Mayflower Faculty Member, College Dean Collaborating to Document Stockton's History

Book to Be Released During 40th Anniversary of Teaching

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Galloway Township, NJ- In September 2011, The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will celebrate its 40

th anniversary of teaching. While College community members look forward to the fast approaching milestone, two members in particular are looking at the College's past.

Dr. Kenneth Tompkins, professor emeritus of literature, and Dr. Robert Gregg, dean of the School of Arts and Humanities, are collaborating to co-edit *Reaching 40*, a book that will document the history of the College.

"The first step was to select the 'kinds' of history the book would include. We knew it should include a pedagogical history (teaching), a physical history (buildings), a conceptual history (disciplinary programs) and a cultural history (anecdotes, etc.). Once these were agreed upon, we asked various faculty and staff to write for us," explained Kenneth Tompkins.

The book will be a coffee table-style publication featuring more than 50 essays, photography, architectural drawings and anecdotes written for a diverse audience.

"Often when the public thinks of history, they think of dry accounts of what happened or anecdotal stories placed within a timeline. We wanted much more than that," said Tompkins. "The 50 plus essays are generally serious reviews of teaching, curricula and what made Stockton distinctive. The photos are visual histories of the early days of the College," he explained.

Reaching 40 has a history of its own. Robert Gregg explained, "A couple of years ago, I had been