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Man in the spotlight

There is little debate about the challenges that confronted Michael Mace when he was named RMC president almost a year ago. Since then he has mobilized the campus community to make critical changes . . .



PHOTO/ SEAN O'GRADY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of ENGLISH Dr. James Charlesworth is greeted by RMC President Michael Mace at the Second International Symposium on Religion and Culture.

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New P.A. director and medical director welcomed

Joe Tritchler isn't exactly coming back home. But he's no stranger to the Rocky Mountain College campus or this region.

The new director of Rocky's Physician Assistant Program filled in as academic coordinator for the program in 2002 for seven months.

His wife, Linda Christoffersen Tritchler, grew up due south of Billings in Byron, Wyo., and still has family there.

Originally from Minnesota, Tritchler received a bachelor's degree in microbiology

and master's degree in clinical lab science from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he completed his physician assistant training at Des Moines University in Iowa.

In April, he officially retired after 12 years with the U.S. Public Health Service. While with the PHS, he most recently was interim director of the Integrated Diabetes Education and Health Care Model Program in Cass Lake, Minn.

A distinguished general surgeon with almost 40 years of medical experience has come out of retirement to serve as medical director of the Rocky Mountain College Physician Assistant Program.

David E. Klein, M.D., who retired from active practice in July 2000, began his career in 1959 after earning his doctoral degree from Harvard Medical School. His B.A.was awarded by Dartmouth College.

From 1966 until his retirement Dr. Klein was a partner in Surgical Clinic, P.C., in Billings, serving on the medical staff of St. Vincent Hospital and Billings Deaconess Medical Center. He is a past president of the St. Vincent Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Klein was a founder-director of the St. Vincent Burn Team and a founder-director of the St. Vincent HELP Helicopter team.

He is a member of the Yellowstone Valley Medical Society, the Montana Medical Association, and is a Fellow of American College of Surgeons and a past president of the Montana-Wyoming Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

He was a member of the Southwestern Surgical Congress from 1974-2000 and since 1981 has been a member of the Western Surgical Society.

From 1986-1989 he served on the surgical faculty of the Wyoming Family Practice Residency Program in Casper.

Computer Science receives \$10,000 from Crytech

Rocky Mountain College's computer science department will benefit from a \$10,000 donation from First Interstate Bank and the First Interstate Bank Foundation.

Citing the high quality of Rocky Mountain College graduates, Jonathan Scott, president of Crytech.com, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First Interstate Bank, said his high tech company finds it difficult to develop skilled people and RMC has been a good resource for employees.

"Rocky graduates are exceptional. We want

to encourage them to stay local and we want to be involved in helping with that," Scott said.

K. Stuart Smith, RMC computer science professor, said the money would be used to upgrade labs with new computers and monitors.

"We're grateful to have this partnership with a technology employer," Smith said. "Crytech is an outstanding company and they present great opportunities to Rocky."



New admission director named

Laurie Rodriguez has been hired as RMC's new director of admissions.

A native of Laurel, Rodriguez graduated from Carroll College in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, concentrations in both management and finance.

While a student at Carroll, she completed internships with

Johnson Controls and Walt Disney World, Co.

In 2000, Rodriguez was hired as an admission counselor at Carroll College and soon after was promoted to assistant director

During her tenure at Carroll she served on various advisory committees, in addition to serving as both the student ambassador and dance team advisor.

The View from Prescott



PHOTO/DAVID GRUBBS BILLINGS GAZETTE

Only two months after assuming the presidency of Rocky Mountain College, Michael Mace invited Headstart children into the festively decorated Great Room at Prescott to read a Christmas story. There were dark shadows ahead, but Mace signaled with the story he chose how he would illuminate the path ahead. "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer" brightened the season for children, and for Rocky's coming year.

The Rocky fiscal year ended June 30, and what a year it has been.

There were happenings you could have expected: more excellent teaching by a great faculty, significant learning by students, and an excellent record again of graduates getting jobs or getting into grad school (100% of those returning the questionnaire). Once again U.S. News & World Report ranked us in the top ten for best comprehensive colleges in the West and the top ten for best buys in the West. Both our men and our women skiers finished second nationally, against schools of all sizes, not just NAIA schools. And seven of our twelve national skiers were Academic All-Americans as well. We also have an All-American golfer, Rachel Warren.

But, nobody could have predicted the financial turnaround Rocky has experienced. We started the year in a fragile financial condition, so much so that our accreditation was in danger. For five years in a row the college had suffered deficits in its operations budget, requiring more borrowing and depleting our reserves. But we ended the year with a surplus, com-

pared to a \$1.4 million deficit last year. That surplus went toward rebuilding our depleted undesignated reserve, also helped substantially by a million dollar gift from an anonymous donor. That same donor gave another \$2 million to the Rocky endowment.

And, all that good news led to the great news about our undergraduate accreditation being reaffirmed. Our Masters programs for Accountancy and Physician's Assistants were also accredited.

The letter from the President of the NWCCU stated: "The Commission commends Rocky Mountain College for the clarity of its mission and the dedication of its faculty and staff in accomplishing it. Moreover, the Commission finds laudable the College's distance delivery program that has been exemplary in providing educational services to underserved populations, especially Native Americans in tribal settings. In addition, the Commission applauds the College for its services to low income and first generation college students which results in academic retention and success. Lastly, the Commission commends the College for the effectiveness of

its academic programs that results in graduates successfully meeting certification requirements as well as for the work of librarians in achieving exemplary information access and services."

The accreditation (along with the other commendations) is good news. And, the good finances reflect the great work of the Development Division, the Board of Trustees, staff and faculty and some extraordinary friends of the college.

So, this next year we should expect a repetition of the good things: students having their lives changed and horizons expanded and careers launched. With your help we can expect more good financial news as we strengthen our base.

Thanks to all of you for making last year a great year. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time has president for the last nine months, and I am looking forward to this next year with enthusiasm.

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Michael Mace, RMC President

Alumni Manac

One of RMC's winningest teams reunited for induction into RMC's Ring of Honor



PHOTO/STEPHEN BRASHEAR BILLINGS GAZETTE The 1947-48 Rocky Mountain College basketball team, front row from left, John Heinrich, Don "Babe" McDonald and Bob Nees. Back row from left, Charlie Mason and Dale Nees.

"When Bob "Pappy" Nees first heard the 1947-48 Rocky Mountain College men's basketball team was going to be on the court Saturday night at the Fortin Center, he said he told some of his former teammates 'to start getting in shape and be ready," wrote Bill Bighaus, sports reporter for The Billings Gazette.

Bighaus wrote about the six surviving members of the original RMC team when they were inducted into the RMC Ring of Honor. Nees, from Miles City, was one of the reserves on the grand old 1947-48 team, which put together a 31-1 record and still ranks as the school's winningest basketball team ever. He was joined by his brother Dale Nees, 77, of Scappoose Ore.; Chuck Mason, 80, of Glendive; Don "Babe" McDonald, 78, of Cohagen, John Heinrich, 78, of Lehi, Utah, and Oliver Pease, 84, of Billings.

"They were champions before they got here because most of them fought in World War II," said Rocky athletic director Terry Corey. "And they were champions afterwards."

We want to hear from you!

Do you have news to share with the RMC community? Send it to Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, RMC Alumni Office, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings Mont. 59102. Email rathbunh@rocky.edu or alumni@rocky.edu. Phone (406) 657-1007 or toll free 1-800 877-6259. In the coming months we will have a new feature for internet-savvy alumni. You will be able to post your news at our alumni web site. And you can always stay current on RMC news at www.rocky.edu.

Heather Rathbun Nitz named new alumni and parent relations director



By Heather (Rathbun) Nitz

1940s

Col. Lewis Neyland, BPI '43, is retired and resides in Colorado Springs, Colo. He is still actively piloting aircraft and enjoys traveling in his motor home.

Leoti J. (Reinig) Waite, BPI '43, Helena, Mont., stays busy with volunteer work in her church and with the Montana Historical Society.

Millard Meredith, RMC '48, operates a "mini ranch" in Riverton, Wyoming, and still remembers being on campus when Billings Polytechnic Institute became Rocky Mountain College.

1950s

William T. Baxter, RMC '51, Billings, Mont., is retired from the Billings Job Service where he worked as an employment counselor.

Lawrence Morrill, RMC '58, Carmichael, Calif., is a retired minister, high school principal, and real estate school owner.

Glenn E. Wiseman, RMC '58, Akron, Ohio, is retired from Good Year Tire and is the proud great grandfather of Austin, born Nov. 5, 2003.

1960s

Gilbert Zynzniewski, RMC '60, Boulder, Colo., continues to work with the United

Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, a 2001 graduate of Rocky Mountain College, is the new RMC director of alumni and parent relations. Recently married, Heather served as Miss Montana 2002-2003, and was a Peace Corps volunteer in the Ukraine before accepting her new position. Before that she worked at Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch teaching horsemanship to emotionally disturbed children.

A Darby, Mont. native, she was an active student at RMC where she served as a senator for the Associated Students of RMC, a residence hall assistant, and majored in social studies education and equine training. As a Peace Corps volunteer she taught English to six through 12 grades and built an English Language Resource Center.

As Miss Montana, she traveled to 370 schools across the state, speaking to 55,000 school students about courtesy, respect and not bullying.

"I found Rocky to be a great place to be a student, so I jumped at the chance to work here," Heather said. "I've enjoyed getting to see all of the different directions people go from Rocky Mountain College. I had a great time with the 50 year class reunion at graduation and with the 6th Annual Alumni Association Golf Scramble, and I'm looking forward to the '60s reunion. I hope all of our Alums will continue to keep us posted, as we enjoy hearing from them and bragging about them!"

Methodist Volunteers in Mission work at the local, conference, and Western Jurisdictional levels.

Ralph Hawkins, RMC '62, Boise, Idaho, retired ten years ago and enjoys spending his winters playing golf in LaQuinta, Calif.

Dr. Robert A. Williams, RMC '62, Edwardsville, Ill., has a new book out entitled "Preschool Math," published by Gryphon House.

Wayne W. Richardson, RMC '64, Ramona, Calif., owns MarWay Enterprises with his wife, Marilyn.

Robert Gergen, RMC '65, Boise, Idaho, is retired from Billings Deaconess Hospital where he worked as a microbiology supervisor.

Robert Knudsen, RMC '65, Yakima, Wash., is a sales manager for Farwest Fabricators. He and his wife, Danene, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary and are enjoying their four grandchildren.

Edmond M. Piesen, RMC '65, Silver Spring, Md., has left the Montgomery County Government's office of Management and Budget to become the budget manager for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service

Dianne (Feller) Johnson, RMC '66, Highlands Ranch, Colo., is a tutor at the Huntington Learning Center. Last fal,l her son, Eric married Heather Jordan.

Nancy Freburg, RMC '68, Winnett, Mont., teaches library skills at Grass Range and Roy Schools, and serves as a public librarian at the Petroleum County Public Library.

William Tebay, RMC '68, Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, is a retired school counselor.

Gale Sherrodd, RMC '69, LaMirada, Calif., is a high school chemistry teacher in Los Angeles County. He sings with the "Masters of Harmony," a barbershop chorus, and they recently won a gold medal in international competition. He was also part of a gold medal winning group who were invited to sing with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, creating a chorus of almost 1,000 singers.

Ronald Squatrito, RMC '69, Reno, Nev., is employed as a mail handler for the U.S Postal Service. His wife, Louise (Jodoin) Squatrito, RMC '66, is a retired school-teacher, and they are now proud grandparents.

1970s

Thomas R. Egnew, RMC '70, Tacoma, Wash., is a Behavioral Science Coordinator at Tacoma Family Medicine. He had a paper, "The Meaning of Healing:
Transcending Suffering," published in the



"Half Century Club" honored at Commencement

Rocky wlecomed graduates from the 1955, 1956, and 1957 classes at its 129th Commencement in May. Among those attending the "Half Century Club" reunion were Jim VanCampen, Berv Kimberley, Dean Gerke, and Raj Kalia, who renewed friendships at the Highlands Country Club dinner. VanCampen, Kimberley and Gerke are 1956 graduates. Kalia, who now lives in Arizona, was an exchange student from India in the fall of 1955. They were joined by members of the classes of 1955 and 1957 including Betty Witzel, Tom and Paula Newkirk, and Dan Freund. Reunion activities included a President's reception, dinner at the Highlands Golf Course, campus tours, and brunch with the graduates of 2006. Members of the class of 1956 donned caps and gowns and enjoyed front row seating during the graduation ceremony.

Annals of Family Medicine in June, 2005. In July, he was promoted to Clinical, Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Washington.

Patricia K. Anderson, '70, Fresno, Calif., is employed as the senior library assistant at the Fresno County Library. She has a new granddaughter, Michaela, born in December, 2005.

Allen Siroky, RMC '70, Fresno, Calif., is a professor of history at Fresno City College. He recently visited the RMC campus where his niece, Kayla Lucas, RMC '06, gave him a tour. The school is a great combination of tradition and change. He is pleased to see his alma mater's continued success as an educational institution.

Robert Dale Hajtek, RMC '71, Columbus, Mont., is employed as an English language officer with the Department of State. He travels frequently through out the 50 states with international visitors, and in 2006 he will take his first trip to Puerto Rico.

Gary Mahe, RMC '71, Sheridan, Ore., is a counselor at Sheridan Public Schools.

Kevin C. Sweeney, RMC '71, Billings, Mont., has formed a new Law Firm, Herndon & Sweeney, P.C.

Mary Ann (Crane) Miller, RMC '72, Winnemucca, Nev., works in the music department at Great Basin Community College and substitutes for the Humboldt County School District.

Glee Murray, RMC '72, Washington DC., is the director of communication at the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy. In her spare time she performs with a variety of small professional theaters in DC. Her next role will be playing a nursing home patient with Alzheimer's in "Manicures and Monuments."

Katherine (Roney) Beaty, RMC '73, Washington D.C., and her husband, Frank, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Daniel, to Holly Combe. Their daughter Christina is a Navy Lieutenant serving in Japan.

Pamela McKinney, RMC '73, Kansas City, Mo., is retiring in May, 2006 after 33 years of teaching first grade.

Brenda (Dalasera) Flynn, RMC '74, Helena, Mont., is employed at the Montana Public Health Laboratory.

Patricia (Sheets) Forte', RMC '77, Bozeman, Mont., and her husband, Steve, have two-year-old twins, Kaliana and Kelton Forte. Patricia reports being very busy as a "domestic goddess."

Jean (Cooper) Pfau, RMC'77, Missoula, Mont., is a research assistant professor at the University of Montana. Her son is in the Montana National Guard and is serving in Iraq with the 1-163rd Infantry Battalion.

John Tavary, RMC '78, Helena, Mont., works as an art and physical education teacher at Montana City School in Montana City.

Tom Butler, RMC '79, Billings, Mont., is an account manager at Proctor and Gamble. He and his wife, Kathy, have two sons.

Nigel G. Probert, RMC '79, Missouri Valley, Iowa is a senior pastor at Grace Community Church.

Lon Butcher, RMC '79, Bellingham, Wash., is a performance facilities technician at Western Washington University.

1980s

Rich St. John, RMC '80, Billings, Mont., has been named Billings Chief of Police.

Jacqueline Degel, RMC '81, has recently accepted a principal position in Kirkland, Washington. Her daughter, Nicole, is in kindergarten.

Pamela Kuntz, RMC '81, recently purchased The Paint Center in Billings, Mont.

Joan French (Keller) Adams, RMC '82, has worked for Battelle, a non-profit R&D company, since 1986. Recently she and her husband, Rich were asked to establish Battelle's Asian operations. They now live in Tokyo, Japan, and Seoul, South Korea, as they

establish Battelle-Japan and Battelle-Korea to conduct research and development focused on solving some of the world's most pressing problems, including climate change and bio-nano diagnostics.

Mike Gwizdala, RMC '83, Bay City, Mich., is the director of transportation for Bay City Public Schools. In June of 2006, Mike and his wife, Marie, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary. They have two children, Michael Patrick and Mara, and enjoy golfing and spending time with family and friends.

Steve Casey, RMC '84 married Christy Nearing in Couer D'Alene, Idaho on July 8, 2006.

Abbie Johson Taylor, RMC '85, Sheridan, Wyo., was married in September, 2005. Abbie has begun pursuing her career as a writer full time.

Karen (Horner) Blackwell, RMC '87, Midwest City, Okla., has recently been promoted to Chief of Health Promotions at Tinker Air Force Base. She oversees services to over 7,000 active duty personnel and over 14,000 civilians.

Jeffrey Shepherd, Solomons, Md., RMC '87, is the General Manager of the Holiday Inn Select Solomons. He recently received Hotelier of the Year award for properties with over 300 rooms.

Jane M. Guon, RMC '88, Irvine, Calif., was recently promoted to Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary at Pacific Life Insurance Company.

Randy Mayer, RMC '88, Sahuarita, Ariz., is a pastor at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. Norma Naves Mayer, RMC '88 is a clinical therapist. Randy and Norma have two sons, Richard and Jacob.

Kent F. Thompson, RMC '89, San Diego, Calif., reports that he has achieved his goal of becoming a full-time football coach and a part-time financial advisor. Kent's wife, Juliana Roe, RMC '90, is also employed with their company, Thompson and Associates.

1990s

Bert Jaramillo-Lebya, attended '90, Avon, Colo., is the administrative services manager for the Avon Police.

Elizabeth Palato, RMC '90, and John Palato announce the birth of twins Luke and Lexi, born March 8, 2006.

Geoffery Snook, RMC '90, Wichita, Kan., and Jennifer Snook welcomed Isaac Snook into the world on January 20, 2006.

Curt Wyss, RMC '90 and Lisa Wyss, former RMC Director of Career Services, welcomed a baby boy into their family in June, 2006.

Pamela (Koch) Bucy, RMC '91, Helena, Mont., is the Executive Assistant Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

Susan Arvik Gallo, RMC '91, Miles City, Mont., continues working as a physician at Miles City Health Care Clinic. In October 2005 she and her husband, Mitch, welcomed Taylor Jade Gallo into their family to join big brother Nathan.

Mike Walker, RMC '91, and Jennifer (Doggett) Walker, RMC '94, Billings, Mont., are proud parents of a baby girl, Campbell Mills Walker.

Kristina Kirkland Bengochea, RMC '92, Nashua, Mont., is a teacher and the mother of two sons, Anthony, age 13, and Sean, age 11.

Kimo and April Cole, both RMC '92, announce the birth of their son Levi Cole on May 15, 2006.

Robyn Driscoll, RMC '92, Billings, Mont., is a community education coordinator for the Billings Public Schools. Robyn was elected to the Montana House of Representatives, 2005 term.

Teri Grasso, RMC '92, and Brandon Kerns, Denver, Colo., welcomed Logan James Kerns into their family on January 30, 2006.

Beth Ann Sandoval, RMC '93, is a middle school teacher in Columbus, Mont. Her son Tyler Steffan is a middle school student who is interested in music, books, and camping.

Lynette Kahalekai, RMC '94, Billings, Mont., joined Century 21 Hometown Brokers as a licensed real estate agent after working as the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations at Rocky Mountain College from 1999 to 2006.



Golden Honeymoon includes RMC visit

Jim Nyquist and Rhea Sherburne attended Rocky Mountain College from 1952-54 and married on June 27, 1956. The two returned to visit the campus June, 2006. This was the first of many stops on the Nyquist's "Golden Honeymoon." RMC was where they met, Scobey, Mont. was where they married, and Flathead Lake and Glacier Park were where they honeymooned. All spots were revisited, including a brief trip to Alberta and Jim's hometown of Froid, Mont. The Nyquist's reside in West Saint Paul, Minn. and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.



7.000 miles to catch up

Doc McDowell, RMC professor of economics, traveled 7,000 miles to visit his friend, Christiane Gee, RMC '20, at Gee's summer home in Denmark. Gee is from Worland, Wyo.

Chris Bingley, RMC '96, has been promoted to Vice President of the Washington State University Foundation in Pullman, Wash.

Anne (Lentz) Harrison, RMC '96, Boise, Idaho., reports that she is enjoying her work in sales.

Jane (Kuxhausen) McNeill, RMC '96, Auburn, Wash., is married to Oliver McNeill and they are proud parents of two children, Isaac and Kayanne.

Diane Standish, RMC '96, Billings, Mont., is finding satisfaction in her work as an exercise physiologist in the cardiopulmonary rehabilitation department at St. Vincent Healthcare.

Kelley (Rhodes) Scott, RMC '96, has recently opened a wine lounge, Meritage in Sheridan, Wyoming. She is also currently serving a term on the City of Sheridan Design Review Board.

Brady Vaira, RMC '96, is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. He is an air traffic controller and combat airspace manager, and also an adjunct math professor for Hawaii Pacific University in their Military Campus Program. Brady has been deployed to Japan, Korea, India, Mongolia, Thailand, Taiwan, Iraq, and Qatar since being in the Air Force. He also spent a year stationed at Thule Air Base in Greenland.

Jeffrey A. Davis, RMC '97, Billings Mont., has recently been promoted to first line supervisor within the ExxonMobil Billings Laboratory. He also received his MBA from the University of Mary in December 2005.

Matt Lundin, RMC '97, Lumberton, N.C., is employed as head athletic trainer/lecturer at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Jill Bodensteiner, RMC '98, graduated from Palmer College of Chiropractic in Feb. 2005 and is employed at Flynn's Children and Family Chiropractic in Green Bay, Wis.

Michelle Clayton, RMC '98, and James Johnson, Wolf Point, Mont., announce the birth of Kaylee Nicole Johnson on April 4, 2006.

Jane Folgert, RMC '98, Cornish, Maine, and Dan Vaillancourt, welcomed twin daughters, Toni and Charli into their family on June 14, 2006.

Matt T. Randall, RMC '98, practices Veterinary Medicine at Peninsular Equine in Menlo Park. He and his wife Tanya reside in Los Gatos.

Roni (Graham) Hawkins, RMC '99,



Annual Alumni Golf Tourney raises scholarship funds

RMC alumni association chair, Carl Hansen and his wife, Marianna, Jeff Linabary and Trina Knoche enjoyed a perfect day on the links for the annual alumni golf tourney.

Seventy-two golfers and 26 sponsors participating in the sixth annual Rocky Mountain College Alumni Association Golf Tourney helped raise \$2,700 for the RMC Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund.

"It was an extraordinary show of support for our students and a fun day for everyone who participated," said Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, RMC alumni director. "This money will provide much needed assistance to RMC students who are children and grandchildren of alummi."

The scramble tourney was June 23 at Pryor Creek Golf Club.



Little Big Horn Bank team members Broc Criswell, Paul Green, Ross Johnson, and Spencer Williams took top honors at the tourney.

Helena, Mont., is an Indian Education Coordinator at the Wakina Multicultural Education Center. recently signed a two-year contract with the New Orleans Saints after playing three seasons with the Kansas City Chiefs.

Chris Horn, RMC '99, Phoenix, Ariz., has



Pageant contender

Lacey (Irion) Kraft, RMC '98, Billings, Mont., was selected Mrs. Southern Montana and competed in the Mrs. Montana pageant in Billings in July 2006. She placed 4th runner up and received the award for best eveningwear. Lacey has also been selected as the youth director for the Montana Poultry Fanciers Association.



In March, Chris spoke about the importance of character in all aspects of life at the DST Systems Youth Day. He was also speaker at RMC's Commencement in May.

Christina LaRiccia, RMC '99, Tucson, Ariz., is a senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. Christina and her husband, Dennis Short, A '98 -'00, have a daughter, Izabel Rose Short LaRiccia. Dennis is a receiver for the National Indoor Football League Lincoln Capitols.

Susan M. Robison, RMC '99, Logan, Utah, was married to Joshua B. Anderson in June of 2005. Susan received her Master's Degree in Horticulture from Utah State University and is employed by Irrisoft, Inc. Joshua is continuing his education at Utah State University and is currently employed by Common Ground Outdoor Adventure.

Eric M. Shepard, RMC '99, Bozeman, Mont., successfully defended his dissertation entitled "Understanding the Molecular Factors Governing Inhibitor Potency and Oxygen Activation in Copper Amine Oxidases" in April, 2006. He is currently working as a post doctoral fellow under his advisor, Dr. David Dooley and has accepted a research position under Dr. Joan Broderick at Montana State University - Bozeman.

Scott Sparks, RMC '99, Lewistown, Mont., and Jennifer Sparks are proud parents of Trajan Sparks, born January 23, 2006.

2000s

Jason Earles, RMC '00, Ontario, Calif., can be seen on the television series "Hannah Montana" on the Disney Channel.

Henry Klobucar, RMC '00, Silverbow, Mont., owns his own business - AIR Exchange Oxygen.

Andrea (Tyler) Littlefield, RMC '00, Sagle, Idaho, is working as a legal secretary at Featherston Law Firm. Her husband, Jeff, is a firefighter.

Jenny (Hawks) Martin, RMC '00, Mellville, Mont., and her husband, John, are the happy parents of a little boy, Asanga.

Reece Myran, RMC '00, Ashley N.D., recently married Jo Fisher. They both practice Veterinary Medicine at the Ashley Veterinary Clinic.

Gordon Ray, RMC '00, Coolidge, Ariz., is the Dean of Students at Chandler High School. Nikki Ray, Attended '00, has been accepted to Veterinary School at Colorado State University. Their third child, Graeme, was born Oct. 18, 2005.

Melanie (Wilmot) Smith, RMC '00, Billings, Mont., is an events/sales coordinator for The Billings Gazette.

Josh Stensaas, RMC '99, and Adrianne Stensaas, RMC '00, announce the arrival of their son, Luke Andrew Stensaas on May 1, 2006.

Chantel (Gerber) Oakley, RMC '01, and Nathan Oakley, RMC '02, Billings, Mont., welcomed a baby boy, Peyton Oakley, into their family on March 11, 2005. Chantel is employed as a piano teacher, and Nathan is an Account Executive at HUM International.

Heather (Rathbun) Nitz, RMC '01 married Mark Nitz, RMC '99, on August 13, 2001.

Kerry Boehler, RMC '02 married Paul Mikolaj in July 2006.

Mike Elliot, RMC '02, recently completed two years of service as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching environmental education in Nicaragua. He is pursuing his Master's degree in International Development at Ohio University. Mike was married in Oct. 2005.

Shawna (Hayter) Knipp, RMC '02, and Pat Knipp welcomed a baby girl, Fayth Jean Knipp into their family on June 27, 2006.

Corrine Becken-Gaddo, RMC '03, is pursuing a second undergraduate degree in elementary education at MSU-Bozeman. She married Tony Becken-Gaddo in May of 2005.

Jill A. Davidson, RMC '03, Portland, Ore., is a graduate student completing an internship at Providence Hospital.

Morgan Davies, RMC '03, St. Cloud, Minn., earned a Master's of Science Degree in Ecology and Natural Resources from St. Cloud State University in Dec. 2005. The first chapter of his thesis, "Survival and Movements of Juvenile Burrowing Owls During the Post-Fledging Period," has already been accepted for publication in the scientific journal Condor. His advisor at St. Cloud State University was Marco Restani, former RMC Professor of Biology (2000 - 2002).

Sarah Duncan, RMC '03, Atlanta, Ga., works as an ICU Technician for Georgia Veterinary Specialists.

Libby (Elizabeth Torma) Schneider, RMC '03, Missoula, Mont., is employed as the executive assistant at Missoula Children's Theater.

Jonathon Lukens, RMC '03, Lansdale, PA., is pursuing a Master's in Social Work at the University of Pennsylvania.

Josie Pickard, RMC '03, Billings, Mont., works as a chemist at Energy Labs.

Zach Waitman, RMC '03, married Cara Lehfeldt on August 11, 2006.

Ryan Belinak, RMC '04, Denver, Colo., is employed by Red Peak Properties as a marketing director.

Marie (Lopez) Arthur, RMC '04, Lapwai, Idaho, is a graduate student at Central Washington University. She is the proud mother of three sons and one daughter.

In Memoriam

Greta (Burns) Lewsey, IUC '31, Sunnyvale, Calif., August 18, 2005

Phyrne Ridgway, BPI '33, Billings, Mont., October, 2005

Martin R. Clarke, IUC '34, Helena, Mont., November 20, 2001

Berniece Crowder, BPI '34, Belt, Mont., date unknown

Marie Dolan, BPI '35, Billings, Mont., December 30, 2005

Evelyn (Mills) Horne, IUC '35, Arroyo Grande, Calif., December 4, 2004 Red Welsh, BPI '35, Billings, Mont., August 30, 2005

Lloyd E. Augustine, BPI '36, Billings, Mont., September 12, 2005

Oliver Lundborg, IUC '36, Helena, Mont., date unknown

Lt. Col. George H. Armstrong, BPI '37, Rapid City, S.D., August 11, 2003

James S. Todd, BPI '39, Billings, Mont., September 13, 2005

Mary (Edwards) Kenche, BPI '40, Choteau, Mont., date unknown Carl E. Taylor, BPI '40, Seattle, Wash., January 3, 2003

Eva S. (Scabad) Welsh, BPI '41, Glendive, Mont., October 23, 2005

Robert L. Boyd, BPI '42, Billings, Mont., August 15, 2005

Rhoda (Hanson) Fisher, BPI '42, Reno, Nev., November 1, 2004

Beryl (Ball) Seljack, BPI '42, Missoula, Mont., October 4, 2005

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Patricia (Kurtz) Dresner, attended '48, Pomona, Calif., August 23, 2005

C. Carl Jones, RMC '49, Lakeland, Fla., November 5, 2002

Gordon Hurtt, attended '50, Bellevue, Wash., August 10, 2005

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ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Tessa Gray, RMC '05, Helena, Mont., keeps busy working as a receptionist at D.A. Davidson and Company, a pet sitter, and working on a ranch.

Emily Jewett, RMC '05, Denver, Colo., works as a USGA P.J. Boatwright with the Colorado Women's Golf Association.

Heidi Sims, RMC '05, Cody, Wyo., is employed as an accountant at Stine, Heiser, Buss, and Associates.

Elizabeth (Yates) Webber, RMC '05, married Grover Webber in June 2005. They live in Germany, where Grover is stationed with the U.S. Army.

Carolyn Black, RMC '06, Sammamish, Wash., is employed as an account executive at Media Lead LLC in Seattle.

Christine Bodah, RMC '06, Billings, Mont., works as a stock supervisor at Gap Inc. and plans to attend graduate school in New York at SUNY ESF to pursue a Doctorate in Environmental Interpretation.

Jo Brantz, RMC '06, Casper, Wyo., works as a caseworker specialist for the state of Wyoming. Jo plans to attend the University of Wyoming Community Counseling graduate program.

Matthew Caudill, RMC '06, Saint Paul, Minn., is employed as an Assurance Associate at Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP.

Shari Lynn Daniels, RMC '06, Wolf Point, Mont., works at Fort Peck Tribes Head Start.

Evangelina Duke-Todd, RMC '06, Las Vegas, Nev., continues to work for All About Pianos as the regional sales manager.

Robert Grayson, RMC '06, Billings, Mont., is working for Senator Max Baucus and will pursue a Masters degree in Public Administration at Montana State University - Billings.

Alex T. Hart, RMC '06, Brighton, Mass., is a Graduate Student in Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology at Boston College.

Jenna Rakes, RMC '06, Billings, Mont., works as an Office Manager at Montana State University - Billings.

Executive Secretary to three RMC presidents dies

SYLVIA DIESSNER MICK

Rocky Mountain College mourns the loss of a dear friend. Sylvia Diessner Mick, who passed away on April 2, 2006, at Central Montana Skilled Nursing Care Facility in Lewistown, Mont

Sylvia was born on June 21, 1911, in Chaska, Minn. She was the oldest of four daughters born to Henry GD Diessner and Bertha (Newkirk) Diessner, both of whom were physicians. Sylvia graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1932 with a degree in business.

Sylvia met her future husband, Gordon F. Mick, on a blind date arranged by Sylvia,s sister, Gladys. They were married on Sept. 9, 1939, in Minneapolis. She and Gordon lived in California, Butte, and Great Falls, before moving to Billings in 1952, where Gordon managed Building Service, Inc. Sylvia spent her time raising two daughters, Sandra (Ed) Hanson of Lewistown and Carol Mick of Billings, before going to work at Rocky Mountain College. She worked at Rocky in many capacities from 1960 to 1980 and was the executive secretary to three college presidents: Dr. Phillip Widenhouse, Dr. Lawrence Small, and Dr. Bruce Alton.

Besides being a devoted mother, Sylvia loved reading and traveling. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, PEO Chapter AS, the American Legion Auxiliary, a volunteer for the RSVP, Yellowstone County Council on Aging, and was a benefactor to the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon; parents,; and her sister, Viola King. She is survived by her daughters, Sandra and Carol; sisters Laura Newman of Butte, Gladys Hanson of Indiana; five grandchildren, Trent, Scott, Mark, Julie (Jeremy) and Jared (Orion); and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on April 8th.

Keebler named Cleveland clinic chief resident; Egnew wins Fullbright Scholar grant



Dr. Allen Keebler, right, has been named a chief resident at the prestigious Cleveland Clinic.

Allen Keebler of Billings has been named one of two chief residents in anesthesiology at Cleveland Clinic Foundation. He is a graduate of Billings Christian School and Rocky Mountain College. He graduated from medical school at the University of Health Sciences at Kansas City, Mo., in 2004. His parents are Les and Pam Keebler of Billings

Thomas R. Egnew, Behavioral Science Coordinator at Tacoma Family Medicine, Tacoma, Wash., has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and consult at Otago University in New Zealand, during the 2006-2007 academic year, according to the United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Egnew, from Hardin, Mont., graduated from Rocky in 1970. Egnew will serve as an honorary senior lecturer in the Department of General Practice, Dunedin School of Medicine. Egnew is one of approximately 800 U. S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad to some 150 countries for the 2006-2007 academic year through the Fulbright Scholar Program.

In Memoriam

Harvey G. Thiel, RMC '52, Minden, Nev., November 29, 2005

Rosemary (Holtz) Johannsen, attended '53, Shelby, Mont., August 20, 2005

Donald A. Johannsen, attended '54, Shelby, Mont., August 20, 2005

Morris Crew, attended '55, Bingham, Idaho, May 20, 2005

John O. Jones, RMC '56, Fort Benton, Mont., date unknown

Harold Allen, RMC '57, Clinton, Ark., August 21, 2005

Dennis Hamilton, RMC '57, Three Forks, Mont., January 25, 2006

Gary L. Blewett, RMC '60, Bozeman, Mont., February 17, 2006

Capt. Carl Christiansen, RMC

'65, Incline Village, Nev., November 8, 2005

Duane E. Reimers, RMC '66, Billings, Mont., March 25, 2006

Robin (Gunderson) O'Neil, attended '76, Chester, Mont., date unknown

Joyce Weber, RMC '97, Billings, Mont., January, 2006

Phoebe A. Jones, RMC '00, Wolf Point, Mont., January, 2006

Rhea (Kline) Langworthy, BPI '28, Buffalo, Wyo., December 25, 2005

Loilla (Hunter) Flynn, IUC '30, Townsend, Mont., March 18, 2006

Margaret M. (Brooks) Valiton, BPI '36, Fernley, Nev., date unknown

Harriett (Cruttenden) Meloy, IUC '36, Helena, Mont., April

29, 2006

LeRoy Van Noy, BPI '37, Healdsburg, Calif., December 13, 2004

John Zupan, BPI '39, Aurora, Colo., July 28, 2006

Dr. J. Donovan Johnson, BPI '40, Billings, Mont., January 13, 2003

Ray Judd, BPI '40, Red Lodge, Mont., July 11, 2006

Jerome R. Matross, BPI '40, Saline, Mich., April 28, 2006

Elwood E. Hannah, BPI '41, Billings, Mont., August 11, 2006

Herbert A. Brosz, attended '42, Helena, Mont., May 6, 2006

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Leroy Dover, RMC '55, Polson,

Mont., June 18, 2006

Dennis Hamilton, RMC '57, Three Forks, Mont., January 25, 2006

Dr. Valeen (Tippetts) Avery, RMC '59, Flagstaff, Ariz., April 7, 2006

Chuck Fowler, RMC '61, Webber, Kan., April 4, 2005

William A. Meyer, RMC '70, Arlington, Va., August 7, 2006

Peggy (Barngrover) Wolt, RMC '74, Sandy, Utah, date unknown

James R. Taylor, Jr., RMC '76, Dickinson, N.D., August 7, 2006

Terri Delong, RMC '93, Wolf Point, Mont., June 29, 2006

Sylvia D. Mick, Secretary to RMC Presidents Phillip Widenhouse, Lawrence Small, and Bruce Alton, 1960 - 1980, Billings, Mont., April 2, 2006

Searching for alumni

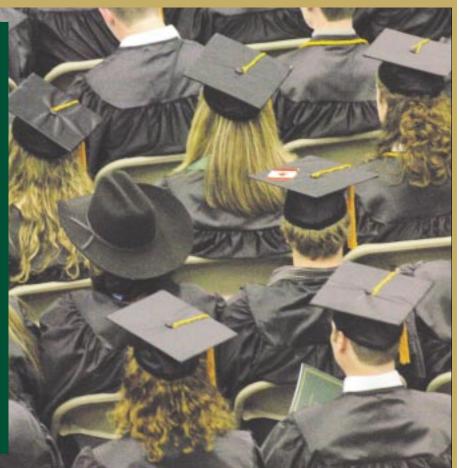
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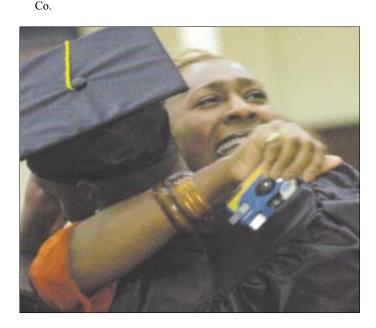
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1951 - \$50	1961 - \$100	1971 - \$55	1981 - \$85	1991 - \$50	2001 - \$30
1952 - \$100	1962 - \$150	1972 - \$50	1982 - \$40	1992 - \$35	2002 - \$30
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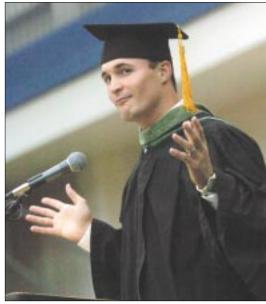
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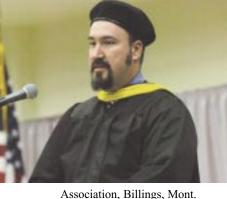
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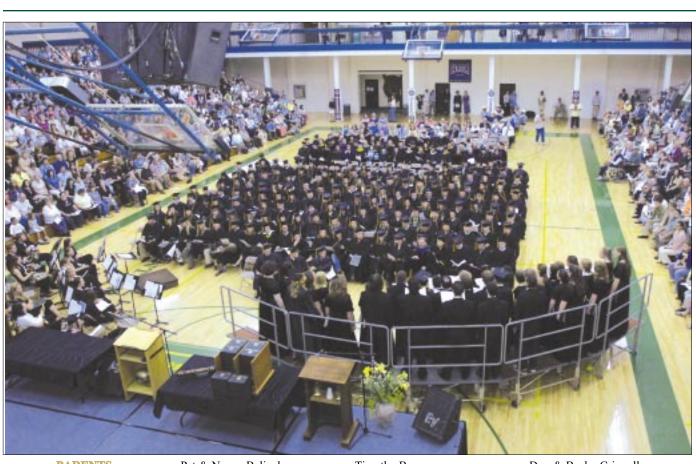
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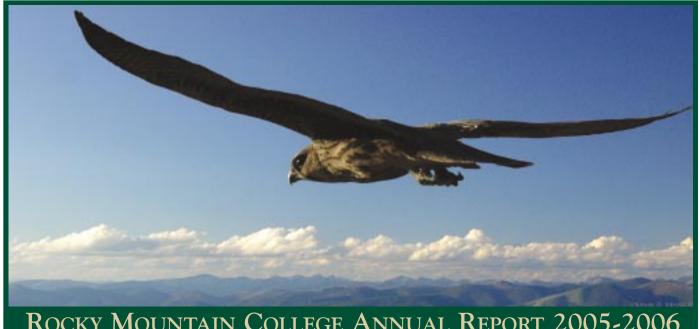
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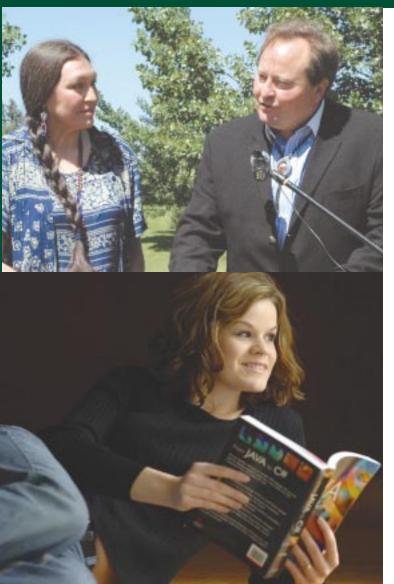
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As careful as we have been in preparing this report, we may have missed or misspelled a name, or placed a name in the wrong category. If so, we apologize and request that you let us know so that a correction may be made. Donors are listed in appreciation of gifts received between July 1, 2005, and June 30, 2006. Gifts received since July 1, 2006, will be acknowledged in the 2006-2007 Annual Report.

PHOTOS: Top: RMC Art Professor Mark Moak's brilliant photo of a falcon captured an exhilarating flight; Left, middle. Dr. Janine Pease. RMC Vice President for American Indian Affairs is congratulated by Gov. Brian Schweitzer after he appointed her to the Board of Regents, marking another outstanding achievement by Dr. Pease (photo courtesy of MSU-Billings; Left, bottom, Amanda Hill, featured in a Gazette story about the Services for Academic Success program, exemplified the kind of commitment students make to reach their goals (photo courtesy James Woodcock, Billings Gazette).



PHOTO/STEPHEN BRASHEAR/ GAZETTE Robert H. Lyon, a speech professor from 1954 to 1989 at RMC, died Sept. 15. Lyon was honored for his devotion to RMC's forensic program which was revitalized this past year as RMC's forensics teams were successful in meets across the West. Lyon had a hand in training many of the communication educators working today. He coached a vibrant program for many years, and forensic professionals in the mountain region respected him as a granddad of intercollegiate speech and

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debate.

Mark Moak, RMC professor of art, won The Montana Wildlife Federation's Third Annual Photography Contest with his photo, "Bitterroot Falcon."

Dr. Eddie Dupuy, RMC academic vice president, was invited to address a meeting of Town & Gown in January. His speech was titled, "Liberal Arts on the Rocks: Bourbon and the Clash of Culture." Dr. Dupuy also conducted a four-week discussion series at St. Pius X Church discussing Walker Percy, Flannery O'Connor, Graham Greene, and Andre Dubus. The series ran on Tuesday evenings in March and April.

As Chief Ground Instructor for the Aviation Program, Scott Wilson, RMC aviation instructor met with the Federal Aviation Agency regarding Rocky's "Airline Dispatcher" course. After extensive revisions and updates, the course was re-certified by the FAA for another 2 years.

As a Captain in the Naval Reserve, Wilson completed an on-line "Strategy and Policy" course with the Naval War College in January 2006. The course involved two weeks in Newport, Rhode Island, followed by on-line discussion with other senior officers around the country, and the completion of two 5,000 word essays on military strategy. Capt. Wilson was also the class leader for an "Advanced Professional Military Education" course at the Joint Forces Command College in Norfolk, Va. The course involved 150 hours of on-line lessons and dialogue, and a project regarding the Global War on Terrorism. This was followed by a two-week military exercise in Norolk in March 2006. This summer,

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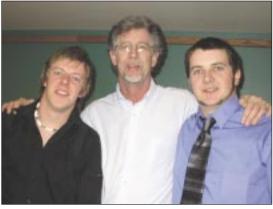
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Declan Magee and Conall O'h Artghaile, both 21 and multimedia-design students at different colleges of the University of Ulster, studied at Rocky under the international program administered by director Ken Briggs. Rocky Mountain College was among the first schools participating in the Business Education Initiative in 1994. Since then, 17 students from Northern Ireland have come to Billings, and nine Rocky students have studied in Northern Ireland under the program. The program was started by Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist churches in Northern Ireland to strengthen the economy and curb political turmoil to allow peace to flourish.

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Captain Wilson participated in a Homeland Security course at Joint Forces Command College.

Dan Hargrove, RMC aviation director, was invited to speak at the Northwest Aviation Conference in Seattle, Wash. and at the Montana State Aviation Conference in Helena. He spoke on education and training in Technically Advanced Aircraft, an area in which Rocky is developing great expertise.

David Ison, RMC aviation professor, is active writing articles for aviation magazines and journals. He recently authored "Getting to Know Angle of Attack" in May 2006 Plane & Pilot Magazine. The treatise addressed how pilots can avoid flying in a manner that causes the airplane wing to stall. The article outlines why pilots tend to stall and how to prevent it from happening; "Avoiding CFIT" April Plane & Pilot Magazine, focussed on many accidents which occur in aviation when pilots unintentionally and often unknowingly fly a fully functional aircraft into the ground. This article discusses the problem and how to avoid it using situational awareness; "Where's the Cushion?" March Plane & Pilot Magazine spoke to how it is often taught that an airplane floats on a cushion of air as it is about to touchdown on the

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The 13th annual Festival of Cultures was greeted by perfect weather, a welcome change from last year's damp day. Exceptionally large crowds attended, enjpying the Caledonian Pipes & Drums, Middle Eastern Dancers - Tajjamul and Munirah, Celtic Fusion and their Irish Step Dancers, Leikarring's Norwegian dancers, Young drummers from Japan's Kumamoto Plaza, Clogging Appalachian style by the Wildwood Cloggers, and a Festival favorite, the Mexican group, Los Guadalupanos. One of the most impressive stories this year was the students. Rocky alum and former Institute work-study, Heidi Sims, took unpaid vacation days to help. Yukari Nagamine -- citizen of Japan, former Institute work-study and Rocky alum -- flew in from Alabama to take part. Emails of best wishes came from Upulee Dasanayake of Sri Lanka who is currently working in Washington D.C. and from Lidija Futac, from her hometown of Frankfurt, Germany. Work study students Michiko Hashinokuchi and Michelle Fuhrman manned the international croquet field. Work study student Farida Muhamud helped in the African Area.

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runway. This perceived "float" is real, but the cause is often misunderstood. This article examined the aerodynamic reasoning behind ground effect: "Radar Approaches" April *IFR Refresher Magazine* examined air traffic control radar assisted approaches to airports. If pilots lose their onboard navigation systems, this may be the only way they can get back on the ground. However, these approaches are rarely practiced or discussed.

Elizabeth McNamer, professor of religious studies, took 20 students to Bethsaida in May. Rocky Mountain College is part of the consortium that supports this dig. McNamer was featured on the History channel in April as part of a documentary on the Historical Jesus. She received the "Person of Faith" award given each year by the Montana Association of Churches. She also served on Town and Gown Board, the PBS Board, the RMC Institute for Peace Studies, and the Bethsaida

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Audrey Jurovich's 33 years as school nurse at Rocky Mountain College began with the expectation that the job would be boring. As it turned out it never was, she said. Jurovich, 70, was the subject of an article by Dianne Cochran for The Billings Gazette. The resilient nurse credited her vitality to regular doses of fish oil. She never has called in sick.

"I've never had to have a replacement," she said.

Students haven't changed much during her tenure, Jurovich said.

"I would say they're a little more open than they used to be," she said.

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Excavations Project. She was one of four panelists for the symposium on successful women. McNamer continues to write frequent columns for the Religion section of The Billings Gazette and is a frequent guest speaker at several local churchs.

Bill Kehler, RMC assistant librarian, completed a three-year term on the Montana Book Award committee. Jan Jelinek, RMC library director, will be replacing Kehler on the committee. The Montana Book Award was founded in 2002 and winners are selected by a committee of individuals representing geographic distribution throughout Montana.

Dr. Steven Werpy was an adjudicator for the District 11 Music Festival in Poplar, April 7 and 8. He judged instrumental solos and ensembles, jazz ensembles, show choirs, and concert bands.

Dr. Ulrich Hoensch, RMC assistant professor of mathematics, was a speaker at the National AMS/MAA Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in January 2006. He gave a talk with the title "Java

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Katelyn Rae Hardy, an RMC student majoring in biology and a member of the RMC choir, won the local American Idol competition, besting 130 contestants for an opportunity to audition in Seattle. American Idol boasts 50 million viewers.

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Applets for a Cryptology Course," as part of the MAA Session on Mathlets for Teaching and Learning Mathematics.

Marilyn Randall, RMC professor of equestrian studies, was honored by the Montana Quarter Horse Association and the American Quarter Horse Association as the Most Valuable Professional in Montana. She also received recognition from the American Quarter Horse Association for eight years of volunteer service as a ring steward for the AQHYA World Championship Show.

Gerry Roe, RMC professor of theatre arts, spent last spring on sabbatical in New York City studying theater. While there, he took classes, attended various workshops, participated in a 10 week symposium on Steven Sondheim, and even auditioned. He attended 43 plays, musicals and reviews. Upon returning to Billings, he directed "Beauty and the Beast" for Billings Studio Theater. At Rocky, Gerry directed "The Diary of Anne Frank" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," assisted by the new technical theater professor, Sarah Myers. In May, Gerry acted in Venture Theater's "Urinetown, the Musical."

Sarah Myers, RMC technical theatre professor and three theatre tech students -- Ali Shubert, Jonathan Allender-Zivic, and Kirstin Abrams -- attended the United States Institute for Theatre Technicians March 28-April 2. USITT, which is the association of

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design, production, and technology professionals in the performing arts and entertainment industry, is the "Who's Who" of the technical theatre world. Founded in 1960, USITT's mission is to actively promote the advancement of the knowledge and skills of its members and its more than 3,600 members live, work, and do business throughout the United States, Canada, and 40 other countries. While at the conference, they attended three plays at the Humana Festival, which is an annual festival of never-before-performed plays.

There were four days of workshops attended by the students. Workshops were taught by industry professionals and esteemed faculty. These included everything from "How to Build a Corset" to "Using Pyrotechnics." The students also had the opportunity to meet with the commissions that will be in charge of next year's sessions and give their input. For three days, there was a huge Expo Hall where vendors and graduate schools and professional theatres set up booths. The students met one-on-one with potential graduate schools and applied for work over the summer. They also registered to win prizes and give-aways. Kirstin won a set of stage boxes (used for acting and storage) and Jonathan won a three day master class in lighting design at NYU. Myers is the vice commissioner on the education commission and time spent networking and meeting with other professors who teach technical theatre. The Institute oversees 10 commissions that are responsible for planning the sessions and aiding the professional growth of their constituents. Myers was in charge of networking and development, and programming for Phoenix 2007. The trip gave her the opportunity to introduce her students to influential people as well as to promote RMC's theatre program. She also served on one of the panels this year and chaired another. Within her field, a panel session is considered published work.

Angie Cormier, RMC Spanish instructor, had her Spanish students help with the after-school Spanish program at McKinley Elementary for several years. There were usually 18-20 students signed up. She switched to Rose Park Elementary, expecting about the same response. The principal and the PTA sent a survey home to gauge interest, and the response was very positive. She set up an after-school Spanish Club and sent home registration slips. Sixty three elementary students signed up as members! She was fortunate recruiting RMC students to help. Jeri Matter, Rachel Schulta, Mal Tift, Fabiano Jacome and William de Souza have done a fabulous job, Cornmier reports, and they were invited back this year.

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"Nick Moore was at a veterinarian clinic in Wyoming working on horses' teeth when he got a bright idea," wrote Mary Pickett of The Billings Gazette as she introduced readers to the Rocky Mountain College student's bright idea for a headlamp to use when examining horses' mouths. The bulb on a headlamp that he was using burned out and couldn't be replaced. The high-intensity bulb used

to illuminate the long,



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Ann Maltby

dark horse's mouth emitted so much heat that it had to be sealed in plastic, making it impossible to change. A lamp with a bright bulb that could be quickly changed was needed, Moore thought, and he set about making one. It took a year to develop the light he named Equi-Lite. He sells the lamps on his Web site, www.equinespecialties.net, and through an Idaho-based company, World Wide Equine Inc.

Dr. Vickie Christie and husband, Dr. John Battaglia, taught two courses, Intercultural Communication and Freedom of Speech and Democracy, for the University of Pittsburgh's Semester at Sea program in the summer of 2005. Her husband, an adjunct English instructor at Rocky, taught a course on Travel Journal Writing. With their two children, Claire and Andrew, they flew to the Bahamas, then boarded the MV Explorer, one of two of the fastest ocean going ships in the world. They traveled to Nova Scotia, where 450 college students boarded the ship. From there they traveled to Iceland, Norway, St. Petersburg, Russia, Poland, Belgium, France, Ireland, and Spain, before returning to Fort Lauderdale after 75 days on the voyage. The experience, the family agreed, was a great personal and professional one.



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Rocky's first charter 500 Club member. Nancy Larsen, is congratulated by Shari VanDelinder, director of special events, in front of the 500 Club Wall of Fame in Prescott Hall.

Rocky 500 Club growing

Rocky Mountain College has always been about the students. Over 95% of students receive some form of a RMC scholarship each year. These scholarships would not be possible without generous financial support.

The Rocky 500 Club was established to reach a \$250,000 goal. 500 individuals give a "mission essential" gift of \$500. Members receive a complimentary limited edition Rocky 500 pin, highlighting the gold and green colors that have long captured the spirit of Rocky. Additionally, member names will be included in a special Rocky 500 Wall of Fame displayed in Prescott Hall.

Alumni, parents and friends everywhere are joining the Rocky 500 Club. Jean Wigmore Lowry (BPI 1941) loved her time at Rocky (then called Billings Polytechnic Institute) and was able to attend because of a working scholarship she received her first year.

"This truly was the turning point in my young life. It led me not only into a life of further learning, but to friendships, working experiences, handling my own 'extra money,' and more," Lowry says.

Realizing the importance of giving back to the college that gave her so much, she joined the Rocky 500 Club. When she first heard about this charter club, she wanted to join but was unable to do so at the time. Several months later, she called to say that she had been able to save enough money and was hoping it wasn't too late to join. She now proudly wears her new Rocky 500 pin as a reminder of her time here and in support of today's students.

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PHOTO/ STEPHEN BRASHEAR BILLINGS GAZETTE

Rocky Mountain College senior Holly Cooper brought back a unique souvenir from Costa Rica where she was an intern at a tropical rain forest research station. She preserved a giant bullet ant in a vial of ethanol and has been wearing it on a necklace to classes. The ant, at least an inch long, was several times larger than the red ants that she studied at the La Selva Biological Station in northeastern Costa Rica for 10 weeks this summer. A biology major, Cooper competed for one of ten summer internships (over 100 applicants) in a Research Experience for Undergraduates sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

George Mitchell Allen & Holly Moen Tom & Ann Monson Susan Morasko Harold & Elfie Morgan* Lawrence & Gloria Morrill Lloyd Mosdal* Gene & Nancy Mostad Gerhard Muecke* Pat Mundt Annette Murphy Glee Murray Martin & Nadine Mutch* Gary Myhre Brad & Shanna Nason* Dale Nees Betty Nesmith* Tom & Paula Newkirk Bertie Newton* Harlan & Colleen Nichols* Mr. & Mrs. James Nicholson Dick & Linda Norden Peter & Lynette Nygaard Tom Nyquist Michael & Barbara Obenauer John J. Olson Don & Carolyn Palumbo* Bruce & Joann Parker Crystal Parrish Sue Paulson* Tom Pearce **Bob Pebbles** Andrew & Nancy Pehl

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Mr. Smith goes to New York City with MDU

James Smith, RMC assistant professor, business administration and economics, was selected by Montana Dakota Utilities to accompany MDU executives to New York City for a week of "real life" experience with corporate operations.

Smith joined Martin A. White, chairman and chief executive officer (who retired in August), along with the chief financial officer, chief operations officer, director of investor relations and directors of the various business units on the trip. One of the purposes of

the trip was to meet with bond and stock analysts who rate companies. This was especially important because MDU was about to transfer leadership from Whie to new CEO Terry Hildestad and the company wanted to assure analysts of the smooth transition.

"It was an incredible experience, going to the financial center of the world and sitting in on high level meetings where MDU executives reported on every aspect of the company," Smith said.

Another purpose was so Smith, and four other faculty members

from other Montana colleges, would be able to convey what they learned to their students.

"The insight and experience gained on the trip will be integrated into several of my courses, including strategic management," Smith said.

Smith said MDU covered all expenses.

"The highlights of the trip included participating in the opening bell ceremony at the New York Stock Exchange and getting to know MDU's leadership team on a personal basis," Smith added.

Harold & Belva Arvik*

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Chatham honors RMC with visit

PHOTO/ MARK MOAK Famed artist Russell Chatham, shown with Jim Baken, RMC art professor, graced Rocky with his presence this Spring. Chatham visited classes, even joining in to sketch during a life drawing class. Among Chatham's private collectors are authors David Halberstam, Jim Harrison, Thomas McGuane, Richard Ford, Rick Bass, Tom Robbins, and Carl Hiaasen; media celebrities Tom Brokaw, Ed Bradley, Morley Safer, and the late Charles Kuralt; entertainment personalities Michael Keaton, Jeff Bridges, Peter and Jane Fonda, Sean Connery, Jimmy Buffet, Dennis and Randy Quaid, Meg Ryan, the late Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Warren Beatty, Jack Nicholson, Robert Redford, and Harrison Ford

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Randy & Kelly Bokma
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The Rocky Mountain College Master of Physician Assistant Program, celebrated its 10th year at its White Coat Ceremony for 21 graduates in the Great Room at Prescott Hall.

Physician assistants practice medicine under the supervision of a licensed physician. The concept of the midlevel provider developed from the basic premise that many tasks performed by physicians can be carried out with equal competence by other specially trained health professionals.

"The success of this program is certainly part of the reason Rocky Mountain College is ranked in the top 10 best comprehensive colleges in the West by U.S. News & World Report," Rocky President Michael Mace said.

The White Coat Ceremony included remarks by Mace, Joe Tritchler, director of the master of physician assistant program, and Mary Kelly McCormick, a graduate speaking on behalf of the class.

The 21 graduates include Tara Cooper, Tyesha Dent and Mariya Schifferns, all of



PHOTO/ DAVE SHUMWAY

White Coat graduates were honored during a special ceremony in Prescott Hall.

Billings; Kristina Krieger, Molt; Elizabeth Sickler, Laurel; Bradley Andrew, St. George, Utah; Jason Balvitsch, Fargo, N.D.; Mel Bingham, Erda, Utah; Cynthia Ehret, Glendale, Colo.; Tracy Hale, Gurnee, Ill.; Hannelore Hinds, Oklahoma City, Okla; Jovanna Jacobson, Mill Creek, Wash.; Jeff Lien, Boise, Idaho; Roderick Maxwell, Riverton, Utah; Mary Kelley McCormick, New Smyrna Beach, Fla.; Jeanne Mehrens, Anaconda; Burton Mollman, McIntosh, S.D., Klinton Pfeifle, Power; Stacy Schroeder, Laramie, Wyo.; Hannah (Amon) Sexton, Livingston; and William Winter, Staunton, Va

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A.J. Cronk glides through a slalom at Nationals. This year the men's and women's ski teams finished 2nd in the nation, competing against much larger universities. The men dropped a notch from their previous championship season, but the women climbed from 10th place the year before.

Battlin' Bear highlights

▲ In 2005-2006, 112 out of 240 student/athletes maintained a 3.0 GPA or better.

▲ Football - Seven all-conference players and one 2nd-team all-American, Justin Airola, return.

▲ Volleyball - Return 11 out of top 12 players from 9-15 team last season

▲ Women's Soccer - Finished last season with a school record 10 wins. Return 12 players including hon-



112 of 240 student athletes maintain a 3.00 GPA or better orable mention all-American, Claire Crosbie.

▲ Golf - Women's team finished 10th at national tournament. Rachel Warren finished 3rd overall, earning 1st-team all-American honors.

All American Rachel Warren

▲ Ski Racing - Both men's team and women's team finished 2nd at USCSA Nationals. Both teams return three all-Americans -- Pete Petry, Scott Anderson and AJ Cronk for the men and Sofia Kocken, Liz Richardson and Johanna Aaker for the women.

▲ Men's Basketball - Return all five starters from last year, including allconference selections Devin Uskoski (1st team) and Cooper Warren and Chris Nickolei (2nd team.)

▲ Women's Basketball - Return eight players from last season. RMC had a very strong recruiting season this year, report the coaches.

Rick & Kimberly Flemmer Ben Flynn* Brenda Flynn* Loilla Flynn* Joe & Charlotte Foran Kavcee Foran Dale & Alice Forbes* Jim & Blake Forseth Darrell & Karla Forster Patti Forte James & Cynthia Fortune* William Fortune* Denise Fosado Barbara Foster Jewel Fourstar David Fox Susan Francis Jason Frank Donna Franklin Rita Frasure* Bradley & Kymbrlye Freeman Merle Froslie* Matt Frvett Randy Fuhrmann Christy Fulford* Charles & Barbara Fulton Harry & Evelyn Funk Harry & Peggy Gaghen Alice Galarza Ardie Gallagher Curt Gannon* David Strong & Amaya Garcia Donald Gatzke Zoe Ann Gerhart* Susan Gibson-Veyna* Richard & Noma Giffin Hap & Erma Gilliland* Matt Gilson* Gerald & Corinne Glaser Bryan & Verna Glassing Guy & Lucia Glenn* Mike & Darcy Glunt Larry & Joy Goehner* Heidi Goldy Theresa Gong Wendy Goodheart William & Josephine Goodridge Mason & Marilyn Gorel David Graber

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RMC American Indians host arrow throwing

PHOTO/ DAVID GRUBBS BILLINGS GAZETTE

In lieu of the spring Pow Wow, the RMC American Indian Cultural Association hosted an arrow throwing tournament in April at Rocky Bowl.

The annual spring Pow Wow at Rocky Mountain College is scheduled for fall this year, according to RMC's American Indian Student Services advisor, Carolyn Pease-Lopez.

Arrow throwing is unique to the Crow tribe, according to Pease-Lopez. Tournaments are regularly held in late spring and throughout the summer. "It's unusual for a tournament to be held this early, but we have a number of Crow consultants who have volunteered to help us organize this very unique event." Pease-Lopez said.

Nancy Hubbell Mike Huber Charles & Janet Hubley* Ron Hudson Mark Huff Ruth Huffman Russ & Tosca Humphrey Charles & Alma Hunt Howard & Janice Hunter Melvin & Grace Hunter Peggy Hunter Hubert & Mary Huntley Mary Huppert Rich Hurlocker Jim & Michelle Huskey Deborah Hutchinson* John Ilgenfritz Betty Irigoin Marshall Irigoin David Ison Jance Jabalera Josh Jabalera Ronald & Jolene Jacobson Bill Jamison* Paul Huber & Jane Janssen-Huber*

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Sam E. McDonald, Jr. accepts the RMC Philanthropist of the Year Award given to him and his wife, Judith C. McDonald.

Ann Mace Mike & Cindy Mackrill Richard & Carla Mackrill Jodi Magnan* Melanie Maier Diane Malinak Rich Mankin Sheralyn Marble Keith & Artie Markegard Neal & Verda Marsac* Petrea Martin Susan Martinez Charles Mason, Jr.* James Massick Tom & Jodi Matchett Scott & Lori Matheny Hal Mathew Lisa Matovich-Brooke Mitch Matuska David & Teresa Mazza* Joseph & Susan Mazza* Chris & Jenny McCalla LeRoy Grant & Meghan McCarthy-Grant Bob & Sharon McComb Doug & Pattee McConnell* Cameron McCormick Stuart Conner & Susan McDaniel* Josh McDowell Harold McElroy*

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Tuesday evening in Prescott Hall's Great Room, Sam E. & Judith C. McDonald, Jr. were honored as Rocky Mountain College's Philanthropists of the Year. RMC President Mike Mace

At a special presidential reception

McDonalds named Philanthropists of the Year

expressed gratitude for the many contributions the McDonalds have made over the years to Rocky as well as the community.

"Their extraordinary commitment to Billings is evident in everything they have supported from A to Z, from American Legion baseball ZooMontana," Mace said "Rocky Mountain College is proud that Sam and Judith have bestowed so many gifts to this college."

The commons in the student center is named for the McDonald Family and the soccer field for Wendy's of Montana, a gift of the Judith C. and Sam E. McDonald Family.

Ron Miller*

Ronee Mills*

Best known as Chairman of Wendy's of Montana, Sam E. McDonald, Jr. is the patriarch of a family who have shared their success and good fortune with many. Sam's wife, Judith C., who is Vice President of Wendy's of Montana; his daughter Deborah V.; his son Gregory C., who is President and CEO of Wendy's of Montana; and Greg's wife Eileen, are involved in charitable pursuits. In 2000, the fam-

"You make a living by what you earn," McDonald said. "And you make a life by what you give."

Foundation, for which Deborah serves

the

Wendy's

established

as Executive Director.

McDonald first became interested in Rocky when he was in junior high school and spent time at the old gym on campus where Herb Klindt and Frank Matthew coached. Klindt was athletic director, and "both were wonderful mentors for me."

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PHOTO/ MARY PICKETT BILLINGS GAZETTE Amanda Kudrna Kudrna, 21, was one of several Rocky Mountain College students who competed at the national Intercollegiate Horse Show in Harrisburg, Pa.

RMC riders win trip to nationals

Of the 71 Rocky students who are equestrian majors, 14 students compete, said Scott Neuman, RMC equestrian program director. He is pleased at the number of students advancing so far during the first full year that the equestrian team has competed.

"We're real happy with the results," Neuman told The Billings Gazette.

After placing first in a regional competition in Billings, Rocky students rode against riders from throughout the West at a zone championship in Sacramento. There, Rocky's English team placed second to a Stanford University team. The strong showing qualified the Rocky team for the national horse show.

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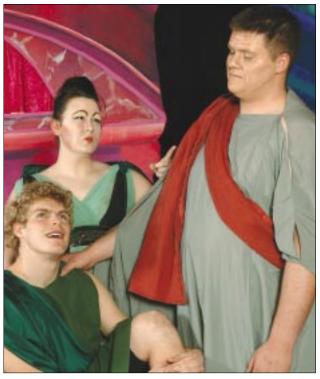
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RMC's theatre performances continue to sparkle. From 'Diary of Anne Frank" to "Funny Thing Happened on the Wav to the Forum" students find outlets for their talents, on stage, as designers, and directors.



RMC art gallery named for 'founders' Alice Ryniker and Bob Morrison

"Our 'founding fathers' are here tonight," Jim Baken, RMC art professor said as he introduced Alice Ryniker and Bob Morrison to an audience of 200 people who attended a reception in May honoring the founder and first teachers of RMC's art department.

"Between the two of them, they have almost 50 years of teaching here. We thought it was fitting to rename this gallery Ryniker-Morrison," Baken said. Ryniker, who started Rocky Mountain College's art program five decades ago, and Morrison, a longtime Rocky art professor, were invited to be the first artists to exhibit in the newly renamed Ryniker-Morrison Gallery in Rocky's Tech Hall.

The artist reception and gallery rededication drew an interesting crowd, from Ryniker's two art teachers, Ben Steele and Lyndon Pomeroy, to several of Ryniker's and

Morrison's former students to current Rocky art students.

Ryniker is still painting watercolors and teaching. Morrison, 81, hasn't stopped creating either.

Morrison taught art at Rocky from 1967 to 1987.

"I learned as much as I taught," he said. "We couldn't have done any of this if it weren't for the great students we had over the years."

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Anonymous donor bestows \$3 million gift

An anonymous donor, impressed with Rocky Mountain College's financial turnaround, gave \$3 million to the College in January.

"This is a new friend of the College who is impressed with what we are accomplishing and has confidence in Rocky's future," RMC President Michael Mace said.

From the \$3 million total, the donor gave \$1 million stipulating the revenue from its investment earnings be used as unrestricted funds as long as the College continues to maintain a balanced budget, something Mace accomplished quickly when he was named president in October. At the time, Rocky had a deficit of \$750,000. The donor expressed confidence in the new administration's ability to prudently manage the college finances.

The donor gave \$2 million stipulating the revenue from that sum's investment earnings be used for student scholarships.

Ranked as one of the top ten best comprehensive colleges in the West by *U.S. News & World Report*, Rocky nevertheless experienced financial troubles which resulted in some staff cutbacks and strict

budgeting. In October President Thomas R. Oates resigned and Mace was named his successor.

"We have demonstrated fiscal discipline without lessening the quality of education," Mace said.

Mace was able to eliminate the deficit, so that Rocky emerged as a stronger institution which would be better able to provide an exceptional education for its students.

Mace also vowed to keep the community apprised of the college's progress as it worked on long-term solutions to funding and renewed efforts to build its endowment.

RMC is a vital part of the community as well as a leader in the region, and its \$20 million annual economic footprint is testimony to its commitment, Mace noted.

"Gifts like this improve our college, but also improve the economy of our city and state," he said. "Because we are a private institution, we do not receive taxpayer support like the state University System, which means we are tremendously grateful for the thousands of people who have nurtured Rocky over the years. We are also tremendously aware of how careful we need to be in seeing those dollars are well used."

The donor hoped others would make contributions to Rocky in recognition of the positive turnaround.

"The donor made it clear we had established confidence and hoped others would recognize that and lend their support," Mace said. "That is high praise and a great recommendation."

Mace said he and the board of trustees not only were grateful for the gift, but were made even more appreciative of the responsibility they had for continuing to make Rocky one of the premier colleges in the country.

"I said when I took over, there was a reason we were being ranked highly by U.S. News & World Report, were successful in building our enrollment, graduating the largest class in our history, and securing grants for a variety of programs. It's because there is no better faculty, staff or student body than this one. People recognize that and want to support it."

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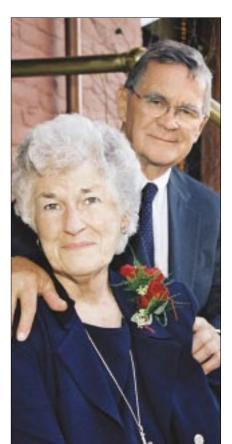
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Cruising Toward The Future

Black Tie Blue Jeans Scholarship Benefit 2006 Rocky Mountain College



Browns named 2006 BTBJ Honorary Chairs

Rockwood and Marilyn Brown, a couple with longtime civic and professional ties to Billings, have been selected to serve as honorary chairs for the Rocky Mountain College scholarship benefit.

"The 19th annual Black Tie Blue Jeans gala event is proud to have the Browns as this year's honorary chairs to help the college's premier scholarship benefit," said Michael Mace, RMC president. "Their knowledge about and appreciation for the college make them ideal chairs as we raise funds to help our students."

The Browns will be recipients of the RMC Lifetime Achievement Award. The theme this year is nautical, "Cruising Toward the Future."

Rockwood Brown was born and raised in Billings. He earned his B.A. and his law degrees at the University of Montana and began practicing law in 1952. He retired full-time from the Brown Law Firm after 48 years, but still councils for the firm. He is senior vice president at Wyo-Ben, where he said he is privileged to work with two of his nephews.

While active in his career, Brown also made time for his community, serving on the Board of Rocky Mountain College for 21 years and on the Billings Parks Board for 20 years. He also served as chairman of the Montana Supreme Court Commission on practice.

He was instrumental in establishing the Keith Brown Scholarship Fund which awards a scholarship to an RMC junior and senior, based on ethical behavior in business.

Brown met his wife, Marilyn, at a picnic on the Rims. A native of Beach, North Dakota, Marilyn is a devoted wife and mother. They have five children and three grandchildren. Becky is a veterinarian in Joliet; ; Scott owns the Base Camps in Billings and Bozeman; Holly is a retired nurse from Billings; Julie, a lawyer; and Nancy, a nutrionist, are both in the San Diego area.

While serving as an RMC board member, Brown witnessed some hard times for RMC, but he is pleased the college has prevailed and "is on the road to success."



Music for this year's BTBJ will be provided by In Cahoots.

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Thanks to the generosity of Harry Gotwals and his wife, Mary, a bighorn ram sculpture done by Mark Moak, RMC art professor, resides on campus. Gotwals, a founder and chairman of Billings Depot, Inc. bought the ram for the depot, which did not have space for it, so the board elected to give it to Rocky. This sculpture joins many others on campus, including two horses done by both Moak and Jim Baken, another RMC art professor. Baken's ram is not on campus, but it is close by. Bought by the Spaulding family, it was donated to Alberta Bair Theatre, and greets theatre-goers at the entrance.



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