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The role of Christian Brothers is evolving on the SMU campus

Twenty-one years after Bishop Patrick R. Heffron founded Saint Mary’s in 1912, the school was purchased by the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

A lot has changed on the Terrace Heights campus since Brother Leopold Julian Dodd, FSC — the school’s first Christian Brother president — negotiated the transfer of Saint Mary’s College from the Diocese of Winona to the Christian Brothers.

The role of the Christian Brothers themselves is evolving.

In this issue of University Magazine, we take an in-depth look at that evolution: From what Saint Mary’s is doing to carry on the traditions and teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle — despite a decline in the number of young men who are becoming Christian Brothers — to a look at two recent SMU alums who are taking different paths to the same goal: working with disadvantaged youths at schools run by Christian Brothers.

But that’s only a small part of this jam-packed issue.

Brother President Louis DeThomasias has announced the beginning of SMU’s most ambitious capital campaign — Legacy for Learning: A Campaign for Students. The campaign’s goal is to raise $30 million for endowment in a variety of areas that will benefit students of our future.

On the sports scene, the Saint Mary’s volleyball team captured its first-ever conference championship — and appeared in its first NCAA national tournament.

Webmaster Eric Heukeshoven has many state-of-the-art changes on the SMU website to talk about, and our Class Notes section is packed with tidbits about who’s doing what, and where.

So kick back, relax, put your feet up and enjoy!
News at a glance

Here’s a quick look at recent campus news — from the dedication of the power plant, to an award for Brother Louis, recent grants, and more!

TOTAL SMU ENROLLMENT CLOSE TO 7,000

Saint Mary’s total enrollment in all degree programs for the 2000-2001 academic year is 6,678.

Enrollment at the Winona Campus is 2,806. Of that number, 1,364 are enrolled in undergraduate programs. There are 1,279 full-time undergraduates, 31 part-time undergraduates, 31 in the De La Salle Language Institute and 23 enrolled in the Post-Secondary Enrollment Options program. New entering freshmen number 361; with transfers, special students and readmitted students added, the total of new students is 449.

Winona Campus graduate programs enroll 226 students, while the Winona-based Master of Education programs count 1,216 in learning communities across the state.

Saint Mary’s also has 3,672 adult students in bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral programs at its Twin Cities Campus, Rochester Center and instructional sites in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Two institutes affiliated with SMU in Nairobi, Kenya enroll another 200 students.

CONFERENCE FOCUSES ON CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Saint Mary’s hosted the first annual Remick Conference on Character Education, Sept. 23. The theme was “Transformation in Christ: The Challenge of Character Education in Catholic Schools.”

The keynote speaker and workshop facilitator was Dr. Thomas Lickona, a nationally known writer and speaker on character education. His books include “Educating for Character,” praised as “the definitive work in the field,” and “Raising Good Children,” a book describing a 12-point character education program.

The conference was endowed by Mary Ann and Jack Remick, an SMU trustee, of Rochester, Minn. Their generosity also supports the Remick Fellowship Program, offered in partnership with Saint Mary’s University. Fellowships provide financial resources for scholars who have completed a bachelor’s degree, and who desire to earn a master’s degree in instruction and enter the teaching profession in Catholic schools.

MAX KULAS AND ROGER CONNAUGHTY

The Saint Mary’s University power plant was named for Max Kulas and Roger Connaughty, long-time directors of buildings and grounds, and dedicated in honor and gratitude to all maintenance employees who have served longer than 10 years.

The August 23 ceremony featured the unveiling of the Kulas-Connaughty Power Plant name, and the unveiling of a plaque listing 64 other maintenance employees. Brother President Louis DeThomasis and Mike Gostomski ’62, SMU trustee, made congratulatory remarks.

The ceremony and plaque were made possible by the generosity of an anonymous benefactor.

Max Kulas and Roger Connaughty

BROTHER LOUIS IS HONORED BY CHRISTIAN BROTHERS

Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., was honored by the Christian Brothers of the United States and Toronto Region as a Distinguished Lasallian Educator, during an award ceremony Nov. 18 in Chicago. The award honors educators at schools run by the De La Salle Christian Brothers who
exemplify the ideals of their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

Brother Louis has served as president of Saint Mary’s University since 1984. He was cited for bringing to his leadership role “a wide variety of talents and interests” as well as “a diversity of experiences from the worlds of business, education and religious life.” The award citation further stated: “The breadth and impact of his educational leadership has carried far beyond the confines of the institutions in which he has served. ... He has proven to be a man both with extraordinary vision, and with managerial and entrepreneurial skills to convert the vision to reality.”

Brother Louis was cited for his contribution to the founding of Ocean Tides, a program for court-adjudicated youth, and of Christian Brothers Investment Services. He was also a founding trustee of Religious Communities Trust, and he is chairman of the board of the Martin de Porres School for Exceptional Children in Queens, New York, a Lasallian school serving the neediest of New York City youngsters.

**Performance Center Lobby Named for Ben Miller**

Brother I. Basil Rothweiler ’38, president of Saint Mary’s College from 1956-63, was reunited with his friend Ben Miller on Dec. 2, following dedication of the Ben Miller Lobby.

**SMU, WSU Share $450,000 Computer Science Grant to Aid Students with Disabilities**

The SMU and Winona State University computer science departments will share a $450,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to help eliminate barriers to computer science students with visual disabilities. The Computer Science Major Accessibility Project (CS-MAP) is one of the first of its kind to take on this subject. The project’s co-director is Ann Smith, SMU computer science department chair.

The goal of CS-MAP is to make visual representations of course material available in an oral format. This will be done, in part, by developing a programming education tool called JavaSpeak.

Next year, SMU and WSU will bring in four new students with visual disabilities, to be supported with scholarship money from the grant and by both universities. The following year, six more students will be recruited for the program.

**McKnight Grant Will Create Information Network for River Quality Programs**

The McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis has awarded a grant of $175,000 to Saint Mary’s University for a project titled “Networking in the Upper Mississippi River Basin.” The grant funds the first two years of the project, which will be directed

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**Performance Center Space Named for Winonan**

Winona citizen Ben Miller was honored as a philanthropist, patron of the arts, entrepreneur and community leader by Saint Mary’s University on Dec. 2, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. Saint Mary’s dedicated the Ben Miller Lobby in the Performance Center that evening, following a performance of “The Nutcracker.”

Brother President Louis DeThomasis cited Miller as “one of Winona’s best-known and most highly regarded citizens. He stands as the benchmark for philanthropic leadership and creativity in this community. His support for health care and education at all levels, and his largely invisible — but enormously effective — efforts to promote tolerance for differences in our community, stand as his legacy to present and future citizens of Winona.”

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Rivers and streams from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, and Illinois flow into the Upper Mississippi River basin
The project will bring together local and regional stakeholders who are interested in preserving the river basin, its habitats, and agriculture. They will then work together to collect and disseminate information about watershed management issues. A web site is being designed for that purpose.

Goals of the project include reducing sediment and nutrient loss, improving water quality, and promoting sustainable land conservation efforts in the Upper Mississippi River basin through public involvement, increased communication, and better information availability.

YEAR’S MIDPOINT MARKS NEW BEGINNING FOR OUTGOING VP SHARYN GOO

Christmas break always marks the mid-point to the Saint Mary’s University school year. But for Sharyn Goo, this year’s mid-point is really an ending and a beginning — an end to nine years as a member of the SMU administration, and beginning of a retirement that will include plenty of travel and lots of relaxing in the San Diego sun.

“It’s amazing how fast the last nine years have gone by,” admitted Goo, who spent her first four years at SMU as the dean of students, before becoming vice president for Student Development in 1995. “When I arrived on the Saint Mary’s campus, there were so many exciting challenges awaiting me. I was fortunate to inherit a wonderful staff and with their support I proceeded to test my wings in a new environment.”

A new environment that included sub-zero temperatures day after day during the winter months — not quite what Goo had been used to when she lived in Hawaii.

While she certainly won’t miss the frigid Minnesota winters when she relocates to San Diego, Calif., to be closer to her family, Goo admits she will certainly miss Saint Mary’s.

“I have greatly enjoyed my nine years here and the fulfilling career that I have had in student affairs,” she said. “During my tenure, many students have passed through the doors of my office — whether they were student senators planning an event, or students who were summoned for disciplinary matters — and assisting them in the development of their academic and personal goals has been most rewarding.

“Although I will miss the many friends that I have made here, this will personally be a good time for me to begin a new chapter in my life — while I still have a little bounce in my step!”

FATHER FABIAN CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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A NEW LOGO FOR SMU

Saint Mary’s University opened the 2000-01 academic year with a new logo. The new mark is “evolutionary” rather than “revolutionary” and is intended to reflect the changing — yet constant — nature of the institution.

Five years ago, the university prided itself on separate campuses in Winona, the Twin Cities, Rochester and Africa. Today, there is a philosophy of “one university with great diversity.” The new logo has dropped the campus identifiers, but kept the symbol and previous wording (including “of Minnesota,” which separates SMU from the many other Saint Mary’s universities and colleges). The logo emphasizes the unity of the institution’s many facets.

The logo may change with the times, but the core symbol has remained constant since Brother Roderick Robertson designed it in the late 1970s. The overall shape of the Saint Mary’s symbol is an abstraction of the bluffs which surround the Winona campus and the Twin Cities. The cross of the Saint Thomas More Chapel tower in the center of the symbol is created from the negative space between the “S” for Saint and the “M” for Mary. The lines running through the logo are the Mississippi River, which flows through Minnesota (and connects the two main campuses).
China is a lot more like United States than most Americans would suppose.

That’s the impression Brother Louis DeThomasis, president of Saint Mary’s University, brought back when he returned Nov. 11 from China.

Brother Louis spent a week speaking with Chinese educators as part of a delegation from Minnesota’s private colleges. The mission was to strengthen relations between higher education systems.

Eleven private colleges and universities in Minnesota have programs in Asian/East Asian studies or languages. The Saint Mary’s University history department is sponsoring a three-week student trip next summer.

“The trip was a marvelous experience and a very worthwhile venture,” Brother Louis said. The purpose was “to present workshops to the higher education leaders in China for them to get an understanding of how private higher education works in this country.”

The delegation met officials from the Chinese Ministry of Education and university presidents in Beijing. In Xian, they explored new developments in Chinese higher education with the Shaanxi Education Council. (Shaanxi is the “sister province” to the state of Minnesota.) The delegation then met with Chinese business leaders in Shanghai to discuss business and education relations.

Brother Louis said unlike private universities in China, those in the United States are nonprofit — a concept his Chinese counterparts had a difficult time grasping.

“They have no not-for-profit higher education,” he said, adding that they didn’t know why a board of directors or trustees would get involved in an institution that doesn’t make money.

For his part, Brother Louis said, he was impressed that the Chinese educators made a profit while educating students.

Still, he said, the Chinese were
candid about the flaws in their educational system and open to learning about the U.S. system.

“They recognize our institutions of higher education as the best in the world,” he said.

And any perceptions he had about the communist country quickly dissipated when the work began, Brother Louis said.

“There was no feeling that they were programmed to say certain things,” he said.

While he expected to work within set communist parameters, Brother Louis said, boundaries were never an issue.

“Though we know that there are those boundaries, we never hit them,” he said. “I could’ve expected much less candor and more guardedness, none of which I saw.”

Brother Louis believes issues discussed during the trip — combined with a surprising amount of Chinese entrepreneurship — will help China pull ahead of Russia in the race toward an effective free enterprise system.

“It’s a reality that I never thought was possible,” he said.

The trip opened his eyes to the realities of life in China, he said, and Brother Louis looks forward to meeting with the Chinese educators again.

The U.S. group extended an invitation to the Chinese hosts to come visit Minnesota schools, and the Chinese were “very enthusiastic.”

The Chinese educators are expected to visit Minnesota next year.

Summer China program is accepting student applicants

Dr. Ting Ni and the SMU history department are sponsoring a trip to China next summer. Students will spend three weeks in Tianjin and visit Tiananmen Square, the Ming Tomb, the Forbidden City and the Great Wall, among other points of interest.

Students can earn three to six credits of global issues or history credits during the trip. Cost is approximately $1,300-1,600, which includes airfare and lodging. Financial aid is available to qualified students taking six credits.
At the August 23 faculty/staff workshop, Saint Mary’s University announced a $7 million anonymous gift — and unveiled the public phase of a new $30 million capital campaign.

This largest-ever gift to the university is unrestricted and will be designated to Saint Mary’s “Legacy for Learning: A Campaign for Students.” The campaign’s focus is to build endowment to meet student needs in the areas of teaching, learning and student life.

“We are astounded by the generosity of this gift and immeasurably gratified by the support and confidence of this investment in the future of Saint Mary’s,” said Brother President Louis DeThomasis.

The gift was made to underscore the benefactor’s faith in and commitment to the university’s vision, direction and leadership. The anonymous benefactor, a Chicago-area friend of the university, expressed a strong desire to assist the university in its core mission: “The liberal arts education in the Lasallian tradition Saint Mary’s provides its students — in all its programs and at all its locations — is the best possible preparation for the speed of change we see in this new century.”

Launching our campaign with this magnificent gift positions Saint Mary’s University to meet its destiny of service with faith and zeal,” Brother Louis said. “The university is indeed blessed by the grace and goodness of benefactors who so thoroughly share of their blessings to help students lead lives of meaning and magnitude.”

The $30 million “Legacy for Learning” goal is double the amount of the school’s most recent campaign, “The Next Step,” which resulted in over $15 million in gifts.

Recognizing the explosive rate of change in the last century, Saint Mary’s is seeking unrestricted endowment funds to respond to changing student needs and rapid global transformation. The campaign is coordinating support from alumni, parents, friends, corporations, faculty and staff.

Gifts to “Legacy for Learning” will support a variety of areas at Saint Mary’s University, including: student scholarships and leadership development, research, facilities improvements, new learning technologies, student service, and spiritual development.

Campaign co-chairmen Robert E. Kelly, Jr. and Bernard E. Wagnild are both trustees of the university.

My vision for this campaign is to send a strong message to everyone who loves Saint Mary’s: This is not simply another campaign but the building of an endowment that will ensure our future for the 21st century.

— Bernie Wagnild
The Saint Mary’s community honored Dr. Samuel J. Cascio ’48, his wife Rosemarie, and their family with the dedication of a new court, located between the Memorial Plaza and the Oscar and Mary Jane Straub Millennium Clock Tower on the Winona campus.

The Cascio Family Court honors the Cascios for their commitment to the De La Salle Christian Brothers, to the Lasallian mission of education, and to Saint Mary’s University.

The centerpiece of the court is a statue of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers. The draped figure is portrayed kneeling, holding an open book, which reads: “Let us remember we are in the Holy presence of God.” The statue was designed by Bruce Wolfe. The court features attractive landscaping and benches and is a place for student and staff reflection.


Dr. Cascio has served Saint Mary’s board of trustees in a number of different capacities as a trustee and committee member. He has also been recognized with the Saint La Salle Award in 1984, and with the Alumni Appreciation Award in 1998.

Bush Foundation makes $1 million matching grant

Saint Mary’s has been awarded a $1 million matching grant from the Bush Foundation of St. Paul. The grant is designated for SMU’s $30 million capital campaign, “Legacy for Learning: A Campaign for Students.”

Brother Louis DeThomasis, president of Saint Mary’s University, expressed gratitude “for this most-generous award and for the confidence shown by the Bush Foundation in our institution.” The Bush Foundation has been an important, long-time supporter of private higher education, he noted, and the matching grant to Saint Mary’s is “a powerful motivator to our potential benefactors.”

Bush Foundation representatives performed an intensive site visit and evaluation just before the start of fall semester. Mary Catherine Fox, Ph.D., vice president for university relations, thanked faculty and staff from both campuses for their “invaluable help” with the site visit. “This grant would absolutely not be possible without their tremendous assistance — over a short time frame and during a hectic time of the year,” Dr. Fox said.

The Bush Foundation’s matching grant program helps private colleges in Minnesota and the Dakotas complete comprehensive capital fund drives. Eligible institutions must show evidence of comprehensive planning for campaigns that will enhance their long-term educational program and financial independence.

With the Saint Mary’s award, the Bush Foundation will match, dollar-for-dollar, unrestricted individual gifts to the campaign that fall in the $1,000 to $100,000 range, up to a total of $1 million. Gifts and grants from corporations, governments, foundations or other organizations are not eligible for matching. The matching grant program runs until July 1, 2002.
Saint Mary’s sports roundup

Cardinal volleyball team makes first-ever NCAA appearance; Wood, Lester honored as MIAC’s player, coach of year

VOLLEYBALL
OVERALL: 27-8
CONFERENCE: 10-1
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals capped off a record-setting year by reaching the NCAA Division III national tournament, losing to two-time defending national champion Central-Iowa 3-0 in the Central Regional semifinals. … The Cardinals posted their first-ever MIAC regular-season title, with a 3-1 loss to St. Olaf the only blemish on their conference schedule. … SMU's 27 wins were a school record. … Despite falling to St. Olaf for a second time in the MIAC postseason tournament, SMU received one of the nation's seven at-large berths into the national tournament and beat Fontbonne (Mo.) in their opening-round match, 3-0. … Senior Diane Wood was named the conference's Player of the Year, while Mike Lester earned Coach of the Year honors. … Wood was one of three SMU seniors who closed out their collegiate careers with more than 1,000 kills — joining Wood (1,486) were Amanda Edmond (1,379) and Shelley Haake (1,320). … Amber Rajtora ended her career as the Cardinals' all-time assist leader with 4,578 assists. … Wood, Rajtora and junior Rhonda Thibault were named first-team All-MIAC, while Haake was a second-team selection. … Seven of the Cardinals’ nine wins came on their home turf. … SMU’s 1-1 tie with Macalester on Oct. 18 marked the Cardinals' first tie since a 1-1 stalemate with Simpson on Aug. 31, 1996.

ONLINE: www.smumn.edu/sports/volleyball/

MEN’S SOCCER
OVERALL: 9-8-1
CONFERENCE: 5-4-1
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals closed out their season on a two-game winning streak, beating Hamline 4-1 and Augsburg 3-0. … Dan Krocak was named to the All-MIAC First Team. … Sophomore Shawn Stewart and junior Eric Brown led the team with six goals each, while Stewart finished as the team’s points leader with 14. … Senior Dan Krocak and junior Michael Kroll shared the team lead for assists with four. … Junior goalie Matt Peck started 15 of the Cardinals’ 18 games, posting a 1.20 goals-against-average and three shutouts. … SMU’s season-ending win over Augsburg marked the school’s 10th conference win. … Seven of the Cardinals’ nine wins came on their home turf. … SMU’s 1-1 tie with Macalester on Oct. 18 marked the Cardinals’ first tie since a 1-1 stalemate with Simpson on Aug. 31, 1996.

ONLINE: www.smumn.edu/sports/m_soccer/

WOMEN’S SOCCER
OVERALL: 7-9-2
CONFERENCE: 3-5-2
BRIEFLY: Senior Erin Elder and junior Colleen O’Hearn were named to the All-MIAC First Team. … Elder closed out the season with a team-leading seven goals and 17 points, giving her 28 goals and 76 points for her four-year career. … Elder and freshman Andrea Kemp were the team’s assist leaders with three. … The Cardinals put together a pair of two-game winning streaks, but a season-ending four-game winless streak (0-3-1) dashed any hopes of finishing above .500. … The Cardinals scored two goals in five of their six wins. … SMU finished with a 2-1-2 record in its five overtime games. … O’Hearn started all 18 games in goal, posting a 1.58 goals-against-average and five shutouts.

ONLINE: www.smumn.edu/sports/w_soccer/

GOLF
CONFERENCE: Men 8th, Women 7th
BRIEFLY: Freshman Kyle Sabot led the men to their eighth-place showing at the MIAC Championships, firing SMU’s lone round in the 70s — a second-day 79 — en route to a team-leading 162. … For the season, Sabot’s 82.2 scoring average was second to senior Brian Heim’s team-leading 78.8. … Heim shot the team’s low round of the season, a two-over-par 74, in a dual meet vs. Winona State. … Sophomore Kristin Klimmek was the SMU women’s team leader all season, and fired rounds of 94 and 99 to lead the Cardinals to a seventh-place showing at
CROSS COUNTRY

CONFERENCE: Men 10th, Women 11th
REGIONAL: Men 16th, Women 19th
BRIEFLY: The Cardinal men saved their best for last, leapfrogging over Augsburg and Gustavus — teams that beat SMU at the conference championships — at the season-ending NCAA Central Regional meet. Sophomore Kevin Schemenauer and senior Joe Thompson were the men’s top finishers all season, while freshman Renee Willkom, senior Theresa Miller and sophomore Missy Mollick led the way for the Cardinal women. … Scheme-

Best not quite good enough as SMU volleyball team falls to eventual champ Central in regional semifinals

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hen the Saint Mary’s University volleyball team dropped a 3-1 decision to St. Olaf in the title match of the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the Cardinals figured their season was over.

The NCAA Division III selection committee, however, thought otherwise, giving SMU one of the nation’s seven at-large berths and a spot in the Central Regional Nov. 10.

It was like the Cardinals were awarded a second life — and they wanted to make the best of it.

Which is exactly what they did. Unfortunately, the Cardinals’ best wasn’t quite enough, as the Central (Iowa) Dutch showed why they are the three-time defending national champs, beating SMU in three straight, 15-6, 15-4, 15-6.

“Central is an outstanding team,” said SMU coach Mike Lester, whose team also lost to Central 3-0 earlier this season. “We figured if we played a perfect match, and maybe got a break and caught (Central) on an off night, we could beat them.

“We played a very good match — but not a perfect match.”

Shelley Haake — one of seven seniors on the SMU roster — agreed. “We talked in the locker room before the match and our goal was to go out and give it our best shot,” said Haake, who finished with three kills to close out her collegiate career with 1,320 kills. “Central is an incredible team, and we thought that if we were at the top of our game, for one night, we might be able to take them out.”

And, despite the final scores, the Cardinals almost pulled it off. SMU led twice in the first game, 2-1 and 6-5, but Central rattled off 10 straight points to ice the victory. Things were much the same in Game 2, as SMU scored the game’s first point, but then found themselves at the Dutch’s mercy, as Central scored the next six points and rolled to the 15-4 win. Central completed the sweep with a 15-6 win in Game 3.

“We came at them with our best stuff,” Lester said. “We passed well, we ran our offense exactly the way we planned it — Central just had too much firepower.”

Despite the loss, Lester and the Cardinals remained upbeat following the match — after all, one loss certainly wasn’t going to cast a dark cloud over SMU’s outstanding season.

“Sure, we would have loved to have won this match, but it didn’t work out,” said Lester, whose team’s eight losses all came against nationally ranked opponents — once to top-ranked UW-Whitewater, twice to No. 2 Central, once to No. 13 Wartburg, twice to No. 16 UW-Oshkosh and twice to No. 17 St. Olaf. “Win or lose, it was an outstanding season, and all the milestones this team has accomplished — most wins in a season, first-ever conference championship, first-ever national-tournament appearance — those are things that no one can ever take away from us.

“This team has got a lot to be proud of.”
SMU web site joins digital A/V world to keep pace with the times

Consider for a moment the times in which we live … .

Less than 10 years ago, very few people knew anything about the Internet, e-mail or “surfing the web.” Now, in the first year of “the new millennium,” it seems that we as a society are discovering unprecedented new ways to share information on a global scale. The history of the Internet (as superbly documented by the w3 history project — http://www.w3history.org/), is like watching past history unfold in fast-forward. We have gone from Kittyhawk to Cape Canaveral, from Edison to Einstein, from vaudeville to MTV in the span of less than 10 years. Yet many say that the Internet is just getting out of the “Model T” phase! And so, we have asked the question, “What can we do to enhance the web experience at SMU?”

IT’S AN A/V WORLD

Imagine a day in your life without some type of audio/visual experience. All of us listen to the radio, play music or watch television every day. (Those of us with children wish we could watch a little less TV, especially on Saturday mornings!) Let’s face it, we are accustomed to our audio/video experiences being very high quality. Surround-sound systems in our living rooms, CD players in our cars, even music for our morning workout. Until recently, however, audio/video on the web was like trying to watch a movie on the telephone.

Recent developments in technology have now made broadcasting high quality audio/video via the web a reality. During the summer of 2000, it was my pleasure to help SMU set up an “A/V server” to provide a means of broadcasting via our web site. Combined with the latest generation of digital video camcorders, we presented our first “movie” in early July. “Ice Cream with Rose,” (http://www.smumn.edu/r_kowles _movie.html) was produced completely “in-house” and was available on the SMU web site a day after the event. Many alumni who remembered Rose Kowles — a long-time employee in the business office — e-mailed us to say how much they enjoyed “seeing and hearing” her farewell party, even from halfway around the world.

As we entered the holiday season, we asked Brother Louis if he would like to send his good tidings via a web video. His greetings can be found at: http://www.smumn.edu/ br-louis-greeting.html.

YOUR IDEAS WELCOME HERE

We can think of hundreds of different uses for our “digital A/V” capabilities: sports highlights, concert excerpts, scenes from recent plays, programming from KSMR, speeches, ceremonies, hopefully even a live broadcast of graduation. But for as many ideas that we can dream up, we bet that there are many more our alumni could suggest and so we’d like to hear from you. To help us provide the content you want to see, please take a moment to answer a few questions and give us your suggestions. A form has been set up on our web site at: http://www.smumn.edu/av-ideas.html to receive your comments.

After you send us your comments, why not stop by the Institute of Pastoral Ministries section of our site (http://www.smumn.edu/ipm/ipm_music.html) and listen to some music by SMU students and faculty? Just another way to experience the sites and sounds of SMU.

As the world wide web continues to evolve, so too will the SMU web site. Please let us know how we can make our site a better place for all our alumni … we’re always just a click away!
Long before Saint Mary’s became a university, young people throughout the world benefited from the charism and principles set forth by the Fratres Scholarum Christianarum — the Brothers of the Christian Schools — and their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle. As we examine the history of the Christian Brothers and their relationship with Saint Mary’s, we come to learn how the mission of Saint La Salle continues through the lives of those who administer and serve this university today, and through our students and alumni.
The Christian Brothers first came to Winona, Minn. from the Saint Louis District in 1911 at the request of Bishop Patrick Heffron. Their first duty was to bring Catholic secondary education to the community. They opened the first class of 120 boys on Sept. 5, 1911 under the name Cotter High School. They operated the school for almost 40 years until 1952 when they left the administration of the school to the Diocese of Winona.

Meanwhile, Saint Mary’s College began in 1912, again under the direction of Bishop Heffron. At first, the teachers were diocesan clergy and lay professors directed by the bishop. However, the Brothers at Cotter High School also began supplying teachers to Saint Mary’s as early as 1913.

In 1933, the diocese decided to sell the College because of financial difficulties caused by the Great Depression. The purchase fulfilled the Christian Brothers’ need.

Images and sayings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle are everywhere on the Saint Mary’s University campus, from postcards to statues to the prayer regularly heard during convocations and classes.

But who was this saint and what relevance does he have to a modern-day, liberal arts university in Minnesota?

Born in 1651, John Baptist de La Salle was the eldest son of an influential family in Rheims, France. His involvement with the church began early in life. He became a canon in the cathedral at Rheims by age 16, an honorable position that provided additional income for his family. While in the seminary of Saint Suplice in Paris, De La Salle taught religion to children of a parish in the most crime-ridden part of Paris. It was to be his first taste of what would become his life’s work.

De La Salle fully intended to work among the wealthy people of his area but this plan was dramatically changed in 1671. Both of his parents died that year, leaving him in charge of the family’s affairs and his younger siblings. Only 20 years old, De La Salle realized he needed advice and turned to his friend...
Nicolas Roland. Roland advised him to finish his studies for the priesthood, which he did, and he was ordained in 1678. Two weeks later, Roland died leaving De La Salle as executor of his will and the protector of the Sisters of the Holy Jesus Child, a teaching order dedicated to poor girls.

Through his work with the Sisters, De La Salle met another man who would move him closer to his destiny. Adrien Nyel was a layman in Rheims who established a school for boys. Offering his assistance, De La Salle was soon deep into the project.

He realized that the teachers in the schools were often young, untrained, and not known for high ethical or moral values. De La Salle admits in his later writings that, “those whom I was at first obliged to employ as teachers, I ranked below my own valet.” De La Salle was deeply concerned with the influence these men would have on students and invited the schoolmasters to have meals at his home. In this way, he could offer discipline and guidance. His action caused an outcry among his relatives who were concerned with the influence of these men on De La Salle’s younger siblings. Despite their objec-

for a place to educate their members. The original agreement stated a purchase price of $325,000; the Christian Brothers made the last payment and received the deeds to Saint Mary’s on March 31, 1943.

Enrollment quickly increased after the sale was complete, especially after Saint Mary’s received formal accreditation of its undergraduate programs from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Many of the new students came from high schools operated by the De La Salle Christian Brothers across the Midwest.

From the 1940s to the present, the Christian Brothers who held the office of president at Saint Mary’s have made a significant impact on the physical appearance and finances of the campus. From major building projects that accommodate changing student needs to capital campaigns which ensure financial stability, Christian Brother presidents have guided Saint Mary’s in the Lasallian tradition.

The Catholic religious developments that followed Vatican Council II in the mid-1960s resulted in a changed role for the Christian Brothers at Saint Mary’s. An independent board of trustees was established, with all members but the president being from outside the university. Although their numbers are smaller, the Christian Brothers carry on the traditions of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. As of October, 2000, there were 15 Christian Brothers serving as faculty, staff and administrators at Saint Mary’s University.
What is a Lasallian University?

Saint Mary’s University, as a Catholic institution administered by the De La Salle Christian Brothers, is grounded in the spiritual and pedagogical insights of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Faculty, staff and students are described as living the "Lasallian charism.”

With declining numbers of men entering religious service, it may seem odd that Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota describes itself as a Lasallian university. If there are fewer Christian Brothers to carry out the mission of De La Salle, how will his message of education and service reach new generations?

A New Testament word referring to a service, "charism" today refers to the spirit of an institution or individual as expressed in their most basic operations, witness, and service. In the university setting, the Lasallian charism appears in the institution’s dedication to quality, student-centered education, and learning in the Roman Catholic tradition. On the individual level, the charism appears through compassionate dealings between people, commitment to the advancement of knowledge, and appreciation for arts and culture.

Today, the spirit of De La Salle lives on in the Lasallian community operating in 81 countries and in more than 1,000 educational institutions. Over 4,000 De La Salle Christian Brothers, along with 56,000 Lasallian lay colleagues, serve over three quarters of a million students and their families worldwide. Here in the United States, there are more than 100 Lasallian educational institutions; Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota is one of seven Lasallian colleges and universities.
De La Salle knew that the children would be in school for a short time and they needed to learn as much as possible about life and their faith while they were with the Brothers.

De La Salle's methods were also unusual in that his teaching focused on the poor. Much of his zeal came from his belief that a practical education would help the poor achieve a lifestyle free from the hunger and poverty that was rampant in 17th century France. His manual for teachers, The Conduct of the Schools, also emphasizes his belief that the teaching of the Gospels should permeate all aspects of school life. “To touch the hearts of your pupils and to...

Undergraduate volunteerism leads to life-changing roles at San Miguel schools

Two recent Saint Mary's alumni — both of whom were named outstanding male students their senior years — have followed different paths, but ended up working with schools run by the Christian Brothers. Ben Murray '96 had little idea that a weekend trip to the San Miguel Middle School of Chicago would alter his life.

As a senior and co-leader of Saint Mary's H A N D group, Murray had arranged the Urban Plunge Weekend as a way to get more students involved with service. “I had already signed on the dotted line with an accounting firm,” Murray said, referring to his intended post-graduation career path, “but I felt ‘called’ to the school.”

The attraction was so powerful that he returned to Chicago for annual personal service retreats despite his demanding job as a CPA. Four years later, Murray found himself agreeing to help out at the San Miguel Middle School planned for Minneapolis’ Phillips neighborhood.

Bringing a fledgling school into full operation is nearly a full-time job, Murray quickly discovered. He soon resigned his accounting position and moved into a rental house near the school with the rest of the staff. Today, Murray serves as the full-time director of finance and public relations for the San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis. While he says he doesn’t feel called to formally join the Christian Brothers, he likes the idea of helping them get back to their roots.

Murray isn’t the only person at San Miguel Minneapolis with connections to Saint Mary’s. Brother Larry Schatz, president of the school, was director of university ministry at the Winona Campus from 1992-1999. Brother Dennis Galvin, principal, is a 1973 graduate. Karla Gergen ’98, and Mary Warpeha, whose husband and daughter have attended SMU, are both teachers at the school.

Even the board of directors and task force have Saint Mary’s connections, including Brother Michael Collins, FSC ‘59, Walter Jungbauer ‘87, Kathy (Conway) Russell ’78 (sister of Brother Pat Conway, FSC ’75), Lou Anne Tighe ‘84 and Loras “Red” Sieve ’60.

Two states away, Brother Gordon Hannon, FSC ’86, is the principal of the San Miguel Middle School of Chicago. After graduating from Saint Mary’s, he chose a traditional route to continue the Lasallian mission and received the habit of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the early 1990s. His contact with the Christian Brothers at Saint Mary’s University had a great deal to do with this decision.

“Just seeing them, watching them — especially their generosity of spirit — moved me,” Brother Gordon said. Today, he continues in this same spirit by leading the San Miguel School for disadvantaged children on Chicago’s South Side.

According to Brother Gordon, today’s San Miguel schools continue De La Salle’s concern for low-income students by providing quality Catholic education for troubled youth, many of whom are Latino. There are four San Miguel schools nationwide.

San Miguel schools are named for their patron saint, Brother Miguel Febres Cordero of Ecuador. Canonized in 1984, Saint Miguel was known for his gifted teaching and simplicity, directness and concern for his students. He was also the first native of Ecuador to be received into the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

Faculty and staff of San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis pose with students for a Christmas card

(l-to-r): Mary Warpeha (her daughter is SMU alum Rebecca ’92, husband is Dr. Walter ’68), Brother Dennis Galvin ’73, Ben Murray ’96, Brother Larry Schatz (former SMU director of Campus Ministry), Karla Gergen ’98.
On June 2, 2000, the De La Salle Christian Brothers met in Rome, Italy, to elect the 26th successor to their founder, Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The new Superior General, Brother Alvaro Rodriquez Echeverria, exhorted the gathered assembly, "Brothers, let us keep alive the flame that was ours at the birth of the Institute.

Four months and an ocean away, the director of the Contact Program at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Brother Pat Conway '75, is seeking to do just that.

Statistically, the number of Christian Brothers worldwide has been in a steady decline since at least the early 1990s. In the Midwest Region of the United States, there are 228 Christian Brothers, representing the largest group of their order in the United States/Toronto Region. Ten years ago, that number was about 300. Throughout the region, there are approximately 1,040 Christian Brothers.

With these declines, there are fewer Brothers to carry on the Lasallian traditions of education and service to the poor. Through the Contact Program at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois, however, the Christian Brothers are introducing a whole new generation to the Lasallian charism.

The Contact Program brings together young men who are seeking to know God's will in their lives and to gain a better understanding of what it means to be a Christian Brother in society today. The young men study the life and vision of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and the various ministries of modern Christian Brothers.

At Saint Mary's University, the faculty and staff identify prospective Contacts. Brother Pat sends a letter in the spring describing the program and asking for recommendations. "Because there are so few Brothers in the classroom," he explains, "we rely on this method to identify students."

"There are no Brothers from Generation X," Brother Pat says, referring to the young men born between the early 1960s to late 1970s. "We lost them." This may have been caused by the closing of Saint Yon's, the Christian Brothers' novitiate at Saint Mary's University during the 1960s. "We didn't know how to engage this generation, what to invite them to," he insists. "Now that they see we're getting closer to our roots, they are more interested."

This year, there are 11 young men participating in the Contact Program at Saint Mary's University. They range from all class years and list majors as diverse as computer science and biology. Like the 24 Christian Brothers who currently live or work at Saint Mary's, these Contacts would most likely choose to teach in their chosen field should they decide to join the Christian Brothers. "Most say they won't teach until they are old," Brother Pat says with a smile. "Like age 30."

"They want to respond to Saint John Baptist de La Salle more radically," Brother Pat emphasizes. The Founder's change to reach out to the poor strikes a chord with young men today. Brother Pat pulls out several packets of photographs from recent Contact Program trips to the inner city regions of Minneapolis and Saint Louis, Mo. The photos show an imposing Victorian house from the Twin Cities' Phillips neighborhood — a "crack house" — that the young men renovated. Other snapshots show the Contacts teaching and going on field trips with children from the inner city of Saint Louis.

This year, the Contacts will visit the Christian Brothers' San Miguel School in Minneapolis. Doug Werner, a junior from White Bear Lake, spoke to the August Assembly of the Brothers of the Midwest District about his experiences at the school. "In this service, I began to more..."
fully embrace the mission of serving the poor,” Werner said, “and began to feel much more a part of something good that was now way beyond a thought — a reality.”

What draws a young man to join the Contact Program? Werner credits the program’s director and his own goal to become a teacher for his interest. “Brother Pat was instrumental in fostering my hunger to know more about the Brothers, their importance within education as a whole, and their place in history at SMU,” he said in his summer address.

The De La Salle Christian Brothers in Winona encourage Contact Program participants to be regular college students. They live in dorms with non-Contact roommates and participate in co-curricular activities. Contact Program activities include receiving invitations to the Brothers’ gatherings, periodic service projects, spending time in prayer and dialogue, and meeting with a Brother mentor.

Female students who are interested in a program similar to the Contact Program can join Lasallian Collegians, a co-educational student group that models itself after the teachings and spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Lasallian Collegians strive to build on the vision of De La Salle through experiences of faith, service to others, and building of the greater Lasallian community.

Does the Contact Program recruit many new Christian Brothers? Brother Pat shakes his head. Very few move on to the Aspirancy Program, the next step to becoming a Christian Brother.

Still, the program is fulfilling the need to carry the message and teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to a new generation. Even if a Contact Program participant decides the life of a Christian Brother is not for him right away, that door is always open. Brother Pat says that all former Contacts receive invitations to the Brothers’ annual discernment retreats. “They ask for this invitation,” he says, adding, “The mid-20s to late 30s is when many Brothers join.”

Brother Pat also stays personally in touch with program participants after they graduate from Saint Mary’s University. Many choose to continue in service to poor, inner city neighborhoods. Of the four senior Contact Program participants who graduated in 1999, for example, three chose to sign up with volunteer organizations immediately after graduation. He says that many of the former Contacts have requested inner-city projects.

“We are exposing them to a world outside of their experiences,” Brother Pat says of Contacts’ reactions to their inner-city service projects. He could have easily been talking about the Contact Program itself and its impact on college students.

“There is anxiety and a lot of questions,” Brother Pat says. “And then there is idealism, the desire to help change the world and make right the injustice. This is what De La Salle was all about.”
It is a great honor for me to serve as president of the National Alumni Board for Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. My years as a student shaped my life both then and now, nourishing my professional, personal and spiritual well-being. I owe much of who I am today to one special Saint Mary’s person in particular.

I was recruited to Saint Mary’s as a high school graduate by Brother Leonard Courtney, FSC, Ph.D., class of 1937 and a longtime faculty member in the education department. Through contact with him in classes and work in the National Honor Society, I was impressed by his down-to-earth manner and stories of the 22 years he spent teaching secondary school. I think of him often in my own classroom. More than anything I learned in class, however, Brother Leonard’s generous spirit inspired me to choose my current profession as a teacher.

Today, Saint Mary’s graduates can carry on the work of Christian Brothers like Brother Leonard regardless of our profession. We were all affected by their generosity and zeal. We can help them carry out their mission of Lasallian education by supporting their educational work both at Saint Mary’s and abroad.

A tangible way to support the Lasallian mission is to continue our involvement with Saint Mary’s University. Whether at a reception, sporting event, Mass, or educational lecture, I encourage you to use alumni events to stay in touch with the Saint Mary’s community. Homecoming, our signature event, is all of these activities rolled into one and a great way to reconnect with Saint Mary’s. Even if you can’t come to homecoming, you can still become involved by nominating a fellow alum for the awards presented during this special weekend. There are hundreds of wonderful former Saint Mary’s students living the Lasallian charism every day and we want to hear about them! Help us find them and recognize their lives of meaning and difference.

It is my vision as president of the National Alumni Board to carry on the traditions of reaching out to Saint Mary’s University alumni. If you have ideas for the National Alumni Board, please contact the alumni office at 700 Terrace Heights #21, Winona, MN 55987 or email rsatka@smumn.edu.

The word “alumni” today refers to former students of a particular school, but the original Latin word meant “to nourish.” What a beautiful picture of our years at Saint Mary’s University! On behalf of the members of the alumni board, thank you for continuing to nourish the Lasallian community with your generosity and time. We are truly blessed by the rich heritage handed down to us through the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

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Upcoming Alumni Events

**JANUARY 27**
**Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.**
Twin Cities hockey game & reception
O’Gara’s Pub, 5 p.m.
MN State Fair Coliseum, 7 p.m.
(SMU vs. St. Thomas)

**JANUARY 29**
**Washington D.C.**
Alumni reception
University Club, 5-7 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 2**
**Winona, Minn.**
Meet the Pros
Senior reception

**FEBRUARY 24**
**Sarasota, FLA.**
Alumni luncheon & liturgy
Hyatt Sarosota

**MARCH 21**
**Castle Rock, Colo.**
Alumni gathering
Home of Don & Eileen Gass

**APRIL 4**
**Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.**
Faculty Luncheon Series
Minneapolis Club

**MAY 15**
**Las Vegas, Nev.**
Alumni gathering

**JUNE 15 - 17**
**Winona, Minn.**
Homecoming 2001

**AUGUST 6**
**Chicago, Ill.**
Golf outing
Turnberry Country Club

Please watch your mail for more information throughout the year, or check the SMU web site for additional events, updates and details:

[www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni)

Or, call the Alumni Office at
1-800-635-5987, Ext. 1499
Alumni: Getting together!

Chicago Cubs Game
Chicago
June 2, 2000

Alums Tim Bauer ’76, Tim Reid ’79, Brian Montgomery ’79 and Paul Trunk ’76 kick off SMU’s outing at Wrigley Field in June by singing the national anthem prior to the Chicago Cubs-Detroit Tigers game. Over 100 alumni and friends gathered for the festivities.

Chicago Family Picnic
Chicago, Ill.
September 10, 2000

Buffalo Woods in Palos, Hills, Ill., was a perfect setting for the first annual Chicago Alumni Family Picnic in September. Alumni, parents, grandparents and children gathered for an afternoon of old-fashioned fun.

Twin Cities Golf Outing
Maplewood, Minn.
June 11, 2000

Pat Henning ’84 (left), president of the Twin Cities Chapter, and Bill Karduck ’85 head to the tee box during the fifth annual Twin Cities Golf Outing at Keller Golf Course in Maplewood, Minn.
Alumni: Getting together!

Brother President Louis DeThomasis takes a moment to pose with hosts Don ’60 and Bonnie Johnson prior to an October alumni gathering in their home in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Heidi ’92 and Scott Blanck, along with Mike Bauers ’86 were among those in attendance at the alumni gathering in Atlanta, Ga.

SMU Alumni Reception
Atlanta, Ga.
October 1, 2000

Chicago Golf Outing
Chicago, Ill.
August 14, 2000

Over 80 SMU alumni, parents and friends hit the links for the annual Chicago Golf Outing at the Turnberry Country Club in Crystal Lake, Ill. Among those in attendance were Frank Lorenz ’64 (left), who enjoyed a round of golf with his father, Frank Sr., as well as his sons (not pictured) Frank III and John.

What’s golf without a few refreshments, as 1981 alums (left to right) Jim Wolande, Bill Capraro, Mike O’Malley and Dan Faul can attest. Capraro and Cimco Communications sponsored the beverage cart.
Jeanne Hartle ’77 and Carey Eiselt volunteered with other alumni and friends in the Twin Cities area as part of SMU’s Twin Cities Outreach Day, sponsored by the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter.

More than 50 Saint Mary’s University alumni shared their time and talents with needy residents of the Twin Cities in the second SMU Community Outreach Day, Oct. 28. The alumni group met at the Twin Cities Campus on Park Avenue, and then divided to lend a hand to service agencies across the metro area. Targeted organizations included Habitat for Humanity, Project for Pride and Living, Ascension House, and Families Moving Forward, all in Minneapolis, and Salvation Army, Merrick Community Services, and the Catholic Charities furniture warehouse and ramps program, all in St. Paul.

Community Outreach Day was coordinated by Ben Murray ’96, Angela Dreis ’82, and Melissa Selders-Ortiz, director of admission at the Twin Cities Campus, along with Rebecca Satka ’75, SMU’s assistant vice president for alumni relations.

Dr. William Crozier, professor emeritus of history, greets Tamara (Sismelich ’87) Lang and her husband, Curt, prior to Dr. Crozier’s talk at the Faculty Luncheon Series inaugural event at the Chicago Club in October.

Twin Cities Alumni Community Outreach Day
October 28, 2000

Faculty Luncheon Series
Chicago, Ill.
October 18, 2000

Alums attending the Faculty Luncheon Series in Chicago included (left-to-right) John Brenner ’55, Theresa and Jack Schneider ’55, and Lionel Lenz ’55.
GOLF OUTING – Friday, June 15
Join fellow SMU alumni for the 7th annual Homecoming golf outing at the Winona Country Club. This event is for all levels of play and spouses are encouraged to participate. Prizes will be awarded!

SMU PREVIEW DAY – Friday, June 15
Prospective students are invited to visit campus, meet with an admission counselor, deans and coaches to learn more about Saint Mary’s and its programs.

FAMILY PICNIC – Saturday, June 16
Come join the fun near Max Molock Field, complete with music and games for the kids. Class pictures will be taken at this time.

ALUMNI MASS – Saturday, June 16
The Religious Service Award for 2001 will be presented during the evening Mass in Saint Thomas More Chapel.

50+ DINNER – Friday, June 15
Special dinner for the golden anniversary class and earlier class years.

The place to be in the year 2001 is SAINT MARY’S UNIVERSITY of MINNESOTA in Winona!

We have planned a fun-filled, memorable weekend with a few surprises thrown in to make Homecoming 2001 an extraordinary event. There are many reasons to return to Terrace Heights for Homecoming: the beautiful scenery; a chance to see the new buildings and improvements on campus; and, of course, the array of wonderful events scheduled for the weekend. The memories and feelings that withstand the test of time suddenly become more vivid when setting foot on this scenic campus nestled in the bluffs.

This year we are putting special emphasis on the #1 reason alums return to campus — people. One reason we make the journey back is because we’re guaranteed a great time if our “old buddies” are present. Knowing that former roommates, teammates and favorite faculty are planning to attend is the true draw.

We are confident that providing a frequently updated list of alums who are planning to attend will provide the push that many of us need to “join the crowd.”

There are four ways you can let the alumni office and your classmates know of your plans:

1. A comment on the St. Mary’s alumni bulletin board.
2. A phone call to the alumni office.
3. An email to alumni@smu.edu.
4. A note in the alumni newsletter.

The time to plan is now! Make plans now to come back June 15-17, 2001 for . . .
intention to join the gang for this marvelous weekend:
1) Log-on at www.smumn.edu/alumni
2) Fax us at 507-457-6697
3) Mail the intent form at right, or
4) Phone us at the Alumni Office:
   800-635-5987, Ext. 1499

Watch your mail for a special invitation which will include your registration form, specific times for activities, dorm and meal prices, and other important information for Homecoming 2001. If you prefer to stay at one of the local hotels, please make reservations early — rooms fill fast.
See you in June!

— Homecoming Committee
National Alumni Board

Housing: Make the most of your reunion by staying right on campus — so you don’t miss a thing! The Pines is reserved for the classes of the ’30s and ’40s.
Babysitters: If you are planning to bring children to Homecoming, please bring a babysitter with whom your children are familiar. SMU can no longer legally provide babysitters.

**RECEPTION & AWARDS** – Saturday, June 16
An hors d’oeuvres reception will follow Mass. SMU’s annual alumni awards will be presented at this reception.

**HOMECOMING DINNER** – Saturday, June 16
This sit-down, served dinner takes the place of the traditional awards dinner. (Reminder: Awards will be presented at the hors d’oeuvres reception, so you may choose to join us for awards, then have dinner with us or on your own as you prefer.)

**PIANO SING-ALONG** – Saturday, June 16
Join your classmates and other SMU alums for rousing reminiscences of songs from yesteryear.

**ALUMNI BRUNCH** – Sunday, June 17
Cap off the weekend with a brunch following Mass on Sunday . . . a great time to say your farewells until you see one another at other alumni events.

**OTHER EVENTS & ACTIVITIES**
Enjoy a 5k run, pontoon boat rides, the facilities in the Gostomski Fieldhouse (including the pool and ice rink), campus tours, and much, much more!
Do you know an SMU alum who has made outstanding achievements in his/her career? Or, given significant time and commitment to their community or Saint Mary’s University? Does someone stand out in your memory that you believe is deserving of an alumni award? Can you remember an athlete or coach whose accomplishments brought honor to him/herself and Saint Mary’s University?

Each year, the National Alumni Association of Saint Mary’s University bestows awards onto deserving alumni. We are now accepting nominees for Homecoming 2002 for Distinguished Alumnus/a, Alumni Appreciation, Sports Hall of Fame, and Religious Service Awards. All nominations must come from alumni, or employees of Saint Mary’s University. Award nominations must be received by the Office of Alumni Relations no later than September 1, 2001.

Alumni Award Criteria

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A AWARD**
- This award honors an alumnus/a for outstanding achievements in his/her chosen profession.
- This person’s daily life reflects the Christian ideals promulgated by the university.
- Has distinguished him/herself in his/her chosen field or in another area of endeavor.
- Through his/her personal or professional activities reflects honor to the university.
- Must have contributed to the university in outstanding ways or made significant humanitarian contributions to the community at large.

**ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD**
- This award honors an alumnus/a of the university, who by his/her consistent and continuous volunteer efforts has given his/her personal time and energies to further the goals and objectives of Saint Mary’s University.
- Must show exceptional personal commitment involving time and effort in any or all areas involving university functions supported by the Alumni Association. Areas include, but are not limited to, Career Services, Admissions Support, Chapter Development, National Alumni Board, Chapter Involvement, Regional Events and Programs.
- Present employees of the university shall be ineligible for the award.
- Continuous personal contributions of time and effort are the primary criteria.

**SPORTS HALL OF FAME**
- This award honors the accomplishments of individuals who have coached or performed as varsity athletes for the university and have brought honor to themselves and Saint Mary’s.
- An athlete must have attended Saint Mary’s University for a minimum of four semesters.
- A coach or athletic administrator must have served on the university staff for at least three years.
- An athlete’s class must have graduated at least five years prior to the selection.
- The selectee’s accomplishments must be of such a character that they clearly bring honor and recognition to him/herself and the university and thereby the Hall of Fame.
- Up to five selectees may be named in one year.

**RELIGIOUS SERVICE AWARD**
- This award honors an alumnus/a for outstanding contributions to the spiritual and religious lives of the people the individual serves.
Past Award Recipients

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A

Anthony J. Adducci ’59
Edward M. Allen ’50
Thomas Barger ’30
Michael Bilandic ’47
Rev. Sylvester Brown ’52
Carl Calabrese ’41
C. Bernard Carey ’56
James Carroll ’53
David B. Collins ’70
Br. Leonard Courtney, FSC, Ph.D. ’37
John H. Ehler ’67
Gene Figliulo ’46
Charles P. Giannina Jr., Ph.D. ’70
Br. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC, Ph.D. ’59
Rev. Paul Halloran ’49
Gen. John Hennessey ’42
Dr. John Hoffman ’51
Dr. Hugo Keim ’56
Dr. Joseph Kraft ’43
Dr. Samuel J. Caccio ’48
James J. Casimir ’61
Tom Malloy Chism ’71
Michael J. Doulee ’66
Julius E. Gerns ’61
Douglas W. Johnson ’63
Charles Lentz ’37
Paul Libera ’40
James D. Lorr ’58
Daniel E. Lucas ’47
Charles N. Marron ’57
John F. McDonough ’75
John F. Phelan ’72
Br. I. Basil Rothweiller, FSC ’38
D. Tracy Rumford ’55
Robert J. Scuro ’57
Loras H. Sieve ’60
John P. Soucheray ’74
Howard Stewart ’32
Raymond “Skip” Stringham ’71
Robert J. Gunderson ’58
Vern Miller ’30
Max Molock ’35 (coach)
John M. “Jack” Shockey ’53
Most Rev. George Speltz ’32
Br. Laurence Walther, FSC ’44
Kenneth Wakefield ’42

ALUMNI APPRECIATION

C. William Biesanz ’38
William J. Boulger, Jr. ’60
Leonard J. Cunnion ’51
Joseph A. Caruso ’64
Dr. Samuel J. Caccio ’48
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SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Oscar Almquist ’33
Retsey (Ronk ’80) Anderson

2002 Alumni Award Nomination Form • Preliminary Information

I wish to nominate an individual for: (please check type of award; photocopy to nominate in more than one category):

- Distinguished Alumnus/a
- Alumni Appreciation
- Sports Hall of Fame
- Religious Service

Name of nominee Class year

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (home)

Why do you think this individual should receive a Saint Mary’s University Alumni Award?

Name of nominator Does the individual know that he/she is being nominated?

Telephone (daytime) Telephone (home)

To nominate candidate for an award, complete this form and return by September 1, 2001. Saint Mary’s Alumni Relations staff will follow-up with you for more information as is necessary.

Send to: Alumni Relations, Saint Mary’s University, 700 Terrace Heights #21, Winona, MN 55987-1399. FAX: 1-507-457-6697
And from the class of...

Who’s where, doing what? / News from alums / Weddings, births, deaths

Class of ’42
Russell B. Malloy ’42, Williams, Minn., is retired.

Class of ’52
Donald J. Bachner, Barrington, Ill., is retired.

Class of ’53
Thomas H. Curry, Captain USN, Virginia Beach, Fla., is retired and is enjoying life and the benefits of grandparenthood.

Class of ’54
Brother William Brynda, Troy, N.Y., celebrated 50 years as a Christian Brother on August 6.
Maurice (Mickey) R. Flynn, Seabrook, Texas, is recovering well from a heart transplant he had in January of 1999. He is looking forward to 2004 at Saint Mary’s, his 50th reunion.

Class of ’56
Lux E. Henniger, Oak Park, Ill., is retired.

Class of ’57
Brother Kenneth Gillund, Westchester, Ill., has retired from Lewis University after 25 years of teaching communication/theatre. He is in the provincial office as director, Adopt-A-Student Program.

Class of ’59
Father Donald J. Lovas, Wabasha, Minn., is a pastor at St. Felix Church in Wabasha as of October ’99. Father Lovas is also pastor of St. Agnes, Kellogg, Minn. and Immaculate Conception in Conception, Minn.
Richard F. Pavilon, Turlock, Calif., has retired.

Class of ’60
Father James Bream, Watertown, S.D., is the pastor at Immaculate Conception Church.
William J. Koeppp, Green Valley, Ariz., is retired.
L. Rodger Leysaht, Peoria, Ill., is retired.
James Tufo, Heath, Texas, just completed his first year in Texas at Gulfstream Aerospace as a manager in the service center sales and marketing.

Class of ’62
Dr. Robert Buss, Brookfield, Minn., received the Cathedral High School Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award in May.
Gary L. Rasmussen, Farwell, Minn., is retired but working part-time at the U.S. treasury department as a consultant.

Class of ’63
Ken Bochenski, Naperville, Ill., is retired.
Robert G. Doerr, Fountain City, Wis., has received a Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. He is a senior principal chemist at Trane Co. in La Crosse, Wis.
James Larabee, San Antonio, Texas, recently deployed from Ft. Polk, La., as chief nurse of 115th Medical Field Hospital as part of Operation Joint Forge. His unit continues to sponsor a Muslim School near Tuzla. If any alumni have access to materials that would help them in their task, it would be most appreciated.
Father William Petrie, is in Bhubaneswar, India, after 25 years of doing leprosy work through the inspiration of Father Damien. Arrangements

Father Stamschror retires from Press

Father Robert Stamschror ’57, a priest of the Diocese of Winona, retired from Saint Mary’s Press after serving as an acquisition editor for more than 21 years.

As senior acquisition editor, Father Stamschror led Saint Mary’s Press in new directions, expanding the company’s line of youth ministry publications. He was the inspiration and original driving force behind the publication of the immensely successful Catholic Youth Bible, which sold over 120,000 copies in the first six months of publication.

Father Stamschror’s career has also included service as the Director of Religious Education for the Diocese of Winona, chair of the Department of Education for the United States Catholic Conference, and chaplain and instructor at both Saint Mary’s University and the former College of St. Teresa.
are being made to go to the Island of Molokai where Father Damien lived, worked, and died. It will be an opportunity for study, reflection, and discernment about the future.

Ed Zabrocki, Tinley Park, Ill., director of guidance at Brother Rice High School, was inducted into the Brother Rice High School Hall of Fame in January. Ed also serves as mayor of Tinley Park.

Class of ’64

Gary C. McDonald, Shelby Township, Mich., was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree from Purdue University.

James Whaley, St. Louis, Mo., has been elected to the board of directors of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.

Class of ’65

Ronald J. Taylor, Redding, Calif., retired on Jan. 5 as a parole agent II and sex offender specialist.

Class of ’66

Michael W. Carroll, Hollister, Calif., is working at St. Jude Medical as a manager in regulatory compliance.

James R. Olson, New Ulm, Minn., has been named as one of three finalists selected by the Commission on Judicial Selection for a Fifth Judicial District trial bench vacancy in New Ulm.

Earl Schwartzhoff, Rochester, Minn., is a regional sales director for Minnesota and North Dakota for Fortis Health Insurance.

Class of ’67

Daniel Kreutzberg, Appleton, Wis., is retired.

Class of ’68

James P. Daniel, Mendota Heights, Minn., is the vice president for development at University of St. Thomas.

Class of ’69

Dennis Doran, Danville, Ill., has been named administrator for the Cambridge Medical Center.

Class of ’70

David Brom, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is the new principal at Champlin Park High School.

Robert Kippley, Saint Paul, Minn., writes that he’s proud of his daughter Emma Kippley-Ogman, who completed her freshman year at Harvard University.

Class of ’71

John M. Bauer, Arlington, Ill., completed an across-Iowa, 490-mile bike ride, along with his son, Tom and brother, Joe.

Class of ’73

Gary Wieczorek, Ashwaubenon, Wis., is the director of public safety for the city.

Class of ’77

Tom Cosgrove, Lakeville, Minn., has been a flight
attendant for Northwest Airlines for the last 23 years. He is also the owner of Eagle Creek, which is a birdhouse and feeder company.

Class of ’76

Juliana Campagne, Riverside, Ill., is attending law school at IIT Chicago-Kent.

Lawrence J. Cap, Naperville, Ill., has been named senior vice president of finance and administration for Nelson Westerberg, Inc.

Class of ’78

Dan Bauer, Owatonna, Minn., recently won the second “For God and Youth” award given to diocesan youth ministry from the Diocese of Winona.

Class of ’79

Bernie Baumann, South St. Paul, Minn., a manager at 3M, was a primary candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Representative from Minnesota’s Fourth Congressional District.

John J. Daley has been elected secretary of the Illinois Community College Trustees Assn. Daley is chair of the board of Moraine Valley Community College. He is associate administrator of support services at Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County. Daley, his wife Terri and children Elizabeth and John live in Evergreen Park, Ill.

Mark Dwyer, Victoria, Australia, is starting his third year working for Australia’s largest practical conservation organization.

Maria (Price) Schultz, Eden Prairie, Minn., graduated in May with a master’s degree in theology from the University of Dallas.

Class of ’80

Tom Carman, Apple Valley, Minn., is vice president for human resources at Pentair Enclosures-Americas.

Lori J. Quinn, Palatine, Ill., built a new home and is busy with the landscape design for the exterior. She writes that she enjoyed the homecoming reunion in June.

Greg Spanton, Grand Marais, Minn., has recently purchased and is operating the Snuggle Inn Bed and Breakfast in Grand Marais.

George Stephenson, Maplewood, Minn., returned to the St. Paul City Attorney’s Office after a 13-year hiatus, to represent the city in housing-related matters. In May of 1999 he was appointed chief prosecutor for the city of St. Paul and he supervises about 35 people.

Class of ’81

Steve Marble, Waseca, Minn., is enjoying life with his wife and three children. He is working as a material handler supervisor at the Federal Correctional Institution. He writes that he hasn’t heard from many fellow classmates lately and would like them to drop him a line.

Class of ’82

Doug Chapiewsky, Denver, Colo., has sold his software company to an Israeli firm. He writes: “I am living proof that the American dream is still

Kilbride is elected to Illinois Supreme Court

Tom Kilbride ’78 of Rock Island, Ill., was elected to the Illinois Supreme Court in November. Kilbride, a Democrat, will represent the 21-county 3rd District. His campaign theme was to bring a common sense approach to the court.

Before attending the Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C., Kilbride worked as a union organizer, helping to improve living and working conditions for Mexican-American field workers in California. His private law practice in Rock Island ranges from representing local governments to handling criminal and civil cases for individuals and small businesses.

Kilbride once helped block the placement of a chemical waste facility in a neighborhood comprised of a mixture of ethnic backgrounds and elderly people. He also worked at a legal aid office during the high unemployment of the 1980s, representing poor and laid-off workers fighting to save homes and marriages.

“I’m not a politician,” Kilbride said during the election campaign. “I’ve never held a public office. I simply have worked day in and day out representing working families to make sure the law works for those people. That’s the philosophy I think that needs to be on the Supreme Court.”
alive. Thanks to Saint Mary’s for giving me the foundation to succeed beyond my wildest dreams.”

Connie (Mueller) Johnson, White Bear Lake, Minn., was featured in the “Upbeat Alumni” newspaper. Connie is the coordinator of the Minnesota SAFE KIDS Coalition, which strives to prevent injuries to kids ages 14 and under. She writes that having a seven-year-old stepdaughter at home (Hannah) gives her a very personal interest in her job.

Eileen (Derse) Norman, Las Cruces, N.M., after 16 years in the nuclear medicine field, has begun working with SunView Imaging, a diagnostic outpatient imaging center. Eileen writes that she has more time to enjoy her children, Patricia, 13 and Kaitlyn, 10. She invites SMU alums to contact her.

Scott W. Wright, Shoreview, Minn., has been appointed chair of the Minnesota-Dakotas AILA Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. He is also on the National Board of Governors for the AILA.

Cdr. Christopher J. Kaiser, McLean, Va., is a Submarine Enlisted Community Manager in the U.S. Navy.

Nancy J. Mesenbrink, Glen Ellyn, Ill., is an entertainment and leisure guide for Chicago suburbs.

Matthew K. Phillips, Northfield, Ill., has been promoted to senior vice president of acquisitions and mergers for Classic Residence by Hyatt.

Matthew Sorensen, Lancaster, Ohio, started working for Stonecore, Inc. as an architectural project engineer in July.

Scott B. Carey, moved to Naples, Fla. in June, 1999 and is working as a real estate appraiser.

Gregory Dick, Wabasha, Minn., is teaching seventh grade math at Pine Island Middle School.

John L. Andra, Wichita, Kan., has been serving for the past two years on the central research staff of the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Dr. Paul Degallier, Winona, Minn., was in Romania to provide volunteer dentistry on patients who have never seen a toothbrush, much less an X-ray machine. Dr. Degallier is also a forensic odontologist.

Patrick Dewane, Edina, Minn., is the director of institutional advancement at the Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis.

Joseph Lynch, Valparaiso, Ind., is the production manager at Cerestar USA, Inc.

Class of ’83

Dr. Raymond Hoffman, Baltimore, Md., has graduated from the psychoanalytic training institute of the New York Freudian Society and became a member of the International Psychoanalytic Association in Chicago. He and his wife Trish ‘95, recently moved into a 1920s-era home in Riverside, where their children Patrick, 13, Annie, 10, and Jack, 6 attend Saint Mary Parish School.

Class of ’84

Class of ’85

John L. Andra, Wichita, Kan., has been serving for the past two years on the central research staff of the Kansas Court of Appeals.

Class of ’86

Elizabeth (Enderle) Reid, Downers Grove, Ill., has decided to put teaching outside of the home on hold to concentrate on teaching her three sons. She graduated from Concordia University with a

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master's degree and is a book editor for PACES, a parent/child national organization newsletter.

Class of '87

Michael Werran, Round Lake, Ill., is working for Crescent Systems as senior client analyst.

Mark Yedinak, Chicago, Ill., is working at Advanced Fiber Communications as a senior engineer responsible for the testing of the company’s Element Management System and SNMP agent. He is also responsible for the design and development of test automation tools.

Class of '88

Thomas Fernandez, St. Charles, Mo., is working as a software development manager for First Data. He and his wife, Robin, have three children: Matt, 6; Brendan, 4; and Kaylee, 2.

Matt Gronstal, Omaha, Neb., is the president and CEO of Marine Bank. He and his wife, Lisa, have two children, Rachael, 2 and Luke, 1.

Anthony Pocioa, Chicago, Ill., has been promoted to vice president of operations at Specialty Game, Inc. in Lyons, Ill.

Class of '89

Father Chester R. Murtha, Dell Rapids, S.D., has been reassigned from pastor at Sacred Heart Church in Gettysburg, S.D. to St. Mary’s Church in Dell Rapids.

Terri Lee (Hustad) Paulsen, Charlot, Minn., joined BestBuy.com, the Internet subsidiary of Best Buy Co., Inc., in June after six months with the parent company, where she wrote and edited this year’s annual report.

Verdick helps other business travelers stay in touch with their children

Dan Verdick ’87 found himself on the road more and more for his job as book marketing manager at Sagebrush Corporation, a library services company based in Minneapolis. Verdick, of Woodbury, Minn., was driven to do a good job for his employer, but he also felt a strong need to be a good father.

Through trial and error, and using a good bit of imagination, Verdick came up with innovative and fun ways to stay in touch with his then-18-month-old daughter, Olivia. And so he wrote an advice book, based on his experiences and interviews with other “traveling parents,” called “The Business Traveling Parent: How to Stay Close to Your Kids When You’re Far Away.”

The guide offers over 100 ideas to help parents stay involved in their children’s lives before they leave, while they’re gone, and when they come home. The book is published by Robins Lane Press, Beltsville, Md. It’s been featured in “USA Today,” and in several other major newspapers and airplane magazines. Verdick appeared on “The Today Show” Dec. 7 to talk about the book.

The book’s publisher says Verdick “shows busy readers how a few minutes of down-time on the road can equal lots of fun for parents and their children. Secret code emails, read-along games (by phone), special notes and tons of other ideas help take the guilt out of business travel for parents, and open up new horizons for family fun, long-distance style.”

Class of '90

Dan Bailey, Winona, Minn., has joined Vanguard Technology Group as director of information systems.

Ellen (McGonagle) Cole, Washington, Ill., was named marketing manager with Advanced Technology Services in March.

Janine Corneau, Winter Park, Fla., is an Internet consultant for an Internet service provider, and is director of adult initiation at Saints Peter and Paul Church.

Donald Kluzik, Germantown, Md., is the document reviewer at Columbia Services Group, Inc.

Jeffrey Thomas Lauer, San Francisco, Calif., is working as a national implementation manager.

Class of '91

Ruth Anne Elbert, Sauk Rapids, Minn., entered St. Clare Monastery, a community of cloistered Poor Clare sisters. In five years, she will make her final vows in the community.

Jody J. Griffin, M.A., M.Ed., Forest Lake, Minn., has finished seven years with the Forest Lake School District and became professor of education at Bethel College in August.

Martha (Hanzel) Johnson, St. Paul, Minn., is working at the University of St. Thomas as an assistant marketing director.

Daniel Kovarik, St. Paul, Minn., is the national sales manager at DV International.

Sharon Lensing, Crystal, Minn., is a consultant at Stone Bridge Group.

David Woog, Bloomington, Minn., is a sales manager at Smartpager, a yellow page directory.

Class of '92

Judy Driver, Roseville, Minn., received a master’s degree taken at the SMU Twin Cities Campus in June. She is working with severely emotionally disturbed and aggressive Latino adolescents.

Father Richard Kunst, Brainerd, Minn., is the new priest for the Catholic parishes in Floodwood, Meadowlands and Cromwell.

Kevin McManaman, Milwaukee, Wis., took a position at Marquette University as the assistant women’s basketball coach.

Ann (Glenski) Oettinger, Rochester, Minn., is taking a...
one-year leave from IBM to stay home with newborn son Timothy, and writes, “It's wonderful!”

Marie Pehler-Gernes, Winona, Minn., is working at Community Memorial Hospital as an accounting manager.

Sandra M. Siebenaler, St. Louis Park, Minn., is working for the Stillwater Police Department.

Heather (Lang) White, Maplewood, Minn., is working as a pricing specialist for State Farm Insurance.

Kyle Yeske, Louisville, Ky., is working as a supply manager for Alside Inc. in vinyl siding and windows sales. He and his wife, Terri are expecting their fourth child in December.

She is employed by Global Volunteers as a volunteer coordinator.

Julie (Costa '92) Fredricks, St. Paul, Minn., was among the six North Americans on a recent Global Volunteers service program in Siedlce, Poland. Julie concentrated her efforts on caring for children in a Siedlce orphanage and says she quickly became smitten with her young charges. She is employed by Global Volunteers as a volunteer coordinator.

Mary Lydia Bird, Chicago, Ill., is a reading resource teacher at Stevenson Elementary and has earned a master's degree at DePaul University.

Evan Lundquist, San Diego, Calif., took a new position in the investment world as a mutual fund/portfolio manager in March.

Daniel A. Lyng, Chicago, Ill., is a sales manager at JDL Management.

Kristine Martin, Batavia, Ohio, has completed her pre-doctoral internship at Harvard Medical School, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee in August with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology. She is working at Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati doing a post-doctoral fellowship in pediatric psychology/hematology/oncology.

Matthew T. McEnery, Chicago, Ill., is an associate attorney for Horwitz, Horwitz and Associates LTD.

Daniel D. McKinney, Cottage Grove, Wis., has joined the Cottage Grove Police Department. Daniel and his wife, Karen, baptized their son, Samuel, in October of 1999. Many Saint Mary's alumni attended.

Kelly Wood, Chicago, Ill., started a new job with Golin Harris as an account supervisor working on Energizer.

Donna (Rottjakob) Adams, Minneapolis, Minn., is a first grade teacher at Wayzata Public Schools.

Andrea Atmore, Boulder, Colo., is a managing editor of a technical trade magazine.

Patrick Francis Brown, Carpentersville, Ill., is a technical sales representative for Airline Materials.

Shannon (Hanson) Christenson, Franklin, Wis., is working in the health care field as a human resource supervisor.

David X. Gerber, North Bay Village, Fla., is working as a marketing analyst for Tellabs International.

Todd Gardner, St. Paul, Minn., graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in May. He is an associate attorney with Meuser, Rondestvedt and Ratgen PLC in Minneapolis.

Chad P. Goering, Red Wing, Minn., is a teacher in the Red Wing School District.

Ann Keen, Chicago, Ill., is the event coordinator for LaSalle Concierge Services. She and Alexandra Balong ’96 starred this fall in the Stone Circle Theatre Ensemble and the Stage Actors Ensemble production of “The Oresteia.” Keen was the evil queen and Balong was Cassandra in Aeschylus’ Greek tragedy about the fall of the house of Atreus.

Dan Keenan, Wauwatosa, Wis., is working for the Wisconsin Department of Correction as a probation/parole agent.

Molly McGowan, Chicago, Ill., is working as a sales/brand manager for Fannie May Candy.

Sharon (Lager) Medin, Breckenridge, Colo., is the senior application developer at ICAT Managers LLC.

Christa Lynn (Bott) Schwarz, St. Paul, Minn., is the lead analyst of the Institutional Finance Group at Wells Fargo.

Cheryl Ernest Serb, Waukesha, Wis., is a medical doctor doing her residency in family medicine. She graduated from the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks on May 6.

Patrick Sylvester, New Brighton, Minn., has joined Hilgers Law Office as an estate planning and elder law attorney.

Yang Xiong, Chanhassen, Minn., is a machine operator at ADC Telecommunication.

Jim Hunt ’85 has been named the head hockey coach at Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn. Hunt, who became just the fifth head coach in Stag hockey history, was serving as an assistant coach and the assistant director of player personnel for the USA Hockey National Development Program.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to continue the tradition that has already been started,” said Hunt, who spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Saint Mary's following his graduation, and has also coached for Paramus Catholic High School in New Jersey and the New Jersey Junior Devils, where he led the Devils to two league championships and three national tournament appearances. “Our success will be based on our ability to develop a relatively young team, and I look forward to the challenge of bringing Fairfield hockey to the next level.”
Class of ’95

Michael Coleman, Boulder, Colo., is working on a post-doctoral fellowship, researching breast cancer at the University of Colorado.

Amy K. Daley, Minneapolis, Minn., is working for American Express Financial Advisors as an art director. Amy designs a collateral material campaign for Express Financial Advisors.

Mark Gottwalt, Savage, Minn., was promoted to national inventory control manager at AT&T Wireless. His wife, Nora Eileen (Leonard) Gottwalt, is working for the same company as a program analyst.

Renee C. Hasse, Marshfield, Wis., is working at the Marshfield Clinic as an information center specialist.

Rebecca (Ryan) Martin, Rhinelander, Wis., is working at Peterson Health Care as a QMRP-case manager.

Mike Steinhouse, Schaumburg, Ill., is the senior accountant at American Assoc. of Neurological Surgeons.

Class of ’96

Alexandra V. Balong, Chicago, Ill., is the operations assistant of leasing and management for Jones Lang LaSalle.

Julie Dobbelmann, St. Paul, Minn., is a senior accountant, supervisor for Virchow Krause & Company.

Marcy (Wood) Goodrum and husband Chad ’97 are expecting their first child in February.

Scott Hillman, Shakopee, Minn., is with Carlson Companies as a graphic designer, supporting the nationwide network of Carlson Wagonlit Travel associates.

Katherine Kenaga, Rockford, Ill., is working for ComEd as a project coordinator for vegetation management.

Carrie Kolman, Prairie du Chien, Wis., is pursuing a master of public health degree from University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. Carrie is also working as a purchasing agent for the Miss Marquette Riverboat Casino.

Benjamin Murray, Minneapolis, Minn., is the director of finance and public relations at San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis.

Terri Lynn (Beier) Peterson, M.D., Marshfield, Wis., recently graduated from University Medical School and is a physician at Marshfield Clinic – St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Kevin Trudo, Sugar Grove, Ill., is the lead vocalist and guitar player for the band, Five Year Jacket. The band released its third CD in July.

Class of ’97

Denise (Sonsalla) Engelbrecht, Rockford, Minn., is working at Allianz Life/Life USA Insurance Company as a commissions representative.

Heather Furlong, 29 Palms, Calif., is teaching band/music to 7th and 8th graders. Heather is also lead teacher and sits on the superintendent’s advisory committee. She is attending California State University at San Bernardino to pursue a master’s degree in education administration.

Shannon (Lietz) Guimond, St. Peter, Minn., started teaching in September of 1999. She also got married in September; Dr. Janet Heukeshoven of the SMU music department played the flute for the ceremony.

Julie (Giebe) Houchin, Wildwood, Mo. is working as a preschool teacher part-time so she can spend rest of the day with her new son, Caleb.

Megan Murphy, Belle Plain, Minn., is teaching first grade at Jordan Elementary in Jordan.

Molly Jeanne Murphy, Chicago, Ill., is working for RealtyIQ.com as a sales rep and account specialist.

Nels Popp, La Crosse, Wis., is the assistant basketball coach at Viterbo University.

Thomas M. Santarelli, Kenoshia, Wis., is an associate attorney at Madrigrano, Sievers, Aiello, Marry and Dowse.

Heidi Taillefer, Coon...
Rapids, Minn., is a pre-kindergarten teacher at St. Martin School. Elisabeth Wiske, Plymouth, Minn., is working at Marketing Architects as a traffic manager. Karlotta Jean Wolfgram, Cottage Grove, Minn., is a PCF engineer for Anderson Windows.

Class of ’98

Rebecca Dee Comnick has joined Disney on Ice as a wardrobe assistant. During the summer of 2000, Rebecca toured in South America and during the fall, she was in the states. Cathy Crudele, Phoenix, Ariz., is working as a compliance and training manager at Correctional Services Corporation. Daniel T. Donnelly, Des Moines, Iowa, is attending Drake Law School. Christine Lynn (Wenos) Fritz, Minneapolis, Minn., and her husband, Nick Fritz, ’96, recently purchased a new home. Christopher R. Haberski, Santa Monica, Calif., is a production supervisor for an independent production company. Jennifer Klinkner, Albany, Minn., is teaching science at Albany Jr. High.

Matthew Liegel, Oregon, Ohio, has been promoted to senior associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Joshua D. Meyer, Toledo, Ohio, is the account manager at National Emergency Services. Allison Schaffner, Turlock, Calif., is teaching third grade at Turlock Elementary. Margaret Stapleton, Chaska, Minn., received a master’s of international relations and Asian politics from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, on May 25. Dan Transier, Des Moines, Iowa, is attending Drake Law School. Andrew Scott Wolf, St. Paul, Minn., is a staff accountant for the investment firm, Dain Rauscher, Inc.

Class of ’99

Lillian M. Fox, Merionette Park, Ill., is a third grade bilingual teacher at School District #130, Blue Island. Katie Madonna (Clennon) Hansen, Austin, Minn., is a team leader/youth counselor at Gerard, an adolescent treatment center. Dan Kuemmel, U.S. Virgin Islands, is a newspaper reporter for the Avis U.S. Virgin Islands newspaper. He covers the legislature and court systems and writes that he enjoys the diverse culture, beautiful beaches, great weather and water sports. Melinda M. Moses, Minneapolis, Minn., is a recruiting and retention specialist at Techies.com. Michele Nauman, Winona, Minn., is working at Saint Mary’s University as an admission counselor. Heather O’Dea, St. Louis Park, Minn., is an account executive for TMP Worldwide. Robert Stangler, Burnsville, Minn., is a staffing agent for Randstad in Eagan. Joe Schmitt, Owatonna, Minn., is an assistant manager for CT Farm and Country, a retail farm supply store. Jennifer E. Welch, St. Charles, Minn., is working for Rochester Public Schools as a music teacher in the Elton Hills Elementary School.

Class of ’00

Robert Edwards, Burnsville, Minn., is teaching independent living skills to 16-18-year-olds at the Safe Haven Group Home, and he will design a web site for the organization. Previously, Rob was a web design consultant for Superior Consulting Services. He is also assistant cross country coach for Academy of Holy Angels. Mary E. Thiewes, Kansas City, Mo., is teaching sixth, seventh and eighth grade mathematics at St. Charles School in Gladstone, Mo.
**Weddings**


Patricia Wolfgram '78, Maple Grove, Minn., to Jack Mickel on Dec. 11, 1999.

Linda Mraz '82, Westchester, Ill., to Paul Gniadek on April 1, 2000.

Joseph Guillou '89, Honolulu, Hawaii, to Mika Morisada, on Sept. 9, 2000.

Erik Maras '96, Chanhassen, Minn., to Bob Gniadek on April 1, 2000.

Shannon (Griffin Paulsen) on August 11, 2000.

Elizabeth Muth '95, St. Louis, Mo., to Shaun McDonald '94, on Oct. 9, 1999.

Dave Odlaug '95, St. Paul, Minn., to Patty Harvey '96 on July 22, 2000. Alums in the wedding party included Maura Farnan '96, Vicki (Wilson) Greene '96 and Kevin Selander '94.

Terry Lynn Beier '96, Marshfield, Wis., to Daniel C.E. Peterson, M.D., in June, 2000.


Amy Cherwin '97, Sanford, Fla., to Marc Droll on July 8, 2000. Alums in the wedding party were Marie Johnson '97, Rachell Maras '96 and Heather Furlong '97.


Chad M. LaRoche '97, Chaska, Minn., to Kimberly Kalkbrenner on Oct. 23, 1999.


Shannon Lietz '97, St. Peter, Minn., to Steve Guimond on Sept. 18, 1999.


Christe Pisano '98, Schaumburg, Ill., to Ryan Jahaske, on July 29, 2000. Alumni attending included Michell Bergthold '98, Erik Utvik '98, Shannon (Griffin) '98 Weick, Kate Miller '98 and Nora Poland '98.


Chad Laurich '99, St. Paul, Minn., to Lindsay Blackman '00, on June 3, 2000.

Joseph Patrick O'Hara '99, Peter, Minn., to Sarah Spadaro on Nov. 11, 2000.

Tricia Volkman '99, McKinney, Minn., to Dustin Allen on April 7, 2000.

Josephine on August 30, 2000.


Several SMU alums were on hand when Michelle Dertz '97 and Matthew Helson tied the knot on April 1, 2000. Among those in attendance were: (back row, left-to-right) Jessica Zang '97, Dertz, Nancy Carroll '97, Tina Gadowski '97, and (front) Rich Ditteberner '95 and Mike Micklay '95.

**Births**

Peggy and Martin Fahey '74, a son, Matthew Walker on June 21, 2000. He joins Courtney, 15, and Sean, 11.


Jay Benusa '82, Shorewood, Minn., a son, Jayson John on April 5, 2000.

Char and Gary Hoppe '83, St. Cloud, Minn., a daughter, Zara on August 27, 2000.

Leanne and Tom Huna '83, La Quinta, Calif., a son, Thomas Huna on June 8, 2000.

David and Kathleen (Crozier '84) Eikens, Minneapolis, Minn., a son, Patrick Crozier on Sept. 3, 1999.

Andrew and Maggie (Kiley '84) Wykes, Northfield, Minn., a daughter, Alice Louisa on July 28, 2000. She joins Amelia Bernadine, 5.

Geoffrey and Julie (Biesanz '85) Gardner, Winona, Minn., a son, Jack on Sept. 12, 2000.

Timothy and Maureen (Smith '85) Daughtery, Chicago, Ill., a son, Brennan Christopher in September, 2000. He joins Sean Patrick, 2.

Lisa (Brinnall '86) and Terry Stadick '86, Eagan, Minn., a daughter, Samantha Josephine on August 30, 2000.

Laura (Linning '86) and William Holmes '87, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., a daughter, Abhy Linn on Dec. 23, 1999.

Robert and Laura (Simone '87) Behee, Woodstock, Ga., a son, Liam Mathew on June 5, 2000. He joins Jack, 2.


**Alumni Class Notes**

Elizabeth Muth '95 and Shaun McDonald '94 were married on Oct. 9, 1999.

Joseph Guillou '89 and Mika Morisada were wed on Sept. 9, 2000.
Laura (Linning '86) and William Holmes '87 are the proud parents of Abby Linn, who was born on Dec. 23, 1999.

Amy (Carlson '92) joins Margaret, 4, and Emma, Marie on April 22, 2000. She joins Tyler, 5.

Liam Michael on March 22, 2000. He joins Liam, 1.

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Tracy (Gansember ’96) Anderson, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, twin daughters, Marcella Elizabeth and Dorothy Mae on Nov. 11, 1999.

Brian and Julie (Giebe ’97) Houchin, Wildwood, Mo., a son, Caleb Lee on July 5, 2000.


Maggie, 8, and Molly, 4.

Tracy (Gansember ’96) Anderson, Racine, Wis., a daughter, Ashley Raine on Aug. 15, 1999. She joins

Dr. Donald Edgren ’44, Milwaukee, Wis., in March, 2000.


Donald F. Schlicht ’47, La Crescent, Minn., on Nov. 24, 1991.

Francis M. “Frank” Orlowski ’48, Austin, Minn., on April 25, 2000.


Lancaster, Ohio, on the death of his father on July 23, 2000.


Teresa (Marcy ’89) and Nick Kube ’88, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Meaghan on Aug. 15, 1999. She joins

Maggie, 8, and Molly, 4.


Thad and Jennifer (Bronk ’99) Welch, St. Charles, Minn., a daughter, Cecelia Rose on May 31, 2000.

Deaths


Carlton P. Fluegel ’35, Minneapolis, Minn., on July 6, 1999.


John J. Dixon ’36, Huntington Beach, Calif., on May 31.

Dr. John Thompson ’36, Atlanta, Ga., on Aug. 15, 1999.


Mark Emmet Kolb ’41, Milledani, Hawaii, on Sept. 4, 1999.


Jack Cashman ’43, Owatonna, Minn., on Sept. 10, 1999.

Alfred F. Piering ’43, Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 17, 1999.


Sympathy to


Donald Bachner ’52, Barrington, Ill., on the death of his wife, Marie on Sept. 4, 2000.


Barbara Holden Orzechowski ’74, Richfield, Minn., on the death of her daughter, Christine on April 24, 2000.

Maureen (MacHale) Boyd ’77, Austin, Texas, on the death of her husband, Robert on March 2, 2000.


Wendy (Doelle) Baures ’87, Buffalo City, Wis., on the death of her mother on Feb. 20, 2000.

Dr. Roger Kugel ’70, Alex Kugel ’98 and Jacob Kugel ’96, on the death of their mother and grandmother, Elsie Kugel on Oct. 17, 2000.


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**Calendar of Events**

**Winona Campus**

### January, 2001

9  Semester II classes begin
19-22  *Kennedy’s Children*
20  Twin Cities Campus Commencement
26-29  *Kennedy’s Children*

### February

6  Chamber Music Showcase
10-18  Winter Recess
19  Red Priest performance
24  Molly Sweeney
27  Founder’s Day Mass 11 a.m.; Convocation 1:30 p.m.

### March

2-6  *The Two Gentlemen of Verona*
23-24  *Alice In Wonderland*
27  Vocal Recital
30-31  *Our Country’s Good*

### April

1-2  *Our Country’s Good*
3  *Come Back Amelia Bedelia*
7-16  Easter Recess
18  Senior Honors Banquet
20  JazzDance performance
22  Belladonna performance

### May

4-5, 7-8  Final Exams
12  Winona Campus Commencement Mass 8:30 a.m.; Undergraduate 11 a.m.; Graduate 4 p.m.
18-19  Dance Repertory Company

### June

2  Twin Cities Campus Commencement
15-17  Homecoming
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