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Letter From the Alumni Board President

TODD JOHNSON ’88

May, 2008

Dear Rio Alumni,

It’s springtime! This is the time of year that many Rio faithful return to our beautiful campus for our reunions and various related events, and to help welcome a new class of graduates as they join the ranks of Rio Alumni on Commencement Day. This year commencement was May 3rd, and we saw one of the largest graduating classes in our history cross the stage on the campus green. Nearly five hundred students celebrated an important and well-deserved milestone on this day. I know I speak for all of us when I congratulate their efforts and achievements, and wish them the greatest continued success as they build on their Rio experience in the future.

I encourage you to please make every effort to visit campus on this weekend that is so special to our new graduates – our newest Alumni. It is important for them to see your dedication, and it is critical for our university that you help to cultivate each new class of Alumni to be productive and engaged supporters of Rio Grande, as you have proven yourselves to be.

Earlier in the day on this year’s Commencement Day was the long-anticipated dedication of the newly renovated Davis University Center. This project has turned an already important and functional facility into a magnificent element of our campus and the surrounding community. Take time to visit, and express your appreciation for the efforts of Rio’s administrative management team, the Davis family, and the patience of our students and faculty.

It is also at this time of year that the efforts of our Campus Beautification Committee are most evident. I congratulate these dedicated people on the wonderful job they do. You simply must take time to drive or walk across campus while the flower beds are in full bloom. I promise you will not be disappointed! And feel free to send your words of approval to the committee via the Alumni office. They would appreciate hearing from you.

As you may have noticed on the schedule, Founders’ Day will no longer coincide with commencement as it has in the past. This year’s Founders’ Day celebration will occur in the fall, and Bev and the rest of the faculty and staff are busily planning an excellent agenda for us. With this group on the job, we know we’ll not want to miss that celebration! Please watch your mail and the campus event calendars for the final dates and scheduled activities.

I need to share with you my recent experience at one of our Alumni chapter meetings. I was very fortunate to have the opportunity to attend the Florida Chapter’s annual meeting in Bradenton in February. It was a fantastic trip, and not just because it was about sixty degrees warmer there than here at home! I had a chance to meet and interact with a group of very happy and enthusiastic alumni, and enjoyed every minute of my time with them! I have informed everyone (except my wife) that this alumni event is on my calendar as a recurring annual event – with no end date! Is it possible I could save myself trouble at home by suggesting she also set aside vacation time in February?

While on the subject of alumni chapter events, I will mention the Central Ohio Chapter dinner in Columbus held on the evening of May 9th. I have been able to attend this meeting for a couple of years, and am quite impressed with this group. I think they can stand as an example of what an “engaged” alumni group should be, and I want to strongly encourage any of you within reasonable driving distance to attend this meeting every year! They are doing an excellent job managing their group, and would serve well as a model for new and developing chapters.

I should take this opportunity to call your attention to our revamped website. For “tech-savvy” and “tech-challenged” alums alike, I think you will appreciate the changes. Please take some time to jump in and browse for awhile. As before, you can find us at www.rio.edu.

Again, I thank you for your appreciation of and dedication to the University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College. I ask you to never underestimate your value in any respect, and to please participate to your best ability.

Very best regards,

Todd Johnson ’88
Alumni as Authors

Coach Newt Oliver '49 and Dr. Danny Fulks '60 tell the story of little Rio Grande College with its legendary scorer, Bevo Francis, who with an average per game of 50.3, and a game high of 116, set records which have never been equaled.

There are many stories told and recorded about basketball history. None is as colorful and exciting as the legendary Rio Grande College team, its offensive machine, and Bevo Francis, the greatest scorer in the history of college basketball.

Coach Oliver uses all revenue from the sale of the book to purchase various awards for athletes at Rio Grande. Cost is $10.00 per copy plus $2.00 postage.

Purchasing information may be found at www.riograndelegend.com or contact Newt Oliver, 1138 Eastgate Rd., Springfield, Ohio 45503

Dorothy Scott ’58 a native of Morrow County, Ohio came to teach in a 2-room school in southern Ohio's Vinton County. From the WWII years, to her retirement in 1987, first-person accounts and touching stories from the lives of the author and her students portray changes in education as both Vinton County and the world undergo growth and change.

I Fell in Love Every September: Memoirs of a southern Ohio school teacher's remarkable career is a must-read for everyone who has had an unforgettable teacher who touched their life at an early age. Readers will easily feel the sincere and humble dedication of a most remarkable teacher who fell in love every September as she returned for 45 years.

With the help of Kay Smith Goodwillie, a former student of her first school, Dorothy shares a memorable story which will educate, entertain and inspire readers.

For purchasing information, please contact D. Scott, 96 Northwoods Blvd. Suite B2, Columbus, OH 43235

Drois Rhea Coy ’63 has written Bullying: A Resource and Activity Book for School Counselors, Teachers and Parents. Coy’s book provides 22 lesson plans that school counselors or teachers can use for increasing students' self-esteem and helping them deal with anger. For instance, children who are bullied should tell an adult, get themselves out of the situation, walk to and from school with another person rather than alone, and learn to say, “Don't hurt me” or “I will tell.”

Coy, is past president of the American Counseling Association and the American School Counselor Association.
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<td>1931</td>
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<td>1938</td>
<td>Deceased: Thelma E. Whitley Smith, Huntsville, Alabama, November 18, 2007. Smith was a retired teacher who taught in the Dayton City Schools.</td>
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<td>1944</td>
<td>Deceased: Raymond and Helen Hively on October 2, 2007 and August 2, 2007, respectively. Both were retired public school teachers who spent many years living in Colorado. Raymond, a WWII veteran, played on the football team.</td>
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<td>1949</td>
<td>Coach Newton “Newt” Oliver’s book is for sale online at <a href="http://www.riograndelegend.com">www.riograndelegend.com</a>. All proceeds are used to provide awards for the sports teams at URG.</td>
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<td>1958</td>
<td>Dorothy Scott, who retired in 1987 after 45 years of teaching in Vinton County Schools, has authored a book entitled I Fell in Love Every September. It is a memoir of her years of teaching first and second grade.</td>
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<td>1963</td>
<td>Doris Rhea Coy, Ph.D., is employed as the School Counseling Coordinator for Northern Kentucky University. She has published two books: Children of Promise: Investing in our Legacy (2007) and Bully: A Resource and Activity Book (2008).</td>
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<td>1969</td>
<td>Ruth Ann Kapple Spatar retired in 2003 from the Logan–Hocking School District after 33 years of service as an elementary school principal. She has served as a state entry year principal mentor since her retirement. In August 2007 she was hired as Principal at Bundy Elementary School in the Wellston City School District. Spatar resides in Hocking County.</td>
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<td>1972</td>
<td>Charles (Fred) Martin, will retire on July 1, 2008 from Kenton Ridge High School (Northeastern Local District) after 36 years in education. Martin taught high school mathematics for 27 years, has been a guidance counselor 9 years and also coached basketball, football, baseball and golf. Martin resides in Springfield, Ohio.</td>
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<td>1976</td>
<td>Jane Stowers Craddock was featured in the Herald Dispatch (Huntington, WV). The article highlighted her extensive collection of Wizard of Oz memorabilia.</td>
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<td>1992</td>
<td>Brian and Kim Kramer Howman were married on January 12, 2008 in Cleveland, Ohio. Kim is employed as an MRDD Support Administrator for the Cuyahoga County Board of MRDD.</td>
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<td>1993</td>
<td>Dennis and Heather Breakey Koon announce the birth of a son on September 21, 2007. The couple also has a daughter (age 3½).</td>
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<td>1994</td>
<td>Pamela Dian Callahan is now a National Board Certified Teacher and Exceptional Needs Specialist/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood. She is currently teaching 7th &amp; 8th grade CD/LD/Intervention at Hannan Trace Elementary in the Gallia County Local School District.</td>
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Rob and Christa Meade announce the birth of their daughter, Aulbrea Danielle, born July 26, 2007 who joins twin brothers Trey and Cole (age 10) and Seth and Cade (age 5). Rob is an Intervention Specialist at North Adams High School where he also coaches basketball. He recently earned his Master’s Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Dayton. The family resides in Seaman, Ohio.

1995
Todd “Buddha” and Amy Ulrich Bundy (’96) announce the birth of a son, Drake Alan, on January 10, 2008 who joins big brother Aaron Todd (age 6) and big sister Hollyann Kathleen (age 4)

Frantina Sanders-Johnson was honored with the Gallia County Local Secondary Teacher of the Year award in 2007. She is a Special Education teacher at South Gallia High School. Frantina, husband Kirk and daughter Alexis reside in Mercerville, Ohio.

1996
Kurt and Janet Rodenkirchen announce the birth of a son, Adam Carl, born September 2007 who joins big sister Rayna age 2. Kurt is in his tenth year of employment with COSI (Center of Science and Industry) in Columbus, Ohio. He is a science educator and operations supervisor.

1997
Carolee S. Scarberry-Richards has received her Master of Arts in Elementary Education and an Education Specialist Degree in School Psychology from Marshall University. She is employed by Athens-Meigs Educational Service Center as a school psychologist.

Freda Banks earned her MBA in HR Management from the University of Phoenix in August. She is currently employed as the HRIS Coordinator for Lakeside Behavioral Healthcare in Orlando, Florida.

1998
Eric and Tricia Cunningham Wooten announce the birth of their son, Tyler David, born August 29, 2007 who joins older brother Cody (age 4).

2000
Terry and Lesha Chapman announce the birth of a son, Jacob Andrew, on February 20, 2007.

Phil and Danielle (Moore) Higgins announce the birth of Bradlee Anne, a daughter, born December 13, 2007 who joins older brother Carter (age 2). Danielle is a 5th grade teacher in Heath, Ohio.

Christopher and Amy Yost (’02) Graham announce the birth of a son, Griffin Jaron, born on April 18th, 2007 who joins big brother Gabriel (age 3). Chris is a team leader at Toyota Motor manufacturing in West Virginia. Amy is pursuing a Master’s Degree in Preschool Special Needs at Marshall University. The family resides in Point Pleasant, WV.

Rachel Cochran Newberry is employed as the Marketing Coordinator for the Paramount Arts Center in Ashland, KY.

2002
Shane and Jenny (Jones) Wolford announce the birth of a son, Bodhi Knox, on December 22, 2007 who joins big brother Cade Paxton (age 2). The family resides in Jackson, Ohio where Shane is a teacher and head football coach for the Jackson Ironmen and Jenny is a teacher of high school English in Vinton County.

Eric and Jill Thomas Mitchell announce the birth of a daughter, Raeann Noel, on July 17, 2007

Justin M. Lovett has been appointed as an Assistant Attorney General for Ohio. He currently serves in the Capital Crimes Unit of the Ohio Attorney General’s Office in Columbus, OH.

2006
Jennifer Lapp Massie announces the birth of a second child, Layton Roy Massie, on December 30, 2007

Other
David Banks is completing his first film project entitled “After. Life.”, a piece which examines stereotypes and the human condition. “After. Life” will be filmed in South Charleston, WV.

Deceased: Rev. Mark Luther Tracy, July 10, 2007 at his residence in King of Prussia PA. Reverend Tracy was the son of Reverend and Mrs. Luther Tracy, Rio Grande, Ohio

Deceased: Neils Alan Jensen on February 1, 2008 at St. Rose Dominican Hospital in Las Vegas, NV. Mr. Jensen was Dean of Students at Rio Grande from 1969-1972.
**Marathon for Make-A-Wish**

In December, students Ryan Herron, a senior from Circleville, and Brett George, a senior from Grove City, held a radio marathon in order to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Herron and George played music, interviewed guests, presented several Top Ten lists and other humorous items, and stayed awake and on the air all through the marathon. The two students received support from all across the campus community, as students and faculty stopped by, called in and even hung clothing out of the residence hall windows to show their support. Faculty, staff, students and area residents also donated to the cause, and Herron and George were able to raise an astounding $2,500 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

When he learned what Herron and George did with the radio marathon to raise money for the Foundation, he was impressed once again.

“He talked about wanting to raise $500, and $2,500 was a long way from his goal, which is fantastic,” Borba said. “That was an unbelievable amount of money.”

The money will be used to help pay for a wish for an individual in southern Ohio. The average cost of a wish is $6,000, and Borba said he was thankful that Herron wanted to give back to the Foundation in this way.

“‘This is great to see a young person at his age being involved,’” Borba said. “‘I think he sets a benchmark for other young people to follow. The two of them set an excellent example of a role model for others.’” Borba added that he wanted to thank George, Herron and the Rio Grande community for the donation.

“I’d just like to congratulate them for doing such as fantastic job and thank the University for allowing them to do that on campus. I’d also like to thank the community as a whole for their support of these two young gentlemen,” Borba said.

“It feels pretty good,” Herron said about making the donation.

Herron said he also felt happy about making the donation, and added that he and George also received an added bonus. During the radio marathon, faculty member Earl Thomas told Herron and George that if they made it to the $1,000 mark, he would take them to an NBA basketball game. That offer by Thomas helped spur the two students on to raise a great deal of money in the marathon, and Thomas took them to an NBA game in January.

“It was awesome,” Herron said. “We even got to meet the referees after the game.”

Herron and George are currently serving as editors of the student newspaper, “Signals.”
Students and faculty from BaoJi University in China are spending the spring semester on campus as part of a new exchange program between the two institutions.

Rio Grande has previously been working with BaoJi University, as faculty members from there have been studying in Rio Grande’s master’s of education in classroom teaching program. Students in the graduate program visited Rio Grande last summer, and students and faculty from Rio Grande have previously visited BaoJi.

Greg Sojka, Ph.D., interim president, explained that the new undergraduate student exchange program is an extension of the previous work the two universities have been doing together.

“This is going to pave the way for Rio Grande students to study at BaoJi for a semester, possibly as early as next fall,” Sojka said, adding that he is pleased to have the BaoJi students on campus.

Greg Miller, Ph.D, director of the graduate program at Rio Grande, said the new exchange program will benefit students at both universities, and will also benefit the surrounding community. Students from BaoJi University are living on the Rio Grande campus, but are also being matched up with host families in the community.

Betty and Ricky said they hope to share their culture with Rio Grande students and area residents while they also more about America. The exchange program will help them in their teaching, and it is something their students were excited about being involved in.

This semester, 11 students and two faculty members from BaoJi are on campus living with and studying along side other Rio Grande students.

The two BaoJi faculty members, Qi-Huirong, who is using the American name Betty, and Qu Sheming, who is taking the American name Ricky, said they are very happy to be spending the semester at Rio Grande. They will be taking classes in the graduate program while on campus, but also will be teaching classes on Chinese language and culture, and the classes will be open to the community.

International Partnership

In Memory of Dr. Jerry Sparkman

The University of Rio Grande/Rio Grande Community College mourns the loss of Dr. Gerald (Jerry) Wayne Sparkman, a beloved faculty member and friend, but we also celebrate a life that was lived to the fullest in a way that will leave a positive difference in the lives of all those who knew him.

Jerry had been an Assistant Professor of Psychology since 1991 when he came here from Texas. He lived in Pomeroy with his wife, Debbie and their son Josh. He was a devoted family man and a tireless worker for his church, community and the University. He was dedicated to excellence in all areas of his life. He was an excellent professor who always gave the best possible to his students to prepare them for a successful life after their years in the University. He was always there to help and to guide them with their academic problems or other problems that they might have. He truly cared about his students and wanted the best for them. We always knew if one of us had a problem, he would be there to help in any way possible.

Jerry loved his family, his church, and his profession. He was passionate about excellence and doing continued on page 10
ARCHON CLASSIC OPENED UP... TO BENEFIT RIO!

Always looking for opportunities to support and promote their alma mater, the Men of the Fraternal Order of Archon Alumni Association are expanding the purpose and scope of their annual golf tournament into an event that is dedicated to the benefit of the University of Rio Grande. The Archon Classic has long been one of the mainstays of the fraternity’s aim of continued association. “It’s time to take the next step”, Jack Roderus ’71, president of the organization said. “Obviously, Archon is the common bond we share as a group. However, we think it’s time to recognize a broader common experience… Rio Grande.” To this end, all profits realized from the event will be directed to a specific part of the University which the participant designates. “You say where it goes”, Roderous emphasized. “This is an event for the entire Rio family.”

Along with the personal sponsorship at $100 or corporate sponsorship at $200, items are needed for the raucous auction that is held after dinner at the conclusion of the Classic. Entry costs per person are $105 and include green fees, cart, a box lunch, dinner after the Classic, and an Archon Classic golf shirt. Friday’s golf is at the player’s expense. Dinner price for guests on Saturday is $20. An assortment of interesting activities will be available to spouses and friends of the players on Saturday during the tournament.

Participants in this year’s Archon Classic will have the opportunity of two days of golf and fellowship on two of southern Ohio’s pre-eminent golf courses. This family friendly event begins with golf on Friday, October 3, at the beautiful Shawnee State Park Golf Course. Friday evening an open Rio BBQ will be held at the Shawnee Lodge for all wish to come. Overnight accommodations can be made at Shawnee Resort and Conference Center Lodge. Golf course and lodge information can be found at http://www.shawnee-lodgeresort.com.

The ARCHON CLASSIC will be played on Saturday October 4, at the Portsmouth Elks Golf Course, http://www.golf-flink.com/golf-courses/course.asp?course=853145, a beautiful and mature golf course built in 1923. After golf, players and guests will then sit down to a delicious dinner. The traditional Archon Auction will immediately follow, conducted by famous Archon/Rio alumnus auctioneer, Kim Nye ’70.

Your interest can be directed to:
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Please forward your entry fee, sponsorship check and/or list of donated items no later than September 1, 2008, so that your generosity may be recognized. Please make checks payable to University of Rio Grande in order to make it tax deductible.
www.archonalumni.org
BE A SMART CONSUMER – KNOWING YOUR AUTO INSURANCE COVERAGE CAN HELP YOU SAVE MONEY

Purchasing the right amount of auto insurance at an affordable price can be complex. There are three major factors that impact your cost of insurance – the coverage you purchase, your driver characteristics, and the discounts for which you qualify. Here is an overview on how those may affect your premiums, as well as some tips on how to choose and understand your coverage:

1. Coverage – Full vs. Liability Only

There are two primary types of coverage: Comprehensive & Collision (also called “Physical Damage”) which covers your vehicle for damage or theft; and Liability, which covers injuries you cause to other people or damage to other property. Depending on the vehicle you’re insuring, you can choose to buy full coverage or just Liability (in most states liability coverage is mandatory). For example, you may want to buy Liability-only coverage if the vehicle is older than 10 years and has little market value. You could save as much as 50 percent on your premium by not buying Physical Damage coverage on that vehicle.

2. Limits & Coverage Options

A common question is how much Liability Coverage a person needs. Of course, that depends on the person and their assets. Lawsuits are a real part of our society, and not having enough Liability coverage not only jeopardizes your current assets, but your future earnings as well. You should talk to your sales representative about the appropriate amount of Liability coverage for you, but the general rule of thumb is: “buy as much as you can reasonably afford.”

If you have Comprehensive & Collision coverage on your vehicle, you should consider the highest deductible you can reasonably afford. The higher the deductible you choose, the greater the premium savings. The most commonly chosen deductible is typically between $250 - $500.

3. Discounts

There are many types of insurance discounts – make sure you ask your sales representative if you are taking advantage of what’s available to you. For example, as a member of URG Alumni Association, you are eligible for additional member discounts on your auto and homeowners insurance from Liberty Mutual, which can be as high as 20 percent depending on the state in which you live.

Your driving record is a major factor in determining not only your insurability, but also the cost you will pay. For instance, safe drivers can typically expect to save as much as 20 percent annually depending on the state in which they live.

Many insurers offer an “accident forgiveness” plan, which prevents increases in insurance premiums after a collision, for customers who are accident-free for five years. Although most insurers typically offer this benefit to their customers of at least five years, Liberty Mutual’s “Exceptional 5” accident forgiveness program is available immediately to eligible new customers.

Installing an alarm system, having your car VIN-etched (professionally etching your vehicle identification number discretely onto your car windows makes it easier for police to trace and less attractive to thieves) or using other anti-theft devices may also lead to an additional discount depending on the state in which you live.

Finally, driving less can also lower your insurance costs. People with short commutes or who use public transit can typically lower their premiums by as much as 15 percent depending on the state in which they live. Owners of specialty or “classic” cars may also take advantage of this discount since these cars are typically driven less frequently.

4. Duplication of Coverage

Check to see if you’re buying outside coverage or services that might be more affordable through your insurer. For example, see if your insurance policy includes roadside assistance before joining an auto club. Liberty Mutual customers who have purchased Towing and Labor coverage can have their towing costs covered and, if a tow isn’t necessary, Liberty Mutual will still pay for roadside assistance.

You should consult with your insurance sales representative to see if you need first-party medical coverage (which covers injuries to you) because it is possible that your health insurance plan might already cover these expenses.

As a member of the University of Rio Grande Alumni Association, you are eligible for a discount on your auto, homeowners and renters insurance through the convenience of electronic fund transfer or direct billing at home with Liberty Mutual’s Group Savings Plus® program. For a consultative review of your insurance needs, please call Lisa K. Smith at 800-709-8796 Ext. 51718 or visit www.libertymutual.com/lm/lisaksmith.
WOMEN’S SOFTBALL TEAM VOLUNTEERS

In the spirit of the NAIA’s Champions of Character, Rio Grande’s softball team took a trip to Southwestern Elementary School to help with a few Physical Education classes. Each member of the team was a part of the event and spent time demonstrating baseball and softball drills to the students and teaching them basic skills in the sport.

The reason they gave for doing this is because some students may not be able to attend a baseball or softball camp to learn these skills and to spread the word that they enjoy giving back to the community and helping young athletes.

“I just thought that we could go to some schools, but one school is fine, because we are in season, and to demonstrate our skills and teach them about softball and baseball,” Abbott added. “Maybe some of the girls and boys can’t come to camp, so we are kind of bringing the camp to them.”

Rio Grande head coach David Pyles admitted that he was very proud of his team for setting this up and following through. “It makes you very proud as a coach when players want to do things like this, get out in the community, get involved with youth,” Pyles said. “I think our young people today need examples of sportsmanship and leadership and sometimes we’re lacking in that, I think as a nation, as a whole.”

“It made me very proud, I did not come up with this idea, the girls did, it was all on their own, actually I wasn’t even with them, they set it completely up and did the whole thing and I think they had a good time and we’re glad they did it,” Pyles added.

Abbott said that the classes consisted of students in the 5-8 grades and they were divided into four different stations, working on bunting, hitting and infield and outfield defense. “We split the players by their positions, kind of what they’re good at and I think everyone had a good time and really taught the basics of baseball and softball,” Abbott said.

This was a productive break from the rigors of a season in which Rio Grande captured the American Mideast Conference South Division title and is gearing up for the NAIA Region IX/X Tournament. “We just wanted to give back a little bit, take some time off from practicing and all that and then go back and hopefully win a regional,” Abbott said.

Pyles said this was second such “clinic” that his team has put on this season. “These girls are involved in the community and like to get involved with the youth.”

The plan for the future is not only continue providing this service but to visit more schools next year and put on their clinic. “Since this was a success, we thought that maybe next year we can bring it to more schools and possibly get younger kids involved, but we definitely want to go more schools next year and bring this little clinic, little camp to them,” Abbott said.

Rio Grande went 25-15 in the regular season and 14-6 in the AMC South Division, winning the crown on the strength of beating Ohio Dominican head-to-head.

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the best. He was in the process of setting up a lab for the students in Psychology. The goal was to be able to provide the students with an experience that they would use to be more effective when working with people who need their services. Contributions to this project would be a lasting memorial to a dedicated professional, friend, and colleague to continue his work. For more information on making a gift, please contact Beverly Crabtree at 800-282-7201, ext. 7221.
We Want To Hear About You!

If you recently found a job, were promoted, were married, moved, had a baby or did anything else of interest, please let your University of Rio Grande family know about it. Fill out the form below and send it to the Office of Alumni Relations, University of Rio Grande, PO Box 500, Rio Grande, Ohio 45674.

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☐ Check if this is a new address.

News:

Parents: If this issue of Tower & Times is addressed to your son or daughter who has established a separate permanent address, please notify us of the new address: 740-245-7431, or 800-282-7201, ext. 7431, or award@rio.edu

Nomination Form Request

The University of Rio Grande accepts nominations for the following awards on a continuous basis. The deadline for nominations within a given year is February 1 of that year. Nomination forms are kept on file and reviewed yearly.

☐ Alumni Awards (Distinguished Alumnus, URG Alumni, Atwood Achievement, Faculty Citation, Citation of Appreciation)
☐ Athletic Hall of Fame
☐ Educators’ Hall of Fame

Please send the nomination form indicated above to:

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Mail this request to: Office of Alumni Relations, University of Rio Grande, PO Box 500, Rio Grande, OH 45674

The University of Rio Grande and Rio Grande Community College do not discriminate against applicants, employees, or students on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, age, sex, marital status, veteran status, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, or disability. Questions about this policy should be directed to the Human Resources Director, Allen Hall, 740-245-7228. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be made through the Human Resources office.
Alumni and Friends Website

The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to offer a NEW Alumni site at www.rio.edu under the Alumni & Friends tab!

You may search for friends and classmates, post on the message board, register for events and make gifts…ALL ONLINE! Another feature of the site is the Job Opportunities page. This feature allows you to both search for and post available jobs. It is our hope that this will be an excellent resource for our alumni. If there is a position open with your employer, please post the information so that other Rio grads have the opportunity to be considered.

Links to the Rio Bookstore, Greek organizations and our calendar of events allow you to stay connected. If you have photos you would like to see posted on the site you may forward them to our office at alumni@rio.edu.

The Events & News sections will allow you to view the Tower & Times and Signals as well as to see what events are upcoming. Don’t forget, you can now register for these events online!

Many of the features were created for alumni use only and require a username and password. Instructions are available on the website to help you in registering. It is also very important that you take the opportunity to update your own information via the Profile Update page which is found under My Preferences. Remember, your classmates may be looking for you so add as much information as possible!

The features will continue to increase as we determine what items are of the most help and interest to our Alumni Body. Feel free to offer suggestions via email at alumni@rio.edu or post on the message board.

Check back often to see new pictures, read posts and see new events!

If you would like to submit updates for publication in Tower & Times, you may email us at alumni@rio.edu.