity," she notes. "To be in this program, you can't slack. You are graded on how well you take care of your horse -- it's all part of your responsibility. You have to have a lot of ambition and work hard to make it."

Of the program's 11 graduates, nine of them have already been placed in a career position, and the other two are finishing up a summer class or attending graduate school. Amber (AJ) Johnson, a 2008 graduate from Wood River, Nebraska, is now employed with Jeff and Wendy Allen Quarter Horses, a training facility in

Elkhorn, Nebraska. She credits Neuman for helping her find her new position, as well as for placing her in an internship at Shadd Parkinson Performance Horses in Arizona. "I learned a lot of different things that I didn't even know about," she says of the internship. "It was a nice reality jolt."

Every student works an internship. Neuman notes that matching the student to the internship is one key to the program's success. "We get the students there and then they want more because we send them great students—and the Rocky students keep the relationships active and positive," he says. "Our reputation is growing all the time and placing the students is actually becoming easier."

The program's excellent reputation is also owing in part to RMC's six equestrian instructors. These instructors' active involvement in the \$200 billion horse

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Story by Brenda Maas
for Rocky Today
Photos by Dave M.
Shumway, RMC

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-- Shantel Besel, a junior from Billings

RMC's six Equestrian Program instructors are pure horse people.

Although most students earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Equestrian Studies, they can choose one or more areas of emphasis:

- Equitation and Training
- Equine Business
- Equine Instructor
- Equine Journalism
- Therapeutic Riding

The Lowdown on Rocky's Equestrian Program:

- Located at Intermountain Equestrian Center at 7256 Highway 3, just west of Billings Heights/Airport
- Owned by Barb Skelton; entering 10th year of operation at that location
- Houses the horses of approximately 65 students-indoor stalls for up to 71 head
- Includes two indoor arenas, numerous outdoor arenas (new one with viewing area), practice areas, 25 turn-outs & access to open range
- Includes classrooms, study and snack lounges, computer lab and instructor's offices
- Uses a semi-load of wood shavings every 10 days and each horse needs about 40 pounds of food per day
- Awards an Intermountain Equestrian Center scholarship to an equestrian student each year

All work and no play would make for a dull day at RMC equine studies, which is why the students on occasion host public events especially designed for family fun. Equestrian students performed some show tricks, dressed like pirates of the Caribbean, and performed in full English riding style during competitions. Scott Neuman, bottom right, credits the hands-on learning for making RMC's program unique and its students eminently successful.



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industry, from vet to trainer to judge to therapist, ensures that Rocky's students are taught by the best in the field, with exposure to a wide range of professional knowledge and expertise. (draft note: remove this side bar note if instructors don't get info back)

"Whatever the student wants to do, we generally have contacts because we are all so active in the industry," notes instructor Christi Brown. "The contacts we can provide are one of the biggest benefits we offer our students."

Brown coaches approximately 15 students in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) competitions. This past spring, six students earned enough points to move from regional competition to the zone competition. Two students then moved on to IHSA Nationals, which is akin to the national collegiate championship in horsemanship.

Nikki Medrud, a junior from Washington who rides English style, placed first in her class at the zone competition by scoring higher than other riders from prestigious schools like Stanford and the University of Southern California. She placed 12th in the nation as a sophomore.

Blake Weis rides Western style. He worked his way to Nationals by placing second at

the zone competition, and he took fifth at Nationals in his individual horsemanship class as a freshman.

In these intercollegiate competitions, a rider draws a horse from a supplied group of horses and is then judged on how well he or she controls the "stranger" horse. The emphasis is on horsemanship. "Getting on other horses and trying to figure them out in just a few minutes is something that I will use as a trainer," notes Medrud. "It's good for me to be able to adapt from one horse to another."

Although Besel was completely new to the IHSA competition, she placed fifth her first time out; just short of being one of the top four finishers to go to Nationals. She credits Brown and her other RMC professors for helping her learn the ropes and transfer that learning to her own horse on the International Quarter Horse Association (IQHA) circuit.

"I learned so much from my professors," she notes. "They helped me develop my passion into a possible career. I want to become a trainer and show in IQHA, so it's vital that I learn all the fundamentals. The teachers here are so incredible, whether they are teaching you about horse vitals or preventative medicine or whatever, they are just fabulous. As far as com-

peting, you have so much to learn before paying \$300-400 to enter a competition-this program gives you a chance to test things out beforehand, to develop confidence in your own skills."

The same is said about the students' internships. Neuman notes that the students' interests and internships cover all realms of the industry from dude ranches and guiding services to training to therapeutic riding. And, RMC equestrian students span the globe. Although most students end up in "horse states" such as California, Texas, Florida, Montana and those in the Pacific Northwest, some have been placed as far away as the United Kingdom, Australia, Ireland and Israel.

It is the instructor's professional contacts that open many doors for internships. The students' first post-graduation position naturally follows.

"Every instructor we have is active in their portion of the industry and respected internationally for it-that's what makes this program so unique, so special," says Besel. "They are not just teaching something they know a little bit about-they are teaching something that they know everything about. It is their passion."

That passion reports to the barn daily at 7 a.m.-sharp!



RMC's Battlin' Bears finding winning ways

By AUSTIN TAIT
RMC SPORTS
INFORMATION DIRECTOR



Rocky Mountain College's 2007-2008 athletic season was successful on many fronts, both on the playing field and in the



Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

BURSTING through tacklers, **Brye Burton** helped the Bears to their best season since 2000.



Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

HOOP BOUND, Chase Sukut gives a lesson in taking the ball to the basket.

classroom. The Battlin' Bears football team finished the season with an overall record of 4-7,

their best mark since 2000. Highlights from the 2007 season include a season open

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Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

FLIPPED, Stacey Terrill goes head over heels at a home game with arch rival Carroll College. The scoreboard tells the tale as the Battlin' Bears had one of their most successful men's basketball seasons ever.



Volleyball team wins academic award

The women's volleyball team from Rocky Mountain College was among the 21 NAIA programs recently recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as AVCA Team Academic Award winners for the 2007-08 season.

The award was initiated in the 1992-93 academic year. It

honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or a 4.10 cumulative team GPA on a 5.0 scale.

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Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Hailey Pearce helped the women's volleyball team earn at-large berth to regionals and to an American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award. Pearce will be a coaching assistant this year.

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Members of the 2007-2008 Rocky team included Hailey Pearce, Kelly Fox, Shanda Veldhuisen, Jessica Eliasson, Sarah Madinger, Lauren Schneidmiller, Ashley Coburn, Stephanie Wolensky, Kaytlin Shows, Jessica Hespen, Jessica Overstreet, Annie Krise, Kayla Loffler and Allison Corbyn.

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ing win in Miles City against Minot State University, 21-9, and a last second, dramatic road win in Havre against MSU-Northern, 16-10.

Rocky's volleyball squad, under the direction of first-year head coach Laurie Kelly, finished the season 15-18 overall and 9-5 in Frontier Conference play. Their season concluded with an at-large berth to the Region I tournament in Spokane, WA, where they finished 1-2.

Rocky's women's soccer team finished the '07 season 5-10 overall and 3-3 in conference play. Their season was marked by a 2-1 victory over nationally ranked Carroll College in Helena and a three-game winning streak to finish the season.

The 2007 season marked the first ever for the men's and women's cross-country teams. Billings native Alan King was giving the responsibility of head starting the both programs from the ground up.



The Battlin' Bear men's basketball team had one of their most successful seasons ever, posting a 22-9 overall record and a 9-5 record in conference play. Their 17-4 start to the beginning of the season was the best in 50 years at Rocky. The season ended with a one-point loss to eventual champion Lewis-Clark State in the conference tournament semifinals.

The women's basketball team finished the regular season in 6th place with an 11-20 overall record and a 4-10 mark in conference play.

Rocky's men's and women's ski teams earned national recognition once again by finishing 4th and 7th respectively at the USCSA National Ski Race in Maine. At the regional competition in Idaho, the ladies took home 1st place while the men finished in 2nd place.

Both of Rocky's golf teams are in the midst of one of their finest seasons ever. The women's team is ranked #10 in the country and is off to the NAIA National Tournament for the 9th consecutive season. The men's team, although they missed the cut to the national tournament, finished the season ranked #25 in the nation.

Even more impressive than the athletic accomplishments by Rocky's fine student-athletes is their work in the classroom. In all, over half of Rocky's student-athletes (134 out of 258) finished the 2007-2008 school year with a 3.0 GPA or better.

The best in Montana

"There is no doubt who the best amateur women's golfer in the state is," wrote Reporter Bill Bighaus of The Billings Gazette. "Rachel Warren unleashed a lethal combination of monster drives, picture-perfect wedge shots and precise putts right from the start at Laurel Golf Club, and went on to capture her second straight Montana State Women's Amateur championship in a very convincing fashion."

Warren, who was a three-time NAIA All-America golfer at Rocky, finished with a three-day score of 9-over 225. The 22-year-old Billings golfer put together an even-par 72 -- including a 2-under 34 on the front nine -- and won by a staggering seven strokes over Bozeman's Kelly Gillum. Warren led by just a single shot heading into the final round of the 54-hole event.

"Warren tapped in for a par on the 18th hole and received a hug from her mother, Becky," Bighaus reported. "My front nine was great," said Warren, who hit nearly every fairway. "I was really excited to be able to play that well. The front nine on the last day of the State Am is a really good time to have a really good nine."



Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

CHALLENGES are what inspires RMC athletes whether it's skiing where Kyle Croft, above, and his teammates were national contenders again; soccer (top, left) with Alyson Beckers fighting through defenders; basketball, (bottom left) with Sara Madinger sharpshooting for the Lady Bears; or (below) Amber Watson helping with the fledgling cross country program.



Sandy Barz's office at 210 Alden Hall tells a story as unique as the woman herself. Half-tamed plants compete for sunlight; a poster of Snoopy™ boasts "I am the sunshine of my life" while another laments Murphy's Law; a bright multi-colored throw covers an easy chair in front of a desk almost completely overrun with photos of children and grandchildren, a PC workstation and accounting tomes. Not necessarily what one would envision from a cut-and-dried accounting professor. However, as many students, alumni and faculty will attest, Sandy Barz is far from a stereotypical business prof.

With 28 years at Rocky under her belt, Barz still looks forward to each new school year in August. "Here are all these fresh faces and it's a challenge to see if I can encourage them to enjoy the principles of accounting and see how it will benefit them in the real world as well as their personal life."

She notes that the 200-level course attracts more than accounting majors; for example, students from the Equestrian and Aviation Programs are often present in that course. She sees that particular class as a "core" for every student-business major or not.

"You have to change all the time," notes Barz about any job position after college. "Just getting a degree in accounting opens a lot of doors." Barz is a living example of that. She came to Rocky's selection committee in 1980 via a personal recommendation from a part-time employer where she worked during the tax season when her three daughters were young. With her trademark laugh and self-proclaimed "big hair," Barz is now a notable figure on campus. However, she says, "My previous teaching experience included Sunday School and Bible School. I had never thought of teaching accounting and don't think that I ever would have." With her CPA and years of industry experience, she was a perfect fit for RMC's Business Program.



Not Your Typical Accounting Professor

She credits two men she calls the gentleman and the scholar -- the late Cliff Clark and Dr. James McDowell -- for helping her transfer her years of industry experience to the classroom. "They gave me a wonderful perspective on teaching as well as Rocky," Barz emphasizes. "They took me under their wings."

Professor McDowell, a Rocky business school icon, holds Barz and her teaching abilities in high regard. "Sandy hasn't changed a bit since she arrived and began teaching accounting. She was and still is the most optimistic person I know," he notes. "She is just as patient today with her students as she was when she first came to Rocky. She helps any and all of her students when they ask for help and she keeps after them if they don't do as she asks them to do."

On a more personal note, McDowell also says to never make a wager with Barz because she always wins. One lost bet resulted in his sitting in the middle of the "rowdies" during a basketball game at Fortin Center, dressed in Hawaiian beach attire. That was his last bet with her.

Anthony Piltz, vice president of academics, agrees that the Sandy Barz that started teaching accounting 28 years ago is the same Sandy Barz of today. "Sandy has always been someone who truly cares about her students

and Rocky Mountain College," he emphasizes. "She takes the time to make sure students "get it" and she does a great job of motivating people. I am sure there are many people who would not have graduated had it not been for Sandy's inspiration."

Earlier in her teaching career, pursuing a Master's of Business Administration (MBA) was almost impossible for Barz. She had three young children at home and the closest program was located in Missoula in the days before Internet classes. However, one of her favorite features of teaching -- having a flexible schedule -- allowed her to jump on the opportunity once it was available at Montana State University-Billings. She graduated with the school's first MBA class in 1991.

But to Barz, the teaching is all about the students and making accounting "real" for them. One of her favorite activities is to teach all, not just accounting students, to read a corporate report and give an oral presentation. Regardless of someone's major, she says, everyone will need to be able to track and understand personal investments. "I try to get them to be realistic about the value of accounting."

While Barz sees many "fresh faces" each year, she characteristically remembers quite

few. However, one student, Sue Francis, stands out. Francis had taken Intermediate, Cost and Advanced Accounting from Barz. She graduated from RMC in 1987 with a Business and Economics degree with an accounting option. In November of that year, more than 72,000 students nationwide sat for the CPA exam. Francis scored the highest grade and was awarded the Elijah Watt Sells Award Gold Medal at the 1988 annual meeting of the American Institute of CPAs.

"The business professors made it possible. They were so easy to work with and bent over backward to accommodate me. I was a wife and a mother when I went back and they were so helpful working around that," notes Francis, who is now a CPA with Houston, Helseth and Myers in Great Falls, Montana. "Sandy Barz had such a great attitude about everything and that was helpful. She was always so cheerful and willing to help."

Perhaps this professor, who emphasizes her open door policy and encourages students to call her at home if they have a problem, truly does personify the real "Rocky Difference."

*By Brenda Maas
For Rocky Today*

“Choosing a college is a very important decision, so I did my research. I visited many of my prospective colleges’ websites. RMC’s site, like many other colleges, was difficult to navigate. Now with the new updated RMC website, it is so much easier! It has everything a current or prospective student needs from tuition costs and scholarships to courses offered. It’s great!”

-- JENNIFER FEIOCK - SENIOR AT RMC, MAJORING IN BIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY

All new rocky.edu

New Web site one part of upgrade to RMC’s information systems

The Rocky Mountain College Web site plays a key role for a diverse constituency, from alumni to prospective students, which is why, after a year of work by faculty and staff, in conjunction with Noel-Levitz, a national consulting firm retained to help the College with student recruitment and retention, a new Web site has been launched.

The new site will make it much easier for people to navigate to get the information they want. It adds important features for prospective students, including, for example, a cost calculator which readily allows a student to estimate tuition costs, calculate possible scholarship awards, and access a financial aid guide.

“The primary tool for prospective students to learn more about us is through our Web page. Termed ‘secret shoppers,’ parents and students who do not choose to identify themselves, are constantly lurking on our Web page. Students and their parents want information at their fingertips and now it’s there so they don’t need to wait or wonder,” said Lisa Browning, RMC vice president for enrollment services.

The new site will always have fresh news and information, another important feature so that visitors will find it worthwhile for return visits to www.rocky.edu.



RMC’s new Web site was launched this summer, providing a fresh look to www.rocky.edu, but also important new tools to make it more useable, like the cost calculator for figuring financial awards and tuition costs. Interior pages provide a wealth of information on every aspect of college life.

Among attractions is access to a photo gallery with fresh content posted practically every day, according to Dave Shumway, Web content manager and collegiate photographer.

Much of the content will also be kept current by the participation of faculty and staff, responsible for many sections of the site.

“The collaboration of



faculty and staff is crucial and the new site allows participation, which is not complicated or too technical,” Shumway added.

There are multiple links to useable forms, another important feature, whether it’s for internal campus use like time

sheets and expense reports, or for prospective students to apply, or for nominations for alumni awards, or to the athletic hall of fame.

The breakdown is for specific use. Under Admissions there are seg-

ments Just for Parents, Just for Counselors, Just for Transfers, for example. You can take a virtual tour, meet admission counselors, take a peek at life on campus, or find out about Billings.

The new Web site is one part of a concerted effort to upgrade RMC’s information technology. RMC has also implemented a sweeping new information management system, called ERP, which involved training with admissions, financial aid, student accounts and student records. This new database system will replace the existing AIMS system. ERP is the acronym for Enterprise Resource Planning system. Simply stated, it’s the campus database system.

Cliff Robertson



Photo: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Thanks to Rick and Nicki Larson, who donated the use of the Employee Benefits Management Services, Inc. (EBMS) jet to fly Cliff Robertson to Billings, he arrived in time to attend the annual RMC President's Dinner, to visit campus, to speak at Commencement and to be awarded an Honorary Doctorate. Mr. Robertson arrived in great spirits and handled a rigorous schedule while he was here.

Academy Award winning actor, Hall of Fame aviator, philanthropist, and now a member of the RMC family

The annual Rocky Mountain College President's Dinner, held May 1, 2008, honored famous actor and aviator Cliff Robertson, who was this year's commencement speaker and a recipient of an honorary doctorate of aviation degree, but it also served to honor all the guests, who have been loyal friends and supporters of the College.

The Petroleum Club in Crown Plaza was packed with RMC board members and dedicated contributors who enjoyed a gourmet dinner and entertainment from the Venture Theatre improvisational comedy club.

President Michael Mace told the assemblage that their presence proved what RMC counts on: friends, family and fellowship. President Mace used two examples of the kind of support and service that are part of RMC's rich heritage and tradition; John Losekamp, who

RMC President's Dinner features new friends of the College

never had children of his own, but who helped finance the building of what has become RMC; and JoAnne Haverland, retiring after 20 years as secretary to the dean of students, and who holds a record for uninterrupted payroll deductions to the annual fund.

President Mace acknowledged the philanthropy of many who "stun us with their generosity."

Cliff Robertson was surrounded by well-

wishers as he arrived at the dinner where he was honored for his stellar career as an actor and aviator, and presented with an RMC flight jacket. Mr. Robertson, who is the only actor to win the top performance awards for film, stage and television, is a passionate aviator, who has collected vintage aircraft, made films about flying, and is enshrined in the Aviation Hall of Fame.

"I do not deserve the accolades that you have showered me with, but I accept them with humility and thanks," he said. "The hospitality you have shown me is far beyond anything I deserve."

Also present at the dinner was Jesse Newhouse, and his wife, Stephanie. Mr. Newhouse, of the famous Newhouse publish-

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Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Greeting Cliff Robertson at the RMC President's Dinner were Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger and his wife, Karen (center) and Pat and David North, far left and right, respectively. Below, also attending were Brandon Hogan, left, Jessie and Stephanie Newhouse, and Kelly Hogan.



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ing family, founded Paradox Pictures in 2004. Mr. Newhouse is an executive producer of two recent films: "Memory," a psychological thriller starring Ann-Margaret and Billy Zane, and "Afghan Knights," a drama about a rescue mission in Afghanistan. His partner in Paradox is Brandon Hogan, who also attended the dinner, with his wife, Kelly. Mr. Hogan, who attended RMC, was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

There was even a connection to RMC with Venture Improv. Of the quartet of performers, one, Shad Scott, is a current student; and a second attended, Liisa Joanne (Enger) Venard, in the early 1990s.



Mr. Robertson was delighted with an RMC aviation jacket, a gift from President Mace.

RMC confers four honorary degrees at 126th Commencement

Academy Award winning actor Cliff Robertson was the speaker at the 126th Commencement of Rocky Mountain College, Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 1 p.m., in the Fortin Education Center gymnasium.

RMC graduated 186 students.

Baccalaureate was celebrated on Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church. Dan Hargrove, RMC's director of aviation, gave the address, titled, "Working for What Will Last." Music was presented by the RMC choir, directed by Katherine Honaker. Organ music was provided by Randy Rabas.

"We are delighted that Mr. Robertson honored us with his presence at Rocky Mountain College," said RMC President Michael Mace. "We were very excited to have such a renowned actor, philanthropist and aviator as our guest."

Mr. Robertson was guest of honor at the annual RMC President's Dinner, May 1. A film festival of his more notable movies was held in the weeks prior to his arrival.

Known to many for his Oscar-winning best actor performance in "Charly," Mr. Robertson is now being discovered by a new generation of fans for his role as Uncle Ben in "Spider-Man" movies. Besides being famous for more than 70 Hollywood film roles, Robertson is also known for his principled stand against tinsel town corruption, for his charitable work around the world, and for his life-long devotion to aviation. He is the only actor to have won the Emmy Award (television), the Academy Award (film) and the Theater World Award (stage) for best actor in the same year.

Mr. Robertson is a licensed commercial pilot who was inducted into the Aviation Hall of Fame in 2006.



The colorful pageantry, above, of commencement always creates a celebratory atmosphere.

Chris Horn, right, stops by the Klindt Hall of Fame room where his Kansas City Chiefs' jersey is displayed. Some of those who were awarded honorary degrees gathered before commencement got underway, below. They include, left to right, Brandon Hogan; Mark Moak, faculty co-chair; RMC Board Chair Thorm Forseth; Jim Baken, faculty co-chair; and RMC President Mike Mace. Seated, center, is Cliff Robertson



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'We like that smile on your face'



May 3, 2008, was, as RMC President Michael Mace declared in his remarks to 186 graduates of Rocky Mountain College, a "heavenly day."

Borrowing from the lyrics of the song of the same name, by Patti Griffith, President Mace said "The smile on your face, I live only to see. It's enough for me. Oh, heavenly day."

Wanting it to be their day, a day like no other, he challenged them to savor it.

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Photos: Dave M. Shumway, RMC

Obse Jote, left, and Johanna Aaker and Alexandra Andersson, right, showed the smiles that RMC President Michael Mace hoped the day would bring.



HEAVENLY DAY!

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Mr. Robertson's philanthropy extends from flying medical relief missions to Nigeria to flying famine relief missions to Ethiopia. He devotes time to 50 national charities from United Way to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

Mr. Robertson received an honorary doctorate of aviation.

An honorary doctorate of public service was presented to outstanding alumnus Chris Horn. Mr. Horn is a regular speaker for the Catholic Athletes for Christ and was active in the NAIA Champions of Character program. While at RMC, Mr. Horn, a 1999 graduate, was a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-America receiver and kick-return specialist. He played for the Bears from 1995-98. He has had a varied professional career, playing for the Amsterdam Admirals in NFL Europe, and the Kansas City Chiefs, the New Orleans Saints and the Carolina Panthers in the NFL. He played for the Philadelphia Soul in the Arena Football League before being traded to the New Orleans Voodooos. Horn and his wife, Amy, have a son, Christopher, and a daughter, Frances. Mr. Horn was

the speaker for RMC's 124th commencement in 2006.

An honorary doctorate of humane letters was presented to Brandon Hogan. From Trout Creek and Noxon, Montana, beginnings, Mr. Hogan found success as a producer, cameraman and editor after schooling at Rocky Mountain College and the University of Montana. He began his career winning an Emmy in 1991 for his work on the ABC-miniseries, "Son of the Morning Star." He founded Paradox Pictures, which, since 2004, is the only feature film division of Newhouse Publishing. Mr. Hogan produced and wrote "Afghan Nights" and "Memory." He is involved in two new films, "Flight's On" and "Hockey Kids." He has produced documentaries about the war in Afghanistan and Iraq. "56 Alpha" documents the role of combat chaplains. "Rolling with the Cav" documents helicopter pilots in the First Cavalry Division.

An honorary bachelor of arts degree was conferred on Elizabeth JoAnne Haverland, who has been a devoted and dedicated Rocky Mountain College employee for 20 years,



Photo: dave M. Shumway, RMC

Dan Hargrove, RMC director of aviation, presented the RMC Baccalaureate address. His topic was "Working for What Will Last."

first in the food service division, then in the admissions office, and then as secretary to the vice president for student life. She has set a record for uninterrupted payroll deductions to the College Annual Fund over 20 years, supporting student scholarships. She also hosted foreign students, supported RMC athletics, and donated to a host of other college programs. In total, nine thousand nine hundred and

seven students have passed through RMC during her tenure, each benefiting from her passion for Rocky Mountain College.

Music was performed by both the Rocky Mountain College Choir and the RMC Band. Half century graduates were honored. The Rev. Randy Hyvonen, Conference Minister, Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference, United Church of Christ, gave the invocation and benediction.

Robertson: "RMC is a wonderment."

Cliff Robertson told the Class of 2008 that they did not share the same experiences of some of their historical predecessors, but they shared the same opportunity for enlightenment and education.

"The history of Rocky describes that the stone was quarried out of the hill surrounding the campus and hauled down to the construction site with their bare hands. While they were at it, they grew their own food too. Obviously they wanted to learn -- these student pioneers. And they were going to do something about



Cliff Robertson delivers the RMC Commencement address.

it," he said.

"The same intrepid spirit in RMC students is with you all today. RMC will not make you carry rocks. They see their role as a way of showing you the

possibilities. They are willing to lend you a hand when you need it and then step back and watch amazing things happen."

The opening of doors is "the very essence of the Rocky

Mountain experience," he said. "Not self preening 'look at me' but rather a look of 'we.' Look at 'we' as the joy of attainment, honest hard fought attainment."

Robertson said he did not know about RMC until fairly recently, but he was overwhelmed by its presence.

"There is symmetry, a balance, a distribution here at RMC

that I got when I first arrived. No wonder that they have such excellent academic records and ratings. Little wonder. Indeed RMC is a wonderment."



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"Why?," he asked. "Because you will probably not be so much a part of a family of fellowship. You will not be so launched into the world in the same way. Completing the challenges at Rocky Mountain College is a major achievement. You're on your own."

As commencement drew to a close, he said, "We hope we were enough for you. We hope we have prepared you. We want you to get out there and do well. Don't forget us. You can still count on us. We will help you when we can and you'll be surprised how we can."

"We like that smile on your face," he concluded.

Smiling grads included, clockwise, Gina Safaty, Dustin Altman, Britney Cox, Tiffany Tresner, Katelyn Hardy, and Aaron Civitarese with Anna Clark.



Murphy, Ruske win RMC President's Cup



Jesse Murphy and Nicole Ruske were winners of the 2008 RMC President's Cup.

Thirty one Rocky Mountain College students were honored for their academic and civic accomplishments at the annual RMC Academic Awards Banquet, April 8, 2008.

Presented with the prestigious President's Cup were Nicole Ruske and Jesse Murphy. This award is presented by RMC President Michael Mace to two graduating seniors, one male and one female. President's Cup Recipients are selected by the faculty based on a 3.4 or higher GPA, have demonstrated good citizenship, service to the College and have been actively involved in extracurricular activities.

Winning the Dean's Cup were Carlie Breen

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Pictured are Evelina Pulleva, from San Diego, Calif., who graduated in May with bachelor of science degree, who joined Lorraine E. Baker at the luncheon. Ms. Pulleva was the recipient of a William L. and Lorraine E. Baker Endowed Scholarship.

Luncheon thanks donors of endowed scholarships

What better way to thank those who have endowed scholarships than to be thanked in person by those who have benefited from the financial help the scholarships have provided?

That was why Prescott Hall was the scene of a Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon, April 25 where donors and recipients enjoyed a buffet lunch and great conversation.

"It was fun meeting the people who help us and sharing our experiences and how much what they do helps us," said RMC student Eva Pulleva, a scholarship recipient.

Honored at the luncheon were the scholarship donors, their representatives, and the students who received scholarships: William L. and Lorraine E. Baker Endowed Scholarship (Represented by Mrs. Lorraine E. Baker) to student, Eva Pulleva; Keith Brown Business Ethics Endowed Scholarship (Represented by Rocky, Richard and David Brown) to students Kaycee Foran and Farida Mohammed; Winston L. Cox Memorial Endowed Scholarship (Represented by Richard Cox) to students Johanna Aacker, Kelsey Crampton, Kaycee Foran, Farida Mohammed, Jesse Murphy, Todd Verhasselt, and Cooper Warren; George F. Stickney Family Endowed Scholarship (Represented by Ed and Jess Stickney) to student Sydni Racki; and Jane and Thomas W. Van Dyk Endowed Scholarship (Represented by Jane Van Dyk), to student Oscar Nelson.

RMC aviation awards presented

Outstanding performer awards and scholarships were presented at the Rocky Mountain College Aviation Awards Banquet, April 23, 2008.

The guest speaker was Greg Masters, a Captain for Airtran Airways, just named the best airline in America for customer satisfaction. He is a former Air Force fighter pilot with many years of experience in the F-15, including combat time in the Gulf War.

The award winners are:
Outstanding Freshman Awards
Mandi Loucks and Niko Schatz
Outstanding Sophomore Awards

Amy Hyde and Willis Woods
Outstanding Junior Awards
Chelsie Farmer and Taylor Capers
Outstanding Senior Awards
Aaron Andren and Sean Curry
Outstanding Aviation Management Major Award
Tahnee Stosich
Aviation Departmental Award #1
Graduate 2008
Jessica Smith
Flight Training Awards:
Outstanding Private Pilot: Jesse Taylor
Outstanding Instrument Pilot: Taylor Capers
Outstanding Commercial Pilot: Sean Curry
Outstanding Multi-Engine Pilot: Niko Schatz
Outstanding CFI Student: Kreg Earhart
Outstanding CFI employee: Chelsie Farmer



Anthony Piltz, RMC academic vice president, presents the Dean's Cup to Cedric Snelling. Carlie Breen was also a Dean's Cup winner.



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and Cedric Snelling. This award, presented by RMC Academic Vice President Anthony Piltz, goes to the male and female seniors with the highest cumulative grade point average.

The Rocky Mountain College Alumni Association presented former math professor Dr. Bill Jamison with the honorary distinguished service award.

The Ossie Abrams Faculty Awards went to David C. Ison, assistant professor, aviation, and James Smith, assistant professor, business administration and economics. Graduating seniors nominate the teachers who "go beyond the call." The instructors receiving the highest number of nominations are selected to receive the award.

Departmental awards were also presented to students who achieved academic success:

Computer Science: Stephen Fowler, Taylor Harris
Accounting: Todd Verhasselt, Christine Olsen
Art: Jessica Holom
Aviation Studies: Jessica Smith
Biology: Nicole Ruske, Lori Ahern
Business: Carlie Breen
Communication Studies: Michael Sage
Debate: Amanda O'Shea
Degree Completion: Wenona Meachum, Michael Thompson
Education Elementary: Maria Schuster
Education Secondary: Marianne Unquera
Distance Elementary Education: Misty Welch King
English: Bridget Rohde, Celina Anthony, Sara Young
Equestrian Studies: Bridget Rohde
Geology: Korrin Kenck
Mathematics: Rachel Warren
Music: Meggie Davidson
Philosophy and Religious Thought: Jesse Murphy, Randy Ackerman
Physical Education & Health: Kylie Izzi
Psychology: Andrew Babb
Services for Academic Success: Brittney Penberthy
Theater Arts: Nicole Ruske, Cathy Daem, Josh Morris, Tamera Whipple
International Programs: Julio Freitas

Walker, Kastelitz honored at athletic banquet

At the Rocky Mountain College Athletic Awards Banquet, award winners were honored in each of Rocky Mountain College's 12 varsity sports as well as a number of prestigious school awards. Below, you will find a complete listing of the award winners.

SPECIAL SCHOOL AWARDS:

Outstanding Contributor Awards - Awarded by the coaching staff for contribution to all of the athletic programs and for time and service over the years.
Mike Walker - RMC '91
Rod Kastelitz - RMC '91

Toby Kangas Memorial/ NAIA Champions of Character Award - Awarded to the student/athlete who best exemplifies the five characteristics that the NAIA embraces: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Leadership and Sportsmanship.
Chawn Johnson - Lancaster,

Calif. (Men's Basketball)

Coaches Awards - Recognizes senior athletes for their coachability, loyalty, hard work, and for being a great teammate...the kind of athlete all of the coaches would like to coach.
Hailey Pearce - Walla Walla, Wash. (Volleyball)
Gretchen Wall - Missoula, Mont. (Women's Basketball)

Frank Mathew Award - Outstanding Underclass Male Athlete; In honor of legendary former Rocky coach, mentor and member of the RMC Hall of Fame.
Tim Bastian - Miles City, Mont. (Football)

Helen Mathew Award - Outstanding Underclass Female Athlete; In honor of Frank's wife, who continues to be one of Rocky's best fans.
Diane Alcantara - Hillsboro, Ore. (Women's Golf)

Clara Klindt Award - Outstanding Senior Female Athlete; In memory of the legendary coach's wife who has donated almost 1 million dollars to RMC and who passed away in the fall of 2007.

Rachel Warren - Billings, Mont. (Women's Golf)

Herb Klindt Award - Outstanding Senior Male Athlete; In memory of legendary RMC coach who started the football and basketball programs in the 1930s at Rocky and coached for over 30 years Cooper Warren - Billings, Mont. (Men's Basketball)

Arthur and Linda DeRosier Award - Recognizes the outstanding senior athlete that represents the true spirit of Rocky Mountain College; the award comes from the late President Arthur and his wife Linda DeRosier in memory of their son who was killed by a drunk driver.
Carlie Breen - Three Forks, Mont. (Women's Golf)

President's Award - Recognizes an athlete for his/her leadership, work ethic, attitude in the classroom and in competition, community involvement, and overall contribution to Rocky Mountain College.
Jason Hagadone - Townsend, Mont. (Football)

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