



# The Ratchet



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## Student of The Month Spotlight

In this month's issue of *The Ratchet*, we are again focusing on original compositions by our students of the month. We hope that you will become better acquainted with these fine young students. Please let us know what you think of this new feature.

### My Quest

by *Aaron Campbell*



Aaron is second from left

My life is constantly changing. As I grow older, I find that new experiences and situations affect my life and plans for my future. I do believe, however, that I have found my true calling: education. I feel that it is my calling in life to educate future generations and help guide them through their lives.

I cannot wait to begin my quest in life. Becoming a student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, I know that I will experience a great education and brilliant foundation for the true beginnings of my professional life. Since I want to be a football coach, I plan to intern, or possibly play, for the fabulous Saluki football program. This will be especially

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## Rotary Programs



### May 7 Moonlight Restaurant

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Tom Turpin will be our speaker. He will be talking about the Trails West Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. He will discuss recent developments and future plans for the local chapter, including recent developments and future plans at Camp Warren Levis in Godfrey.

### May 14 Moonlight Restaurant

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Students of the Month for May will be honored.

### May 21 Rolling Hills

Alton/Godfrey Rotary Golf Challenge. at 1:30 p.m. Format will be a Shotgun Start. Cost is \$75 per person which will include dinner. There will be an auction following the golf challenge.

### May 28 No Meeting

Memorial Day Holiday

## Students of the Month

Nathaniel Fleming, and Aaron Campbell, seniors at Alton High School were honored by the Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club as Students of the Month for April at the Club's regular meeting at the Moonlight Restaurant on April 23rd.

The Student of the Month program was initiated by the Alton/ Godfrey Rotary Club to recognize the accomplishments of area youth. Students selected must be seniors and are selected on the basis of outstanding scholarship, participation in school activities, and/or community service activities. Students selected for this honor are recognized and presented with an award at a Rotary Club meeting and will be eligible to compete for a \$3000 scholarship which will be presented to one of the eighteen students honored as a "Student of the Month" during the school year. This is the 10th year of the program and since the program started 180 students have been honored



from the four area high schools

Aaron Campbell is the son of Bradley and Kelly Campbell of Godfrey. An Illinois State Scholar, Campbell was selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is a recipient of the Dean's Scholarship from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he plans to major in Education with a major in history.

Aaron has been extremely active in Alton High's Air Force Junior ROTC program and is an officer in the unit. He has participated in tennis and golf but spends much of his time in ROTC activities which include participation in a variety of community service projects.

Nathaniel Fleming is the son of Freddie and Donie Fleming of Alton. He was selected as one of the top students enrolled in vocational programs at Alton High. He was recognized for his outstanding work in Auto-Cad. He has been a member of the Redbird football and basketball



teams and in his spare time is active in his church. Upon graduating, he plans to attend Rock Valley College with a major in Physical Therapy

Jeannine Kelly , President of the Rotary Club, presented each of the students with a plaque recognizing their selection to this honor.

**Car Wash!**



What: Interact Car Wash  
When: Saturday, May 12, 10-1  
Where: Hardee's Parking Lot

difficult, because I plan to major in education, however, I believe that I am up to the task. This academic institution will help me on my way to becoming a history teacher and a football coach. I am very anxious to begin my college life.

Having always been a history fanatic, I believe that my interest in the subject will help me successfully relay information to students. I have always been able to communicate with all types of people, and I don't believe that will change. I have always had friends of every race from every walk of life, and I can motivate anyone to learn. I believe that the most important thing that you can teach someone is not an important name or event, but the ability to think and analyze situations for themselves. I have an ever-growing quest for knowledge, and I believe that my eagerness to learn will "rub off" on my students.

As stated, I plan to become a football coach as well. Football has always been a favorite hobby of mine, and that passion has led me to desiring a career involved in football. As a high school student, my parents never allowed me to play organized football. I have never allowed this detriment to inhibit me from playing as much football as possible, whenever possible, or studying the game and its intricacies. I have created many playbooks and I can already "break down", or analyze, game film to help me predict the outcomes of future games and the strategies involved in them. As a high school senior this year, I created a flag-football tournament to be held at my school annually. All school clubs are allowed to enter teams, and these teams play in a round robin tournament for bragging rights and a trophy. As the head coach/quarterback/defensive tackle for the AFJROTC team, I had to create new playbooks and organize practices for our team, and I believe that we can win the first ever tournament.

In conclusion, I cannot wait until I can begin my college life. I know exactly what I want to do and I know how to get there. Unfortunately, I need all the help I can get in terms of financing college. My family makes enough to support us, but not enough to pay for college. This scholarship will really help me on my way to accomplishing my goals.



**Jun 4 Moonlight Restaurant**

Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Program to be announced.

**Jun 11 Location to be determined**

Board of Directors meeting, 5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m. Student of the Year will be recognized. High Schools will receive recognition plaques listing the names of the students who were recognized as Students of the Month during the 2006-2007 school year. Spouses are invited.

**Jun 18 Rolling Hills Golf Course**

Steak Fry at the Rolling Hills Golf-Course Club House 6:00 p.m. Golf outing to precede. Contact Richard Johnson for details.

**June 17-20, Salt Lake City, Utah**

Rotary International Convention

**Jun 25 Location To Be Announced**

Annual Meeting. Induction of New Officers, Board of Directors, and Paul Harris Fellows. Jeannine Kelly will be passing the gavel to new president, Josh Farley.

- Joel Copley, Bill Hoagland - Program Directors



# April Minutes

The April 9, 2007, meeting of directors of the Alton-Godfrey Rotary Club was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by President Jeannine Kelly. Others in attendance were Ron Mayhew, Scott Neudecker, Bryan White, Roland Hansen, Tom Turpin, Mike Seymour, Mike Osborne, Rod Elias, Josh Farley, Ford Phillips, Dana Eastman, Dick Jones, Bill Moyer, and the Executive Secretary Melissa Seymour.

Others in attendance, were Jasper Fisher, Larry Thompson, and Jeff Weber.

On a motion by Dick Jones, seconded by Ford Phillips, the minutes were approved. On a motion Dick Jones, seconded by Scott Neudecker, the treasurer's report was approved.

In Club Administration, Dick Jones reported that we have \$17,411.61 in the Piasa Foundation account. This is a correction from the last report. Spouses night at LaVista Garden will be 4/30/07. LaVista Garden will provide the salad and Bryan White will contact Linda McCormick concerning the rest of the menu. The Village of Godfrey will take care of the tables and chairs. For the Paul Harris Committee Ron Mayhew said nominations close today. To date there are five nominations.

In Club Public Relations, Ford Phillips said the grant is approved but we have not received the money.

In membership, no report.

In Service Projects, Mike Seymour gave a report to date on the Chili Chowdown. There was a total of 752 attendance which is down 150 from the previous year. The profit through 3/31/07 is \$4,053.67 with 25 members still needing to pay for tickets. For the Golf Classic scheduled for 5/21/07, Scott Neudecker said very few donations have been received for the auction. All auction items need to be received one week prior to the classic. The board approved Josh Farley as auctioneer this year

For the Rotary Foundation, Bill Moyer reported that the District has not heard back from Argentina on the cataract project. We will eventually hear because they need to file a report with Rotary International. Ron Mayhew, for Interact, said the club is having problems communicating with the organizers of the water well project. It was approved on a motion by Bryan White, seconded that by Ford Phillips that Alton-Godfrey donate \$100.00 to Interact for the well project.

In mail/correspondence numerous requests from other organizations for funds was referred to Club Administration. The Board had discussion about giving money to other service organizations. Dick Jones said we have joined with other service clubs on projects but he objected to just giving money. A motion was made by Rod Elias, seconded by Ford Phillips, that we do not donate money to nor belong to other service organizations. The motion was carried with 2 nay votes.

In old business, concerning the Rotary Fountain, Jeannine spoke with Mike Drake today and he is trying to reach Roger Hoffard and Jim White for landscape help. Rhonda Lewis would like to see more grass with a few plantings. The sign committee is going to meet with Park representatives. For the Lars Hoffman Park, Jeff Weber said the light is in, the rock base is put in and next week the stone will be delivered and engraved. Concrete will be poured two weeks after that. They are getting close to landscaping the park.

Dana Eastman, for the World Affairs Seminar, said Alton High School has selected two kids for the Works Affairs Seminar. He is still waiting to hear from Marquette.

In new business, Jeannine had information about Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary World Peace Fellowship, and Rotary Grants for University Teachers to pass on to those who are interested. Tom Turpin said he had received an e-mail from Dr. Beach, Jerseyville Club, whose grandson is going on a youth exchange this summer. His grandson was requesting 100 of our Piasa Bird pins to distribute. The Board felt that they are unique to our Club and should not be passed out by others. Bill Moyer made a motion that we donate 50 pins to Jerseyville. The motion dies for lack of a second.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Seymour, Executive Secretary

## March Report

Previous Balance	\$7,852.03
cleared payments	2,480.52
cleared deposits	7,132.69
Cleared Balance	12,504.20
uncleared payments	3,729.05
uncleared deposits	0.00
Account Balance	8,775.15
New Payments	577.51
New Deposits	563.00
Ending Balance	8,760.64

### Club Officers 2005-2006

President.....	Jeannine Kelly
	25 Logan Road, Alton, 465-0123
Vice-President.....	Josh Farley
	1211 Callahan Dr, Alton, 465-5257
Secretary.....	Scott Neudecker
	5212 Richland Woods Dr., Alton, 462-4697
Treasurer.....	Ford Phillips
	1007 Henry St., Alton, 463-0769
Executive Secretary.....	Melissa Seymour
	3026 Edwards St., Alton, 462-7206

### Board of Directors 2005-2006

Allen McBride-3rd yr	Dan Saeger-2nd yr
Martha Morse-3rd yr	Tom Turpin-2nd yr
Mike Seymour-3rd yr	Joel Copley-1st yr
Mike Tillman-3rd yr	Dana Eastman-1st yr
Bryan White-3rd yr	Rod Elias-1st yr
Ron Mayhew-2nd yr	Roland Hansen-1st yr
Bill Moyer-2nd yr	Dick Jones-1st yr
Mike Osborne-2nd yr	Sharon Johnson-PP