2010-11 Rector Scholar Activities

The academic year began in July with the announcement of a gift from Rector Scholar M. Lewis Gulick ’44 to “re-establish the Rector tradition.” The gift included funds to support the appointment of the first director of the Rector Scholarship Program in 30 years. Gulick is author of An Investment in Humanity: Edward Rector and his Historic Scholarship for DePauw, published in 2009, and available from the DePauw Bookstore. A copy of this book has been given to each of the 54 current Rector Scholars to help them understand the significance and honor of their scholarship.

Rector Scholars in the Class of 2011 were guests at the annual Washington C. DePauw Society Breakfast on Old Gold Weekend, and there was a dinner in October for all Rectors at The Elms, hosted by President Brian W. Casey. In the spring, there will be a dinner and program for the graduating Rector seniors, and there will be a luncheon for Rector alumni and friends on Saturday, June 11, during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Just as Rector Record disappeared for many years, so, too, did a directory of Rector Scholars. This deficiency will be repaired by the new Rector Scholar website, www.depauw.edu/rectorscholar/. Here, the names and hometowns of living Rector Scholar graduates will be listed by class. The website provides a searchable version of Gulick’s book, including the photographs, and the digital version of DePauw: A Pictorial History, co-written by John J. Baughman, professor emeritus of history and a Rector Scholar in the Class of 1948. The website contains many other features, including access to the DePauw Archives Digital Library, which contains many Rector items.

It is noteworthy that an important contributor to the production of the Rector Scholar website is Jordan S. Stefanov, a Rector in the Class of 2011. Five Rector Scholars in the classes of 2009 and 2010 assisted Gulick with his book and its Epilogue. It is gratifying that the current Rector generation has played a role in re-establishing the Rector tradition.
About the newsletter

The masthead, photograph of Edward Rector and poem in this first edition of the *Rector Record* in many decades are taken from the very first volume of this publication. The editor and assistant editor of that volume were Coen Pierson and Samuel Hannah, members of the first entering class of Rector Scholars in 1919 and well-known to many generations of DePauw graduates.

The author of “To Edward Rector” is a member of the Class of 1921 and one of the first two DePauw graduates to hold a Rector Scholarship. Until the 1980s, women could not be given Rectors when they were admitted, but they could earn them after admission only by superior academic performance.

The purpose of this revival of *Rector Record* is to inform Rector alumni and others of the present-day Rector activities and to remind them of the tradition of which they are a part.

From the Director

It was an honor to be appointed Director of the Rector Scholarship Program by President Brian W. Casey. I knew the last three of the five persons who have held this position – Bob Farber, John Wittich and Lou Fontaine – and I hope that all of them will be with us at the Rector Scholar Luncheon during Alumni Reunion Weekend. The current faculty and staff, five of whom are Rector Scholars, have been extremely helpful and supportive in all of our projects involving current and alumni Rectors.

If I can provide any information or assistance regarding the Rector Scholarship Program, please e-mail me at johnmorrill@depauw.edu or write to me at Bartlett Alumni House Annex, DePauw University, P.O. Box 37, Greencastle, IN 46135-0037. Please send any suggestions for future issues of *Rector Record*.

Early Rector Women

Edward Rector’s offer to DePauw in 1919 was to provide the money to establish 100 full tuition scholarships for male students in perpetuity, and the Rector Scholarship soon became widely known as a scholarship for men only. From the beginning, however, there was one way a woman could become a Rector Scholar. As stated in the 1920-21 Edward Rector Scholarship Foundation report, “to that Freshman, Sophomore or Junior man or woman who receives the highest grade during the year a [Rector] scholarship for the rest of the college course is given.” (In addition, the senior who received the highest grade was named a Rector Scholar and was given a year’s tuition in cash.)

The first six women to earn Rector Scholarships were Grace Ruthenburg and Edith Richards in the Class of 1921, Judith Sollenberger and Gladys Amerine in the Class of 1922, Harriet Geiger ’23 and Nina Gray ’24. A total of 14 women earned Rectors during the first 12 years. Ruthenburg, Richards, and Sollenberger were the first Rector Scholars to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Sollenberger was the first of many Rectors to teach at DePauw.

After World War II, the method by which a woman could earn a Rector changed. As it is put in the *DePauw Alumnus* in a cover story about Susan Price Miller ’62, “by topping all the male freshman Rectors, she won a Rector Scholarship.” In 1982, during the administration of President Richard F. Rosser, the DePauw Board of Trustees voted to remove the male-only restriction for entering Rectors, and since then Rector Scholarships have been open to all.

An early Rector woman and Rector man illustrate one of the successes of Edward Rector’s *Investment in Humanity*. More than 40 years ago, Anne S. Nichols ’33 and James B. Johnson ’36, both Greencastle physicians, seeing the unmet healthcare needs of many in their community, were instrumental in the creation and operation of a family clinic. This clinic survives to this day and is now known as the Johnson Nichols Health Clinic.

Edith M. Richards (pictured front row center), one of the first two Rector Scholars to graduate, with a group of other Rector Scholars.
Current Rector Scholars

Class of 2011

Rahul D. Abhyankar
Terre Haute, Ind.
Major: Philosophy
Post-DePauw Plans: Medical School

Elizabeth A. Attewell
St. Louis, Mo.
Major: Mathematics
Minor: Physics
Post-DePauw Plans: Engineering School

Callie B. Boehme
Germantown, Tenn.
Major: Kinesiology-Sports Medicine
Post-DePauw Plans: Physical Therapy Program

Matthew T. Brauer
Wheaton, Ill.
Major: Romance Languages
Minors: European Studies, Political Science
Special Programs: Honor Scholar
Post-DePauw Plans: Fulbright applicant, Graduate School

Paul H. Elliott
Traverse City, Mich.
Major: Computer Science
Minor: History
Special Programs: Science Research Fellow
Post-DePauw Plans: Graduate School in Computer Science

Victoria S. Googasian
Sandy, Utah
Major: Dual Degree Program in Music Performance and English Writing
Special Programs: Honor Scholar
Next year: Completion of the two degrees at DePauw

Lucy M. Grimm
Indianapolis, Ind.
Major: Economics
Minor: Spanish
Special Programs: Management Fellow
Post-DePauw Plans: Law School or Business

Gretchen M. Kasting
Fort Wayne, Ind.
Major: English Literature
Minor: Physics

Jacqueline R. Keyes
Monona, Wis.
Major: Philosophy
Minor: English Literature
Special Programs: Honor Scholar
Post-DePauw Plans: Law School or Graduate School in Theatre

Courtney N. Lauer
St. Louis, Mo.
Major: Mathematics
Minor: Economics
Special Programs: Management Fellow
Post-DePauw Plans: Employment as Actuarial Analyst

Vanessa L. Mock
Muncie, Ind.
Major: Biology
Special Programs: Science Research Fellow, ITAP
Post-DePauw Plans: Graduate School in Neuroscience

Christopher A. Neal
Lawrence, Kan.
Majors: Biology and Studio Art
Special Programs: Honor Scholar, Science Research Fellow
Post-DePauw Plans: Medical School or Graduate School

Tamana Ogawa
Yokohama, Japan
Major: Conflict Studies
Special Programs: Prindle Intern, Presidential Ambassador
Post-DePauw Plans: Graduate School

Yujiao (Cindy) Qin
Nanjing, China
Majors: Physics and Economics
Minor: Mathematics
Post-DePauw Plans: Graduate School in Medical Physics

Andrew C. Repp
Carbondale, Ill.
Major: Anthropology and Sociology
Post-DePauw Plans: Nominated for Peace Corps position in Asia

Jordan S. Stefanov
Kazanlak, Bulgaria
Major: Economics
Minor: Mathematics
Special Programs: Management Fellow, ITAP
Post-DePauw Plans: Working in Finance, Graduate School

Mara J. Weber
Novi, Mich.
Major: Psychology
Minor: Japanese
Post-DePauw Plans: Teaching English in Japan, Graduate School

Katherine M. Wright
St. Louis, Mo.
Major: Biology
Minor: French
Special Programs: Honor Scholar
Post-DePauw Plans: Extensive travel, Internship at NGO

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The 1930 Yellow Crab, the campus humor magazine during the 1920s and 1930s, did not think highly of Rector Scholars. The caption read, “An Asbury football squad when men were men and not Rector Scholars.”