Embracing the future

Brother President
Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D.
Look for the new website to help you find what you need

A redesigned Saint Mary’s University website went online in early December. Our hope is that the new organization will make it easier and faster for all kinds of users to find and accomplish what they want. The site has sections for admissions, alumni, parents, faculty and staff, current students, visitors and more. The main sections split quickly into specific undergraduate and graduate/professional program information.

New features should make surfing the site more beneficial. For example, the admission section has an enhanced listing of undergraduate majors, as well as a customized information feature. Prospective students who respond will automatically receive a PDF via e-mail and a brochure in the mail.

It should also be easier to find general information about the university’s academic and administrative offices and activities.

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Some days, I’m ready to trade my color-coordinated Mac for a good-old fashioned Smith Corona.

This summer, my hard drive began making a strange noise as it flashed threatening messages on my screen. Before I could properly yelp for help, the noises grew louder. Looking back, the horrible grinding noise was probably the sound a computer makes as it chews on data — just prior to swallowing precious hours of labor into Never Never Computer Land.

Most of my material was backed up — everything, unfortunately, except alumni magazine material. Thankfully I was able to re-scrape together most of the photos and information. However, if you submitted material to me prior to August, and it doesn’t appear in this magazine, please join me in either a good cry or a few choice words. AND, on a more positive note, please send me the material again. Another magazine is right around the corner, and we want to hear from you.

The Future

We hope you’ll enjoy this issue — which is filled with color in honor of the inauguration of Brother President Craig Franz, on Sept. 30. It also contains a heart-to-heart conversation with Brother Craig, who took over the role this summer as SMU’s 12th president.

I think of this issue as a look to the future. The stories about our new president unquestionably speak to the future. But so do the touching, inspiring and impressive stories that fill every page. The work of SMU — as a community of teachers and learners — is rippling out into society and getting noticed throughout the world.

One way it’s getting noticed is through results of the National Survey of Student Engagement, which reports how freshmen and seniors rate their universities in a number of categories.

NSSE measures levels of academic challenge, active and collaborative learning, student interaction with faculty members, enriching educational experiences, and supportive campus environment.

Saint Mary’s ranks extremely high in comparison with peer institutions, as well as the NSSE national average, in many key areas including: the level of accessibility to and positive interaction with faculty members both inside and outside of the classroom; community service and volunteer work; spirituality; a supportive environment; quality of academic advising and career preparation; friendly students; development of values and ethics; and many other areas.

NSSE is gaining increased recognition and prominence as a measure of institutional effectiveness that is more meaningful and more authentic relative to traditional methods. After all, what better way to measure the success of a university than by asking the students themselves?

There are always areas we can improve on. With direction from this study (as well as from the extensive self-study SMU is currently undergoing for reaccreditation by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools) we hope to identify these areas. But — as we look to the future — we also hope to continue to adapt to meet the needs of our students, as well as society.

We’re interested in your thoughts

We want to hear from you, the alumni, parents and friends of Saint Mary’s University. You’re welcome to respond to something you read in Saint Mary’s Magazine, or to comment on any subject that involves the past, present or future of the university.

Send letters to Saint Mary’s Magazine Editor, Saint Mary’s University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987-1399 or e-mail editor Deb Nahrgang at dnahrgan@smumn.edu.
Remembering K. Basil O’Leary’s legacy

I received the latest issue of Saint Mary’s Magazine with a touch of sadness. Reading the “Letters” column, I realized that not only had I missed the article in the publication on the death of K. Basil O’Leary, but that I have since violated his signal value in recognizing the obvious. Beyond that, he never gave up on a student challenged by the “force of logic” arguments principle he applied to what I believe permeated his life goals and practice. After his anti-war life response and incarceration, it was impossible to simply pass over my interactions with him as just what I come to expect from so many Saint Mary’s professors.

Disaffected kids from Southwest Chicago benefited in incalculable measure from the exposure to those who lived and communicated the message of the value of the individual, as well as the exercise of their intellect and social responsibility. I felt blessed then and no doubt will continue to remember those free-thinkers that populated the SMU faculty in the late ‘60s and ‘70s. Tom Etten; Brother Lawrence Walther, FSC ’44; Ulric Scott; Brother James Farrell, FSC ’57; Father Fabian; and Father Robert Taylor of “TROLL” legacy, as well as so many others. I apologize to those that I failed to mention.

Personal integrity and the commitment to value of the cultivation of the mind should never be relegated to a footnote. Dr. K. Basil O’Leary presented students with a challenge that I have yet to achieve. However, it propels me to try to inspire my fellow alumni, colleagues and students to look deeper into the human condition. As Dr. K. Basil O’Leary would say in his 3” x 5” card quizzes, “What do you expect the economic consequences would be if an oil-starved nation decided to neglect development of sustainable energy policy?”

Interesting question.

— Dr. Michael Barcelona ’71

Brother K. Basil gave students the greatest gifts a teacher can

The news of Basil O’Leary’s death this past March at the age of 83 saddened me, but it re-ignited feelings of nostalgia and continued wonderment about this enigmatic professor who often had a profound impact on his students. Of course, I remember him from my days at Saint Mary’s in the 1960s as Brother K. Basil, FSC, the extremely introverted chairman of the Economics Department. But, more than that, I remember the fearful respect students had for Brother K. Basil and his rigorous teaching methods.

As Yogi Berra might say, students stayed away in droves from his classes. But those students who did enroll in his classes were rewarded with the essence of an education – learning how to learn. His expectations were high; his questions were piercing; and his exams always consisted of a cryptic statement of economic theory, ending with “If so, why so? If not, why not?” Students could use only one half of a sheet of paper on which to answer the question. He encouraged students to use two-thirds of their time thinking about the answer and one-third of their time writing the answer. The tight space forced students to give a tight answer, and, as we all learned,
a tight answer could only be developed by critical thought and clear expression.

Just two years later, while attending Notre Dame Law School, I saw Brother K. Basil again. This time he was on the “CBS Evening News” standing in a group around a fire watching the incineration of the Milwaukee draft board records. I wondered then and I wonder now about the fire in his belly that ignited his inner passions to throw aside his introverted intellectual life and become an open and notorious “felon, burglar, thief and arsonist,” to use his own words (Saint Mary’s Magazine, Fall 2004).

During the trial Brother K. Basil, FSC, became Basil O’Leary, as well as a convicted felon. After he served his sentence, he secured a teaching position at the University of Notre Dame. He remained an enigma to many of us. In some ways, he reverted to his introverted image and championed causes through pen names (Prairie Dog, Mole-in-Residence, and Brother Frog). Perhaps this was his true comfort zone, passionately advocating causes from behind the pen and ink curtain.

Even after all these years, I still don’t know the “why so” of his passion and pursuits. I do know that he taught many of us how to think and how to present arguments, and that’s the greatest gift a teacher can give.

— Merle F. Wilberding ’66

More extensive article on Basil O’Leary needed

Congratulations on another informative edition of Saint Mary’s Magazine which I received yesterday. I agree with Keith Hanzel that a more extensive article on Basil O’Leary should appear in some Saint Mary’s publication. Unfortunately, the magazine arrived after the April 21 date of the meeting to honor Basil O’Leary. If there was a previous announcement about this meeting, I missed it.

— Bob Fincutter ’54

Group keeping spirit of O’Leary alive at SMU

On April 21, 2005, several alumni gathered on SMU’s Winona campus to commemorate the life of Basil O’Leary, who taught at Saint Mary’s as a Lasallian Christian Brother between 1950 and 1969. He died on March 25, 2004, and is buried at Notre Dame, Ind.

One of the visiting alumni, Michael Salemi ’68, professor of economics at the University of North Carolina, conducted a workshop for SMU faculty titled “Inquiry as Teaching: Following in the Footsteps of Basil O’Leary.” His presentation was based on his recent book on teaching, which is dedicated to O’Leary.

Later that day, Salemi was joined by Robert Restivo ’67, Thomas Joswick ’68, Jerry Westermeyer ’68 and Dr. Greg Gaut ’69 at an informal event at which they shared memories of O’Leary with an audience of about 20, most of whom had known O’Leary as a teacher or as a colleague. A eulogy of O’Leary, prepared by Alven M. Neiman, a friend and colleague of O’Leary’s, was shared. To read this tribute, go to www.smumn.edu/eulogy.

To preserve the memory of O’Leary, the group decided to help Dr. William Crozier, SMU archivist, develop the existing archival material about O’Leary. If readers have copies of O’Leary’s published or unpublished writings, or other materials related to his life and work, the university would appreciate receiving them. Copies of papers from his various “symposia,” even those written by others, would also be appreciated.

Materials and enquiries can be sent to Dr. Greg Gaut, Department of History, Saint Mary’s University, 700 Terrace Heights #27, Winona, MN 55987, or by e-mail at ggaut@smumn.edu.

‘Looking Back’ stirs up memories

The last football coach was Chet Bulger, former world champion Chicago Cardinal player. Coach Bulger is still alive and living in Fairfax, Va. After leaving Saint Mary’s, Chet went to work at De La Salle Institute, Chicago. He was a teacher/coach at “D” for many years, before retiring. You can contact coach Bulger through the alumni association at “D.” The uniforms in the picture (“Looking Back”) were the uniforms we wore at “D.” I played four years at “D,” so I recognized them immediately. My high school yearbook confirmed my memory. I believe coach Bulger is in the Hall of Fame.

— Dan Finn ’64
Brother Louis DeThomasis, SMU chancellor, Stephen Young of Caux Round Table, and Brother President Craig Franz signed an agreement this summer to form the Corporate Directors Academy.

Corporate Directors Academy beginning in Twin Cities

Saint Mary’s University and an international network of business leaders are joining forces to offer a unique training program geared toward for-profit business leaders and centered on innovative leadership. Caux Round Table — a global network of senior business leaders from Europe, Japan and North America who work to promote a moral capitalism — and the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership at Saint Mary’s are jointly offering the Corporate Directors Academy this fall in the Twin Cities, with classes initially taking place at the historic Minneapolis Club.

“It is a pleasure for Saint Mary’s to be involved with Stephen Young and the Caux Round Table in this endeavor,” said Brother President Craig Franz. The venture is aligned with the university’s mission, he said, which is to “awaken, nurture, and empower learners to ethical lives of service and leadership.”

The program, which began in November, provides present and aspiring directors of for-profit organizations with the tools to recognize and effectively deal with issues such as risk management and value analysis. Participants will analyze and discuss cases and scenarios related to governance, leadership and innovation. They will learn principles for dynamic and responsible leadership.

The Corporate Directors Academy in Minnesota is a prototype for a national program, designed to respond to the crisis in American capitalism. It is built upon the premise that good directors lead good companies — and great directors lead great companies.

The Academy will bring to reality a concept envisioned 34 years ago by Wheelock Whitney, an elected board member of numerous corporations and a distinguished Minnesota business and civic leader. In 1971, Whitney called for a program in higher education “designed to create a new supply of skilled outside directors for American business.”

The Academy curriculum integrates concepts and principles of corporate governance, stewardship, ethical leadership, the letter and spirit of the law, social responsibility, risk assessment and management, commitment to stakeholders, the proper use of power, and long-term business value-drivers.

Those who complete the six-module curriculum of the Corporate Directors Academy will receive a Certificate of Corporate Director Qualification. In this interactive program, faculty function as facilitators, not as lecturers. They will include a distinguished and diverse international roster of recognized corporate leaders.

For more information about the Corporate Directors Academy, contact Tim Burchill ’68, executive director of the Hendrickson Institute at Saint Mary’s Winona campus, (507) 457-1750 or ethics@smumn.edu; or Stephen Young at Caux Round Table, (651) 265-2761 or cauxroundtable@aol.com.

SMU again ranked in top tier by U.S. News & World Report

Saint Mary’s University is again ranked in the top tier of the new U.S. News & World Report “America’s Best Colleges 2006” guidebook.

Saint Mary’s University tied for 37th place in the same category last year. The 2006 America’s Best Colleges report ranks institutions based on criteria such as retention rates, student selectivity, alumni giving, class size and faculty salaries.

“We’re gratified that a respected national ranking lists Saint Mary’s in the top tier of our region. It’s an endorsement of what we’ve known all along — that Saint Mary’s offers a high-quality educational experience,” said Bob Conover, vice president for marketing and communication.
Saint Mary’s University reports enrollment for 2005-06

Official 10th-day-of-class statistics at the Saint Mary’s University Winona campus showed a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,251.

Enrollment in the School of Graduate and Professional Programs at all campuses and centers includes 3,542 adult learners at the graduate level, and 429 non-traditional students at the undergraduate level.

At the Nairobi campus, Christ the Teacher Institute for Education enrolls 173 students, and the Maryknoll Institute for African Studies enrolls 21.

Total Saint Mary’s enrollment in all programs at all locations is 5,416.

American classic ‘Our Town’ produced in London

Theatre students studying in London fall semester staged only the second production of “Our Town” ever presented in London.

Larry Gorrell ’74, dean for the School of the Arts at SMU, worked directly with Thornton Wilder’s nephew, Tappan Wilder, to obtain rights to produce the play in London. Thornton Wilder felt the play is so quintessentially American, he did not want non-American productions and stated so in his estate. His nephew re-evaluated the position and gave SMU the rights.

Each year qualified theatre majors at Saint Mary’s University study theatre in London, England, through the Stefannié Valencéa Kierlin Theatre in London Program. Tappan Wilder was impressed with the fact that SMU produces an American script in London each year, and he said he wasn’t aware of any other school doing so.

Under the guidance of Saint Mary’s faculty, the program includes a variety of classes in theatre, as well as courses focusing on broader enrichment. Students have the unique opportunity to attend numerous performances at London’s West End, Off-West End, and Fringe theatres. Additionally, under the direction of Judy Myers, the group performed “Our Town” Oct. 19-22 at the New Wimbledon Studio in Wimbledon, England.

First produced in 1938, the Pulitzer-Prize winning “Our Town” has become an American stage treasure and is Thornton Wilder’s most renowned and frequently performed play. Set at the turn of the 20th century, the play reveals the ordinary lives of the people in the small town of Grover’s Corners, New Hampshire, U.S.A. It’s a place where people grow up, get married, live and die. Milk and the newspaper get delivered every morning, and nobody locks their front doors.

Three named to Board of Trustees

Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota has announced three new members of its board of trustees. Cynthia Calderon of Saint Paul, Karen George ’76 of Plymouth, Minn., and Mark Jacobs of Winona were elected to the board in May and began their terms in September. Retiring board members in May were: Michael Gostomski ’62 of Winona; Dr. Renée J. Garpestad ’81 of Minnetonka, Minn.; Dr. Judith Rich O’Fallon of Rochester; and Dr. Susan Kenny Stevens of Minneapolis, Minn.

Saint Mary’s hosts college paintball tourney

The action was fast and furious — not to mention colorful — when Saint Mary’s University hosted a regional college paintball tournament Oct. 8-9. The event was a first for the university, as well as the region.

A huge net and inflatable obstacles were set up on the lower intramural field (the old Lake LaSalle). Four teams from the Central Division of the National Collegiate Paintball Association competed in the Class A round-robin tournament Oct. 8, and 16 teams in Class AA competed Oct. 9.

The interest in the sport at SMU is increasing every year, due in large part to the success of its paintball team, the SMU Kidz, who finished the 04-05 season ranked third in Class A after a strong showing in the national championship tournament.
Community finds ways to help hurricane victims

The Saint Mary's community is doing its best to help Gulf Coast hurricane victims. On every level, faculty, staff and students are reaching into their wallets and rolling up their sleeves to help those in need.

- Saint Mary's extended its fall enrollment until Sept. 9 to help displaced students.
- On Sept. 12, a Hurricane Katrina benefit jazz concert not only raised $3,300 for the American Red Cross, but also served as a tribute to the rich culture of those regions hit hardest. As community members munched on Po Boy sandwiches, area jazz bands and the historic Winona steam calliope belted out jazz favorites. Guest speakers for the evening — including two of the three students displaced by the hurricane and attending SMU this fall — gave first-hand accounts of the evacuation and destruction, and stories of strength and hope.
- A service-learning course is being offered this spring semester through both SMU and Winona State University. Students will travel to New Orleans over February break. They will also study how Hurricane Katrina has raised important questions about race, racism, socioeconomic class and poverty in the U.S.
- Other service trips are planned to this region as well. Through Catholic Charities, several students will travel to Biloxi, Miss., over Christmas break. And money raised from SMU's annual SOUL dinner will fund a Campus Ministry trip to the Gulf Region in February.
- Faculty and staff at both the Winona and Twin Cities campuses have found a way to share and sample their favorite recipes as well as raise money. “Let’s Do Lunch” faculty/staff potlucks have been held, raising thousands of dollars for both the Red Cross and for De La Salle High School in New Orleans, a school run by the Christian Brothers.
- Students have collected pennies in a jar and taken various collections at university events, and a clothesline of gift certificate donations was strung across the basement of the Toner Student Center.
- Faculty, staff and students donated highly sought-after goods and services — babysitting, carwashes, homemade cookies and crafts, and gourmet meals — for a silent auction fundraiser.
- And money from “Jeans for a Cause” — through which faculty pay to wear blue jeans the first Friday of each month — will assist students attending De La Salle High School.
Four honored at Founder’s Day ceremony

At the Saint Mary’s University Founder’s Day ceremony March 1, special honors were given to a faculty member, a social worker and Christian Brother, and outstanding male and female senior students.

Founder’s Day is the annual celebration of the founding of Saint Mary’s University in 1912 by Winona Bishop Patrick R. Heffron.

Brother Michael Reis, FSC, of Providence, R.I., was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Educational Leadership. Brother Michael’s career as a licensed social worker has focused on helping troubled youth and at-risk children. In 1983, he co-founded — and serves as president of — a community-based family counseling agency, Tides Family Services Inc., located in Providence, Pawtucket/Central Falls, West Warwick and Woonsocket, R.I. Tides is a nonresidential, alternative program for wayward, truant and adjudicated youth.

Dr. Marilyn Frost of Winona received the 2005 Brother H. Charles Severin Award, which recognizes excellence in preparation of courses, in communication and delivery of course material, and in fairness in dealing with students. Dr. Frost has been a member of the Saint Mary’s faculty since 1969. She has taught in the psychology department at the undergraduate level, and in the counseling and psychological services program and the human development program at the graduate level. In addition, she has served in a variety of academic administrative roles over the years, and she is currently associate dean of social, behavioral, and computer sciences.

The Outstanding Male and Female Senior Awards were presented to students who have demonstrated the ideals of scholarship, character, leadership, service to colleagues and the university community. Above all, these men and women showed genuine concern for the needs of others.

The Outstanding Male Senior Award was given to Liam O’Farrell of Greeley, Colo., and the Outstanding Female Senior Award was given to Ashley Dingels of Gibbon, Minn.
O’Farrell, son of Vincent and Cecilia O’Farrell, was involved with many campus activities including: Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, serving as the president last year; Campus Ministry, helping lead music for many different liturgies; Residence Life, as an RA, assistant hall director and hall manager; and in the music department as the section leader for the Chamber Singers and Concert Choir, and as the assistant conductor of the Concert Choir. He also has toured with the Chamber Singers and performed in Blue Angel and Gaslight shows.

Dingels, daughter of James and Cheryl Dingels, and a mathematics major, was involved in volleyball as well as the Student Activities Committee, Campus Ministry, SMU Crew and the Cardinal Athletic Council.

Other finalists for the Outstanding Female Senior Award were Renae Carlson, Stewartville, Minn.; Jennifer Cochran, Winona; Keri Drake, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Andrea Keber, Arlington, Neb.; and Kami Ward, Amboy, Minn.

Other finalists for the Outstanding Male Senior Award were: Karl Hatteberg, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Derek Nelson, Winona; Matt Rink, Rochester, Minn.; and Lance Thompson, Winona.

Winona campus graduates

On Saturday, May 14, the Winona campus of Saint Mary’s University hosted two commencement ceremonies to mark the end of the academic year.

There were 259 students eligible to graduate. An honorary Doctorate of Educational Leadership was conferred on Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC, the Superior General of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The Christian Brothers operate at their generalate in Rome under the leadership of Brother Álvaro, who coordinates the educational ministry of the 7,000 De La Salle Christian Brothers around the world (who, along with their 80,000 colleagues, are engaged in the Lasallian educational mission to upwards of a million students in 82 countries).

Additionally, student perspectives were offered by this year’s Outstanding Male and Female Seniors, Liam O’Farrell and Ashley Dingels. Dingels was unable to attend the ceremony; her presentation was read by senior Tessa Stranik.

A total of 646 students were eligible to graduate from the Winona-based graduate programs. Along with the conferring of degrees, student perspectives were offered by Annmarie DeMarais, M.A. in Pastoral Ministries, and Bee Lee, M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning.

The Saint Mary’s Nairobi campus graduated 54 during its 10th annual commencement ceremony May 14. The Twin Cities campus graduated 329 during commencement ceremonies June 5. The Twin Cities campus holds three commencement ceremonies throughout the year.
Speakers bring the world to the Winona campus

Saint Mary’s University hosted a number of national and international speakers on a variety of subjects in the past year — from remembering the civil rights movement to the mission of Lasallian education, and from the role of United Nations to some controversial amphibians. Here are just a few highlights.

On Sept. 23, 1957, nine students — including Minnijean Brown-Trickey and eight other young African-American students — walked through the doors of Little Rock Central High, and into history. In one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement — and in defiance of the state, the governor, and armed troops — they took their rightful place in what had been until that moment a whites-only institution in Arkansas. History labeled them the Little Rock Nine.

Brown-Trickey presented “Return to Little Rock” Feb. 8 at Saint Mary’s.

Drawing on her experiences, Brown-Trickey provided audiences with a fascinating exploration of social change, diversity and the battle against discrimination and racism.

Brother John Johnston, FSC ‘55, former Superior General of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, offered a presentation on “Lasallian Higher Education Around the World” at Saint Mary’s on April 7. His presentation focused on the Lasallian mission of higher education on every continent. Brother John served as a Lasallian Scholar in Residence April 6-20 at the Winona and Twin Cities campuses of Saint Mary’s.

Dr. Tyrone Hayes spoke to the crowd about the effects of herbicides on frogs.

Dr. Tyrone Hayes, best known for his research linking frog abnormalities to Atrazine, was the featured speaker at the 32nd annual Undergraduate Research Symposium in Biology April 8. Dr. Hayes, a professor at the University of California-Berkeley, presents throughout the world because of both the interest and controversy surrounding his work. He has found that low levels of Atrazine, a widely-used herbicide in the U.S., “chemically castrates and feminizes” male frogs, fish and other wildlife.

World-renowned Kenyan novelist, essayist and playwright Ngugi wa Thiong’o addressed the community twice on April 12 as part of Saint Mary’s International Series 2004-05, a yearlong focus of special events on the Winona campus that featured Kenya.

Ngugi’s first novel, “Weep Not, Child,” was published in 1964 and was the first novel in English to be published by an East African author. In 1977, Ngugi was imprisoned under maximum security for a year without trial for his involvement with a communal theatre in his home village. Behind his arrest was the uncensored political message — sharply critical of the inequalities and injustices of Kenyan society — of his popular
Jeremy Wells was promoted to vice president for development and alumni relations in May. Wells previously served as a major gift officer for Saint Mary’s and had recently been promoted to director of development.

Wells came to Saint Mary’s in September 2004 from Jamestown College in Jamestown, N.D., where he was responsible for many aspects of their development and alumni activities.

“I am very excited as I take on this new role,” Wells said. “Along with a very talented and dedicated staff, I look forward to working with our alumni, parents and friends as we partner to advance our Lasallian mission. This school is such a special place for so many people, and it is truly a pleasure to be a part of the tradition that is Saint Mary’s University.”

Theresa Manley Dégéest, instructor of political science at Saint Mary’s University, was recently selected as the director of the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women. Now in its second year, 30 first- and second-year women are currently participating in the Institute.

The Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute nurtures women’s leadership potential; encourages women to grow intellectually, socially, spiritually, and culturally; and celebrates personal integrity, excellence and service. For more information, contact Dégéest at (507) 457-6651 or tdegeest@smumn.edu.

Though Simon, Paula and Randy weren’t able to attend, the spirit of “American Idol” was strong on the SMU campus Aug. 30 during TV station Fox 47’s “Idol” competition.

Four finalists from this competition — as well as competitions in Austin, Minn.; Mason City, Iowa; and Rochester, Minn. — performed at the regional finale Sept. 7 at the Rochester Community Technical College Hill Theatre.

The winner on Sept. 7 received a trip for two to Chicago Sept. 15-18, and a guaranteed audition for “American Idol” Sept. 16 at Chicago’s Soldier Field.

Two SMU students, Eddie Gelhaus, a senior from Owen, Wis., and Alyssa Schlageter, a freshman from Greenville, R.I., made it to the regional finale.

Gillian Sorensen, senior advisor and national advocate for the United Nations Foundation, presented “Global Justice, Faith and the United Nations” Sept. 13. The event also included a panel discussion with Robert Flaten, former U.S. ambassador to Rwanda and a distinguished lecturer in political science at St. Olaf College.

Sorensen has had a long career working with and for the U.N. Since 1993, she served as special adviser for public policy for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, and then as assistant secretary general, head of the Office of External Relations for Secretary General Kofi Annan. She has worked closely with diplomats, academics, parliamentarians, religious leaders and others committed to peace, justice, development and human rights.

Flaten served as ambassador to Rwanda from December 1990 to November 1993. He retired from the Foreign Service in 1994 and is chair of the executive committee of the Nobel Peace Prize Forum, which works with the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo to honor and promote the work of recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize.

PICTURED LEFT: Greeting Gillian Sorensen, center, of the U.N. Foundation; Robert Flaten, center left, former U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda; and Dr. Bharat Parekh of the U.N. Foundation of Minnesota, right, are, from left: event sponsors Tim Burchill ’68 of the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership; Theresa Manley Dégéest of the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women; Brother President Craig Franz; and Dr. Karen Gulliver, associate dean of international initiatives at the Twin Cities campus.

play “Ngaahika ndeenda” or “I Will Marry When I Want.”

After Amnesty International named him a prisoner of conscience, an international campaign secured his release. Now in the U.S., he continues to serve as a champion for the political advancement of Africa’s exploited and oppressed peoples.
Leave a legacy

Webster defines the word legacy as “something transmitted by or received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past.” It’s a word that is used frequently around colleges and universities all across the nation — particularly among my counterparts in alumni offices.

There are many ways in which this word gets used, but I would like to focus attention on what I feel are the two most important: the legacy left by those who were here before us, and the legacy of those yet to come.

I am particularly proud of the members of the alumni board of directors for taking the initiative to partner with SMU in the creation of a Veterans’ Memorial on the Winona campus. The legacy of those who served, are serving, and will serve this nation will be honored with a permanent monument. I strongly encourage you to support this memorial by making a donation in honor or in memory of a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, child, family member, classmate or friend.

The legacy of those yet to come depends, in part, on those of us who have gone before. As alumni, we have a great opportunity to directly assist our university’s future. One sure way to do this is to “refer a Cardinal.” Our university depends on our alumni to help share their love for Saint Mary’s with potential students who might consider attending SMU. It’s a great way for you to support your alma mater — especially if you have children who are looking at various colleges. Please contact us to ensure they receive admission mailings and updates. To do this, go to www.smumn.edu/referacardinal and fill out the form. Or contact the SMU admission office at 800-635-5987, Ext. 1700.

Your legacy can be our legacy too!

The Veterans’ Memorial Project

By the end of 1945, 38 Saint Mary’s students and alumni gave their lives in service to our country during WWII. In honor and remembrance of these heroes — as well as all SMU alumni who have served in the military — a Veterans’ Memorial will be constructed on the Winona campus. The SMU Alumni Association invites you to make a contribution to the creation and ongoing preservation of this permanent recognition. The Veterans’ Memorial Project is scheduled to begin construction in 2006. Your charitable support is critical to the timely completion of this structure and its care.

Each gift over $250 in support of the project will be recognized with a permanent acknowledgement in the form of a laser-etched paving brick. Benefactors may choose to honor or memorialize a veteran’s gift of service. These pavers will be placed along the walkways leading to the memorial itself, providing a constant opportunity for reflection and remembrance.

To learn more about this project, and how you can contribute, go to www.smumn.edu/veteransmemorial.
Alumni Chicago Cubs Outing

Saint Paul Saints Alumni Outing
Tom Whaley ’85, Saint Paul Saints executive vice president; Saint Paul Saints team mascot “Mudanna;” and Kara Wener ’00 “hammed” it up for a picture. Saint Mary’s University sponsored the Aug. 7 Saint Paul Saints game.

Below: During the Saints game, alumni friends and prospective students enjoyed a pre-game picnic, giveaways and game contests, including an airplane-throwing contest. Kathy Jelinek ’99 didn’t take home the airline tickets, but still got an A for effort.

Alumni Theatre Event
More than 50 alumni and friends — including, from left: Desiree Leimer ’00, Jeff Neppl ’01 and Mary Schmolke ’01 — attended an alumni theatre event April 16 in Winona. The event was co-sponsored by the SMU Theatre Arts Department and Alumni Association. Activities began with an alumni panel to benefit current SMU theatre majors/minors, a social and dinner, followed by the Department of Theatre performance of “Cabaret.” Current theatre students and their families joined alumni, faculty and staff in a dessert reception following the performance. The event is hosted every other year during the weekend of the SMU spring theatre department performance.

Chicago Alumni Golf Outing
The Healy family foursome — Jim ’54, Mark ’80, Dan ’81 and Tom ’89 — teemed up during the 2005 Chicago Alumni Golf Outing. The event was held at the Carriage Greens Country Club on Sept. 23. Ninety golfers participated, and more than 125 people attended the post-golf activities.
You are invited!

Once again, Saint Mary’s faculty, staff, students and Christian Brothers are bringing the university to Chicago to reconnect with alumni and friends, meet prospective students and their parents and share our Saint Mary’s with Chicago! This event will have something for everyone!

Wyndham Northwest Chicago

Located in the elegant 265-acre Chancellory Office Complex, the Wyndham Northwest Chicago is conveniently located near the Woodfield Shopping Mall and Schaumburg Corporate Centers. (I-290 and Thornton Ave.)

Make hotel reservations directly with the Wyndham Hotel at 630-773-4000, toll-free 800-996-3426, or go online: www.wyndham.com.

For more information: www.smumn.edu/alumni
Schedule of Events

Friday, March 3

7 to 11 p.m.
Special Reception for Alumni
Alumni and friends are invited to socialize with Saint Mary’s faculty and staff, members of the alumni board of directors and the board of trustees at a reception and silent auction.

Saturday, March 4

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Exhibitor Booths Open

10 to 11 a.m.
Break-Out Sessions

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Convention Kick-off Celebration
Be our guest for a complimentary buffet lunch! The convention welcome address will be given by Master of Ceremonies John McDonough ’75, vice president of marketing & broadcasting for the Chicago Cubs.

Brother Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D., president of Saint Mary’s University, will provide an update with news about our alma mater.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tom Skilling – Chief Meteorologist, WGN-TV
Tom Skilling, WGN-TV chief meteorologist, appears weekdays on the News at Noon and News at Nine. After more than 25 years in the business, Skilling has established himself as a respected meteorologist and a viewer favorite, known for his in-depth reports, enthusiasm, and use of state-of-the-art technology. Skilling’s passion for weather, his graphic-packed presentations and tireless attempts to explain the weather, led to a daily column and his own weather page in the Chicago Tribune, and a weekly series on WGN News, “Ask Tom.” In the city of Chicago and beyond, he has become the superman of meteorology; when in doubt, the city turns to Tom to figure out the mysteries of nature.

4 to 5 p.m.
Live Entertainment!
The Oldie Moldie All-Stars
A 30-year tradition at Saint Mary’s, the All-Stars is a student/faculty/alumni band made up of mostly Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members. Performing popular 1950s and 1960s hits, they are the traditional closing act in SMU’s Blue Angel variety show.

5 p.m.
Convention Adjourns

Saturday (continued)

2 to 4 p.m.
Break-Out Sessions
Fun, educational mini-seminars presented by faculty and staff from more than 50 majors and departments.

4 to 5 p.m.
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Show your Saint Mary’s spirit!
Bring your Saint Mary’s memorabilia to be included in a display just for the convention! If you have items such as photographs, brochures, buttons, pennants or other items which capture the history of Saint Mary’s, bring them with you to the convention or contact us if you are unable to attend. SMU archivist Dr. William Crozier will create a display showing the character of this university over the years.

(Items will be available for pick-up at the close of the exhibition area Saturday afternoon.)

CST items are also welcome!

Sports Fans!
Join us for special SMU sports memories with current and former athletes, coaches and fans! Bring your team photos, rosters, programs or other sports memorabilia to share!

Questions? Call toll-free: 800-635-5987, Ext. 1499

Exhibitor Information
For information about purchasing ad space in the convention program and/or exhibit booths for your business or company, please contact: Meg Richtman ’97, convention coordinator, at 800-635-5987, Ext. 1499.
Or go online to www.smumn.edu/convention. Limited booth space is available – first come, first served.
Saint Mary’s was host to more than 300 alumni and their families during the 2005 Homecoming weekend June 17-19. Alumni from all class years were welcomed back to Terrace Heights, and special invitations went to those from anniversary classes ending in 5 and 0. The class of 1955 celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the class of 1980 celebrated its 25th.

Kicking off the first day of festivities was the 11th annual Homecoming golf outing at the Bridges Golf Club, along with a special dinner for alumni of 50 years and more. An alumni social was held in the Cardinal Club.

On Saturday, more than 30 alumni and family members ran in the Gilmore Gallop 5k through the bluffs surrounding campus. An afternoon family picnic was complete with inflatables, music and fun for both adults and children. Saturday evening featured an alumni Mass, social, dinner, annual alumni awards ceremony, piano sing-along and alumni reunion party. In addition, many classes planned their own class gatherings on- and off-campus throughout the weekend.

At the alumni awards ceremony, Saint Mary’s presented its Alumni Appreciation Award to Tom Callen ’70, its Religious Service Award to Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut, FSC ’67, and Patrick A. Salvi ’75 received the Distinguished Alumnus award.

Plan now to visit campus for next year’s Homecoming weekend, June 16-18.

For more details and photos of Homecoming 2005, visit www.smumn.edu/alumni.
**Distinguished Alumnus**

**Patrick A. Salvi ’75**

Patrick Salvi became a member of the Illinois State Bar Association in 1978 after graduating from the University of Notre Dame Law School. Before opening his Waukegan office in 1982, he was engaged in the general practice of law. Over the past 23 years, he has expanded his practice from two employees to more than 30; in 1999, he opened a second office, in Chicago. Salvi has become one of the most prominent personal injury and medical malpractice attorneys in the country. Most recently, Woodward/White Inc. named him one of the “best lawyers in America.” He is currently a member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and Florida Bar Associations and gives presentations across the country.

**Religious Service**

**Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut, FSC ’67**

Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut, FSC, is currently in his ninth year as the Provincial Superior of the De La Salle Christian Brothers in the Lwanga District of English-speaking Africa. Brother Dominic was instrumental in establishing the Christ the Teacher Institute for Education (CTIE) at the Saint Mary’s Nairobi campus. The mission of CTIE is to prepare teachers for service in economically and socially poor Catholic secondary schools in English-speaking Africa. Brother Dominic previously served as Provincial of the Saint Paul-Minneapolis Province of Brothers and was on the SMU Board of Trustees for 10 years. He also served as the regional coordinator for the Christian Brothers Conference (Washington, D.C.) for the USA-Toronto Region of De La Salle Christian Brothers.

**Alumni Appreciation**

**Tom Callen ’70**

An active member of the Saint Mary’s University Alumni Association, Tom Callen served as a class representative and a member of the Alumni Board of Directors from 1998-2001 (serving as president in 2000-01). He has also volunteered with the admission office by recruiting high school students from the Milwaukee area. His volunteer recruiting efforts have ranged from making phone calls and conducting personal meetings to attending college fairs and admission receptions. Callen has been a very strong advocate for the university, as well as a loyal and dedicated benefactor.
Finding answers in Kyrgyzstan
SMU alumna’s Peace Corps experience

“You’re really going to Kyrgyzstan?”
“How do you pronounce Kyrgyzstan?”
“How many years will you be gone?”
“Why would you want to join the Peace Corps?”

Jennifer Lawrence ’04 fielded more questions than she had answers prior to her departure to Kyrgyzstan through the Peace Corps. Immersed in a new culture — one in which women often go unheard — Lawrence shares her love for these people, her visions for their future and her passion for her work.

When I entered Saint Mary’s University, I thought I wanted to put my majors of theology and pastoral youth ministry to use by working with youth in a church setting.

After a Serving Others United in Love (SOUL) trip to Heifer Project International’s Arkansas ranch my freshman year, I found my passion for sustainable development.

I never thought this passion would lead me to a small village in a country that not many people had heard about until recently. But it seemed as if I was destined to be in Kyrgyzstan.

As a Russian-speaking Sustainable Economic and Organizational Development (SEOD) volunteer, I eventually became assigned to a small handicraft organization, “History Sources,” in Talas Oblast on the west side of the country.

In the office, a handful of women provide sewing services like alterations and custom clothing orders. Through an association of small groups of women in surrounding villages, the organization fulfills orders for traditional Kyrgyz rugs, cushions and souvenirs. My work within the organization focuses on strengthening their approach to business, working with my director on projects, and giving advice when and how I can.

Currently I am working on a grant proposal that will provide for repairs and furnishings for an apartment, in which we will be able to hold seminars on business rights and laws for women, and classes on sewing and traditional techniques for girls and women.

I have found that my passion lies in working with girls and women in any way I can. Kyrgyz culture, and that of
many poor countries, implies that women belong in the home. Girls are expected to know from a very young age how to do every possible domestic duty and do it well. Men do not know how to cook, wash dishes, or do laundry. A woman’s role in life is to find a husband (or have a husband find them through the practice of bride kidnapping), to have children, to maintain a happy home and please their husband. Since I fall into the category of a young, unmarried woman in Kyrgyz culture, I often feel the pressure to explain why it’s acceptable in my culture that I am 22 and unmarried and would like to further my career once I return to America.

However, there are many women in powerful or educated positions even within this small village of 5,000 people. Women are slowly becoming more powerful in their own right and in every conversation I have, I want every woman – whether she is 20 years old or 80 years old – to know that they have a voice and that I am listening.

While I am surrounded by older women all day in my office, I focus my secondary work on girls in grades eight through 11. I have an empowerment/leadership club that leads the girls into discussing topics that are taboo to discuss around boys.

An experience during our first official club meeting proves the point that to make any sort of sustainable and long-term change at my site, I must work with the youth. After the first meeting, I thought I had mutiny on my hands when the group of girls from the public school united and presented me with the idea of hosting two separate clubs—one for the private school, one for the public. This division stemmed simply from the girls’ insecurity about speaking English around another group of supposedly superior English speakers.

I was trying as hard as I could to convince them that it’s best to remain as one group when one girl spoke up. She exclaimed, “If two groups of girls in Pokrovka can’t get along, then how will Kyrgyzstan be one unified country?” I was unfortunately surprised at the depth of this statement; I didn’t think that these girls were concerned with such issues. However, I now know that all of these girls have such wisdom and insight; yet they are often overlooked in Kyrgyz society. The saying that you will learn more than you teach in Peace Corps is becoming a reality for me.

As I continue this journey, I can now easily answer the questions that my friends and family asked before I left. You pronounce the country name as Kur-giz-stan, I will be here for 27 months, and I wanted to join the Peace Corps because it offered me just as much as I had to offer. Most importantly, I am able to answer the question, “Who are you because of Saint Mary’s University’s influence in your life?” My name is Jenny Lawrence, K-12 SEOD Peace Corps volunteer, community member of Pokrovka village, Manas Rayon, Talas Oblast, Kyrgyzstan.

To learn how to sponsor Lawrence’s Peace Corps project—or many other worthy projects—visit www.peacecorps.gov, click on “Donate Now,” then “Volunteer Projects,” and scroll to the Kyrgyz Republic, where Lawrence’s project is listed under her last name.
For almost a year now, both the Twin Cities and Winona campus Communication and Marketing offices have been collaborating on how a new Saint Mary’s website should look and work.

With each new website comes changes that, we hope, will make it easier for visitors to find the information they want and need.

Here then is a sample of the new home page and some of the major changes we’ve made.

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

Visitors to the site can quickly get to information about specific SMU locations.

**HOW MAY WE HELP YOU?**

Are you a prospective student, current student, alumni, parent? New sections for different groups are available through the top navigation links.

**INFORMATION FOR THE SMU COMMUNITY**

Important links to services used by students, faculty and staff are easily accessible.

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A. Eric Heukeshoven  
website manager

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**QUICK LINKS TO GET YOU WHERE YOU WANT TO GO**

Degree programs, history of SMU, athletics, performance series and giving to SMU are just a few of the quick links included in the new design.

You’ll also see more color, more photos and more in-depth content, such as Alumni Profiles, as the site continues to develop.

As always, we value your suggestions. Please contact us at any time with your comments at webmaster@smumn.edu.
On a typical day, there’s a continuous rotation of people through his door, each with a different agenda. The phone rings persistently. And small, neatly arranged piles of paperwork are aligned on his desk, waiting for his review at night because his daytime meeting schedule is so busy.

On the weekends, Brother Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D., makes it a point to get out into the community: touring a Mississippi dredge, attending a concert under the bridge in Wabasha, cheering a SMU soccer team from the sidelines, or pleasantly greeting people while participating in a Steamboat Days Parade.

This is the life of our new university president. It seems there are always hands to shake, decisions to be made, meetings to attend and, sometimes, even lollipops to pass out.

But, for a time, Brother Craig lets the phone ring, walks the last meeting’s participant graciously to the door, and sits down with a wide smile that has become his characteristic calling card.

As the sun cascades through his office windows, Brother Craig relaxes, comfortable behind a desk he has occupied since June 1, when he assumed the position of president of Saint Mary’s University. In an hour-long conversation with Deb Nahrgang, director of communication for the Winona campus, one theme emerges: education is the passion that has consumed most of his life.
Q: Tell me about your family and your upbringing.
A: I come from a close-knit family of four: two parents and an older brother. We lived in Towson, a small Maryland town where I had the extreme good fortune to lead a cherished childhood playing in the fields, climbing trees in the forest and, when the winter snows cancelled school, I'd be sledding down the hills. It was an idyllic place to experience a "nuclear family," although that terminology sounds somewhat passé. I guess you could say that life in our little corner of the world was located somewhere between "Leave it to Beaver" and "Ozzie and Harriett."

Q: How has your family background shaped who you are today?
A: My father's history had a great effect on my life. His story is that of a modern-day Horatio Alger, a self-made man. As a young man, my father was a janitor at an engineering materials corporation where he swept floors and cleaned up around the shop. During World War II, he became dedicated to the war effort and deliberately "mis-calculated" his actual youthful age so he could enlist in the Army a little early. As a teenager, he was a flight navigator who flew B-24 airplanes, dropping Allied bombs to liberate Europe. For his valor, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and numerous other awards.

After the war, he returned to his job again as a janitor. Some of the draftsmen befriended him, taught him their trade, and later he was put into sales where he became very successful. When the company was put up for bid, my father decided to mortgage the house and purchase the firm. So, in effect, the janitor bought the company and became president of a successful engineering corporation. It's an all-American story.

In doing that, my dad taught me the value of working hard and applying oneself fully to an endeavor. He gave me a great respect for education, because he worked hard to ensure I had a good education.

Q: So, why did you choose to study biology, environmental studies and marine ecology?
A: Well, (laughing) I think I was unwittingly imprinted on the ocean at a young age. Each summer, we would vacation at a rather austere place along the Maryland coast. Conditions were sufficiently ascetic inside our apartment that being outside on the beach was very much more interesting! As I frequently strolled along the sandy shores with my dad, we'd see all kinds of interesting things. During those walks, he'd constantly quiz me about the fascinating animals the sea had magically delivered onto the sand overnight. I think he wanted to arouse in me a sense of curiosity about nature. Of course, I didn't know all the answers … but I wanted to. So when the opportunity came to pick a major for study at the university, I already had a keen interest for marine biology. Through my studies, I wanted to develop myself into the kind naturalist who could walk along the beach and know the sea the way one knows a good friend.

Q: You’ve joked that you became a Christian Brother because no woman would want you. But seriously …
A: I joined the Brothers about a month after I graduated from college. I believed then, as I believe now, there is no greater gift you can give to someone than a quality education, and that humankind is extremely well-served through the process of educating youth. So the question became, how do I get the best training possible in order to be an outstanding educator?

I thought that if I was an aspiring baseball player who wanted to make it to the major leagues, I would find a very good coach and say, "Make me the best you can; have me run sprints, throw balls, whatever, but make me the best I can be." But what do you do if you’re an educator? Where do I get a good coach? And then I thought of the Brothers. I’d been taught by them in high school and respected them greatly. I thought about how terrific it would be to sit at a dinner table filled with Brothers who had Ph.D.s in different disciplines, spoke several languages, lived in different countries, and could bring informed perspectives to any conversation. Pound for pound, I think they are...
the most educated group of individuals I’ve ever met.

I joined the Brothers because I thought that they could bring the best out of me as an educator, and do it in a way that would enrich my spiritual life while enabling me to give back to others. I wasn’t wrong.

**Q:** I’ve heard that as a young man, you took a career survey that predicted you’d one day become a university president. Is that true?

**A:** Oh yeah, it’s unbelievable! At that time, I didn’t even know colleges had presidents. Isn’t that incredible?

**Q:** You’ve had a lengthy teaching career, both at high schools and universities before entering the world of college administration. Do you miss teaching?

**A:** Greatly. The joy of teaching students is what brought me into the Brothers and that’s the thing that continues to energize me. I don’t think I’ll ever leave teaching.

**Q:** You worked on your dissertation in Venezuela and then received a Fulbright senior scholar award to teach there. Why did you come to SMU to work with then-president Brother Louis DeThomasis in 1995?

**A:** Brother Louis called me in South America and asked if I would come to Winona and work with him as his executive assistant. I toured the campus and was greatly impressed with his philosophy of education. Saint Mary’s is progressive, positive, and mission-driven in the best of the Lasallian tradition. It is easy to be attracted to join a higher educational institution which is so much “on the move.”

**Q:** What were some of your responsibilities at SMU?

**A:** I oversaw the name change from Saint Mary’s College to Saint Mary’s University. I was dean of math and science. . . and I used to help out with the swim team, too. The biggest project on which I worked was the self-study for our NCA accreditation. It was enjoyable because it gave me a chance to know all aspects of the institution while working with wonderful people from the faculty and staff. I was also responsible for some international academic programming.

**Q:** You served as president of Saint Mary’s College in Moraga, Calif., for eight years. What are some of your proudest accomplishments?

**A:** First of all, I can’t put any credit exclusively on my shoulders because — as you know— no one individual is responsible for the success of an institution. Not even the president. I suspect people measure things differently, but I think some remarkable accomplishments were achieved during my time there. We grew the endowment from $35 million to $120 million in eight years. Seven different structures were erected on campus. Enrollment increased from about 2,000 to 2,500. And we made it a more diverse campus — from 10 percent to 40 percent students of color. We also moved forward in great ways on how we realize our Lasallian mission. Saint Mary’s College has about 900 students a year involved in Lasallian outreach activities, and we became recognized as one of the very top schools in the country for social justice. I was able to increase compensation for staff and for faculty as well as decrease faculty workload. We restructured the board of trustees and internal governance in the college as we transitioned to a provost model. It was a busy eight years!

**Q:** And there were also some low points. Why did you decide to leave the university?

**A:** Over the course of about seven years, a very highly skilled con artist
duped the college into believing it would be the recipient of an extremely large financial gift. Toward the end of my time there, it became known that the gift was not forthcoming. He deceived the college, but, prudently, the college never invested any money with him. Notwithstanding, he was able to extract several million dollars from individual investors whom he also deceived.

When I informed the college campus about this situation, they were initially stunned, later they were disappointed, and then they were angry. So I went to the chairman of the board and I said, “The malicious individual who perpetrated this terrible crime is gone. He’s skipped the country. But our people need someone to blame for this. They need it because they care so much about the college. Let me take responsibility, and then I will step aside so they can go on loving the college.”

Even though I had nothing to do with the deceptive act, it happened on my watch as president. I had to own it. It’s tough to be accountable for something you didn’t personally do, but it is incumbent upon leaders to be responsible for what happens under their command. It was the right decision. And it enabled the College to purge itself of this unfortunate situation and move forward in lots of positive ways.

Q: Didn’t the regional San Francisco newspaper write an editorial about your handling of that incident, characterizing your actions as being uncommonly honorable?
A: Yes, they did. It really was very heartwarming. The good side of that otherwise tough situation is that I’m here in Minnesota at Saint Mary’s University.

Q: Did you take time to emotionally recharge? Is that why you traveled around the world after leaving Moraga and before beginning your presidency at Saint Mary’s University?
A: University presidencies are incredibly demanding. So, yes, I needed a little time to recharge my batteries. To revitalize, I decided to fulfill a long-time desire: throw on a backpack and trek around the world. I managed to hit six of the seven continents (thank you, I’ll pass on Antarctica) enjoying the opportunity to visit some out-of-the-way cities and areas that might not appear on your primary travel list. It gave me a chance to talk to lots of people, see what types of educational structures are in place, and get an “up close and personal” sense of what’s happening outside our American borders.

Q: You’ve remained close to SMU, serving as a trustee for eight years. In your eyes, what has changed at SMU since 1995?
A: To the credit of all associated with Saint Mary’s, many things have changed in a decade. The graduate program has expanded. The financial base of the university has become broader. Wonderful buildings and services have been added to campus. There is a greater sense of the Lasallian mission than there used to be, and I think the university community recognizes the need to be creative and courageous in its academic programming. The faculty is unusually committed to teaching and the students are the beneficiaries of that zeal.
Q: What are the difficulties faced by presidents of Lasallian universities?
A: Balancing budgets is a big challenge, because in a Lasallian school we want to make our education as affordable as possible. Yet, at the same time, we have to give our employees a fair salary, we have to provide the latest kinds of facilities for our teachers, and there’s an obligation to keep our tuition as low as possible for our students. As such, a delicate balance exists in providing quality education at prices that keep quality education both affordable and accessible. Higher education is a very complex and competitive landscape.

Q: What do you see as your first job as president?
A: I need to listen, to hear what’s going on, mold the ideas into a form that will animate people on campus, and then get everyone excited about moving forward. I spend an awful lot of time talking to people, listening to students, reading reports and checking over figures so that I can do just that. I believe there is no engine which can better fuel an organization than the goodwill of talented people all deeply committed to the same goal.

Q: What do you hope your legacy will be when you retire?
A: I hope that my time here adds value to Saint Mary’s University, and that alumni feel their diplomas increased in value every day I served as president. I hope that students will feel the quality of their experiences was improved, and that faculty and staff feel their life similarly was improved. In all areas of our operations, I hope we will be able to look back and see a continual and noticeable rising tide of improvements (if you’ll excuse this marine biologist’s way of looking at things!).

Q: People compare you to Brother Louis. You’ve joked that Brother Louis cooks better, but you swim better. Do you see any similarities?
A: Yes (laughing). We both have about the same amount of hair on our heads!

Q: How would you see Saint Mary’s 20 or 30 years from now?
A: I would like to see us nationally known for our outstanding teaching. Saint Mary’s University should be recognized as a remarkable place which delivers high-quality education to people who need it the most, a place that has transformative, exciting classes that inspire students to continue learning outside the classroom and make a positive difference in our world.
Nearly 1,000 officially welcome Brother Craig

It began with prayer and closed with a joyful noise as close to 1,000 people applauded the inauguration of Brother President Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D., Sept. 30 at Saint Mary’s University’s Winona campus.

The inauguration festivities coincided with Family Weekend so that faculty, staff, students, and family could join in celebration as one big community.

The celebration began Friday morning as the community gathered together for Mass at Saint Thomas More Chapel before heading over to lunch.

A jubilant fanfare marked the start of the inauguration ceremony inside the gymnasium.

In a flurry of color, 50 flags led the processional, representing the international diversity of the larger Saint Mary’s community.

The audience, too, reflected the diversity of inauguration guests: rows of multi-colored gowns and caps marked faculty and staff, trustees, as well as delegates of other universities. Several rows in front were reserved for Christian Brothers, who came together from across the United States — and beyond. The bleachers and floor were filled with students, parents, friends of the university, alumni, and community members. And a section of attendees — the men’s soccer team — stood out in bright red uniforms in the bleachers.

After an introduction by emcee Jeffrey Highland, Ph.D., university provost and vice president of the College, the Very Rev. Michael J. Hoeppner, JCL, ’71, vicar general for the Diocese of Winona, led the invocation. Greetings from the community were provided by Minnesota State Senator Bob Kierlin; Judith Ramaley, Ph.D., president of Winona State University; James J. Johnson, president of Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical; and David B. Laird Jr., Ph.D., president of Minnesota Private College Council.

From the Saint Mary’s community, Valerie Edwards Robeson represented faculty; John Pyle, Ed.D. ’02, represented administration and staff; Hattie McNutt ’04 represented students; and John Soucheray ’74 represented alumni and parents.

McNutt touched upon the inauguration theme: Graced by the Past; Embracing the Future, which was illustrated by a symbol representing flowing water. “It provides us with an opportunity to pause for assessment,” she said. “It is a moment in which we may be proud of the past, experience fulfillment in the present, and joyfully anticipate the future.”

Pyle used terminology given by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, celebrating the life of Pope John Paul II. “In that homily, he repeated the phrase ‘Follow me’ to describe the call the late Pope heard in living his life’s journey. On several levels, the call to follow resonates with us today…

“Brother Craig, you clearly have heard the call — the call to following the footsteps of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, committing your life to the vocation of education. You follow other outstanding leaders of Saint Mary’s University, other presidents who have given heart and soul to this institution. As you go forth in your presidency, know that we are following, working with you to create a stronger Saint Mary’s to serve all students graced by the mission of our beloved university.”

Edwards Robeson reflected upon the faculty’s shared vision
for the future at Saint Mary’s. “As water often seems to have been created for the purpose of reflecting Heaven’s light, so it seems your presence here has created new opportunities for Saint Mary’s to indeed be the change we want to see in the world. “Your earliest days as president have continued the personal traditions that have marked your interactions with students, colleagues, and the board since 1994. You still greet and care for each of us as we are; you still learn first, then act decisively, about very practical priorities; and especially in the midst of this transformative time, your personal demeanor can surely be likened to flowing water, lively and hardworking, not seeking turbulence but unafraid of it.”

And Soucheray used a nautical analogy as well. “As a marine biologist, your training and experience has taught you how to discover the wonders of nature, often by diving into the deep waters. With careful preparation and planning, coupled with skill and ability, often the deepest dives yield fabulous discoveries. We all know that you will lead the Saint Mary’s learning community with skill and determination as we dive into our work together. The water may be deep at times, but we will never feel we are in over our heads.”

It was a day for reflection and remembrance and for celebration and inspiration. And it was also a day of fun and laughter.

Rob Figliulo ’76, chairman of the board of trustees, asked Brother Craig whether he would uphold the official duties required of the president during the investiture. After each question — regarding upholding the mission, strengthening bonds in the community, having special concern for the poor — Brother Craig answered resolutely, “I do” and “I will.”

But when Figliulo asked whether Brother Craig would live out the 12 virtues of a good teacher — and listed the intimidating list of dignity, calmness, humility, prudence, wisdom, patience, self-control, gentleness, zeal, vigilance, prayerfulness and generosity — Brother Craig responded, “I’ll sure try.”

Just above the laughter of the audience, Figliulo responded, “Good.”

Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., chancellor and president emeritus of SMU,
ceremoniously placed the presidential medallion around Brother Craig’s neck, and Brother Craig began his inaugural address. Some excerpts from his address are printed below. (For complete text, visit www.smumn.edu/address.)

“All of you have contributed to and continue to participate in the great accomplishments of the past and the strength and vitality of today’s Saint Mary’s,” Brother Craig said. “Collectively, you have gifted us with an extraordinary heritage. In accepting that precious gift, we also enthusiastically accept a concomitant responsibility: the responsibility to create a new legacy. Our new legacy is rich in possibility. It measures success by the extent to which we make each day the best it can possibly be for the people we love and serve … the people we love to serve.

“Our Lasallian mission dynamically inspires our work. The charism of Saint John Baptist de La Salle is the soul and breath and heartbeat of the work shared by the Saint Mary’s communities. ‘Teaching Minds and Touching Hearts’ describes an appreciation of and commitment to the persons who are so much more than students in the classroom. We enjoy an ever-strengthening communion with these students as they study and explore and learn and prepare themselves to create and participate in new and meaningful communities to benefit citizens of our challenged but beautiful world. The learning and the love and the direction we give our students empower them to respond to the call … the call to be caring, talented ambassadors of change who positively transform the world through ethical lives of service and leadership. Together, faculty and students work to achieve this noble goal.

“As we seek to find application for justice in our world, let us commit ourselves to celebrating diversity, appreciating differences, living ethically, growing emotionally, maturing intellectually, encouraging creatively, and building vitally upon the terraced heights which our predecessors so courageously pioneered. Let us use the beauty of this place and the grace of this moment to motivate ourselves to create bold dreams and then accomplish them.”

The Very Rev. James G. Steffes ’87, STL, rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary led the community in a blessing.

Also participating were: Brother Francis Carr, FSC ’66, Provincial, Midwest District, Brothers of the Christian Schools, with the introduction and investiture, and the Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, D.D., Metropolitan Archbishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, with the benediction.


At a reception immediately following the inauguration ceremony, the four living presidents of Saint Mary’s University gathered for a photograph. In a true “graced-by-the-past, embracing-the-future” moment, Brother I. Basil Rothweiler, FSC ’38 (president, 1956-1963), Brother Peter Clifford, FSC, Ed.D. (president, 1976-1984), and Brother Louis (president, 1984-2005) congratulated Brother Craig as the 12th president of Saint Mary’s.
Sports News

**MEN'S HOCKEY**

2004-2005 RECORD: 6-9-1 MIAC, 10-14-1 Overall

BRIEFLY: Senior Chad Damerow (Albert Lea, Minn.) was named to the All-MIAC First Team. … SMU’s regular season-ending overtime loss to St. Olaf officially knocked SMU out of playoff contention. The Cardinals were looking to make a postseason appearance for the second straight year. … Senior Ryne Ess (Eden Prairie, Minn.) started all 25 games in goal for SMU. … Damerow finished tied with junior Mike Bry (Manvel, N.D.) for the team lead in points with 25. … Bry was the team-leader in assists (18), one in front of Damerow, while junior Adam Fingerhut (Oak Brook, Ill.) led the team in goals (11). … Ess finished with a 3.28 GAA and an .895 save %.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/m_hockey

**WOMEN'S HOCKEY**

2004-2005 RECORD: 7-8-3 MIAC, 11-13-3 Overall

BRIEFLY: Long-time SMU men’s hockey assistant Terry Mannor was named the Cardinals’ new head coach, replacing Duncan Ryhorchuk, who stepped down in March. … The Cardinals advanced to the semifinals of the MIAC Tournament, falling to Gustavus 5-1. … The Cardinals improved to 3-1 in postseason play vs. Augsburg with their 3-1 victory over the Auggies in Minneapolis, Minn., in the opening round of the MIAC playoffs. … SMU finished the season 0-12-2 in games in which it scored less than two goals. … Sophomore Melissa Mondo (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) ended the season as the team’s offensive leader in both goals (9) and points (15). … Sophomore Nikki Jung (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.), who finished the season with a 2.31 goals-against-average and a .928 save percentage, was named the Cardinals’ lone representative to the MIAC all-conference team, after posting a 2.42 goals-against-average and a .921 save percentage in SMU’s 18 conference games. … Mondo was an honorable-mention All-MIAC selection.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

2004-2005 RECORD: 4-16 MIAC, 5-20 Overall

BRIEFLY: The Cardinals’ regular season-ending 63-57 win over St. Olaf completed a season sweep of the Oles. SMU also beat St. Olaf 64-54 on Jan. 19. … SMU’s season-ending OT win over the Oles also snapped the Cardinals’ seven-game losing streak. … Junior Dan Kloak (LeClaire, Iowa) closed out the season as the Cardinals’ leading scorers, averaging 10.5 ppg and 10.2 rpg, respectively. … Four of the Cardinals’ five wins came on the road. … SMU was just 1-10 on its home floor. … Mike O’Hara (White Bear Lake, Minn.) was the lone senior on the Cardinals’ roster. … The Cardinals led at halftime in four of their five wins, but in their 25 games combined, SMU was outscored by more than 200 points (853-651) in the game’s opening 20 minutes.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/m_basketball

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

2004-2005 RECORD: 13-7 MIAC, 18-7 Overall

BRIEFLY: SMU senior Jamie Rattunde (Rollingstone, Minn.) and junior Ashley Luehmann (Lewiston, Minn.) were First-Team All-MIAC selections, while Jess Weisbrod (Rollingstone, Minn.) was selected to the MIAC’s All-First Year Team. … Rattunde was also named to the D3 Hoops.com Second-Team All-Region. … SMU’s playoff win over Gustavus was the Cardinals’ first-ever in MIAC postseason play. … The Cardinals have now qualified for the MIAC playoffs each of the last five years. Carleton beat SMU 67-51 in the second round… SMU’s 18 wins were the most since the Cardinals went 21-3 and placed third in the NCAA regional tournament in 1985-86. … SMU closed out the season with three players — Rattunde (16.6 ppg), Luehmann (14.9 ppg) and senior Angie Arrington (Spring Grove, Minn. (12.6 ppg) — averaging in double figures. … Rattunde closed out the regular season among the MIAC’s leaders in virtually every statistical category. … Rattunde also ended her career with 1,483 points (third all-time), while also finishing as SMU’s career leader in free throws made (423) and free throws attempted (596), while ranking second in assists (385) and steals (350). … Luehmann is SMU’s career leader in 3-pointers (150), as well as 3-pointers in a season (60).

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/w_basketball

**SWIMMING & DIVING**

2004-2005 MIAC FINISH: 8th (Men), 10th (Women)

BRIEFLY: The SMU women’s team was presented the College Swim Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) All-American Academic Award for the fall 2004 semester. To earn this award, the entire team must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.80 or higher on a 4.0 scale. The SMU women’s team received an Excellent rating for the second straight year, posting a team GPA of 3.149. … Senior Sean Gibson (Chicago, Ill.) was named MIAC Male Swimmer of the Week after winning both the 50 and the
100 freestyle in the final regular-season meet of his career. … The Cardinals broke three individual school records, posted 24 season-bests among their 30 swims, and collected 19 all-time personal-bests at the season-ending MIAC Championships.

OUTLINE: [http://sports.smumn.edu/swimming](http://sports.smumn.edu/swimming)

**BASEBALL**

2005 RECORD: 18-12 MIAC, 15-14 Overall

BRIEFLY: Senior Matt Rink (Rochester, Minn.) garnered a pair of post-season honors, earning a spot on the All-MIAC First Team, while also being selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V team. … Senior Ryan Majerus (St. Charles, Minn.) made his 98th straight start in center field in the Cardinals' season-ending loss at Winona State. … Rink closed out the season as the Cardinals’ leader in virtually every offensive category, including average (.363), hits (37), triples (4), RBIs (29), total bases (60) and slugging percentage (.588). … Sophomore Matt Popek (Eagan, Minn.) led the Cardinals’ pitching staff in wins with five, while senior Jesse Pedersen (St. Charles, Minn.) posted career- and team-bests in ERA (5.08), innings pitched (56.2), complete games (2) and strikeouts (39). … SMU was a perfect 9-0 when outhitting its opponent and finished 10-4 in games when scoring the first run.

OUTLINE: [http://sports.smumn.edu/sbaseball](http://sports.smumn.edu/sbaseball)

**FASTPITCH SOFTBALL**

2005 RECORD: 19-3 MIAC, 37-12 Overall

BRIEFLY: Junior Jenni Gutterman (Shoreview, Minn.) was named to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Region Second Team, while teammates junior Jenny Schipp (North Saint Paul, Minn.) and senior Amy Edge (Montfort, Wis.) were third-team selections. … Gutterman, Schipp and Edge were all First-Team All-MIAC picks, while Edge was also named to the ESPN The Magazine Second Team Academic All-American team. … SMU’s third-place finish at the NCAA Seed 1 Regional was its first NCAA postseason appearance since 2001, when the Cardinals placed fourth in the NCAA World Series. … The Cardinals’ 37 wins were the most since 2000, when SMU went 40-6 en route to its first-ever NCAA national championship. … For the season, Gutterman was the team’s offensive spark plug, leading the Cardinals in virtually every offensive category from the lead-off spot. Gutterman hit a team-leading .369, while also boasting team-highs in runs (33), hits (62), triples (2) on-base percentage (.427) and stolen bases (27). … Schipp boasted a team-leading 1.80 earned-run-average and a 25-7 record in 35 pitching appearances. Schipp’s 25 wins, 179 innings and nine shutouts are all single-season records.

OUTLINE: [http://sports.smumn.edu/softball](http://sports.smumn.edu/softball)

**TRACK AND FIELD**

2005 MIAC OUTDOOR FINISH: 10th (men), 10th (women)

BRIEFLY: Senior Ashley Dingels (Gibbon, Minn.) made appearances in both the NCAA Division III Indoor and Outdoor National Championships, placing 13th in the high jump at the indoor nationals, while taking ninth in the heptathlon and fourth in the high jump at the outdoor nationals. … Dingels’ fourth-place high jump effort earned her All-American honors for the third time in her career. … Dingels set school and MIAC records in sweeping the conference’s pentathlon (3,317 points) and heptathlon (4,668 points) titles. … Junior Rob Friendt (Ogden, Utah) made it an MIAC sweep of the indoor multi-event titles, winning the men’s heptathlon with a record-setting total of 4,881 points. He also placed second in the long jump (22-2 1/4), third in the pole vault (14-11), fourth in the high jump (6-2 3/4), 11th in the 55 hurdles (8.33) and 12th in the 55 (6.79) to account for 29 of the SMU men’s 30 conference points. … Junior Ellen Koranda (Blue Earth, Minn.) earned her second straight NCAA outdoor appearance, placing ninth in the 1,500. … SMU coach Kirk Nauman was named MIAC Women’s Indoor Coach of the Year. Sophomore Maria Roche (Eden Prairie, Minn.) was crowned the conference’s 800 champion. … SMU broke 11 school records at the MIAC Indoor Championships.

OUTLINE: [http://sports.smumn.edu/track](http://sports.smumn.edu/track)
Saint Mary’s University has not won a national championship since the fastpitch softball team blew away the rest of the field in capturing the NCAA Division III national crown in 2000.

Yet, while the Cardinals haven’t been able to repeat that feat, several Saint Mary’s alums have reached that pinnacle as coaches.

**John Tschida ’90** — the head coach of SMU’s 2000 national championship run. Both he and the entire team are now in the SMU Athletic Hall of Fame. Last spring, Tschida guided St. Thomas to its second straight NCAA Division III national fastpitch title. Tschida’s Tommies went 3-0 in the Seed 1 Regional, knocking off No. 1-ranked Washington (Mo.) University twice, then posted an unblemished 4-0 mark in the eight-team national tournament — including a 9-3 triumph over Salisbury in the title game. Tschida and the Tommies boasted a 20-0 record during their last two post-season runs. Tschida has compiled a 194-34 record during his five years at St. Thomas, including Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles in four of those five seasons. With a 401-79 record (.835 winning percentage) in 11 seasons as a collegiate head coach — including his six successful years at Saint Mary’s, Tschida ranks No. 1 in NCAA Division III in career winning percentage.

Not to be outdone, fellow alumnus **Steve Miller ’88** helped guide the University of Denver to back-to-back NCAA Division I men’s hockey titles. Miller, whose Pioneers snapped a 35-year title drought with their national championship a year ago, defended their title this season, beating the University of North Dakota 4-1 to become just the seventh team in NCAA history to win back-to-back men’s hockey national titles. A three-year member of the Saint Mary’s men’s varsity program — twice being named the team’s most inspirational player, as well as most improved as a sophomore — Miller just completed his 11th season as a Denver assistant and his 13th as a member of coach George Gwozdecky’s staff. Prior to his arrival at Denver, Miller assisted Gwozdecky in a similar role at Miami (Ohio). Miller was a big part of Miami’s first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1992-93. The Red Hawks posted a school-best record of 27-9-5 and won their first-ever CCHA regular-season championship.

**Terry Skrypek ’70** wasn’t quite able to complete the season’s coaching trifecta — but he sure came close, as the St. Thomas men’s hockey team fell in the NCAA Division III national championship game, 5-0 to Middlebury. The Tommies, the No. 9 seed in the nine-team tournament, knocked off St. John’s 4-1, St. Norbert 3-1 and Trinity 4-1 to reach the national title game. Skrypek, a member of the Saint Mary’s Hall of Fame, earned the prestigious Edward Jeremiah Award as the American Hockey Coaches Association College Division Coach of the Year after guiding UST to its ninth NCAA tournament appearance in his 18-year tenure. A two-time All-MIAC performer for the Saint Mary’s men’s hockey team, Skrypek has amassed a record of 316-140-30 in his 18 years as the Tommies’ head coach — and has never had a losing season in his 43-year hockey career as a player (Cretin High, Saint Mary’s) and a head coach (Hill-Murray High, UST).
Cardinal ‘M’ Club
Weekend of Champions

There was a first during Saint Mary’s third annual Cardinal ‘M’ Club weekend, held Sept. 17-18, 2005. It wasn’t the characteristically warm weather, which made the golf outing Saturday afternoon near-perfect, once again.

It wasn’t the lively audience that attended the awards banquet Saturday evening, though a record turnout filled the gymnasium.

And it wasn’t the annual alumni games and picnic on Sunday, which served as another great opportunity to link past SMU athletes with our current athletes.

This year’s first was the fact that the 2000 SMU fastpitch softball team became the first-ever team inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. It was a fitting tribute for the university’s first-ever national championship team, which swept through the regional and eight-team NCAA Division III national championship field in 2000.

Additionally, members of all 38 Saint Mary’s teams that have captured Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships shared the spotlight during Cardinal ‘M’ Club festivities — making it a true “weekend of champions.”

The Saint Mary’s University fastpitch softball team of 2000 was the school’s first-ever team national champion. The team was inducted into the SMU Sports Hall of Fame during Cardinal ‘M’ Club Weekend Sept. 17-18, 2005.

Outstanding Athletes

Two-sport standout Ashley Dingels ’05 (Gibbon, Minn.) and Mark Leeder ’05 (Greenfield, Wis.) of the men’s tennis team were named Outstanding Female and Male Athletes, while Amy Edge ’05 (Montfort, Wis.) and Matt Rink ’05 (Rochester, Minn.) were SMU’s Outstanding Scholar Athletes.

Dingels was a first-team All-MIAC selection and an honorable-mention All-Region pick in volleyball. Dingels finished the 2004 season as the MIAC’s leader in kills (4.51 kpg) and attack percentage (.353), and posted a team-leading 448 kills in SMU’s 31 matches, which ranked her third all-time in school history.

But that was just the start for Dingels, who won the MIAC track and field pentathlon (indoor) and heptathlon (outdoor), while also qualifying for the NCAA indoor and outdoor national championships, where she placed 13th in the high jump (indoor) and fourth in the high jump and ninth in the heptathlon (outdoor). Her fourth-place effort in the high jump earned the Cardinals’ standout All-American honors.

Leeder closed out a stellar four-year tennis career with his best season last spring, earning All-MIAC honors when he teamed with Tyler Stevenson to post a 6-3 conference record. Leeder also earned one of the most prestigious honors in MIAC men’s tennis, when the SMU senior was presented with the Arthur Ashe Award — given to a senior player who has demonstrated sportsmanship, high academic performance, tennis achievement and humanitarian concern.
Who’s where, doing what...

1954


1957

Donald Chopp, Westchester, Ill., and his wife, Marylin, have four children and six grandchildren. He has been active in refugee resettlement, as a minister of care and as an associate of a religious organization. He continues to enjoy golfing, reading, walking, bridge and babysitting. Marylin and Donald have been happily married for 44 years.

Alfred Coco, Miramar Beach, Fla., continues to be in touch with Bill Ahern ’57, Mike Guzaldo ’59, Tom Knaus ’57, Devere Nelson ’57, Jim Ciarelli ’57, Bob Scurio ’57 and Bennie Palmentre ’56. He certainly does not miss the four seasons, especially the snow.

Dr. Donald FitzGerald, El Toro, Calif., recently retired from WellPoint where he was a national dental director. He is now free to pursue his acting career.

Deacon Thomas Fricke, Downers Grove, Ill., is the president of the Diocese of Joliet Diocesan Assembly and is assigned to Christ the Servant Catholic Church in Woodridge, Ill.

1958

Brother Vincent Malham, FSC, Bethlehem, was named the 21st president of Christian Brothers University. He assumed his duties on Dec. 1, 2005.

1960

Kurt Wahle, Two Harbors, Minn., retired from being a clinic social worker.

1961

Joseph Schwebel, Saint Paul, Minn., retired after 41 years of college teaching, 35 at the University of St. Thomas where he taught quantitative methods, computer science and telecommunication.

1962

Brother Richard (John L.) Brady, FSC, Chicago, Ill., received a Master of Arts in Teaching from Dominican University in 1999. He supervised practice teachers at both De Paul and Loyola Universities. He also taught one year and was assistant athletic director at De La Salle (Chicago). He volunteered the past three years at Mercy Hospital in the patient financial services department. He has been living at the De La Salle (Chicago) Brother’s community since 1998.

Robert Bock, Palm Springs, Calif., retired from Mercy Hospital in April 2005 after 18 years as a registered nurse.

Richard Bretzlauf, Waukegan, Ill., owns Property Management Contract Service Inc.

1963

Dr. Ronald J. Boduch, Schaumburg, Ill., is a pediatrician at Woodfield Pediatrics.

Jerry Collins, Encinitas, Calif., is the president at F&B Broadcast Development Corporation.

Robert W. Davis, La Crosse, Wis., retired July 1, 2005, after 20 years of service with the Workforce Connection, Inc. His career involved three years of service in the United States Army (one year in Vietnam), 10 years as a State of Wisconsin social worker, 10 years as a community worker in industry, and he was a part-time instructor for 15 years at the local technical college.

Jim Dillon, Riverside, Calif., is newly married with an infant and toddler sons, their daily joy. He has just published a book on Musonius Rufus and Education, plus two recent books on the Christian Brothers.

Larry Ishum, Las Vegas, Nev., moved to Las Vegas in September 2004 to be near daughter Laura Ishum ’95. He retired from Principal Life in February 2005. He loves Las Vegas and their house has a great view of the mountains.

Robert Jansen, New Fairfield, Conn., was inducted into the Loyola Academy Athletic Hall of Fame on Sept. 30, 2005.

Frank Kary, (formerly Brother Mark Columban), San Diego, Calif., is retired and living the good life in San Diego. He wants his classmates to let him know when they visit the San Diego area.

Dr. James Lee, Hollywood Park, Texas, completed medical school in Chicago, interned and started his residency in Hawaii, where
Brother Christopher Kavanaugh, FSC, Westmont, Ill., is a teacher and director of student activities at Montini Catholic High School as of August 2004. The varsity football team made Montini history by bringing home the school’s first IHSA state championship during the 2004-05 season.

Russell Meyer, Kennesaw, Ga., is working as a promoter for the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

Dr. Marvin Timm, Alma, Wis., was named a St. Felix High School 2005 Distinguished Graduate for reflecting the characteristics of education received at a Catholic school.

Paul Meyer, Phoenix, Ariz., was promoted to global president and chief operating officer of Clear Channel Outdoor.

John Albert, Fortson, Ga., is the principal at Pacelli Catholic High School in Columbus.


Peter Kilkus, Napa, Calif., has a new position as editor at the Lake Berryessa News and is the executive director of the Lake Berryessa Chamber of Commerce.

Pat O’Leary, Saint Paul, Minn., attended the 2004 annual meeting of the Friends of Sierra Leone in Freetown Sierra Leone, West Africa. He journeyed to the village he lived in from 1967-68 while in the Peace Corps. He was the keynote speaker at the 44th Sierra Leone Independence Celebration held in Saint Paul.

Tony ‘69 and Kathy (Ordahl, CST ’70) Piscitiello were greeted by TC, the Twins mascot during the Twins home opener in April against the Chicago White Sox. Tony is the vice president for admission at SMU.
Brother Patrick Conway, FSC, Chicago, became the director of formation and vocations at Christian Brothers of the Midwest.

Ann T. Lucas, Wausau, Wis., is an executive director at Bridge Community Health Clinic. She moved back to Wausau to head up a health and dental clinic that serves uninsured community members, primarily with Hmong refugees and the growing Hispanic population. The clinic is very mission-driven.

James C. McWhinnie, Kailua, Hawaii, is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum (attorneys who have million and multi-million dollar cases). In September 2004, he became vice president/president-elect of Oahu Country Club, the oldest and most prestigious country club in Hawaii. In May 2005, he was elected to the Board of Mentas, a closely integrated group of more than 165 full-service business law firms and more than 5,000 attorneys located in more than 55 countries.

Father Andy Michels, Minnesota, Minn., is a ham radio operator; he enjoys talking with people from all over the world. He also enjoys playing chess.

Father Michel Mulloy, Rapid City, S.D., is the rector at Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Anne Neuberger, White Bear Lake, Minn., is a freelance writer. Her newest book, “To Love Tenderly” her 23rd publication, was released in the summer of 2005. The book is a collection of stories about children in a variety of countries and cultures.

Jeff Rasmussen, Westborough, Mass., and his wife Mary Jane (Farrell '76) celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas. They have two daughters. He and Mary Jane own a sailboat and spend their summers on the water sailing the cape and islands. He still works for Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Patrick Salvi, Lake Forest, Ill., was selected as one of Illinois Super Lawyers for 2005. He was featured in the May 2005 issue of “Chicago and Illinois Super Lawyer” magazines for being among the best lawyers in the state. (See page 17 to read about Salvi and other alumni award recipients.)
### 1983

**Kathleen (Welch) Moser**, Winona, Minn., and husband, Gregory, founded the Rock Solid Youth Center in Winona. During the 2004 presidential campaign, the CBS National Evening News covered their Rock Solid Youth Center as part of a story on “Faith Based Initiatives” issues in a series called, “What Does it Mean to Me?”

**Dr. Joseph Mueller**, Glen Ellyn, Ill., has been advanced to associate professor of surgery, section of emergency medical services at Loyola University Medical Center.

**Patricia (Kileen) Vasquez**, Albuquerque, N.M., presented an academic paper in Spanish at the 2004 presidential campaign, and spring 2005 editions. & Sve catalog during the winter issue of the Clearvue fields with all three kids playing soccer.

### 1984

**Alex (Markovich) Canner**, Neenah, Wis., works for Neenah Joint School District as a paraprofessional. Her children are now in fourth, sixth and 11th grades. Most of their weekends are spent at soccer fields with all three kids playing competitive soccer. In her “free” time, she loves to volunteer as a coach and a Sunday school teacher.

**Paul Fuesel**, Seattle, Wash., his wife, Marsha, and son, Benjamin, traveled around the world visiting 10 countries over the course of three and a half months.

**Robert Glynn**, Orland Park, Ill., is a group supervisor for the drug enforcement administration.

**Dan Hackett**, Dublin, Ohio, and his wife, Stephanie, have three children, Samantha, 6; Danny, 4; and Joey 2. The children keep them very busy at every turn.

**Father Robert Herbst**, OFM Conv., San Francisco, Calif., is the adjutant judicial vicar for the Diocese of Oakland, Calif.

### 1985

**Dr. Patty McElroy ’83**, middle right, graduated, with honors, on May 16, 2004, from the Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine. McElroy is surrounded by her five siblings including, from left: Mary (McElroy ’85) Fleming, Terry McElroy ’76, Tim McElroy ’81, Peggy (McElroy ’80) Horvath and Dr. Bill McElroy, DDS ’74, who hooded Patty McElroy at the graduation ceremony.

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**Molly Coskran**, Saint Paul, Minn., accepted a position with H.B. Fuller as manager, global regulatory.

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**Kelly McSweeney**, Saint Paul, Minn. joined Kevin McGrath ’85 as a partner in the firm of Jensen, McGrath, Mullen and McSweeney, PLLP in 2002. She married Mike Loonan in 2000.

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**Rob Babikan**, Mt. Prospect, Ill., accepted the director of sales position with National Foodservice Sales in January 2005. He and his wife, Mary, have three daughters, Emily, 11; Alexandra, 7; and Claire, 2.

**Jim Bischoff**, Saint Louis, Mo., is the owner of Byron Cade, Inc. He and his wife, Susan, have been married for 12 years. They have three children, Jimmy, 10; Jacque, 8; and John, 6.

**Suzanne (Helmin) Boettner**, Alexandria, Minn., is a job
Reaching new heights

The family that climbs together, stays together. In front of Mount Everest in Tibet – the highest mountain in the world – are Rory Vose, retired biology professor at Saint Mary’s University; his daughter, Heather (Vose ’88) Ulrich; and Heather’s husband, Marshall Ulrich. Marshall Ulrich has run more than 110 footraces of 100 miles or more, is one of only three to have competed in every one of TV’s Eco Challenges and was the 100th person to reach the highest peak on every continent – the “seven summits” – and did each one on his first attempt.

He has raised more than $200,000, a large portion of which has been donated to Religious Teachers Filipini. Heather has accompanied her husband on many adventures, including climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa and Elbrus in Europe. She also accompanied him to Alaska for the Denali climb and waited for him in the southern tip of Chile while he climbed Vinson in Antarctica. She and Rory Vose went to the North Face base camp in Tibet the day Marshall reached the summit of Everest. Heather, Rory and Rory’s wife, Janis, accompanied Marshall to the top of Kosciusko in Australia earlier this year – the last of the “seven summits” for Marshall. For more information, go to www.teamstraydogs.com.
built their dream home, which overlooks Sand Pond.

Rebecca Heroff, West New York, N.J., is working on the Broadway show “Doubt” as the production props person.

Blake Kund, Maplewood, Minn., is a member of the Project Management Institute. He and his wife, Laura, are putting a lot of sweat equity and project management into their new home in Maplewood.

James (Jay) Marson, Jeffrey, N.H., is a national accounts regional sales manager for Fastenal Company. If any classmates are in the Northeast area, let him know.

Father Todd Misna, La Crosse, Wis., completed training as a chaplain at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center. He is a staff chaplain at Franciscan Skemp Medical Center.

Ellen (Jones) Maruyama, Perry Hall, Md., is a stay-at-home mom with two sons, ages 3 and 3 months.

Patricia McLaughlin-Pleuss, Park Ridge, Ill., is an account manager at Leaders Furniture where she is the human resources and quality assurance manager. She is also chairwoman of the National Bank as the marketing director and also does the office work for the bakery at night.

Jesse Pleuss, Park Ridge, Ill., accepted a senior consulting position with GCG Financial.

Mary (Galewski) Polus, Winona, Minn., and her husband, Hugh, purchased Bloodow Bakery in January 2005. She works at Winona National Bank as the marketing director and also does the office work for the bakery at night.

Tanya Hamilton, Plymouth, Minn., started a new job at Virtual Radiologist Consultants as a quality control analyst.

Mykl Roventine, Saint Paul, Minn., is a senior web designer at Voyager IT. He and his wife have two children, Emma, 4, and Libby, 9 months.

Recent Saint Mary’s University alumnae gathered in Winona in July 2005 to meet four new babies, born this year to four graduates. Attending were, from left: front, Jessica Wolfe ’02, Julie Jewison ’03, Brandon Amburn, Kim Sonnek ’02, Rosa Kadera-Redmond ’03, Sarah Hamus ’02; back, Angie (DiPinto ’01) and Veronica Amburn, Meredith (Riewe ’02) and Isaac Daniel, Molly (Schoff ’02) and Jack Schroeder, and Lisa (Eichsteadt ’02) and Adrianna and Andrew Steger.

Dianna (Drew) Christopherson, Austin, Minn., works part-time at the Austin Medical Center. She and husband, Peter, have three daughters, Kayla, 4; Kylee, 2; and Abigail, 3 months.

Laura Delaney-Pence, Missoula, Mont., married her husband, Brent, in 1999. She works as a registered nurse in a medical oncology unit at St. Patrick Hospital.

Maura (Hoban) Knight, Hampshire, Ill., and her husband, Michael, have been married for seven years and are blessed with three children, Michael, 6; Ryan, 2; and Jordan, 2 months. They also have a chocolate lab, Emmett, who is 1.

Christy Patzner-Sprangers, Appleton, Wis., has been battling rheumatoid arthritis for 15 years, so every June she hosts a charity fundraiser for the Arthritis Association of Northeast Wisconsin at Home Furniture where she is employed. Last year, they received a state award for helping raise community awareness about this crippling disease.

Todd Brejcha, La Grange, Ill., is an assistant vice president with Colemont Insurance Brokers. He and his wife, Colleen, have one child, Maggie Rose, 1.

University of Michigan and is now an assistant professor of music theory and composition at Queens College. Highlights in his career include the premiere of “Split Horizon: Concerto for Sextet and Orchestra” at Carnegie Hall and the commercial release of two other works on compact disc.

Dr. Daniel Sheridan, Lawton, Okla., is an assistant professor of music at Cameron University.

Danny Storyljen, Bloomington, Minn., is a teacher and the athletic coordinator at Bloomington Jefferson High School. His team won the Minnesota State Boys Soccer Championship in 2004. He was named NSCAA Midwest High School Boys Soccer Coach of the Year.

Amy Van Etten, Santa Monica, Calif., works as the West Coast manager of Teen People Magazine.

Michael Vena, Villa Park, Ill., started his own commercial cleaning business, Leaders Maintenance Group, in 2002. He was elected as director for the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry in November 2004.

Amy (Walters) Anderson, Victoria, Minn., is the president of the American Institute of Graphic Artists, Minnesota Chapter. She is owner of AK Creative.

Michael Arends, Chula Vista, Calif., is a senior research assistant at Scripps Research Institute. He was featured in the TSRI’s “News and Views” in May 2005.

Eric Van Brocklin, Bloomington, Minn., is the new assistant principal at Eagan High School.

Tanya Hamilton, Plymouth, Minn., started a new job at Virtual Radiologist Consultants as a quality control analyst.
Joseph P. Busha, Eagle River, Wis., became a licensed funeral director in Wisconsin in 2000. He is now the funeral director at Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home.

Cheryl Einwelter, Chicago, graduated in December 2004 with a master’s degree in industrial/organizational psychology from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology.

Brian Himlie, Kasson, Minn., is a foreman at Andrew R. Hanson Construction Company.

Lori (Ronhvode) Jandl, New Hope, Minn., works part-time at Target and volunteers at the Target Center during Timberwolves home games. She and her husband, Matt, have three children, Erik, 7, Caitlin, 6; and Emily, 4.

Myra (Ramos) Koehn, Oakdale, Minn. is a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, Mike, have two sons, Jonathan, 3, and Nicholas, 1.

Brother Steven Kropp, OFM Cap, Detroit, Mich., was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 2004, at Saint Lawrence Seminary Chapel in Mount Calvary, Wis. Br. Steven is now a Capuchin priest at the Province of Saint Joseph of the Capuchin Order in Detroit.

Marcie (Teuteburg) Mei, Hartland, Wis., is the president of InMedical, Inc. She and her husband, Dan, celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in May 2005. Their son turned 2 in May of 2005. Their son turned 2 in May of 2005.

Gail (Weltzin) Meier, Waconia, Minn., was promoted to senior specialist for the retail and food ingredients trade channels in the customer accounting and analysis department of Michael Foods, Inc.

Marc Moore, Cadillac, Mich., is working with the Michigan State Police as the post community service officer. Along with his duties of educating the community, he also investigates crimes involving children that occur within the post area. He has also been the assistant coach of the Cadillac High School hockey team for the past two seasons.

Jodi (Schleicher) Roventine, Saint Paul, Minn., is in her seventh year of teaching third grade at Holy Trinity School.

1996

Father Patrick Arens, Slayton, Minn., was appointed as pastor of Saint Anne’s, Saint Mary’s and Saint Columba Parishes by Bishop Bernard Harrington on Feb. 7, 2005.

James Bokowski, Chicago, is a firefighter for the city of Chicago.

Stephanie (Roth ’96) Cade, Lakeville, Minn., is an interior designer for Mari Jo & Associates.

Adam Fink, Grand Marais, Minn., received a forestry management degree from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point. He worked for six months as a wildland firefighter before accepting his forester position with Grand Portage.

Nick Fritzen, Shakopee, Minn., works for Best Buy as a senior supply chain analyst. He and his wife, Chrissy (Wenos ’98) have two children, Samantha, 3, and Jessica, 1.

Derek Hemmer, Sarrett, Minn., is a finance manager for Bristow’s Kavasaki & Polaris.

Jennifer (Lueken) Hohlt, St. Charles, Mo., is the human resource manager for Edward Jones.

Tatjana (Kusan) Hutnyak, Minneapolis, received her master’s degree in international business at Saint Mary’s University. She is working as a marketing analyst at Cima NanoTech.

Michael A. Jungwirth, Arcadia, Wis., works for Ashley Distribution Services, Ltd. as a financial controller. He and his wife, Jodi, have been married for five years. They have two boys, Neah, 3, and Jackson, 4 months.

Camas (Dimond) Maroney, Burnsville, Minn., is a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband, Matthew, have two children, Annabelle, 3, and Aiden, 1.

Tere (Servent) Masiarchin, Clintonville, Wis., is a stay-at-home mom and is the owner of The English Connection, a national newsletter for K-12 teachers of English language learners. She and her husband, Erich, have three children, Dominic 11; Ethan, 1; and Cole, 4 months.

Beth Oberfoell, Palatine, Ill., is pursuing a Master of Education at the University of Illinois.

Aimee (Nelson) Peltier, Spicer, Minn., is the financial advisor from Bremner Investments.

Christopher Varda, Surnerville, S.C., is a store manager for Walgreens. He and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter, Margaret, 2.

1997

Father Mark Axtmann, Gettysburg, S.D., has been the pastor at Sacred Heart Parish since July 1, 2004.

Jacqueline (Olson) DuLac, Webster, Minn., received a promotion in July 2004 to senior accountant at Force America, Inc.

Steven Grillo, Edgerton, Wis., has a new position as a customer service representative for Hickory Hills Family Campground.

Krista (Lendway) Hudalla, Saint Paul, Minn., works in the business office at Allina Medical Transportation.

Kate (Harmon) Johansen, Rochester, Minn., is a career counselor with Workforce Development.

Nancy (Carroll) Judy, Maple Grove, Minn., graduated from Fairview Health Services/Augsburg Clinical Laboratory Science Program in May 2005. She is now working as a clinical lab scientist at Fairview University Medical Center.

Kari Krummel, Woodbury, Minn., works for Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union.

Tiffany (Brown) Larson, Minneapolis, Minn., joined the law firm of Meagher & Geer as an associate attorney on April 5, 2005.

Christina (Dalton) Liepitz, Crystal Lake, Ill., received her master’s degree in social work in May of 2005.

Kristen (Lendway) Lorsung, Isanti, Minn., works in child support for Dakota County.

Joshua Lunsford, West Branch, Iowa, is a process leader for Oral-B, a toothbrush manufacturer.

Dan Riodan, Appleton, Wis., completed his fifth year as a teacher at Xavier High School. He is head girls basketball coach and was named co-coach of the year.

Elizabeth Wiske, Shakopee, Minn., was promoted to client services manager at TNS NFO, in the Minneapolis marketing office. She now oversees three project directors as they implement marketing research projects.

1998

Michael Flores, Rochester, Minn., is working as a computer consultant through Ciber at IBM.
Chrissy (Wenos) Fritzen, Shakopee, Minn., works for Best Buy in the commercial sales division.

Jami Hughes, Eden Prairie, Minn., earned a doctorate in clinical psychology in May 2005. She is the senior lead therapist at the Lazarus project, where she does verbal behavior therapy with autistic children.

Victoria Makovec, Chicago, has a new position as director of oral health for Erie Family Health Center. She also completed her master’s degree in March 2005.

Maggie (Clancy) Olson, Chicago, is a nursing home administrator with Lydia Healthcare and is in her last year of graduate school working on a master’s degree in social work.

Jennifer (Stella) Pineda, Fridley, Minn., is a legal secretary for the Attorney General’s Office.

Rebecca Walsh, St. Louis Park, Minn., graduated in May 2004 from the school of theology at St. John’s University with a master’s degree in pastoral ministry.

1999

Jessica Bauer, Richfield, Minn., was promoted to full-time physical education/fifth grade, science teacher at St. John’s School.

Caroline Benson, Bradenton, Fla., works for IMG Academies as a sports psychology consultant. She has had the opportunity to meet and work with some of the best athletes in the world. The environment is amazing and rewarding, and she says she could not have done it without SMU.

Heather (McGuire) Dixon, Willowbrook, Ill., is an administrative assistant with Avalon Construction Services, Inc.

Carrie Drazkowski-Jones, Tampa, Fla., is an information technology specialist with the City of Tampa. She and her husband, Mike, had their first child, a baby girl, in June 2005.

Mary Finn, Minnetonka, Minn., works for General Mills.

Katie Hanson, Austin, Minn., works for the Cedar House, Inc., as a therapist/administrator.

Martha (Langowski) Henrickson, Bloomington, Minn., is an assistant chapter manager for the Minneapolis chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Tim Jay, Minneapolis, is touring nationally with Riverdance as a lead vocalist, with stops in Boston, Atlanta, St. Louis, Toronto, and more.

Dr. Ami Kuisle, West Springfield, Mass., is an anesthesiology resident.

Leah Mensink-Jacobson, Peterson, Minn., works for Fillmore County Social Services as a financial worker. She and her husband, Ryan, have three children, Shane, 10; Avalon, 2; and Emanie, 1.

Melinda Moses, Honolulu, Hawaii, is the owner of Mpowered Consulting, Inc.

Benjamin Pierzina, La Crosse, Wis., works for Industrial Packaging Corporation as a human resource manager. He and his wife, Traci, have a son, Connor, 2.

Mark Sedevic, Chicago, served seven months active duty with the United States Army National Guard in Vicenza, Italy, January through July 2002.

Annissa Ulbrich, Madison, Wis., is an operations and site facilitator at GTech Corporation’s Madison office.

2000

Jaime (McMahon) Albee, Washington, D.C., works at Co-op America and the Fair Trade Federation as a screening and membership service manager.

Kris Buege, Bloomington, Minn., began a doctoral program in chiropractic at Northwestern Health Science University. She and Angie Pitel ’99 traveled to Acapulco, Mexico. In her spare time she plays golf and enjoys doing just about anything outdoors.

Tatiana Chorewyck, Lakeland, Minn., began a new job with American Family Insurance as a customer service manager and marketing specialist in June 2005.

Molly (Ulman) Davis, Bella Vista, Ariz., has a new position as a license specialist with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

Rob Edwards, Hudson, Wis., is a therapeutic support program coordinator for Professional Association of Treatment Homes, a non-profit foster care agency.

Amy Kroll, Andover, Minn., received her master’s degree in physician assistant studies and works at River Way Clinic.

Father David Marstall, Wichita, Kan., was appointed associate pastor of All Saints LaMolle Parish. He also is teaching theology at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School.

Carrie Mathias, Willmar, Minn., started a new position with the Minnesota Army National Guard as a recruit sustained program coordinator.

Samuel Matzek, Rochester, Minn., and his wife, Kari, have enjoyed traveling and seeing the world. In the past year they have spent time in the art museums of Paris, hiked 100 miles through the Swiss Alps and snorkeled on the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.

Alums help advance San Miguel’s mission

Paul Zobitz ’96, left, was named the recipient of the 2005 Guadalupe Award for Volunteer Service at San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis. Zobitz created the school’s donor database in the spring of 2000 and continues to maintain it. He also helps resolve other computer-related problems.

Each year, the feast day of San Miguel Febres Cordero, the school’s patron, is celebrated with a Mass and an awards ceremony to honor members of the San Miguel community for their extraordinary commitment. Charles (front), a San Miguel seventh-grader, portrayed San Miguel and retold the life of the school patron.

Awards were also presented to Sara Boevers, Toeun Chiet and BJ Cassin (not pictured).

San Miguel Middle School is a Catholic, Lasallian school with grades six through eight located in south Minneapolis. The school was founded in 2000 to educate inner-city youth and empower them to achieve their full potential.

Other Saint Mary’s alumni working at San Miguel include Ben Murray ’96, Nancy (Pahl ’98) Dager, Karla Gergen ’98, and Sister Mary Willette, SSND C’02, Administrative Licensure Program, Twin Cities campus.
Erin (Gibson) Morrow, Tulsa, Okla., has a new position as a graphic artist at Sharp Typesetting and Graphics.

Patrick Morrow, Tulsa, Okla., received an invitation to tryout for the Miami Dolphins football team in August of 2004 and made it to the final cut. He has a new job managing a buffalo wing restaurant called Wing Run in Tulsa.

Julie (Anderson) Perrella, Saint Louis Park, Minn., is a financial associate for Wells Fargo, Lowry Hill Private Wealth Management.

Megan (Johnson) Shevokas, Union Grove, Wis., was promoted to analytical chemist at Abbott Laboratories in May 2004.

Catherine Stangler, Rochester, Minn., is a lifestyle coaching intake assistant for Mayo Clinic.

Jason Tripichio, Chicago, is a customer brand-planning manager at Unilever Home and Personal Care.

Jason Underferth, Minneapolis, Minn., worked for Saint Mary’s University as the production manager for the Performance Center from 2000-2004. He is now pursuing a master’s degree in lighting design at the University of Minnesota and is a freelance designer.

Jennifer (Cleaver) Wucki, Holmen, Wis., is working for North Central Trust Company as a marketing aspirant. Her direct supervisor is Rebecca (Wilma ’75) Schumacher.

Nate Albee, Washington D.C., recently started a business called New Vision Real Estate, LLC. Its focus is the purchase and renovation of homes in Washington, D.C. At night, he is attending Georgetown University’s Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Bryan Amburn, Oakdale, Minn., accepted a new position with Minnesota Life as an actuarial associate.

Amy A. Andress, Fountain City, Wis., is a technical expert for the Social Security Administration.

Christy (Ross) Bishop, Fridley, Minn., is a preschool teacher at Lake Area Discovery Center.

Eric Cronin, Chicago, has taken an offer from a Chicago-based skincare products company, H2O Plus, as a graphic designer. He accepted at Chicago’s prestigious Wells Street Art Festival and is an assistant varsity hockey coach at St. Rita’s High School in Chicago, his alma mater.

Lisa DelGiudice, Hoffman Estates, Ill., will start her fifth year of teaching at Saint Theresa School and is looking forward to receiving her master’s degree in reading instruction.

Jora Deziel, Minneapolis, is an account executive for the Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Swarm.

Justin Hendershot, Moline, Ill., was promoted to regional assistant manager at TownNews.com. Outside of work, he enjoys spending time with his girlfriend and co-worker, Kelly Stueck ‘01, tinkering on his computer, biking and watching DVDs, especially “Family Guy.”

Father Robert Lacey, Aberdeen, S.D., received his Master of Divinity from Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary. His new placement after his ordination is associate pastor and Newman Center chaplain at Northern State University.

Matt Norris, Shoreview, Minn., is an account executive for Toshiba Business Solutions.

Kariann Pajak, Minnetonka, Minn., is an instructor of psychology at Brown College.

Julie Peterson, Maplewood, Minn., started a new job as a credit specialist in fall of 2004 at Cargill, Inc.

Amber Rajtora, Westminster, Colo., is an underwriter for Nationwide Insurance.

Robb Routh, Virginia Beach, Va., completed his undergraduate degree in computer science at Old Dominion University.

Janel (Wren) Sedevic, Chicago, works as a lab technician at Griffith Laboratories.

Dan Sepion, St. Louis, Mo., received his Master of Science degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. He is a residential college director for Washington University.

Angie Singsank-Aldrich, Dyersville, Iowa, received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in marketing from Clarke College. She has been working at Braddock for two years. She and her husband, Chris, have two children, Rylie, 3, and Peyton, 4 months.

Craig Steger, Ypsilanti, Mich., graduated on May 15, 2005 from Ave Maria School of Law. He accepted a position as an associate attorney at Hale Skemp Hanson, Skemp and Sleik in La Crosse, Wis.

Debbie (Goenne) Sullivan, Cashton, Wis., graduated from the Saint Mary’s University M.Ed. program on May 14, 2005.

W. Irene Summers, Kansas City, Mo., is a graduate student at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

Erin Vogt, Elkins Park, Pa., is attending optometry school.

Matthew Walker, Wheeling, Ill., joined Athletica Inc. as a regional sales manager.

Diane Wood, Los Alamos, N.M., started her fourth year of medical school at the University of New Mexico. She is still playing volleyball, and her women’s team is going to the United States of America Volleyball Tournament in Denver this year.

2002

Matt Auron, Saint Paul, Minn., has a new position with the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce as a manager of local government affairs as of June 2004.

Colleen Bourque, Browning, Mont., completed her third year as a Lasallian volunteer and her second year teaching middle school on the Blackfeet Reservation in Montana. She has also started graduate studies in education at Saint Mary’s University.

Catherine (Lentz) Bunkers, Eden Prairie, Minn., is a software engineer for Lockheed Martin.

Alan Gallegos, Silverthorne, Colo., finished another ski season at Copper Mountain Resort, as a professional ski instructor and will be a fly fishing guide for Piney River Ranch in Vail, Colo. He also started taking an EMT-B certification course.

Dr. Jennifer (Alt) Gelhar, Oshkosh, Wis., works as a chiropractor for Belville Fletcher Chiropractic.

Kathy Groby, Shakopee, Minn., was promoted to financial analyst for Regis Corporation.

Erin Halloran, Orland Park, Ill., is employed at the Walgreen Company corporate office in the purchasing department.

Juan Johnson, Chicago, began law school at John Marshall Law School in the fall of 2005. He has traveled to Egypt and Australia.

Sherry Reuter ’87 traveled to Guatemala last spring with a medical group from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Calif., through Helps International. The medical team — consisting of surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, dentists, and allied health professionals — performed a variety of medical surgeries and dental procedures. Reuter is pictured with a young child who had a cleft palate repaired. In one week, the group performed 116 surgeries and saw 868 patients in clinics.
Phillip Lichtenwalter, Springfield, Ill., has been accepted into the Central Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great.

Nick McNamara, Chicago, is the owner/manager of Sunny Nicks Tanning Salon.

Melissa Narum, Minneapolis, Minn., is the 2005 recipient of the First Year of Service Award, given by the Brain Injury Association of Minnesota. This award recognizes a new professional whose initiative and dedication have made a positive impact on services for persons with brain injuries.

Frances Piazza, Virginia Beach, Va., earned an M.Ed. from Regent University in Virginia Beach, on May 6, 2005. She has taken a position with Regent University School of Education as a recruiter and special events assistant.

Jennifer Spiess, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., has a new position with American Hometown Title, LLC as an assistant closer.

Patrick Sutton, Jacksonville, Fla., graduated from the University of New Mexico in 2003 and is now in his second year of law school.

Caitie Wondergem, Milwaukee, Wis., graduated from DePaul University in May 2005 with a master’s degree in business administration with a focus in human resources. She is an organizational development specialist for AtomicPark.com.

2003

Jodi (Mickelson) Christopherson, Fargo, N.D., works at Gate City Bank as a mortgage loan processor. In June 2004, her husband, Dylan, was deployed to Iraq. He was expected to return home in November 2005.

Andrew Cochran, Tampa, Fla., is pursuing a master’s degree in creative writing at the University of South Florida. During the summer he has been caddying at Briarwood Country Club in Deerfield, Ill. This spring he was given the Ruth & Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Short Fiction and the Ann & Edgar Hirschberg Award in Creative Writing.

Katie Crotty, Rochester, Minn., is working at the Mayo Clinic and began a three-year term on the Saint Mary’s Alumni Board of Directors.

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John Goebel, East Moline, Ill., has a new position with CES Computers as a personal computer deployment technician.

Julie Jewison, Janesville, Minn., taught a year of first grade as a volunteer on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in Belcourt, N.D. She now has a position as a kindergarten teacher at Saint Mary’s School in Owatonna, Minn.

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Jason Thilges, Saint Paul, Minn., has a new position with Progressive Individual Resources as a youth counselor.

Jesse Walker, Minneapolis, Minn., began working as a staffing coordinator with Masterson Personnel in May 2005.

Dustin Ward, Burnsville, Minn., is a medical student at the University of Minnesota and serves in the United States Navy.

2004

Devin Bloom, Ponchatoula, La., is pursuing a master’s degree in biology at Southeastern Louisiana University. He is studying systematics of fish in Mexico.

Adam J. Brechtel, Oshkosh, Wis., is a volunteer at Father Carr’s Place.

Anji Couillard, Wichita, Kan., does graphic design work and other various assignments as a volunteer at Trees for Life, (www.treesforlife.com).

Adam Ferenzi, Addison, Ill., is studying for a Master of Arts in English at Elmhurst College. He completed a one-year volunteer commitment with Mercy Corps in Philadelphia.

Nathan Semsch, Edina, Minn., is working for J.L. Sullivan Construction, Inc. as a project manager.

Kevin Spahr, Stillwater, Minn., is a part-time driver for United Parcel Service and attending physical therapy school at the College of St. Catherine.

Kyle TePoel, Eagan, Minn., is working at College Nannies and Tutors, placing nannies with families in need.

Christina Tobin, Dempar, Bali, Indonesia, and a friend opened a graphic design studio, Dedari Design.

Afrah Abdullahi, Saint Paul, Minn., is the new manager of information and facilities at the Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

2005

Jennifer Lala ’92 (third from right) and Ryan Mavilla were married in October 2004 in San Diego. Friends from SMU who attended were, from left: Maria (Navigato ’92) Saigh, Maggie (Laseski ’92) Bebler, Beth Farrell ’92, Christine Leitner ’92, Maribeth Corbett ’92 (maid of honor) and Susan Iverson ’92. Not pictured is Paul Reynolds ’92.

Lauren Hinderman, Minnetonka, Minn., recently obtained the position of sales support specialist at Hormel Foods Corporation.

Juliana Hoffman, Sunnyvale, Calif., is working on a bachelor degree in graphic design.

Megan Kaffine, Owatonna, Minn., is a seventh-grade literature teacher at Coulee Catholic School.

Beth Larson, Saint Paul, Minn., is a third-grade teacher at Transfiguration Church.

Sarah (Marek) Landman, Winona, is a leadership gift officer in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. She completed her second year in the Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development program at Saint Mary’s.

Terrie Moeckly, Walker, Minn., is attending Bermondji State University, majoring in chemical dependency to receive a certificate and license. She is also working at StilleHavn Hus as a caregiver.

Shannon Peetz, Foreston, Minn., finished a one-year volunteer commitment with Mercy Corps in Philadelphia.

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**WEDDINGS**

Julie Green ’82 to John Verlenich, Alexandria, Minn., on July 9, 2005.

Molly Coskran ’86 to Dean Bakken, Saint Paul, Minn., on March 16, 2005.

Theresa Walsh ’89 to Don Fink, Delmont, S.D., in August 2005.


Asta Tijunelis ’92 to Linas Dauksa, Santa Cruz, Calif., on July 16, 2005. Saint Mary’s alumni in attendance were Fr. Thomas Cook ’93, Amy Jo (Patterson ’92) Maruschak, Ann (Glenski ’92) Oettinger and Michael Lehman ’92.

Michael Slagge ’93 to Amanda Otis, Winona, on April 9, 2005.

Dr. Mary Olmscheid ’95 to Scott Maytan, Shreveport, La., on Oct. 2, 2004.


Gail Weltzin ’95 to Marshall Meier, Waconia, Minn., in October 2004. Julie (Dobbelman ’96) Swedberg was a bridesmaid.


Jennifer Peel ’96 to Jeff Gremini, Saint Louis, Mo., on May 14, 2005.

Tiffany Brown ’96 to Matthew Larson, Minneapolis, Minn., on April 1, 2005.


JoAnn Bokowski ’98 to Timothy Gronholm, Merrionette, Ill., on July 17, 2004. Alumni in the bridal party included, Corrie (Parker ’98) Dalton, matron of honor, Jim Bokowski ’96 and Mary Gronholm ’06. Other Saint Mary’s alumni in attendance were Katie Miller ’98, Katie McKeon ’98 and Michelle Bergthold ’98.

Melanie Smith ’98 to Derek Hendrickson, Crystal, Minn., on June 25, 2005.


Jennifer Cleaver ’00 to Jason Wucki, Holmen Wis., on May 15, 2004.

Anthony Holter ’00 to Caroline Loftus, Madison, Wis., on July 17, 2004.

Dianne Lord ’00 to Justin Miller, Minneapolis, Minn., on April 24, 2004. Saint Mary’s alumni in attendance were Kristin (Joseph ’00) Edwards, Lori Madsen ’00, Debbie (Gonne ’01) Sullivan and Doug Werner ’02.

Kate O’Connor ’00 to Jason Siversen ’01, Woodbury, Minn., on Sept. 5, 2004. Saint Mary’s alumni in attendance were Brian Fetko ’00, Kateri Eddy ’00, Amy Robinson ’00, Angie Sahr ’01, Shane Malecha ’01, Nicole Elston ’01, Tatiana Cherevycz ’00, and Lindsay Grier ’01.


Curtis Heaser ’02 to Emily Johnson, Kellogg, Minn., on March 22, 2005.

Kristine Clendenin ’02 to Andrew O’Keefe ’01, Maple Grove, Minn., on July 10, 2004.

Brooke Larson ’02 to Andrew Person ’02, Vancouver, B.C., on April 3, 2004.


Meredith Riewe ’02 to Bill Daniel ’02, Ottawa, Ontario, on June 13, 2004.


Jennifer Spiess ’02 to Ryan Warnsholz, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., on May 21, 2005.

Monica Deringer ’03 to Devin Nugent, Manteno, Ill., on March 5, 2005.

Emilee Conley ’03 to John Scheid ’01, Hamden, Conn., on May 21, 2005.

Jodi Mickelson ’03 to Dylan Christopherson, Fargo, N.D., in May 2004. He was deployed to Iraq in June 2004.


Katherine Jewison ’05 to Kevin Johnson, Burnsville, Minn., on Nov. 27, 2004.

Kristina Manske ’05 to Anthony Brown ’05, St. Anthony, Minn., on June 18, 2005.

Nicole Mensink ’05 to Kyle TePoel ’04, Eagan, Minn., in June 2005.

**BIRTHS**

Robert ’84 and Maureen (Knight ’87) Glynn, Orland Park, Ill., a son, Leo Francis, on April 29, 2004.


Robin and Thomas Fernandez ’88, St. Charles, Mo., a son, Corey James, on Nov. 22, 2004. He joins Matt, 11; Brendan, 9; and Kaylie, 7.


John and Karen (Daly ’89) Ellis, Oak Lawn, Ill., twin daughters, Kate and Ciara, on Jan. 1, 2005.


Rainer and Cris (Mckeever ’90) Knoblauch, Coon Rapids, Minn., a daughter, Molly Catherine, on April 16, 2004. She joins Jack, 6, and Sean, 4.

Andy and Janet (Baird ’90) Midtbo, Minneapolis, a daughter, Celita, on Nov. 6, 2004. She joins Simon, 5.

Dean and Michele (Klimek ’91) Drake, a daughter, Lydia Marie, on Dec. 1, 2004. She joins Tanner, 7.

David and Angela (Hoffmeister ’91) Finley, Estherville, Iowa, a son, Brendan Peter, on July 25, 2002.
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Lisa and Brian Strub ’91, Saint Paul, Minn., a daughter, Sarah Isabel, on Nov. 21, 2004.

Jeff ’92 and Gretchen (Schwab ’93) Abrams, a son, Jack Lincoln, on Feb. 28, 2005.

Terrie and Douglas Dieterman ’92, Winona, a daughter, Nadia, on Feb. 22, 2005.

Chad and Christy (Miller ’92) Dombroski, Wauneta, Wis., a son, Logan, on June 25, 2004. He joins Jake, 2.


John and Chelsea Marie (Coan ’92) Hinkle, Neenah, Wis., a son, Eion Douglas, on Jan. 16, 2005.

Laura and Blake Kunc ’92, Maplewood, Minn., a son, in February 2004.


Andy ’92 and Michael (Baecheir ’89) Nelson, Savage, Minn., a daughter, Sophia Grace, on July 25, 2005. She joins twins Alexander and Elizabeth.

Gary ’92 and Katie (Meisser) Oberfoell ’92, Pewaukee, Wis., a son, Brady, on Oct. 4, 2004. He joins Sara, 4.


Robert and Lynn (Sherek ’93) Kenning, Wheaton, Ill., a son, Griffin Alexander, on May 12, 2005.

Karen and Daniel McKinney ’93, Elkhorn, Wis., a daughter, Kathrynn Ianice, on March 17, 2005. She joins Samuel, 6 and William, 4. Each child has at least one Saint Mary’s alumnus as a godparent. Samuel: Michael ’93 and Jodi (Schleicher ’95) Roventine; William: Eric ’92 and Jennifer (Leffler ’95) Christianson, and Kathryn: Kevin Crocker ’92.

Andrea and John Pizza ’93, Dallas, Texas, a son, Quinn Alexander, on April 7, 2004.

Mykl ’93 and Jodi (Schleicher ’95) Roventine, Saint Paul, Minn. a daughter, Lucy Helen, on Feb. 16, 2005. She joins Matilda, 2, who successfully completed her third heart surgery in July 2004. Her story was featured in the October 2004 issue of the Saint Paul/Minneapolis Children’s Hospital Magazine.

Jesse ’93 and Patricia (McLaughlin ’92) Pleuss, Park Ridge, Ill., a daughter, Maizie Christine, on April 23, 2005. She joins brother Declan.

Chris and Jenny (Czarnecki ’94) Deml, Ellendale, Minn., a daughter, Laura Caroline, on May 17, 2005. She joins Jesse and Elizabeth.

Dick ’94 and Amy Ohlemacher-Lonetti ’93, Montrose, Minn., a son, Quinn, in December 2004. He joins Hayden, 6, and Brendan, 4.

Bill ’94 and Cheryl (Ernst ’94) Serb, Waukesha, Wis., a son, Timothy Joseph, on March 5, 2005. He joins Benjamin, 4, and Maria, 2.

David and Karyn (O’Driscol ’95) Fuller, Plainfield, Ill., a son, Declan Martin, on March 2, 2005. He joins Sean, 2.

Sam ’95 and Noelle (Miller ’97) Elder, Edina, Minn., a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth, on Feb. 26, 2005. She joins James, 3.

Steve and Shannon (Lietz ’95) Guimond, Saint Peter, Minn., a daughter, Elise Nicole, on March 18, 2004.

Christopher ’95 and Jennifer (Luca ’96) Mandel, Milwaukee, Wis., a son, Oliver Finn, on June 26, 2005.

Nick ’95 and Anne Marie (Kruse ’97) Proulx, White Bear Lake, Minn., a son, Jackson, on Jan. 19, 2005.

Colleen and Matthew Regan ’95, Bloomington, Minn., a son, Riley Michael, on Sept. 17, 2004.

Brian and Stephanie (Roth ’96) Cade, Lakeville, Minn., a daughter, Alayna Marie, on Oct. 16, 2004.

Daniel and Tatjana (Kusan ’96) Hutnyak, Minneapolis, a son, Maxwell, on March 6, 2005.

Derrick ’96 and Alyssa (Gostomski ’98) Carter, Minneapolis, a son, Kenevan James, on Jan. 28, 2005.

Barb and Derek Hemmer ’96, Sartell, Minn., a son, Brandon Ladd, on Aug. 12, 2004.


Daron and Jacqueline (Olson ’97) DuLac, Webster, Minn., a son, Quentin, on July 30, 2004.

Ryan and Branne (Hartmann ’97) Freitag, Hector, Minn., a son, Aaron Michael, on Jan. 15, 2005. He joins Kyanne, 6; Kaitlein, 5; and Riley, 2.

Steven Grillo ’97 and Kristina Poff, a son, Ryan Matthew, on Nov. 29, 2004.

![Photo courtesy of Timothy Archibald.](image)
Corey and Kimberly (Fuller '97) Hanson, Tyler, Minn., a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, on Aug. 11, 2004.


Chris and Colleen (Haggerty '97) Olechowski, Gilberts, Ill., a daughter, Helen Margaret, on July 21, 2004.


Mike '97 and Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman, Lewiston, Minn., a son, Jacob David, on April 22, 2005. He joins Caroline, 4.

Tom and Corrie (Parker '98) Dalton, Chicago, a daughter, Emma Parker, on May 3, 2005. She joins Shannon.


Ryan and Christine (Pisano '98) Jahaske, Roselle, Ill., a daughter, Emma Ryan, on March 16, 2005. She joins Paige, 3.


Chad '98 and Natalie (Halvorsen '99) Kendrick, Chaska, Minn., a daughter, Isabella, in September 2004.

Jesse '98 and Sarah (Tureson '97) Murray, Los Altos, Calif., a son, Henry Thomas, on Feb. 10, 2005. Father Tait Schroeder '98 presided over the baptism.

Brandon and Shannon (Griffin '98) Weick, Rochester, Minn., a son, Nicholas Earnest, on Nov. 4, 2004. He joins Will, 3.


Joe '99 and Julia (Guhin '01) Yach, Roseville, Minn., a son, Tyler John, on Dec. 5, 2004.

Ben '99 and Courtney (Keenan '99) Young, Albertville, Minn., a daughter, Ava Charley Grace, on March 4, 2005. She joins Keenan, 5.

Robert '00 and Kristin (Joseph '00) Edwards, Hudson, Minn., a daughter, Evelyn Mary, on June 1, 2004.

Maureen Riley '97 married Jeffery Spence on May 15, 2004. Pictured are Saint Mary's alumni including, from left: front, Sally (Schmidt '97) Smith, Colleen (Riley '92) Batman, the groom and bride, Shannon Durand '97, Jennie Clauson '97, back row; Sarah Remus '97, Tim Riley '95, Mike Riley '91, John Piscitiello '97 and Sara (Murr '97) Piscitiello.

John Corcoran '99 and Marisa Niemiec '99 were married Oct. 23, 2004. Attending were, from left: Brian Zirngible '98; Rob Slattery '97; Allison Loecke '00; Matt Palkert '00; Curt Mangan '02; Jack White '79; MaryBeth Kruse '00; Annie (LaMere '00) Mangan; Moira Corcoran '03; Neil Dahlheimer '01; Karla Gergen '98; Brother Larry Schatz, FSC, former campus minister; Matt Niemiec '99; Michele Spidale '98; Brendan Corcoran '07; Brother Carl Clayton, FSC, former campus minister; Anthony Holter '00; Mike Dahlheimer '97; and Alyssa (House '99) Dahlheimer. In attendance, but not pictured were: Nate Warden '99, Autumn (Hale '99) Warden, Brother Bob Smith, FSC '76 and Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC '58.

Barry and Jaclyn (Knutson '00) Homuth, Owatonna, Minn., a son, Christopher Alan, on April 5, 2005.

Patrick '00 and Erin (Gibson '00) Morrow, Tulsa, Okla., a daughter, Kaley Clare, on Aug. 24, 2004. She joins Ella, 3, and Jackson, 2.

Megan (Johnson '00) Shevokas, Union Grove, Wis., a son, Casey Emerson, on July 24, 2003.

Alison and Chad Springer '00, Wabasha, Minn., a son, Parker Andrew, on Feb. 17, 2005.

Bryan '01 and Angela (DiPinto '01) Amburn, Oakdale, Minn., a daughter, Veronica Therese, on Jan. 27, 2005.

Tim and Melissa (Lambert '01) Fitzpatrick, Dodge, Wis., a son, Hunter Timothy, on Oct. 9, 2004.

Curt and Kelly (De Wane '01) Pieschek, Luxemburg, Wis., a daughter, Grace, on Jan. 19, 2005.

Craig '01 and Lisa (Eichsteadt '02) Steger, Ypsilanti, Mich., a daughter, Adrianna Clare, on Feb. 12, 2005.

William '02 and Meredith (Riewe '02) Daniel, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, a son, Isaac Francis, on May 29, 2005.

Jason and Marisa (Wilson '02) Dille, Red Wing, Minn., a daughter, Jaya Lee, on March 30, 2005.

Joseph and Dr. Jennifer (Ait '02) Gelhar, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Lila Eileen, on Jan. 6, 2005.

Curtis '02 and Andrea (LaMere '00) Mangan, South Saint Paul, Minn., a daughter, Alana Elizabeth, on March 11, 2005.

Ryan and Jennifer (Spiess '02) Warnsholz, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a daughter, Meliana Yvonne, on Dec. 31, 2004.

Joey and Nicole (Schliep '03) Hahn, Zumbrota, Minn., a daughter, Sophia Hope, on Nov. 6, 2004.

Patrick M'05 and Deborah (Goenne '01) Sullivan, Cashton, Wis., a son, Joseph Patrick, on May 1, 2005.

DEATHS


Ensuring the future through endowments

Parents and grandparents lovingly instill their values into their children and grandchildren and hope their positive influences will guide the future. They know that they must help young people develop strength and character that will remain even after they’re gone.

As we look ahead to our centennial in 2012, we celebrate Saint Mary’s past and look forward to our next 100 years of perpetuating the same values you have come to appreciate and support.

And that is why some of our alumni and friends have established endowment funds with Saint Mary’s. They want to use their resources to support an organization that will communicate their shared values to future generations.

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General Endowments – Support the general operating needs of the university.

Endowed Chairs – Support leadership within a specific department.

Endowed Scholarships – Support students with an annual income to help alleviate the burden of tuition, allowing them to more fully concentrate on their studies.

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- Fitzgerald Library – Increase and enhance circulation and/or technology.
- Page Series – Help bring world-class arts and culture to Saint Mary’s and the surrounding communities.
- Chemistry Outreach – Introduce local and regional high school students to the wonders of chemistry through an evening or weekend on campus and in the SMU labs.

You can name a fund in honor of a family member or recognize a Saint Mary’s faculty or staff member who has had a positive influence on your life. Or you may want the endowment named after yourself as a way to create a permanent presence on the Saint Mary’s campus. You may also choose to give anonymously.

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Holly McDonough
Director of Planned Giving

Joseph J. Rivers ’38, Winona, on Sept. 6, 2005.

Brother Fidelis V. Leddy, FSC ’40, Manila, Philippines, on June 12, 2005.

Dr. Andrew Kelleher ’41, Barrington, Ill., on June 23, 2005.


Robert W. Toye ’42, West Des Moines, Iowa, on Oct. 4, 2005.
Brother Gerard Pihaly, FSC ’43, Saint Paul, Minn., on April 9, 2005.


George P. Carney ’45, Memphis, Tenn., on March 11, 2005.


Dr. Mack V. Traynor Jr., ’46, Fargo, N.D., on Nov. 11, 2005.


Father Walter Sommerville ’48, fall 2004.

William M. Galvin ’50, Green Bay, Wis., on April 15, 2005.


Brother Jerome D. Wegener, FSC ’50, Memphis, Tenn., on June 1, 2005.

Eugene J. Staub ’51, Lincolnwood, Ill., on April 12, 2005.


Joseph E. Peters ’58, Altamonte Springs, Fla., on April 12, 2005.

Charles J. Horihan ’59, Hokah, Minn., on March 24, 2005.


Gregory G. Larken ’60, La Crosse, Wis., on Aug. 23, 2005.


Joseph R. Kross ’70, Yardley, Pa., on May 19, 2005.


SYMPATHY TO

F. Lee Keller ’42, on the death of his wife, Dorothy Lorraine, on Jan. 20, 2005.

Brother Robert Staub, FSC ’43, on the death of his brother, Eugene Staub ’51, on April 12, 2005.

John Malloy ’46, Bernard Malloy ’70, Carol (Malloy ’75) Dykstra and Mary (Malloy ’82) Wilder, on the death of their brother and father, Russell Malloy ’42, on Aug. 11, 2005.


Paul Voelker ’67, on the death of his mother, Margaret Voelker, on Oct. 8, 2005.

David Nigon ’68, Dennis Nigon ’68 and Laura Nigon ’93, on the death of their father.
Saying goodbye to a Saint Mary’s trustee

Daniel L. Simon ’72, a current member of the Saint Mary’s University Board of Trustees — as well as long-time benefactor, friend and supporter of the university — died suddenly, Oct. 9, 2005, due to complications from a stroke.

Services were held on Oct. 13 in Glenview, Ill. Simon, 55, was known for his quiet generosity, strong-but-quiet leadership, and humor. His impact at Saint Mary’s and in the business community will long be remembered.

Simon served as chairman, president and founder of Universal Outdoor Inc. before becoming founding president of KJ Investment LLC. He is known for turning one road sign and $100, back in 1973, into one of the largest outdoor advertising companies in the world.

However, according to his brother, Paul Simon, “Financial success was a goal of his, but not the most important goal. Dan just wanted to be Dan.”

Paul Simon describes his brother as a generous man, one who not only bought his caddy lunch, but also carried his own golf bag so his caddy would have free hands to eat the lunch.

Dan Simon was a man to wear lion-head slippers at work, and hide a box of Twinkies in his office. But he was also a man who didn’t back down from adversity or controversy and was a master negotiator.

According to Paul Simon, “Dan’s greatest gift as a leader was his ability to listen and to make people comfortable. A warm smile and a quick laugh — those were among his greatest assets.”

Brother President Craig Franz remembers Dan Simon as a dear friend to many. “His constant smile and steady disposition made him approachable by people here at the university from the youngest student to the oldest professor. He had a great love for the school, and it was wonderful to see him at our gatherings — always energetic, always supportive, always full of life and so very supportive of Saint Mary’s.

“Fortunately, he lives on in our good works as we emulate his incredible kindness to others.”

Dan Simon is survived by his wife, Sandra (CST ’72), and their children, Kelly and Joseph.
Alumni — send us your news! Saint Mary’s Magazine welcomes contributions to the Alumni Class Notes section. Use this form to fax or mail in your personal and professional news items. Photos, news clippings, etc., are also welcome, as well as tips about fellow alums who might make good feature story subjects.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2005
16 - 17 Final Examinations
19 - 20 Final Examinations
21 - Jan. 9 Christmas Recess

JANUARY 2006
10 Classes Resume
Semester II Begins

FEBRUARY 2006
18 - 26 Winter Recess
27 Classes Resume

MARCH 2006
9 Founder’s Day

APRIL 2006
8 – 17 Easter Recess
18 Classes Resume
26 Senior Honors Banquet

MAY 2006
5 - 6 Final Examinations
8 - 9 Final Examinations
13 Commencement

THEATRE
A current professional and student performance calendar is available online:
www.pagetheatre.org

SPORTS
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www.smumn.edu/sports
Hitting the high notes of Phi Mu Alpha

On May 14, 1956, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia’s Eta Nu Chapter was chartered at Saint Mary’s. The first greek organization, Phi Mu Alpha is the university’s longest surviving student organization.

This year the music fraternity is celebrating 50 years of supporting music and arts at the university. Over the years, the brotherhood has been involved in numerous music events and bands on and around campus, such as: Red Men Revels, Blue Angel, Gaslight, Wee Hours, Candlelight, All Campus Parties, The Oldie Moldie All-Stars, and more.

More than 520 alumni have been initiated as Phi Mu Alpha brothers in the past 50 years. And the current chapter — 20 members strong — is planning a full year of activities in celebration of the 50-year anniversary.

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about these photos is welcome to contact Saint Mary’s Magazine editor, Deb Nahrgang. Mail comments to: Saint Mary’s Magazine, Saint Mary’s University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: dnahrgan@smumn.edu.
In the fall issue of “Saint Mary’s Magazine,” we asked alumni for one word to describe outgoing president Brother Louis DeThomasis. Here are some responses:

**VISIONARY.** Brother Louis has demonstrated tremendous vision during his historic presidency at Saint Mary’s University. Besides his wisdom in leading SMU into the 21st century, Brother Louis is an outstanding cook. Having shared several meals with him years ago I remember fondly his culinary talents. God bless you, Brother Louis, in all that you do in the future. — Thomas Lisack ’80

**INNOVATOR.** A real pro-level entrepreneur and builder. Dedicated and visionary with rare talent of surrounding himself with a capable team of leaders. He recognized a comprehensive team approach can achieve measurable and consistent performance. Fortune should write an article about him, or Wall Street Journal. He would be a good cover story. — Tom Cannon ’69 (for Jack Cannon ’64, Mike Cannon ’73, Sally (Weldon ’74) Cannon, and Tom Conway ’79)

**LISTENER.** He gave the opportunity of education to so many students of color; he is an inspirational leader who transformed theory into practice. Immigrants from everywhere got a chance to study at Saint Mary’s and I am one of them who got the knowledge. I am a Muslim who got the opportunity to learn in a Christian environment, and he is the architect of these opportunities. — Abdulkadir Dahir Abdalla ’03

To read more “one-word” descriptions for Brother Louis, go to www.smumn.edu/onenword

**WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE NEW PRESIDENT BROTHER CRAIG J. FRANZ, FSC?**

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