

THESE DAYS AT RIPON

BRIEFS

VOICES OF RESPECT AWARD

The campus chapter of Amnesty International received the second Voices of Respect Award for its spring panel discussion on violence against women. Held last April, the panel included Director of Communicating Plus Deano Pape, Professor of Spanish Michelle Fuerch, Assistant Librarian Ane Carriveau and senior Rebecca DeVries. A candlelight vigil followed the panel which was co-sponsored by Alpha Chi Omega. The Voices award has been implemented by the college's Task Force on Respect. Each semester, the task force recognizes a campus organization for "making a significant contribution by promoting respect, raising awareness of issues related to respect and/or prompting solutions to problems associated with disrespect and incivility among people."

BAUER '06 HELPS AT PGA TOURNEY

As the 86th Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Championship tournament brought the top golfers in the world to Whistling Straits near Kohler, Wis., this summer, Zena Bauer was right in the mix. Although she has never golfed, the junior from Green Bay, Wis., attended the event as a representative of Schneider National, a corporate patron for the PGA tour. Bauer spent last summer as an intern in the marketing department at the transportation company's headquarters in Green Bay. Part of her responsibilities included making arrangements for Schneider leadership personnel, their customers and vendors to enjoy a business/leisure week at the PGA event. Prior to the tournament, Bauer organized invitees and attendees, communicated with the 400-plus attendees involved, created databases to track customer details and distributed event tickets and gifts.



Zena Bauer '06

MORGAN '06 SCORES BOOKS FOR TANZANIAN CHILDREN

In Tanzania, only seven percent of the country's school-age children are enrolled in school. At one private secondary school, the shabby textbooks are so rare, that each is shared by three to four students. A.J. Morgan, a junior from Waterford, Wis., experienced the less-than-adequate education system of Tanzania firsthand during a semester abroad there last spring.

"The education system is terrible," says Morgan in an article published in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in August. "It's a country that's ravaged by AIDS and poverty, and the government has very little money, and what it has is not allocated to the education system." The experience prompted him to action.

Upon his return to the states, Morgan visited Waterford Union High School, his alma mater, and collected 350 used science textbooks. The school added a set of algebra textbooks this fall. Obtaining the books was easy. Sending them to the African nation proved much more difficult and expensive — roughly \$1,000. So, Morgan, whose father is a retired prison warden, then turned to the Racine Correctional Institution (RCI).

Morgan organized a basketball benefit last August, pitting the RCI All Stars against a pickup team of Waterford-area college students. The object: to raise money to help send the textbooks to Tanzania. Inmates paid \$1.75 each to get into the game. Some contributed more than the admission price, giving up to \$10 even though they make as little as eight cents an hour. More than 200 inmates crowded the gymnasium for the event which raised more than \$300.

The Waterford Lions Club chipped in an additional \$500, and Morgan used the money to send a good share of the books to Tanzania.

In case you're curious, the college pickup team beat the RCI All Stars, 78-75, but the real winners are half a world away.



A.J. Morgan '06 visits with Tanzanian children while in the country during an off-campus semester last spring.

FELD '06: LEAD NOT CAUSE OF BIRD DECLINE

The decline in bird population at Rush Lake isn't necessarily related to the high levels of lead in the wetland, according to a recent study by Daniel Feld, a junior from Sheboygan, Wis.



Dan Feld '06

Feld presented his findings at the 27th Annual Midwest Environmental Chemistry Workshop. His presentation summarized the results of research conducted last summer at Rush Lake, a prairie wetland just north of Ripon. Working with Associate Professor of Chemistry Colleen Byron and Adjunct Professor of Biology Bill Brooks '60, Feld focused his research on the effects of high lead concentrations on the living species in the marsh. "It has been theorized that lead is one of the causes of a large decline in the number of breeding birds on Rush Lake," says Feld. He says that due to extensive hunting since the 1840s, it has been estimated that more than 272,000 kg of lead shot can be found in the top meter of sediment in Rush Lake.

This shot, as well as lead dissolved through waterfowl digestive processes, is accessible to birds and invertebrates in the ecosystem.

His research, which included the study of lead levels in invertebrates and eggshells

collected from Rush Lake in comparison to eggshells collected outside the area, including store-bought chicken eggs, led Feld to the conclusion that the lead shot in Rush Lake does not appear to be as much of a problem as originally speculated.

Feld found no significant difference in the lead concentrations between any of the Rush Lake eggshells and the chicken eggshells except for the Forster's Tern, which had a significantly lower concentration. "This is interesting because, while almost all species of birds have been declining in number at Rush Lake, the Forster's Tern is one of two on the state's endangered list," says Feld. He says the results of his research basically eliminate the possibility that the decline in bird population at Rush Lake is related to lead ingestion.

It does appear, however, that a lack of water level fluctuation caused by a dam on Waukau Creek, the lake's sole outlet, is preventing bulrush seeds from germinating, thus producing a lack of food and habitat for other organisms, including birds, according to Feld.

Feld's research opportunity was made possible by a grant from the Merck Undergraduate Science Research program. The Midwest Environmental Chemistry Workshop, hosted by the Environmental Chemistry and Technology Program and the Water Resources Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, has become the preeminent venue for Midwestern graduate students in environmental science to discuss their research, meet their colleagues, and develop their careers.

LEACH '07 OVERALL CHAMP AT 'FALL NATIONALS'

Sophomore Liz Leach of Pickett, Wis., was named overall novice tournament champion at the 57th annual Bradley University Forensics Tournament in November. Leach advanced to the final rounds in four events, including a tournament championship in informative speaking.

"Bradley's tournament is accurately referred to as 'fall nationals' because the competition is incredible and the number of events is much larger than any other tournament other than nationals," says Steve Martin '96, director of forensics. Thirty-eight colleges and universities from throughout the country were in attendance, including nearly all of the top-25 programs, Martin adds.



Brenda Nemetz '07



Colin Rafferty '05



Guy McHendry '06

Sophomore Brenda Nemetz of Sussex, Wis., advanced her prose interpretation event through a field of 67 entries to finish sixth in the final round of competition.

The Bradley tournament wrapped up a successful fall for the forensics program. Leach secured two more championships at the Twin Cities Forensics League tournament (informative speaking) and the Mid-American Forensics League tournament (persuasive speaking) earlier in the year.

Just four members of the team competed in the Twin Cities tournament, still Ripon took fourth place in the team sweepstakes. In addition to Leach, Colin Rafferty, a senior from St. Charles, Ill., won the prose interpretation championship.



Liz Leach '07 presents during last spring's pre-nationals showcase.

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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC HONORED

The Green Lake Festival of Music was among four recipients of the 2004 Wisconsin Governor's Award in Support of the Arts. The Wisconsin Foundation for the Arts, which presented the awards, produced a special video highlighting the contributions and history of each recipient. The video aired throughout the state on commercial and cable television.

Included prominently in the video was Ripon College. The College has been instrumental in the festival since its founding in 1979. The festival, which celebrated its 25th year in 2004, has a clear mission of entertaining, inspiring and educating through performances and activities. Each summer the festival, headquartered on campus, hosts a two-week chamber music

workshop for talented students and a four-day choral institute for adult vocalists. A series of eight to 12 chamber music concerts are also performed.



Austin Wenker '05

Senior Austin Wenker of Eldorado, Wis., participated in the festival's chamber workshop last summer, performing both the violin and piano. Wenker is only the second Ripon student to participate in the program since its inception six years ago, according to Jeannette Kreston, the festival's executive director. A double major in music and art, Wenker says music is like breathing. "I couldn't live without it," he says.

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

■ In the annual report issue of Ripon Magazine, the alumni giving percentage at Lawrence University, as listed in a graph, should have been 48.4 percent, not 39.82 percent.

■ The name of Rose Reichhart, a junior from Cedarburg, Wis., was misspelled in the sports section of the summer issue of Ripon Magazine.

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ONE OF 15 NATIONALLY

Senior John Karijolic was one of 15 nationally to receive a 2004 Solvay Pharmaceuticals Student Research Fellowship to study Crohn's disease. A biology major with a chemistry minor, Karijolic has spent the past four years researching the inflammatory bowel disease. Under the supervision of two doctors at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Karijolic used the fellowship, valued at between \$1,500 and \$2,000, to research the characterization of the bacterial flora in gastrointestinal health and disease. According to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, who administers the Solvay fellowships, such characterization could lead to the development of better treatments for Crohn's disease.



John Karijolic '05

STAR MERGES WITH SAVE

The 60 chapters of Students Talking About Respect (STAR) have become part of Students Against Violence Everywhere (SAVE). STAR's chapters, located primarily in the upper Midwest, have merged with more than 1,000 SAVE chapters, primarily located in the South.

Based in North Carolina, SAVE shares STAR's mission to provide schools with violence-prevention programming, says Jody Roy, associate professor of communication and a cofounder and executive director of STAR. "As the two groups come at the problem from different angles, the merger of our materials sets will provide schools with a more well-balanced, comprehensive strategy set to prevent youth violence," she says. All of STAR's materials are now available to schools via SAVE, and members of the STAR team will continue to work with SAVE on program development and training.

JOURNAL ENTRY

Professor of Psychology Tim Petersik '73 has had an article, "Factors Influencing the Ability to Detect Motion Reversals in Rotation Simulations," published in the journal *Spacial Vision*.



College Hosts Second Ramadan Meal

A Ramadan meal and optional fast, sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Club, included presentations by guest speakers from the Fox Valley Islamic Society and others who addressed the purpose of fasting in other religions. The menu included halal food and ethnic dishes from different parts of the Muslim world. Brian Smith, professor of religion, says that fasting "has always had an important place in many of the world's religions. Jews, Christians, Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists all use this practice to build spiritual strength and recommit themselves to the important values and goals in their lives."

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Among the 12 schools competing in the two Mid-American tournaments, Ripon placed third and tied for fourth. The team qualified 10 of its 16 events for national competition by placing in the top six in each event. Guy McHendry, a junior from Federal Heights, Colo., claimed tournament champion in communication analysis.

THEATRE PRODUCTION CHOSEN FOR REGIONAL FESTIVAL

A scene from the theatre department's production of Federico Garica Lorca's "Blood Wedding" was selected for a showcase performance at the Region III Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival (ACTF).

"This is the highest honor for an associate production," according to Bob Amsden, professor and chair of the theatre department.

This is the second time that a Ripon production has been selected, he says. The first was "Escape from Happiness" in 2001.

"Blood Wedding," a modern Spanish tragedy combining flamenco song, dance and poetry, was originally performed on campus in November. Wisconsin seniors Stephanie Hasz of Pardeeville, Amber Kind-Keppel of Grafton and Katherine Schoofs of Hatley, and sophomore Lauren Rusch of Manawa, Wis., spent a portion of the winter break rehearsing a scene with director and Associate Professor of Theatre Ken Hill



Lauren Rusch '07, left, and Amber Kind-Keppel '05 rehearse a scene from "Blood Wedding." A scene from the production was selected for a showcase performance in the Region III Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.

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and sophomore stage manager Joe Truesdale of Oshkosh, Wis. The group presented their showcase performance before approximately 800 of their peers from colleges and universities from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio.

In addition to performing as a group, five Ripon students were selected to compete as individuals. At the theatre festival, actors, actresses and stage managers compete for scholarships, recognition and a chance to participate in an intensive acting workshop. Kind-Keppel, Rusch and Truesdale were selected from "Blood Wedding" to compete individually. Sophomore Jeff Dodson of Woodland Park, Colo., and senior Chelsey Patti of Greendale, Wis., were selected to compete for their performances in last spring's production of Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapine Agile," also directed by Hill. Andrea Williams '04, who is currently working toward her master's degree in costume design at the University of Arkansas, was awarded (in absentia) a certificate of merit in costume design at the festival.

The theatre department has been participating in the festival since 1997, sending numerous students to compete in the audition competition. The department has been awarded a total of six certificates of merit in the areas of design and directing, says Amsden.

The ACTF has for more than 30 years nurtured college and university theatre by sponsoring the regional and national festivals. Competing and showcase performances are invited to participate in the festival after a respondent watches performances on college campuses. The best productions are then chosen to represent their schools at the regional festivals where they compete for selection in the national competition.

STUDENTS SPARK DEAF AWARENESS

Sophomore transfer student Ashley Nuter of Racine, Wis., is used to accommodating others. "All of my life, I've had to adapt to others in order to make them feel comfortable with my disability," she says. Nuter found a different atmosphere at Ripon, however — an atmosphere she can certainly get used to. Nuter, who has been deaf since birth, says she was afraid of not being accepted at Ripon because of being different. "I was worried that I wouldn't be able to fit in," she says. Her concern quickly dissipated. "Students are outgoing and understanding, and the professors are accommodating and encouraging. Ripon College is the best decision I could have made regarding my education," she says.

After spending her first year of college at another institution, Nuter says she didn't feel challenged as a student. Katie Braun, also a sophomore from Racine and a childhood friend, suggested Nuter give Ripon a try. "I visited Ripon last spring and I was so impressed with how I was able to interact with students despite the fact that we have different languages," says Nuter.

Last year, Braun was instrumental in forming the Flying Hands Club. The club, according to Braun, is dedicated to teaching sign language and raising awareness about the deaf culture. Braun, who has been deaf in one ear since third grade, says she



Katie Braun '07, left, and Ashley Nuter '07 speak using sign language to a group gathered at the Flying Hands Club fall festival "The Silent Treatment."

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February 22

Ripon Forum on Ethics and Oratory
Keynote

February 26

Parent Board Meeting

March 9

Chicago Alumni Event: Looking Glass
Theatre Production

March 12-20

Spring Break

April 1-2

Alumni Board Meetings
Ripon College Film Festival

April 5

Ripon Forum on Ethics and Oratory
Youth Summit

April 13

Awards Convocation

May 5-11

Final Exams

May 15

Commencement

May 16-June 3

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June 4

Board of Trustees Spring Meeting

June 24-26

Alumni Weekend

December

Men's Basketball Team trip to Hawaii
Women's Basketball Team trip to San
Antonio, Texas

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WALLACE WINS

Professor of Biology Bob Wallace was awarded the Out Of This World Teaching Idea at the 2004 annual meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators. Wallace shared a new approach for improving his students' methods writings. He also presented the poster, "Teaching Population Growth Using Cultures of Vinegar Eels, *Turbatrix aceti* (Nematoda)" at the meeting. Wallace has also recently completed work on an instructor's manual for a marine biology text.

VANCE '07 SINGS

Benjamin Vance, a sophomore from Fontana, Wis., was one of six vocalists to advance to the final round of the 2004 Walworth County Fair's Country Idol competition last September. Competing for a chance to perform as the opening act for country singer Travis Tritt's concert at the fair, Vance survived two semi-final rounds before being eliminated by an audience vote.



Benjamin Vance '07

AWARD FROM ACM

Biology Professors Bob Wallace and Lori Bergeron have each received Enhancing Scholarly Agenda (ESA) awards of \$3,000. The money was dispersed by the Associated Colleges of the Midwest as part of a Faculty Career Enhancement (FaCE) grant provided by The Mellon Foundation. Selection of award recipients was made by a review committee of three deans from ACM colleges and the FaCE director.

POSTER PRESENTATION

Together with senior Nikola Bjelos, Assistant Professor of Biology Lori Bergeron '95 presented a poster, titled "Actinomyces naeslundii pathogenesis," at the 64th Annual Meeting of the North Central Branch of the American Society of Microbiology in November in Madison, Wis.



Roy Receives National Speakers Award

Associate Professor of Com-

munication Jody Roy, second from left, holds the 2004 Jeanne Robertson Outstanding Professor Award she received from the National Speakers Association (NSA). Joining Roy, from left, are Instructor of Communication Steve Martin, NSA Past President Chris Clarke-Epstein and President David C. Joyce. Clarke-Epstein presented the award to Roy in a ceremony on campus in September. The NSA is the leading organization for professional speakers. The award, named for a past NSA president, is designed to encourage research in oral communication and to reward outstanding communication and persuasion instructors. Roy, as co-founder of Students Talking About Respect, also received a Charming Shoppes VOICES award for "making a difference in the community." Charming Shoppes is the parent company of Lane Bryant, Fashion Bug and Catherine stores.

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formed the club to share the language with others at Ripon. "Sign language has been a passion of mine for a long time and it is not offered at Ripon because it is not considered an academic language — one that is written," says Braun.

Braun has known Nuter since they were five years old when Nuter tried teaching her sign language in kindergarten. She says she didn't organize the Flying Hands Club for Nuter's benefit or for the benefit of other deaf or hearing impaired, but rather for the benefit of those who can hear. "I thought that it was to the college's advantage to learn about this type of language and the culture of deafness," says Braun.

Nuter says she had never considered attending a college specifically for deaf students, "I'm a non-conformist. I like to step out and challenge people. I like to step out in an environment where deafness is little known and spread knowledge about the deaf culture," she says.

"Having Ashley in class has been a learning experience," according to Professor of Biology Skip Wittler. Due to the large number of new vocabulary words associated with his introductory science courses, Wittler has made an effort to change his teaching style to better accommodate Nuter's needs and the needs of her interpreter. Wittler now writes out vocabulary on the chalkboard more frequently.

Wittler, like much of the campus community, has been receptive to learning new skills to be more helpful to Nuter and others with hearing difficulties. In December, the Flying Hands Club presented "The Silent Treatment," an event focusing on the lives of and challenges faced by deaf people. The event offered participants the chance to learn sign language, gain insight into the life of deaf people and receive information on how to prevent hearing loss. A silent auction also raised money for "Paws with a Cause," a national organization which trains assistance dogs for people with disabilities.

"The Silent Treatment" was the first campus-wide event sponsored by the Flying Hands Club, which now has 10 members.

ALUMNI BOARD GAINS FIVE NEW MEMBERS

Five alumni recently joined the alumni association board of directors:

■ Bradley W. Alberts '92 of Southlake, Texas, is the assistant vice

president of sales at the Southwest Sports Group and has co-hosted Dallas-area alumni events. A former assistant basketball coach at Ripon, he is a member of the college's athletic hall of fame and was honored with the Samuel N. Pickard Award as a senior. He has established an endowed scholarship in honor of his parents William and Marilyn Alberts.

■ Katherine J. Babcock '80 is an English teacher at Waukegan, Ill., High School. She is the member of several educational planning councils in her school district and was recognized by the National Association of High Schools with their "Educator of the Year" Award in 1997. Babcock received an honorary degree from Ripon at the 1999 Commencement. She was elected to the Alumni Board in 1991 but chose not to run for a second term.

■ Joanne Klawiter Cochrane '51 of Lake Bluff, Ill., is a retired choral department assistant and accompanist. She taught at Lake Forest, Ill., High School. Cochrane is the 1951 class agent and is involved with various volunteer activities. She is married to James F. Cochrane '52 and has four children.

■ Kristin Kohles Janssen '82 works as an office administrator at Fox Valley Plastic Surgery, S.C., the practice of her husband, Dr. David Janssen '81. The Janssens have been long time donors and supporters of the College. They live in Oshkosh, Wis., and have four children.

■ Julie Lynch Kummer '85 of Sarasota, Fla., is an adjunct professor in the department of Social Sciences at Manatee Community College and works at the Ringling Museum of Art in sales and membership. She has helped coordinate alumni events in Florida and has volunteered for the office of admission. Kummer also established a scholarship in honor of her grandparents Maj. Gen. and Mrs. William Blakefield '39/'41.



Bradley W.
Alberts '92



Katherine J.
Babcock '80



Joanne Klawiter
Cochrane '51



Kristin Kohles
Janssen '82



Julie Lynch
Kummer '85

AMERICORPS*VISTA PROMOTES BILINGUAL LITERACY

To the college's AmeriCorps*VISTA members Kate Hersey '04 and Dana Olson '04 the growing Hispanic population in and around Ripon suggested a service-learning opportunity. The pair has been working on a bilingual literacy project designed to help bridge the cultural divide by implementing both language learning and diversity programming which targets all students regardless of their background.

The project involves obtaining full-text bilingual children's books and making them available in elementary school classrooms and libraries, as well as offering two series of bilingual readings — one through the local library and another through the school district's Building Resiliency, Assets and Values in Everyone (BRAVE) after-school tutoring and activities program. The project, according to Hersey and Olson will culminate with a book fair focusing on bilingual books.

Raven Tree Press, a publishing company in Green Bay specializing in bilingual children's books, has proven supportive. Hersey says the company is so eager to help with the project that they have offered to sell the books for roughly a fourth of their

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M&I DONATES \$75,000 FOR LIBRARY

A grant from the Marshall and Ilsley Foundation Inc. will provide \$75,000 over three years to support technology and capital improvements in the college's Lane Library. The grant will be used for the purchase of a new information and data retrieval system, installation of new material storage systems, the completion of exterior capital improvements and renovation of interior space, according to Valerie Viers, assistant librarian and chair of the department. "The library is a significant central player in the college," says Vice President and Dean of Faculty William Schang. "We need to give our students access to books, articles and resources the way they need access." The proposed technology and capital improvement program addresses critical, near-term needs that enhance access to library resources and strengthen the college's capacity to serve the growing and expanding interests of students and faculty.

RESIDENCE LIFE EARNS AWARD

A Ripon program took first place in the professional staff category at the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities 2004 Residence Life Student Staff Conference. Scott Mundro, Quads hall director, and Jessica Joanis, Tri-Dorms/Johnson Hall director, accepted the award for their "Residence Hall Director Round-Up" program.

RIPON HAWK EDUCATES

Cindy Viertel, counselor, and Kathy Welch-Krause, college nurse, worked together during the fall semester to form Ripon HAWK (Health and Wellness "K"oalition). Rather than struggle with coercing students to come to the source of information, they have mostly taken the information out to students, according to Dean of Students Chris Ogle '80. The pair made use of the bulletin boards in the Harwood Memorial Union as one source of information and also produced packets of information to provide to housing staff for distribution. Topics included sexual assault, depression awareness, cancer awareness, the Great American Smokeout, women's health issues and stress management.

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PRESENTS AT CONFERENCE

Assistant Professor of Educational Studies Suzanne Katz presented "Arts Integration in the Content Area Classroom" at the annual conference of the National Middle School Association in Minneapolis last November. She will also present "Addressing Student Held Beliefs Concerning Diversity: Lessons from a Rural College's Education Studies Program" at the Conference on Anti-Oppressive Education in San Francisco this July.

ONE OF THE BEST

Ripon has been named one of The Best 357 Colleges by The Princeton Review in its 2005 edition of the same name. The guide – published by the New York-based

company known for its education, admission and test-prep services – names Ripon as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education and as a best bargain. The review features school profiles and ranks colleges and

universities in 64 categories covering topics ranging from academics and financial aid to student body interests in politics, sports and other aspects of campus life. Ripon is ranked fifth among private best bargain colleges. Other rankings include 12th for "students happy with financial aid;" 16th for "great college radio station;" and 19th for "everyone plays intramural sports."



COLLEGE BENEFITS FROM ESTATE GIFTS

The College is the beneficiary of several estate gifts. Ripon received unrestricted funds in the amount of nearly \$22,000 from the estate of Jean Talbot '16 and \$10,000 from the estate of Barbara Zimay Riel '57, according to Bill Neill '67, special assistant to the president. Talbot was a charter member of the college's Partners in the Legacy and her gift was made in memory of her sister, Jessie Talbot '09. Riel was a 23-year donor to the College.

retail cost. The publishers at Raven Tree have also volunteered assistance for the book fair, says Hersey. "They not only offered to participate in the book fair, but they also volunteered to provide some of their authors and illustrators to interact with the families and sign books," she says.

While pleasantly surprised by Raven Tree's generous offer, Hersey and Olson say they realize that it will take more than books and a book fair to make the project successful. Money and volunteerism are both key components needed in order get the project running, they say. "Our job is to make the opportunities available, however, after they become a reality, we must hand the reigns to willing volunteers," says Hersey.

A \$500 National Education Association Youth Leaders for Literacy grant will help fund the project. Student volunteers from Ripon's educational studies and Spanish departments will provide the manpower. Hersey and Olson have established a bilingual literacy leadership committee, a group of nine student volunteers led by senior Kathleen Kirch. "For college students interested in learning Spanish, teaching or just helping out in the community, this project offers many opportunities," says Kirch, a Spanish major from Milwaukee. "Students will gain experience with lesson planning and working directly with students as well as all the preliminary work involved in establishing the program," she says.

The project will tap into the BRAVE program by formulating lesson plans that incorporate the bilingual books and teaching those lessons as part of the after-school program. "College students will help teachers by writing accelerated reader quizzes for the bilingual books like those that exist for books in English. Also, with sessions through the after-school program, volunteers will read the story in Spanish and English, and then organize language and other activities based on the books," says Kirch.

The goal is to reach not only Spanish-speaking students and their families, but English-speaking students as well, say Hersey and Olson. BRAVE program coordinator Rick Ketter says previous attempts to reach out to the growing Hispanic population of Ripon have failed mainly due to language and transportation obstacles. "I think the bilingual literacy project could help overcome some of those barriers. Bilingual full-text books will allow students and their families to read together at home," says Ketter. "This is also a great opportunity to expose the English speaking students to the Hispanic culture and Spanish language. Gaining appreciation for other cultures and languages is important in our diverse society," he says.

Ripon College student activity groups, including the Black Student Union (BSU) and the English honor society Sigma Tau Delta, have already pledged to offer their assistance through volunteerism and fundraising, say Hersey and Olson.



Smith Hall Latest Wood Replica

Downtown Ripon's Goosebeary Village Sampler is

now offering the third installment of campus building replicas in wood. Smith Hall joins similar cutouts of Bartlett Hall and the Harwood Memorial Union. The college replicas are part of a developing series of historic landmarks in and around the city of Ripon. The piece may be ordered from Goosebeary Village Sampler at a cost of \$16.99 plus tax, shipping and handling. Call 920-748-1233 or visit their Web site at www.goosebearys.com. The Harwood Union replica was displayed on the Christmas tree at the Wisconsin Governor's Mansion in Madison during the holidays.



Alumnus Returns to Share Insight

Oussama El-Hilali '89, a native of Morocco, addresses members of Professor of Religion Brian Smith's "Ethics in International Affairs" class.

A senior product manager at Veritas Software in Bloomington, Minn., El-Hilali returned to alma mater to speak to several classes in October. He shared his views on the ethical uses of violence in Islam and spoke about his personal experiences as a Muslim living in the United States after 9/11. He also presented "Got a Plan? The Choices of a Computer Science Career" in one of Associate Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science Kris Peters' classes. El-Hilali is the uncle of senior Ziad Khan and Samia Khan '04. Other classroom guests included: Trustee Marti Spittell Ziegelbauer '82 who shared her years of experience as a television and radio personality with the first-year studies media courses; Darina Malova, senior political science lecturer at Comenius University in Slovakia, who spoke in Professor of Politics and Government Marty Farrell's classes on "The Eastward Enlargement of the European Union: The Cases of the Czech Republic and Slovakia;" and Rita Ramnarayan, a Bombay native who now teaches in Mequon, Wis., who spoke about the basic beliefs of Hinduism to Smith's "Comparative World Religions" class.

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SIX STEP DOWN FROM BOARD

Six Trustees with a combined service total of 88 years on the board have resigned. Thomas Altholz '72, Ryan Amacher '67, Steven Kent '72, Robert Lambert '52, Scott Nyquist '69 and Richard Threlkeld '59 were recognized for their commitment to Ripon at the board's annual meeting in October.

■ Altholz, president of TIA Solutions in Highland Park, Ill., served 15 years on the board beginning in 1989 as an alumni representative. Previously a member of the Alumni Board, he has served on trustee committees related to development, capital campaign, nominations and admissions. He is a charter member of Ripon's Partners in the Legacy planned-giving society.

■ Amacher served on the board for 12 years. He was a member of the Alumni Board from 1989-92

and is a recipient of a distinguished alumni citation from Ripon. He has served on trustee committees related to academic and student affairs. He is a professor of economics and a former president at the



Thomas Altholz '72



Ryan Amacher '67



Steven Kent '72

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SCHOLAR NAMED FOR ETHICS, ORATORY FORUM

James R. Andrews, professor emeritus of communication and culture, American studies and Victorian studies at Indiana University, will serve as the first scholar



James R. Andrews

for the Ripon Forum on Ethics and Oratory. The forum is designed to bring together undergraduate students and renowned scholars to collaboratively analyze the oratory of America's greatest leaders, according to Jody Roy, associate professor of communication. The forum is a project of the communication department and is sponsored, in part, by grants from Ripon's Ethical Leadership Institute and Communicating Plus.

Andrews, the recipient of the National Communication Association's 1997 Donald Ecroyd Award for Distinguished Teaching in Higher Education and Indiana University's Sylvia E. Bowman Award for Distinguished Teaching, will provide the forum's keynote address "Rhetorical Leadership and the Struggle for an Ethical Culture," Feb. 22 in Great Hall.

The forum will also include a youth summit April 5, as a unique, interactive learning experience for high school students, says Roy. Designed and conducted by Ripon's senior communication majors, in consultation with department faculty and Andrews, the youth summit will focus on the ethics, oratory and leadership of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Participating high school students will develop a deeper understanding of the historical significance of King's work, discover the intricacies of eloquence in his "I Have a Dream" speech and engage in workshop sessions about the role of ethics and oratory in leadership, Roy says. Special professional development sessions will be planned for high school educators accompanying students to the summit.

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RCTV ANALYZES ISSUES

Last fall with the presidential election looming and political events on the minds of the American public, Ripon College Television (RCTV) provided "Across the Spectrum," a forum to learn more about the issues. The show, hosted by Guy McHendry, a junior from Federal Heights, Colo., featured two students — sophomore Tim Nikolai of St. Jacob, Ill., and senior Chris Wyckoff of Chino Hills, Calif. — as representatives from opposing sides of the political spectrum. Each week the two discussed current events and pressing political issues, making a point to be as informed and up-to-date as possible, according to Craig Sauer, executive producer of the program. "I really like the idea of students talking about politics in a public forum," says Sauer, a senior from Columbus, Wis. "It catches the interest of college students who wouldn't normally watch politics on TV because it is their peers talking about it." Sauer says he developed the idea for the show as a way to get people talking about the important issues.

WIRELESS

HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE

The college's information technology services department has added wireless computer access to locations across campus. According to the department's director Ron Haefner, wireless network access is available in the Pickard Commons, the Terrace of Bovay Hall, the Communicating Plus Center and Lane Library. Wireless-enabled laptops are also available for check out for use within the library. "Wireless access in these areas serves to complement the wired access available across the campus in residence halls, classrooms, technology labs and most other areas," says Haefner. The wireless access makes use of the highest currently available wireless technology, adds Haefner.

WRPN-FM DOUBLES POWER

As of October WRPN-FM has more than doubled its broadcast power, increasing its wattage from 230 to 550. The boost in power provides a listening radius of approximately 20 miles. Coupled with a renewed FCC license through November 2012, the campus radio station remains a vital organization on campus and beyond.



Robert Lambert '52



Scott Nyquist '69



Richard Threlkeld '59

University of Texas-Arlington.

■ Kent, the managing director for corporate finance at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc. in Chicago, was a 15-year member of the board. A member of the Alumni Board from 1977-89, he served that

group as president. He has served on the trustee subcommittee for facilities and technology.

■ Lambert, a retired aviation industry executive, joined the board in 1975 as an alumni representative. He served as vice chair from 1986-88 and as chair from 1989-97. He has served on numerous board committees, including the executive, audit, buildings and grounds, capital campaign, finance, investments and nominations committees. He chaired the development committee. A charter member of the Partners in the Legacy, Lambert has also been recognized as a Benefactor for his lifetime of philanthropy for Ripon.

■ Nyquist served a term as an alumni representative to the board. A regional sales director for Penford Food Ingredients, he has served on the academic affairs, annual fund, admissions and alumni, and capital campaign committees. He served on the Alumni Board from 1991-2003, including a term as president. He is also a Partner in the Legacy.

■ Threlkeld, a retired national news correspondent for CBS News, spent 14 years on the board. A recipient of both a distinguished alumni citation and an honorary degree from the College, he has served on trustee committees including academic affairs and the annual fund.

CASTILLO '06 RECOGNIZED FOR 'RISING ABOVE'

Three years ago, Oakland, Calif., television station KRON4 recognized junior Alejandro Castillo-Terriquez, then a senior in high school, as a Student Rising Above. He was president of the student body. "He made it look easy," said the reporter.



Alejandro Castillo-Terriquez '06

Castillo's story of success, however, is a difficult one. According to the news story, Castillo's family, migrants from Mexico, felt education was a waste of time, and he was forced to "sneak out" to attend school. "They want me to stop going to school and get a real job to help support the family. But I tell them I can help more if I go to college," said Castillo in the original 2002 interview with the station.

Following years of poverty and family difficulties, Castillo's parents returned to Mexico, but he stayed. At just 15, he supported himself with odd jobs and tutoring fellow students. He taught himself English and worked as a translator. KRON4 awarded Castillo a Students Rising Above scholarship.

While back in Oakland during his summer break last year, the station aired a follow-up story on Castillo, who was working as an instructor at Holy Names College. "Alejandro is back in Oakland this summer, trying to spread the word to other bright, low-income kids that they, too, can make it," said the reporter in a segment that aired in August.

Castillo, a biology and Spanish double major, hopes to become a doctor and serve the community he once struggled to survive in.

To view the video segment on Castillo or to learn more about the KRON4 Students Rising Above scholarship fund, visit the station's Web site at www.kron4.com.



Here Today... Environmental sculptor and Milwaukee native Roy Staab works on an installation outside the C.J. Rodman Center for the Arts. Staab constructed the sculpture in September and October using natural plant materials found in and around the Ceresco Prairie Conservancy. Staab describes his work as “installations where interactions are created between nature and suspended work.” He uses materials such as saplings, reeds and grass to create sculptures that can last only hours, weeks or sometimes months depending solely upon the weather. He documents his pieces by taking photographs which are shown in galleries. Staab’s sculpture and exhibit were part of the 2004-05 Caestecker Fine Arts Series.

Sal De Los Angeles '05 photos

THREE NEW FACULTY

Ripon College welcomed three new full-time faculty last fall.

■ Geoff Guevara-Geer '92 has joined the Romance and Classical languages department as an assistant professor of Spanish. He came from the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, where he was also an assistant professor of Spanish. Guevara-Geer earned bachelor's degrees in Spanish, philosophy and French at



Geoff Guevara-Geer '92



James D. Mardock



Maurice Cortez Sheppard

Ripon and later received his master's and doctorate in Spanish from Pennsylvania State University. He received the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, an award given to five untenured scholars each year to do research in specific topics.

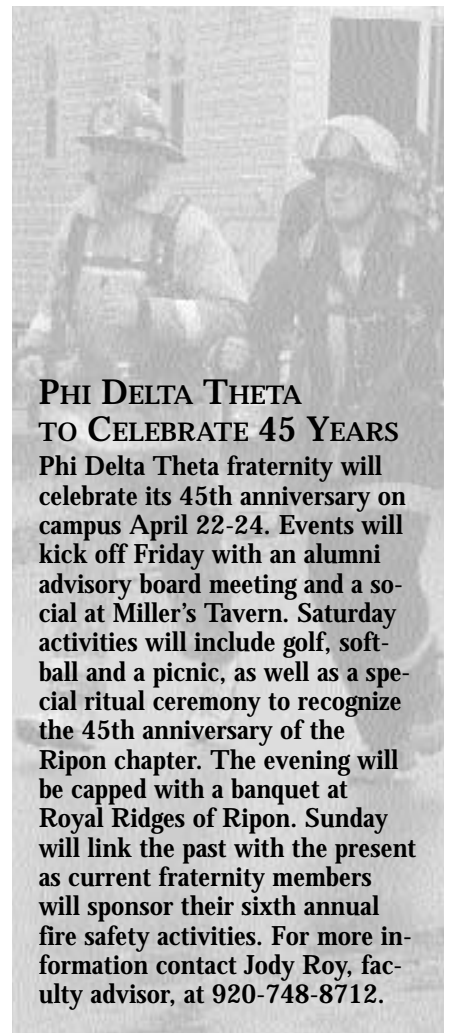
■ James D. Mardock is an assistant professor of English. A graduate of the University of Kansas with degrees in English and pre-medicine, he holds a master's degree in Shakespeare studies from the University of Birmingham and another master's in English literature from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mardock recently received his doctorate in English literature with a minor in theatre and drama from the University of Wisconsin.

■ Maurice Cortez Sheppard is visiting assistant professor of politics and government. He received both his bachelor's degree in political science and his master's in public administration from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. He received his doctorate in political science from Western Michigan University where he has also taught. He has authored numerous publications, including the book *The Federal Election Commission: An Analysis of Democracy, Policy and Administration*. **R**

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HEFTY ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tom Hefty, adjunct professor of business administration, had a requested article published in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about Wisconsin leading the Midwest in job growth in 2004. Hefty is co-chair of the Governor's Economic Growth Council and serves as counsel for the Reinhart, Boerner and Van Deuren law firm in Milwaukee. Retired as chairman and CEO of Cobalt Corp., he is president of the Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation. He also had an article, "Facing Health Care Tradeoffs — Costs, Risks, and Uninsured" published in the LaFollette Policy Report, the newsletter of the Robert M. LaFollette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



PHI DELTA THETA TO CELEBRATE 45 YEARS

Phi Delta Theta fraternity will celebrate its 45th anniversary on campus April 22-24. Events will kick off Friday with an alumni advisory board meeting and a social at Miller's Tavern. Saturday activities will include golf, softball and a picnic, as well as a special ritual ceremony to recognize the 45th anniversary of the Ripon chapter. The evening will be capped with a banquet at Royal Ridges of Ripon. Sunday will link the past with the present as current fraternity members will sponsor their sixth annual fire safety activities. For more information contact Jody Roy, faculty advisor, at 920-748-8712.