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Happy Birthday!

Helping celebrate Peace Corps 40th

The toughest job you’ll ever love turned 40 this year.

The Peace Corps, America’s most difficult and rewarding volunteer experience, is celebrating this milestone by recognizing the people who have been a part of its history and generating awareness of today’s Peace Corps.

We at University Magazine decided to do our part.

In this issue, we take a look at three individuals who put their professional lives on hold to help those less fortunate: SMU professor Dr. Jay Mutter, who spent seven years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Malaysia; Erin Frederick ‘99, a Peace Corps volunteer in Zimbabwe, Africa; and Heidi Reetz ‘01, who departed in June for her three-month Peace Corps orientation and training session.

During an impromptu 1960 campaign speech at the University of Michigan, John F. Kennedy first introduced the concept of an “international volunteer.” President Kennedy signed the executive order establishing the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961. Less than five months later, the inaugural Peace Corps volunteers were on their way to Africa.

As of January 2001, the Peace Corps had sent 162,000 volunteers into more than two-thirds of the world’s nations. Many of those past and present volunteers — like Dr. Mutter, Erin Frederick and Heidi Reetz — have strong ties to Saint Mary’s University.

We realize that the three featured in this issue aren’t the only ones who have given of themselves to help the less fortunate. We encourage you to write to us with your experiences and we will gladly publish your letters in an upcoming issue of University Magazine, or on our website at www.smumn.edu/magazine.

Elsewhere in this issue, check out the latest news from the Winona campus. Webmaster Eric Heukeshoven has some interesting news in the world of cyberspace to tell you about; two of SMU’s women’s athletic programs qualified for national-tournament play; and, of course, there are plenty of alumni updates in our Class Notes section.

Take a few moments out of your busy day, kick up your feet and enjoy this latest issue of University Magazine.
SAINT MARY’S FACULTY, STUDENTS IN CHINA FOR STUDY TOUR

A group of Saint Mary’s University students and faculty visited China in May for the school’s first study tour of that country. The tour was led by Dr. Ting Ni, history department, and Valerie Edwards Robeson, sociology department. They accompanied seniors David Bade, Daniel Conzemius, Shawntelle Johnson, Chris Temple, Kimberly Warp and Nathan Weinandt. Lane, Tucker and Walker Robeson traveled with the Saint Mary’s contingent.

The group toured Beijing, Tianjin, Xian and Shanghai. The itinerary included lectures and discussions with students at Nankai University on the topics of Chinese art, education, history, economics, government structure, and more. They visited Chinese cultural treasures, including the Great Wall, Tiananmen Square, Ming Tomb, Liuqing Gallery, Wild Goose Pagoda and Qing Emperor’s Tomb. The SMU group also toured local factories, schools, medical clinics, a Catholic church, a Buddhist Temple, and other museums and galleries.

MUTTER, TOP SENIORS AND CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HONORED AT FOUNDER’S DAY

At the Founder’s Day ceremony Feb. 27, three Christian Brothers involved with the founding and administration of SMU’s Christ the Teacher Institute of Education (CTIE) in Nairobi, Kenya were recognized with honorary doctorates in Educational Leadership.

They included Brother Raphael Patton, Ph.D.; Brother Ronald Roggenback, D.Min.; and Brother Leonard Courtney, Ed.D. (posthumously). In 1991, Courtney founded the institute, which trains religious and lay persons to teach in African schools. Patton was the institute’s first director, and Roggenback served as its second director.

The Brother H. Charles Severin Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to psychology professor Jay Mutter, Ph.D. Dr. Mutter is a researcher, author and presenter on the subjects of multicultural studies and training. He came to Saint Mary’s University in 1985. In 1998, he co-authored a textbook, titled “Lives Across Cultures: Cross-Cultural Human Development.” Dr. Mutter, who earned his doctorate from the University of Malaya in Malaysia, also teaches interdisciplinary studies in the SMU core education program. He is a member of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the national Catholic honor society.

The Outstanding Female Senior Award was given to Ann Durley of Potosi, Wis. The daughter of Maruth Durley, Ann was a management/marketing major with a wide range of interests. She served as president of the student activities committee, vice president of the student senate, worked on the school yearbook, and was active in campus ministry mis-
sion trips.

The Outstanding Male Senior Award was given to Nathan Albee of Marshfield, Wis. The son of Elizabeth and Michael Albee, Nate was an English literature major and psychology minor who made the Dean’s List every semester. Nate participated in campus ministry mission trips and served on the S.O.U.L. (Serving Others United in Love) Council, the Big Brother/Big Sister program, and he was active in intramural sports and the student newspaper.

Other finalists for the outstanding male student award were Jason Boll of Prairie du Sac, Wis.; Neil Dahlheimer of Dayton, Minn.; Joshua Danke of Hixton, Wis.; and Daniel Sepion of Maplewood, Minn. Other finalists for the outstanding female student award were Tessia Gardner of Greenwood, Wis.; Julia Guhin of Pierre, S.D.; Jessica Johnston of Green Bay, Wis.; and Diane Wood of Los Alamos, N.M.

NEW YEAR BRINGS UPPER LEVEL CHANGES

When the new school year begins in August, there will be several familiar faces, and some new faces, in administrative positions at Saint Mary’s.

After seven years as vice president for university relations, Mary Catherine Fox, Ph.D. ’75 returns to the Saint Mary’s faculty as a professor in the Institute of Interdisciplinary Studies. Dr. Fox originally returned to Saint Mary’s in 1990 to serve as dean of the School of Business, Computer Science and Media Communication.

Tim Burchill ’68 becomes vice president for university relations, in addition to his roles as president of The Metanoia Group — fund-raising consultants to nonprofit organizations — and as executive director of SMU’s Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership. Burchill previously directed university relations from 1979 to 1989.

Brother Patrick Conway, FSC ’75 succeeds the retired Sharyn Goo as vice president for student development. Brother Patrick has served Saint Mary’s in many roles, most recently as dean for student achievement.

Chris Kendall ’79 is the new athletic director. Kendall, who has been at Saint Mary’s for the past 14 years, has served as dean of students, assistant athletic director, and student activity director.

Students ask real-world questions of ‘Meet the Pros’ alumni panel

The offices of Alumni Relations and Career Services sponsored “Meet the Pros,” a chance for SMU students to learn from Saint Mary’s alumni about a variety of real-world jobs and career paths. Alumni represented careers including accounting, computer science, law, political science, medicine, public safety and administration, public relations and sales/marketing. The panel discussion and Q and A session was Feb. 2 in the Common Room of Saint Mary’s Hall.
JULIE THORNTON IS NAMED NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS

Julie Thornton is the new SMU dean of students, effective May 1. Thornton replaces Chris Kendall, who takes on a new role as director of athletics.

Thornton has a bachelor’s degree in speech communication/public relations from St. Olaf College, and a master’s degree in educational administration and foundations from Illinois State University. She brings to Saint Mary’s several years of experience with retention, staff hiring and development, sensitivity/diversity training, supervision and budgeting. Thornton has served in the admission office at the College of St. Catherine and more recently as the assistant dean of students at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Brother Paul Ostendorf dies

Brother Paul John Ostendorf, FSC, Ph.D. ’53, died Feb. 26. He was 70. Brother Paul was a Saint Mary’s alumnus, and served as a teacher and librarian at SMU from 1973 until his retirement in 2000. Brother Paul was also active in numerous theatre and music activities. A wake and funeral were held in Saint Thomas More Chapel. The Saint Mary’s community extends its sympathy to the Ostendorf family.

For a full profile of Brother Paul, pictures, and thoughts from former students, go to the SMU web site at www.smumn.edu and click on “SMU/NOW.”

The Class of 2001 is asking classmates to support a gift to the university in honor of Brother Paul. The class gift will benefit the Fitzgerald Library. For more information, contact Bob Fisher, director of annual giving, at 507-457-6658.

SAINT MARY’S, ST. SCHOLASTICA TO OFFER GRADUATE PROGRAMS

The presidents of the College of St. Scholastica and Saint Mary’s University signed an agreement April 2 to collaborate in offering graduate courses in the Duluth area.

The first two offerings will be programs in Educational Administration Licensure and the Doctor of Education in Leadership (Ed.D.). Classes will be delivered on the St. Scholastica campus and in the greater Duluth area.

“This is an exciting partnership,” said Dr. Larry Goodwin, president of St. Scholastica. “I expect these programs to meet a real need among adult learners in our area.”

“The people of Northeast Minnesota will now have access to two additional quality graduate programs,” said Brother Louis DeThomasis, president of Saint Mary’s University. “We expect these initial offerings will be successful, and look forward to future collaboration with the College of St. Scholastica.”

Educational Administration Licensure is a post-master’s-level program for leaders in K-12 education, including principals, assistant principals, superintendents and assistant superintendents. In the Doctor of Education in Leadership program, participants attain the skills necessary to fill leadership positions in both education and the business world. Both programs’ curricula and schedules are designed around the

DANCE BENEFITS CHILD WITH RARE DISEASE

Students, faculty/staff and the public were invited to a formal benefit dance on Feb. 3 in the Toner Student Center dining room. The “When You Wish Upon a Star” benefit was for Taylor Richmond, son of Nikki (campus ministry) and Nick Richmond (Center for International Students), who has been living with ataxia telangiectasia (A-T), a degenerative neurological disease, since 1994. A-T has been progressively affecting his coordination and compromising his immune system. Money raised at the dance will help fund a Disneyland trip for the Richmond family.
needs of adult learners.
For more information on either program, call Dr. Roxanne Eubank, 800-328-4827, Ext. 217, or email to reubank@smumn.edu.

EMPLOYEES HONORED FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE

Saint Mary’s University honored Winona campus employees for their years of service, during a ceremony April 6.

Special recognition was given to retiring employees Helga Heise, director of international student programs, and Eldon Fritz, of the maintenance department.

WINONA CAMPUS HONOREES

5 YEARS: Jean Auman, Ellen Berger, David Bernard, Dr. Michael Bowler, Mary Donaldson, Sally Dotterwick, Dr. James Duffy, Kimberly Fierke, Paul Fox, Peggy L. Johnson, Gary Klein, Diane Marie Kruger, Michael Lester, Dr. David Lynch, Terry Mannor, Jerome Paulson, Jason A. Putz, Kathy Stender, Jeff Strom, Nick Whaley.

10 YEARS: Jerome M. Baertsch, Joseph Dulak, Rosalind Eberle, Terry A. Goldmann, Donald L. Grubb, Dr. Martin E. Judd, Gary Kelsey, Robert Lee Mueller, Jo Nesler, Dr. Ruth Mae Schroeder, Dr. Joseph J. Shields, John Skemp, Dr. Gregory L. Sobolewski, Dr. Richard Tristano, Paul J. Wildenborg.

15 YEARS: Catherine Czaplewski, Susan Edel, Kathryn Finley, Barbara E. Schmidtkecht.

20 YEARS: Dr. John C. Paulson, Dr. James A. Rodgers.

25 YEARS: Dr. Raymond A. Faber, Bruce D. Hill, Alan Joswick, Margaret Mear, BVM, Keith D. Nelson, Darlene C. Paulson, Kenneth Pellegrini.

35 YEARS: Warren C. Galbus.

Campus Notes

The Saint Mary’s University academic year came to a close with the 76th commencement exercises on Saturday, May 12 in Winona. The Baccalaureate Mass, undergraduate commencement and Winona campus graduate program commencement were all held in the old gym.

At the undergraduate ceremony, 273 students were eligible to receive bachelor’s degrees. Student perspectives were offered by this year’s Outstanding Seniors, Ann Durley and Nathan Albee, and an honorary doctorate of Educational Leadership was presented to Brother Thomas Johnson, provincial of the Midwest District of the De La Salle Christian Brothers and a member of the SMU board of trustees.

There were 660 students eligible for master’s degrees in graduate programs administered from Winona. Graduate student perspectives were offered by Mary E. Costello of the M.A. in Instruction program, and Scott A. Ritter of the M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning program.

The Nairobi campus of Saint Mary’s University hosted its fifth commencement ceremony on May 19. At this commencement, 39 students received the Bachelor of Science in Education degree, and 16 students received the three-year diploma in Teacher Education. Larry Gorr and, dean, School of the Arts, represented Brother President Louis DeThomasis at this event.

The Twin Cities campus graduate and special programs held commencement ceremonies on June 2. Over 250 candidates were awarded degrees in the bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral programs offered through the Twin Cities campus.

Making it Official
Two hundred seventy-three students received undergraduate bachelor’s degrees at the 76th commencement exercises in Winona on May 12.
SENIORS HONORED
AT AWARDS BANQUET

Some of the university’s top graduating seniors were honored April 18 at the annual Senior Academic Honors Banquet. Listed below are the names of award recipients.

American Institute of Chemists and Engineers Award - Jennifer Williams; American Chemical Society Award - Amanda Wensmann; Brother Leo Northam Award - Bryan Amburn, Carolyn Boyd, Taniya Mishra; Business Awards/Accounting - Jill Hocking; Business Awards/Marketing - Kathleen McGrath, Katherine Bedtke; Business Awards/International Business - Amy Andress; Business Awards/Management - Laura LaVigne; Business Awards/Kevin Martineau - Amy Andress; Business Award/Wall Street Journal - Jill Hocking; St. Thomas Aquinas Award for Excellence - Craig Steger; Outstanding Senior Theatre Major - Kathleen Harper; Winona Area Chamber of Commerce Community Development Committee Community Service Award - Jessica Johnston; Student Alumni Relations Association Scholarship - Shane Malecha; Joachim and Ann Lasallian Institute Award - Diane Wood, S. Brandon Darling; Delta Epsilon Sigma Scholarship - Jessica Johnston; Student Service Award - Laura LaVigne; Brother James Miller Award - Neil Dahlheimer.

Graduating seniors get a refresher course in dining etiquette

Along with the required academic classes, graduating Saint Mary’s University seniors have also had a course in dining etiquette. In early April, SMU’s Counseling and Career Services of the Wellness Center hosted an “Etiquette Dinner” for all interested graduating seniors. Several seniors took the Center up on its offer and — dressed in business attire — sat down to a formal, four-course dinner where they learned various components of fine dining including proper use of cutlery, napkins and china, elements of good dinner conversation, and how to eat different foods such as soup, pasta, and desserts “a la mode.”

Planners of the event provided students with an introduction to correct etiquette, which will give the graduating seniors confidence for job interviews as well as business and social dining events.
Governor Michael Johanns (MJ):
I have very fond memories of my three years at Saint Mary’s. (The college) was instrumental in launching my professional career . . . which has ended up in kind of an interesting position. Saint Mary’s helped with everything from financial aid to taking a farm kid and giving him a start. I owe you a lot, and I do appreciate what you do.

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**ON HIS SMU EDUCATION**

MJ: (Coming out of high school), my options were very limited. I was a poor high school student, but if you look at my transcript (at Saint Mary’s), in my entire three years, I got one C, everything else Bs and As. I graduated summa cum laude in three years and it was the discipline, it was all the things that were part of Saint Mary’s. I just connected with the school, I loved it there. I had a tremendous motivation, and my life would be a lot different if not for that meeting with Brother Anthony (admissions director in 1968, who “took a chance” on Johanns).

Bob Conover (BC): How has your degree in communications helped you as an attorney, as a politician and a public figure?

MJ: The classic path into the legal profession is to take accounting and business . . . (but) I’ve known some awfully smart, talented people who struggled to express their ideas. I speak every day now, and I did as mayor of Lincoln. Part of what I have to be able to do is articulate a vision so people can say, “he’s on the right path, I want to follow that direction.”

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**ON SPORTS**

MJ: In this state I don’t know how you can survive without being a football fan. (Nebraska football was rated number one in the country last fall.)

BC: What was it like going to college where there was no football team?

MJ: I’ll never forget, I was in the dormitory one day and I heard this yelling and banging and I thought, “what is going on?” And I ran outside . . . that’s when they were still playing hockey in the outside rink. There before my eyes was the first hockey game I had ever witnessed in my life. Actually, hockey is a pretty big deal in our state, also.

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**ON SMU GOING CO-ED**

BC: Your last year at Saint Mary’s, we went co-ed. I understand there were very few women the first few years.

MJ: I think the first year there were 30 to 35 women. They were lost in the shuffle . . . I could not sense any difference, really. Those were pioneering women. Not all the guys at Saint Mary’s were receptive to this notion of going co-ed. That changed over time.

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**ON BEING GOVERNOR**

MJ: I would say my administration’s biggest accomplishment is our emphasis on families and children ...
"The toughest job you’ll ever love."

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November, 1998
The Beginning

When I applied to become a Peace Corps volunteer, I knew I was getting into something that would change my life and challenge me both physically and mentally. My overall Peace Corps experience was rewarding and taught me a lot of things about the world and about myself. However, every single day brought with it new challenges and frustrations to overcome.

I was no longer surrounded by anyone or anything familiar to me and I realized that my life was about to change.

I was preparing to go to Eastern Europe in June of 1999, but in May I received a phone call from my recruiter informing me that I couldn’t go to Eastern Europe because I was red-flagged for asthma and certain conditions.
allergies. Because of these medical conditions my list of possible country placements was severely reduced. Instead of going to Eastern Europe, I was placed on a list of possible candidates for a position in Zimbabwe, pending medical clearance. After several months of medical exams and paperwork, I was officially invited to join the group going to Zimbabwe in October. I accepted the invitation and left for Zimbabwe in mid-October.

I spent months preparing. I packed and re-packed, researched the country, and mentally prepared myself to be away from home for 27 months. When I got off the plane in Zimbabwe, I was no longer surrounded by anyone or anything familiar to me and I realized that my life was about to change. I was excited and nervous — and scared to death — but I was determined to make the most of my experience.

**October, 1999**

**Training**

I spent October, November and December in a village near Gweru, Zimbabwe, going through pre-service training. Training was very difficult. Sometimes I felt like I was losing my identity because I was expected to live a totally different lifestyle than I was used to. I was immersed in African culture and told to try to fit in as much as possible. I was expected to act a certain way, dress a certain way, and become as involved as possible in the lives of my host family members. I enjoyed the challenge of learning new customs and traditions, but sometimes I just wanted to talk to someone who knew about American customs and traditions and who understood the things I was homesick for. The other volunteers were going through similar emotions so we all became close friends and supported and encouraged each other not to quit.

During my training, I lived with a homestay family — Baba and Amai Mahamba and their nine children — which was a challenging but enlightening experience. I learned so much about Zimbabwean culture and customs from my family. I also improved my Shona skills because I was forced to use their language if I wanted to talk to them. We lived in a three-room house without electricity or water. The kitchen was a separate hut with a few dishes and some logs to make a fire, and the bathroom was an outhouse in the backyard.

**December, 1999**

**Officially a Peace Corps Volunteer**

Training ended and I was sworn-in as an official Peace Corps volunteer a few days before Christmas. My role as a volunteer was not well defined. My training group consisted of 42 people and most of them were being trained as teachers; however, I was one of nine people selected to train as a Community Education Resource Volunteer (CERV). We were the guinea pigs; Peace Corps had 10 years of experience training teachers in Zim-
Heidi Reetz ’01 plans to become a doctor, but she’s not going to medical school—at least not yet. First, Reetz is seeking lessons from the international classroom of the Peace Corps and the people of China.

In June, the former Vermillion, S.D., native will depart for her three-month orientation and training as one of Saint Mary’s University’s newest Peace Corps volunteers. She will spend the summer learning about Chinese culture, traditions, and language. As a former Hendrickson Tomorrow’s Leaders scholar and student in the Lasallian Honors Program, Heidi knows 50 classical Chinese characters. “But,” she cautions, “that is very different from speaking the language.”

During the training period, Heidi will also learn technical skills for her assignment as an environmental educator. With a liberal arts degree in biology, Heidi can teach about the environment in elementary and secondary schools or work with youth groups and others outside school settings. Corps members are limited only by their imaginations, according to the program website. Peace Corps volunteers who have been liv-
back. We also teamed up to help a local women’s group start a small soap-making business. Once I began working with DAPP, more and more people in Chimanda and the surrounding villages started taking an interest in the resource center. All of a sudden the women that sold me corn and fruit on the street started asking me questions about what I was doing and stopping by the center to bring me fresh mangos. I felt a huge sense of accomplishment when I had four local students show up at the resource center in one day and ask if they could use the books. Slowly, people started to trickle into the resource center. Some people just came in to see the crazy American, but most people wanted to read, study, or practice their English.

April, 2000 - Chaos!

Just when things were finally falling into place and getting started, I was evacuated from my site. Due to unstable conditions in the rural areas of the country, Peace Corps decided to consolidate all volunteers stationed in certain regions of the country. Unfortunately, my region was the first to be pulled. I was given about 35 minutes to pack and told to pack as if we were being sent home. I grabbed my journals, my pictures, some money and enough clothes for about a week. I didn’t even have the chance to say goodbye to anyone at my site, which made leaving that much more difficult.

I spent the next few weeks in Harare at a compound outside of the city. During the weeks we were in the city, there were several riots, demonstrations, and uprisings. Political figures and some supporters of the opposition party were kidnapped, killed, or threatened. Many of the country’s white-owned farms were invaded by so-called war veterans and the white farmers were beaten and sometimes killed. When it was safe to do so, I volunteered at an AIDS orphanage during our consolidation. Working at the orphanage was draining both physically and emotionally. I spent all day reading to the kids, feeding the toddlers, holding the babies,
and playing outside with the older kids. I would walk into a room and all of the toddlers would hold up their arms and reach for me to pick them up. I wanted to hold all of the kids and give them all the love and attention that they deserved. The orphanage was a great opportunity to continue volunteering.

May, 2000
A mission cut short

Because of the civil unrest, the Peace Corps decided not to allow me to return to my site, which forced me to take an Interruption of Service (IOS). I was tired of living in the capital, not knowing what was going to happen. I was frustrated with Peace Corps, because of what seemed like lack of initiative and willingness to make decisions about our future as volunteers. I missed my site, my Zimbabwean friends, and my job in Chimanda. I spoke with our country director and she told me the possibility of returning to my village was zero and that most volunteers probably wouldn’t be relocated to other areas of the country because there were no safe zones. My only other choice, besides returning home, was to take an office job in the city, and those positions were limited. Sadly, I left Zimbabwe on May 10, 2000, and arrived back in Chicago a few days later. My entire Peace Corps experience lasted only about 7 months.

Closing thoughts

Ultimately, I spent more time applying for the Peace Corps than I did as a volunteer.

The seven months that I did spend in Zimbabwe were enlightening, interesting, frustrating and rewarding. I learned about another culture and another way of life, while also learning about myself and my capabilities and limitations. I didn’t get the full two-year experience, but I am grateful for the time that I did get — it was an experience of a lifetime, and one I won’t soon forget.
DR. MUTTER’S STORY: MALAYSIA

(Malay), even though English is widely used in Malaysia. “The biggest benefit was learning to translate complex psychological principles into their national language,” Mutter says. “Teaching this way required a different sort of humility, being willing to make a fool of myself.” He describes standing in front of classrooms of elite students, struggling for words. “Finally,” he says with a smile, “they would just ask me to say it in English.”

Teaching in Malaysia presented more challenges than just the language, however. He described students who studied the assignments, memorized facts, and could repeat them verbatim on a test but would look at him blankly when he asked a question. “I thought I was doing something wrong,” Mutter said. Only after consulting with his peers at the university did he realize the problem.

Malaysia has only recently gained its independence from Great Britain. Many of the students had received their cultural training under a very formal period in Malaysian education, when class participation was neither taught nor expected. “Their training didn’t provide a stock answer to ‘How does Jung’s theory make you feel?’” Mutter says. He quickly found that the way to win his students over was to open up himself.

Many of the students at the National University of Malaysia wanted to know about Mutter’s personal thoughts and beliefs. They were curious about his Christian faith, having grown up in a multi-theistic culture that revered both Islam and Buddhism. “Who is this Jesus?” they asked. Mutter said their questions really made him sit back and think about what he believed. “You have to take a risk, be transparent,” he said. “At first, I had the attitude, ‘I’m here to teach you about psychology. You don’t need to know about me.’” Dr. Mutter believes that when he started answering his students’ questions, he really began helping them. “My best year occurred when I admitted the impact that my students had on me.”

Mutter said he realized at the end of his assignment that he wasn’t ready to go back to America; he was just beginning to feel comfortable in the new country. He spent several years working as a Peace Corps trainer in Malaysia, training new volunteers to teach in a Malay classroom, acting as a social support, and acculturating them to the language, society and religion of their new home.

Later, the American Embassy in Malaysia accepted him into its program to research cross-cultural human development, a discipline that would figure heavily into his teaching and writing. He met his wife, Patricia, during this time and was awarded the Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Malaya. “I enjoyed the novelty of the place racing through my blood,” he says. “It never got old – the tastes, thrills, religion, the people. It was a perpetual exercise in novelty.”

Today, Dr. Mutter uses the lessons he learned in the Peace Corps daily. Examples from Malaysia factor into his classes at Saint Mary’s University and into the textbook he co-wrote, Lives Across Cultures: Cross-Cultural Human Development. He is writing a piece about his experiences for The Great Adventure, a Peace Corps publication documenting volunteer stories of life overseas.

“I try to make my classroom international,” he says, “although not through more students, however, because there aren’t many international students enrolling in psychology. I want my students to see that a country is not defined by its geography, but by its people.”

Dr. Mutter frequently gives the example of a father and child in his classes to illustrate this point. The child is trying to play with a very busy father. Exasperated, the father cuts up a magazine picture of a globe and gives it to the child to reassemble. Within minutes the child is back. The father looks at him in amazement. “Son,” he asks, seeing that the little boy had done everything correctly, “this is amazing! How did you finish so quickly?”

“Easy,” the child replied. “There’s a picture of a person on the other side. Once I had her together, the other side was right too.”

Dr. Mutter explains that a similar experience in the Peace Corps influences his teaching. “The Peace Corps made me a better listener,” he says. “I was forced to listen not only to a different language, but a different context.” Today, he explains, he focuses not only on the student’s words but also his or her background – the context.

“Once you get the people figured out,” he says, “the country is easy.”

Dr. Jay Mutter, 2001 recipient of SMU’s 2001 Brother H. Charles Severin Award for Teaching Excellence, credits his six years as a Peace Corps volunteer for helping mold him into the teacher he is today.
Over the last two years, we have been thinking of ways to make SMU’s main website (www.smumn.edu) a better place. Our university system now serves a much greater community than it did even just a few years ago.

We began the process of redesigning the website by defining our current model. Currently, our site is divided into eight general sections (Academics, Activities/Athletics, Facilities, Faculty/Staff, Admission, Alumni, General Info, Twin Cities campus) that essentially ask a visitor, “What are you looking for?” After many discussions with a diverse group of individuals and groups, we decided to change our model from “What” to “Who” – “Who are you and how can we help?” With the “who” question determining a visitor’s direction, we find three groups as our primary focus: Prospective Students, Alumni & Friends, and News and Information seekers.

The Prospective Student section will focus on programs offered at SMU, admissions, financial aid and scholarships, and information about the various SMU campuses and facilities. With the general move towards better Internet connections (broadband), we plan to increase the amount of audio/visual content on our website. Prospective students will, for example, be able to take a series of “One Minute Walk-throughs” of various locations.

Alumni & Friends will find a wealth of information to help them stay connected with SMU. Plans for this section of the website include a nationwide events calendar, a communications section for email addresses, mentoring groups, etc., links to alumni publications, and up-to-date pictures and video from recent alumni events.

We know that many visitors to our site are looking for general information. The News & Information section will highlight the mission and history of SMU, offer links to directories and contacts for faculty and staff, as well as university publications, press releases, sports information and much more.

Just as important as changes in organization and content will be a fresh new look. Our goals in redefining the website are to make it simple to navigate, easy to read and fun to visit. Once the new site is online, our continuing mission will be to keep the information fresh and ever-changing.

Bookmark the SMU website today if you haven’t done so already. Beginning this fall, you’ll want to check back regularly.

SMILE, YOU’RE ON WEBCAM!
Live video gives visitors a 24/7 look at what’s happening on campus.

WELCOME TO ROB McCOLL
In January, the Public Information Office welcomed Rob McColl to its staff as web site technician. Rob works on maintaining day-to-day operations of the external web site. He is also directly involved in our efforts to bring the redesigned website online. In addition to his web duties, Rob is a skilled visual artist and teaches as adjunct faculty in the Art Department here at SMU.

WEBCAM IS 24/7
Is it raining in Winona? What’s happening on campus today? See for yourself … the SMU Live Streaming WebCam is now online and waiting for your visit. The WebCam features live 24 hour-a-day video from a variety of locations on the Winona campus. Point your browser to http://www.smumn.edu/webcam/ to see what’s happening!
Saint Mary’s sports roundup

2 Cardinal women’s teams qualify for national tournaments

WOMEN’S HOCKEY

OVERALL: 22-7-1
CONFERENCE: 15-3-0 (2nd)
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals earned their first-ever AWCHA national-tournament appearance, losing to eventual national champion Middlebury 3-1 in the opening round, before beating Williams 2-1 in the third-place game. … Goalie Missie Meemken was named to the AWCHA’s all-tournament team. … Freshman Tennie McCabe was named MIAC Player of the Year, while first-year head coach Duncan Ryhorchuk was named MIAC Coach of the Year. … McCabe, Meemken, Missy Westergren and Mo Hayes were All-MIAC selections. … McCabe became SMU’s record-holder for goals in a season (30) and points in a season (49), while Meemken set a new record for saves in a season (646 and freshman Emily Kearns set the team mark for goals in a game (4)). … In just their third year as a varsity program, the Cardinals have compiled a 56-20-6 record with two MIAC regular-season championships and a national tournament appearance.

ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/w_hockey/index.html

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

OVERALL: 11-14
CONFERENCE: 10-11 (6th)
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals’ 84-64 loss to St. Benedict in the first round of the MIAC Tournament marked SMU’s first post-season appearance since the 1985-86 season, when the Cardinals reached the semifinals of the NCAA Division III West Region Tournament. … The Cardinals fell to St. Benedict 84-64. … Amy Burns and Jenny Gilles were both named first team All-MIAC. … Gilles led the Cardinals in scoring 12.4 ppg and was among the nation’s leaders in free throw percentage (66-82, .805). … Burns and Stacy Hammel also averaged in double figures for the Cardinals, scoring 11.8 and 11.4 ppg, respectively. … The Cardinals put together five two-game winning streaks en route to their 11 wins.

ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/w_basketball/index.html

MEN’S BASKETBALL

OVERALL: 5-19
CONFERENCE: 4-16 (10th)
BRIEFLY: Nick Michaels was named honorable-mention All-MIAC after leading the Cardinals in rebounding (6.0 rpg) and finishing second on the team in scoring (10.6 ppg). … Jason Dzick’s 10.9 ppg average led the team, while Jason Boll also averaged in double figures at 10.1 ppg.

ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/m_basketball/index.html

MEN’S HOCKEY

OVERALL: 9-12-4
CONFERENCE: 4-8-4 (6th)
BRIEFLY: Junior Ryan Stinson was SMU’s lone representative on the All-MIAC team, while Matt Hangge, Denny O’Connor, Sam Phillips and Todd Hangge were honorable-mention selections. … Stinson led the Cardinals in goals (20) and shared the team points lead with Todd Hangge (30).

Todd Hangge also boasted a team-leading 17 assists. … 12 of Stinson’s 20 goals came on the power-play, ranking him fifth in all of NCAA Division III. … Goalie Eric Richardson recorded a pair of shutouts, including a season-ending, 23-save effort in a 3-0 win over Gustavus.

ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/m_hockey/index.html

SWIMMING AND DIVING

MEN’S MIAC: 7th
WOMEN’S MIAC: 10th
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals turned in their best performance of the year in the season-ending MIAC Championships, where SMU broke eight school records and turned in personal-best or season-best times in 52 of its 57 swims. … Shawn McCarthy broke two school individual marks and was a part of three relay record-setting performances at the MIAC meet. … Katie Krebsbach, the women’s team’s top performer all season, earned the school’s first-ever consolation championships in the 100 and 200 backstroke.

NORDIC SKIING

MEN’S MIAC: 5th
WOMEN’S MIAC: 5th
BRIEFLY: Garrick Holey and Amy Henjum led the Cardinal skiers to fifth-place showings in the second MIAC Championships. Holey clocked times of 35:50 in the 10K classic race and 48:19 in the 15K freestyle, while Henjum notched a time of 19:44 in the 5K classic and a 39:33 in the 10K freestyle. … Lack of numbers (the men’s team consisted of just four skiers, while the women’s team had just three) and injuries made head coach Kelly Skillcorn’s first season that much more difficult.

ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/nordic_skiing/index.html

MORE SPORTS ➔

SUMMER 2001
BRIEFLY: WO

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WOMEN
MIAC OUTDOOR: 10TH

BRIEFLY: Kari Pederson and Lindsey Smith became SMU’s first-ever conference champions as Pederson won the 55 in a school-record time of 7.43, while Smith earned the honor of the conference’s best in the weight throw with a school-record throw of 47-4 1/4 at the MIAC Indoor Championships. … Pederson also earned All-MIAC honors with her second-place showing in the 100, where she finished third (12.86). ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/track/index.html

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

OVERALL: 36-8
MIAC: 20-2 (1st)
BRIEFLY: The Cardinals earned their second straight trip to the NCAA Division III National Championships after posting a perfect 3-0 record in the Seed 2 Regional in Waverly, Iowa. Their bid for a second straight national championship, however, came up short as SMU was eliminated by Wheaton 3-2. … The Cardinals’ other loss in the double-elimination tournament, a 2-0 winner’s bracket setback to eventual national champion Muskingum, snapped an 11-game post-season winning streak. … Jennifer Meyer and Jackie Huegel were named to the national championship’s all-tournament team. … Jill Hocking closed out her collegiate career with a bang, leading SMU in virtually every offensive category, while earning her second straight First-Team All-American honor — not to mention her fourth straight All-MIAC and All-Midwest Region selections. Hocking was also named SMU’s Outstanding Female Athlete and Outstanding Female Scholar-Athlete for the second consecutive year and was a repeat selection to the Verizon Academic All-America First-Team. ONLINE: http://www.smumn.edu/sports/softball/index.html

Team defense carries women’s hockey to 3rd-place finish

Al season long, Duncan Ryhorchuk preached defense, defense, defense.

Sure, his Saint Mary’s University women’s hockey team entered last February’s American Women’s Collegiate Hockey Alliance national tournament having scored a whopping 138 goals, but it was the fact that the Cardinals surrendered just 41 that the SMU first-year coach was most proud of.

And it was that stingy, bend-but-don’t-break approach that carried the Cardinals to a 2-1 victory over Williams College and a third-place finish in their first-ever national tournament appearance.

“All season I’ve been trying to convince this team how important playing defense is, and it finally paid off,” said Ryhorchuk, whose team finished the season with a school-record 22 wins en route to a 22-7-1 overall mark. “I think I’m a little biased, but I firmly believe defense wins big games.

“This was a big game, and it was our team defense that won it for us.”

“I thought we came out much more focused (against Williams),” said Josie Nechodom, whose late second-period goal vs. Williams proved to be the game-winner. “We were psyched up and excited to play Middlebury (Friday), but I think we wanted this game more.”

And it showed in the Cardinals’ play.

Gone was the tentativeness that showed in SMU’s play during its tournament-opening 3-1 loss to defending national champion Middlebury, and in its place was a calm, cool and collected defensive scheme that smothered any Williams offensive threat.

“We’ve got a lot of great goal scorers and we needed them to commit to playing strong defense, too,” said Ryhorchuk, whose team had four players score 30 or more points. “Obviously, our entire focus wasn’t on the defensive end of the ice — you still have to score a goal or two to win — but our No. 1 focus was to keep our opponents out of the slot, let Missie (Meemken) see the shot coming, and then clear away the rebound.

“I thought we played very well (against Middlebury), but I think if we would have played them like we played (against Williams), the outcome could have been much different.”

Unfortunately, Ryhorchuk didn’t have a time machine to send his Cardinals of Day 2 back to play the Panthers, so instead, he’ll have to be satisfied with the third-place national championship trophy.

Not a bad “consolation prize” now, is it?
**BASEBALL**

**OVERALL:** 18-8  
**MIAC:** 16-4 (2nd)  
**BRIEFLY:** The Cardinals earned their first-ever MIAC Tournament appearance with their second-place conference finish during the regular season — SMU’s highest league finish since it won the title in 1993. … The Cardinals’ bid for their first regional appearance since that 1993 year came to an abrupt halt, however, as SMU dropped its first two games of the conference tournament, losing to St. Thomas 10-2 and St. Olaf 4-3. … Sophomore pitcher Eric Williamson was named the MIAC’s pitcher of the year, while Nick Whaley was named conference’s coach of the year. … Scott Morrison, David McMahon and Cory Kanz joined Williamson as members of the All-MIAC first team. … SMU boasted a .965 fielding percentage, the best in MIAC first team. …

**2nd straight national appearance bittersweet as Cardinals take 4th**

When the Saint Mary’s University fastpitch softball team locked up its fifth straight NCAA post-season tournament berth, senior centerfielder Jennifer Meyer vowed to make her final appearance her best.

She did. Unfortunately, the fact that she collected 12 hits in 25 at-bats, scored five runs and stole a pair of bases in SMU’s seven post-season games seemed to lose a little of its luster considering Meyer’s performance wasn’t enough to carry the Cardinals to a second straight NCAA Division III national title.

SMU saw its season come to a screeching halt at the NCAA Division III National Championships, when the Cardinals dropped a heartbreaking 3-2 decision to Wheaton in a game that saw Saint Mary’s commit five errors — including two that triggered the Lyons’ decisive seventh-inning rally.

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**TENNIS**

**MEN’S OVERALL:** 3-13  
**WOMEN’S OVERALL:** 6-10  
**MEN’S MIAC:** 6-10 (10th)  
**WOMEN’S MIAC:** 3-7 (8th)  
**BRIEFLY:** Geoff Granseth and Dena Bing highlighted SMU’s efforts as the season-ending MIAC championships, bringing home consolation championships. Granseth rallied from the tournament-opening loss to win two straight for the consolation crown at No. 1 singles, while Bing earned her title with two straight wins at No. 5 singles. … The Cardinal women closed out their regular season winning four of their last five matches. … Granseth (No. 1 singles), Brad Reichuber (No. 2) and Jason Boll (No. 4) all won a team-high six matches, while Granseth and Reichuber posted the men’s best doubles record, going 10-8 at No. 1. … On the women’s side, Anna Tomes (No. 4) and Dena Bing (No. 5) each posted team-leading seven singles wins, while Christina Tobin and Keely Nyquist teamed for seven wins at No. 3 doubles.

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Memories of SMU beckoned director of alumni relations

I believe that no matter where the road takes you, home is where your heart is. For me, that is Saint Mary’s University. I spent four of the most memorable years of my life as a student on the Winona campus. After graduating in 1997, I had the privilege of continuing my relationship with Saint Mary’s by serving as an admissions counselor for three years. I had the opportunity to share with prospective students and their parents what I believe makes SMU so unique: its devoted faculty and staff, strong Catholic traditions and a small student body that allow each student a chance to succeed and develop friendships to cherish and hold forever.

After a time away, I am very excited to return to my alma matter as director of alumni relations. It is my goal to nurture the friendships that you developed during your time at SMU by facilitating diverse events and activities that will bring alumni together. I encourage you to continue your commitment to the Lasallian mission by staying connected with the Saint Mary’s University community. I invite you to share your enthusiasm with other alumni, parents and friends at our receptions, faculty lectures, sporting events and university celebrations.

As an alumna, I would like to sincerely thank Rita Jean “RJ” (Eaheart ’87) Gramm, 2000-2001 president of the National Alumni Board, for her vision and leadership. R.J. helped to make the past year one of the most successful in SMU history. The Distinguished Faculty Series took Saint Mary’s faculty off campus and out to our alums. The Meet the Pros alumni panel helped to connect many professional alums with current students allowing them to network and share their experiences. On behalf of the entire Saint Mary’s University community, I wish to express our deep gratitude to R.J. for her tireless service in making these events possible. R.J. leaves the board in the very capable hands of Tom Callen ’70. Tom has been very committed to National Alumni Board efforts over the last three years and we are looking forward to his guidance as the 2001-2002 president.

I hope your heart will always be with Saint Mary’s and I invite you home. I look forward to meeting you at our events and welcome your ideas and suggestions. I can be reached in the Office of University Relations at 700 Terrace Heights #21, Winona, MN 55987 or email me: mrichtma@smumn.edu.

"A man travels the world in search of what he needs, and returns home to find it." - GEORGE MOORE

Upcoming Alumni Events

TBA  Chicago, Ill.
Alumni reception with Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D.

SEPT. 22  Winona, Minn.
Alumni Board meeting

OCT. 27  Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.
Twin Cities alumni Community Outreach Day 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

NOV. 3  Winona, Minn.
Alumni Board meeting

NOV. 17  Minneapolis, Minn.
Twin Cities alumni theatre event “A Christmas Carol” Guthrie Theater

DEC. 7  Winona, Minn.
Alumni and friends Christmas gathering

JAN. 19  Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.
Twin Cities hockey game & reception O’Gara’s Pub, 5 p.m. Minn. State Fair Coliseum, 7:05 p.m. (SMU vs. St. Thomas)

FEB. 4  Washington, D.C.
Alumni and friends reception

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

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

Winona-area Alumni Christmas Reception
Winona, Minn.
December 8, 2000

Brother President Louis DeThomasis and Dr. Mary Catherine Fox ’75 pose with hosts Dr. David Christenson ’68 and his wife Kathy, during the annual Winona Christmas gathering. The Christensons hosted over 100 alumni, parents and friends in their beautiful Victorian home Dec. 8, 2000.

(L to R) Peter Walsh ’65, Chris Arnold and his wife Dr. Stacey (Mounce ’85) Arnold, SMU University Relations staff member Xavier Wilson ’98, and Kay Walsh celebrate the holiday season at the Winona Christmas gathering.

Alumni Reception & Liturgy
Sarasota, Fla.
February 24, 2001

Dr. Roger and Florence Collins, benefactors of the university and parents of Jason Collins ’95 (deceased), visited with Brother President Louis DeThomasis following the Sarasota, Fla. alumni luncheon and liturgy on Feb. 24.
Alumni: Getting together!

Hosts of the Colorado Alumni Reception in Denver, Don Gass ’53 (far left) and wife (center) Eileen (Skemp CST ’53) share a moment with (L to R) SMU University Relations staff member Xavier Wilson ’98, Tom Oberle ’64 and Brother Jerome Cox ’60.

Twin Cities Alumni Reception & Hockey Game
St. Paul, Minn.
January 27, 2001

Dr. Tom Rice ’82 and Liz Wiske ’97 show off their school spirit during the alumni hockey reception at O’Gara’s.

Twin Cities alumni chapter president Pat Henning ’84 (far left) readies to cheer on the SMU men’s hockey team with other alums Megan (Faricy ’86) Stang and Jason Waterman ’90.
(L to r) Dr. Gary Diomandes, Professor of Theatre at SMU, poses with SMU University Relations staff member Gary Klein and Board of Trustees member Howard Toner ’66, prior to Dr. Diomandes’ presentation to alumni at the Faculty Lecture Series in Las Vegas.

Above (L to R): Mary Stuermer-Barbera ’79, Kevin Moriarty ’80 and Brother Theodore Drahmann ’49 were among those in attendance during the alumni reception held at the University Club in Washington.

At right: Sister Jacquelyn Burke G’80 and Pamela Bulloch G’79 share some good laughs together at the alumni reception in Washington, D.C.
Alumni from all class years were welcomed back to Terrace Heights for Homecoming 2001, with special invitations to those from anniversary class years ending in 6 and 1. The class of 1951 celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the class of 1976 celebrated its 25th.

Kicking off the festivities on Friday was a golf outing at the Winona Country Club, a dinner for alumni of 50 years and over, and a reunion party. On Saturday, there was a 5K fun run/walk on the SMU campus, a family picnic featuring entertainment for adults and children, and Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series. Saturday evening featured an alumni Mass followed by the alumni awards cocktail and hors d’oeuvres reception. A dinner, reunion party, and piano sing-along rounded out Saturday night’s festivities.

Saint Mary’s University welcomed alumni back to campus June 15–17, 2001 for . . .

**Distinguished Alumnus**

**Robert K. Hentzen ’57**

In 1981, Robert K. Hentzen ’57 co-founded the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). CFCA helps feed, clothe, and educate children and elderly persons in 26 developing nations. The CFCA, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., started out with two small projects in Honduras and the Philippines; it now includes over 160,000 donors who sponsor a child or elderly person. In 1996, Hentzen walked for eight months from Kansas City to Guatemala to dramatize the plight of the poor. He lives in Guatemala and travels extensively to raise funds.

**Alumni Appreciation**

**Carl J. Calabrese ’41**

In 1943, Carl J. Calabrese ’41 began a distinguished 41-year career with 3M. He retired in 1984 as vice president of the Industrial Specialties Division. Over the years, Calabrese was instrumental in helping SMU receive substantial gifts from the 3M Class of 1976
Corporation. Carl Calabrese is the definition of “loyal alumnus.” Homecoming wouldn’t be the same without him; his attendance record is outstanding. This year marks the 60th consecutive year he and his wife, Joan, have attended homecoming.

Alumni Appreciation
Joseph La Belle, Ph.D. ’51

Joseph E. La Belle, Ph.D. ’51 taught at various high schools and colleges before he came back to Saint Mary’s in 1962 as a teacher, director of counseling, and vice president for academic affairs. He left Saint Mary’s in 1970 to become the deputy director to the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Commission. He helped write legislation to create the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority, and then became its first executive director. After 25 years, he retired in 1995. He and his wife, Ann, have adopted five children from Korea.

Religious Service
Brother Gordon Hannon, FSC ’86

In 1995, Brother Gordon Hannon, FSC ’86 co-founded the alternative, tuition-free San Miguel middle school on Chicago’s South Side that provides a quality, Catholic education to low-income, disadvantaged youth. Brother Gordon led the school as the principal and was responsible for the daily management of the entire school program. He also made time to teach six subjects. The San Miguel has been recognized by Illinois and the U.S. Department of Education for its reading and technology programs for minority students.

Sports Hall of Fame
Deborah (Kroc ’91) Power

Deborah Kroc Power ’91 was a four-year letterwinner in volleyball, and was Saint Mary’s first-ever volleyball all-conference selection in 1990. As a junior in 1989, she ranked second in NCAA Division III in service ace average. A three-year team MVP and three-year team captain, Power ranks first in SMU history in career serving aces, second in single-season serving aces, and third in career kills. She is a nuclear medicine technologist at Regions Hospital in Saint Paul.

Sports Hall of Fame
Douglas E. Luebbe ’81

Douglas E. Luebbe ’81 was a four-year letterwinner and co-captain of the men's basketball team his junior and senior years. He was a prolific scorer and accurate shooter, ranking at or near the top of many statistical categories. On the tennis court, Luebbe was a four-year letterwinner at Saint Mary's, playing No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles and finishing second in the MIAC tournament as a junior in 1980. As a senior, he was named to the scholastic All-American Team. Luebbe is currently a manager of application development at IBM in Rochester, Minn.
Help us honor distinguished Saint Mary’s alumni

Nominate deserving alums for Homecoming 2002 awards

Do you know an SMU alum who has made outstanding achievements in his/her career? Or, given significant time and commitment to the 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 upon 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 October 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.
- Current employees of the university are 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 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
- John C. Ruddy
- Rev. Sylvester Brown ’52
- Michael Bilandic ’47
- Thomas Barger ’30
- Edward M. Allen ’50
- Anthony J. Adducci ’59

**Alumni Appreciation**

- Kenneth Wakefield ’42
- Br. Laurence Walther, FSC ’44
- Most Rev. George Speltz ’32
- John M. “Jack” Sharkey ’53
- Dr. William Rock ’59
- Dr. Hugo C. Pribor ’49
- John Parmer ’50
- Lorin Nevling, Jr. ’52
- George J. Murtaugh ’61
- Thomas Johnston ’43
- Rev. James Barnett ’60
- Most Rev. Robert Bron ’60
- Rev. Daniel Corcoran ’37
- Br. Leonard Courtnay, FSC, Ph.D. ’37
- Br. Theodore Drahmann, FSC ’49
- Fr. Andrew C. Fabian, OP

**Religious Service**

- Msgr. J. Richard Feiten ’45
- Most Rev. Frederick Kreling ’34
- Br. James Gaffney, FSC ’64
- Br. Richard Gerlach, FSC ’35
- Br. John Grover, FSC ’65
- Br. Raymond Long, FSC ’43
- Br. Terence McLaughlin, FSC ’44
- Br. James Miller, FSC ’66
- Rev. Paul Nelson ’57
- Dennis L. Nigon ’68
- Br. George Paul, FSC ’36
- Br. Alphonius Pluth, FSC ’39
- Br. I. Basil Rothweiler, FSC ’38
- Rev. James Russell ’56
- Br. Martin Spellman, FSC ’54
- Most Rev. George Speltz ’32
- Most Rev. Alfred Stermer ’34
- Fr. Kenneth Thesing ’64
- Br. Ambrose Trusk, FSC ’43
- Br. J. Francis Walsh, FSC, Ph.D. ’45
- Ronald Wilkins ’39
- Br. Julius Winkler, FSC ’36

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**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
- ☐ 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 October 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

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**Class of ‘32**

Adolph P. Gierok,
Independence, Wis., has retired as clerk of Burnside after 61 years of public service.

**Class of ‘49**

Br. Theodore Drahmann,
site coordinator for the SMU M.A. in Education program,
was selected by the University of St. Thomas School of Education as a charter member of its Alumni Hall of Fame.

**Class of ‘51**

Casimir F. Kozioł,
Scottsdale, Ariz., retired from Motorola Inc.
Arthur M. Smith, Glenville, N.Y., is retired.

**Class of ‘52**

William J. Holohan,
Goodyear, Ariz., is retired.

**Class of ‘53**

Tom McManaman, Oldsmar, Fla., is retired.

**Class of ‘54**

Br. Ignatius Brown, FSC,
Memphis, Tenn., resides at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He is a visiting assistant professor in the education department and is semi-retired.

**Class of ‘55**

Rev. Jerome Kautzman,
Dickinson, N.D., is retired.

**Class of ‘56**

Jordan B. Phillips, Raleigh, N.C., is retired.

**Class of ‘58**

Thomas J. Mayeske,
Albuquerque, N.M., is the pastor at Holy Ghost Church for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

**Class of ‘59**

Ken Ortman, Barrington, Ill., is retired.

**Class of ‘61**

Patrick J. Mullady, Sr.,
Grayslake, Ill., has accepted a position as vice president of development at Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota. Patrick’s son Conor graduated from SMU May 2001.

**Class of ‘62**

J. T. Dillon, Riverside, Calif., has written a book, “Life Without a Wife,” about the Christian Brothers in the Midwest since the 1920’s, including Saint Mary’s in each decade.

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**Keim ‘56 operates foundation for special children**

After a successful career as an orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Hugo Keim ’56 now treats more than the physical ailments of children with severe disabilities.

Dr. Keim and his wife, Alicia, began the ChairScholars Foundation, Inc. in 1990 to provide vocational and college education for children with physical challenges. A national ChairScholars Foundation Scholarship provides full college or trade school tuition to a US student with physical challenges. A second, local program provides scholarships to students from the Hillsborough County and the Tampa Bay area in Florida.

The ChairScholars Foundation has awarded 100 full scholarships to Florida children in the last five years. There are a total of 38 students in the national ChairScholars program. All students in the program must agree to stay drug and crime free to maintain their funding, and are typically confined to a wheelchair.

The ChairScholars Foundation invests over 90 cents of every dollar it receives for scholarships, according to the foundation website. One scholarship covers tuition, books and school fees for one student.

Dr. Keim is a retired orthopedic surgeon and researcher of international reknown. He lives with his wife in Odessa, Florida.

Read more about the program at: [http://www.chairscholars.org](http://www.chairscholars.org)


Ehlert the new Duke of Duluth

When Melvin Ehlert answered his door one early-February morning, a mail courier greeted him with a small package. Melvin couldn’t remember ordering anything so he was a bit curious as to its contents. When he reached in and pulled his hand out, he was holding a baseball cap and two packs of baseball cards. The note attached read, “Dad, to add to your collection. Love, John.”

The hat wasn’t just a gift, and John wasn’t just anyone. John is Melvin and Helen’s oldest son and the hat and cards are from the Northern League’s Duluth-Superior Dukes — the team John now owns.

“I’m excited about it. I think it will be a good investment and I think it will be fun,” said John, a 1967 graduate of Saint Mary’s and member of the SMU Board of Trustees, who purchased the team on Jan. 23. “I’m a fan of baseball and I’m a fan of outstate Minnesota.”

The Dukes aren’t exactly the New York Yankees, but they have enjoyed some success. They have won two championships in their eight years, but have also finished in the basement in five of those eight years.

They have also been one of the league’s worst teams at filling the seats. But that is where John is hoping his Minnesota connection will bring more interest to baseball in Duluth.

Ehlert was a typical kid growing up in Sauk Centre; he had lots of friends — including his 11 brothers and sisters. He participated in Little League and other recreational sports, but never really pursued a career in baseball.

“I remember a game I played at Sinclair Lewis Park,” he recalled as if it were yesterday. “I was the catcher and I threw the ball over the third baseman’s head. They scored the winning run and that was the extent of my baseball career.”

John’s career as a baseball player may never have amounted to much, but he certainly has made a name for himself in the publishing world.

John worked as a proofreader while at Saint Mary’s, but his success in the publishing world really began in 1976 when he started publishing Minnesota Snowmobile, a newsprint quarter-fold, from a spare bedroom in his house. That one-publication business has since blossomed into the Ehlert Publishing Group Inc., an outdoor sports publishing house featuring 16 titles, of which John serves as the company’s chairman emeritus. He also serves as president and CEO of Ashton Management Corporation and is a member of the board of directors at The Affinity Group of Ventura, Calif.

John credits a number of factors for the success he has achieved.

“Luck and a lot of work,” said John. “But I don’t know where the luck ends and the hard work starts.”

Luck may have played a part in it, but his father Melvin also had a say.

“I learned a good work ethic from my father,” he said. “He’s a good role model.”

This working mentality has certainly played a part in leading to John’s success; a success Duluth hopes carries over to Wade Field.

John has already taken the first step in trying to turn the Dukes around, hiring 69 years of baseball experience. He named 28-year baseball veteran John Dittrich the team’s executive vice president and general manager, and 41-year baseball man Ed Nottle as the team’s on-field manager.

“I think (John) will make an excellent owner in this league,” said Dittrich, who added he believes Ehlert’s track record of taking chances in the publishing business is something the past three owners have lacked.

“I think it’s exciting,” said Ehlert’s wife, Kathe. “It’s a business that our whole family can get fun out of.”

From sweeping the floors of his father’s store to owning a baseball team, Ehlert is living proof that a small-town boy raised with 11 siblings can make it to the top. And while the view from up there may be spectacular, it’s easy to see that, with all his success, Ehlert hasn’t forgotten where he came from.

The hats Ehlert has worn throughout his life are almost too numerous to count. He is a son, brother, husband, dad, uncle, chairman of the board, president and CEO and, when that first pitch was thrown on May 24 in Winnipeg, he officially donned one more — the black and silver hat of the Duluth-Superior Dukes.
and English teacher.  
**Br. Raimond Rose, FSC,** Chicago, Ill., is a teacher/counselor in adult education at DLS Tolton Center.

**Class of ’64**

**Rev. David Arnold** is in his third overseas tour with the U.S. Army. He currently holds the rank of LTC and he is the garrison chaplain in Wiesbaden, Germany.  
**John Dubsinski,** West Des Moines, Iowa, is working at William Penn University as dean of college for working adults.  
**Gerard Linzmaier,** Avon Park, Fla., is retired.  
**Robert Milburn,** Lindenhurst, Ill., changed positions and is now the vice president of outsourcing at INSpire Insurance Solutions.  
**John Polka,** Oak Park, Ill., was honored for his longtime involvement in high school cross-country and track with his induction into the Illinois Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Class of ’65**

**John H. Zimmerman,** Lakeville, Minn., is working in the manufacturing field as a risk manager for Polaris Industries Inc.

**Class of ’66**

**Bob Kulinski,** Akron, Ohio, became president of the United Way of Summit County in June of 2000.  
**Chuck Sterling,** Annandale, Minn., joined the staff of the “Annandale Advocate” weekly newspaper as editor.

![Tony Piscitiello '69](image)

**Class of ’67**

**Dr. Roger Giroux**
Champlin, Minn., is one of six inductees into the Anoka County Historical Society’s Honorary Council.  
**John M. Hendele III,** Chicago, Ill., works for Strong Wall Inc. as vice president of sales.  
**Paul Rajkowski,** Knoxville, Tenn., is the owner and chief cook of Paradise Grill at Louisville Landing Marina.  
**Thomas Tschohl,** Medford, Ore., is retired.

**Class of ’68**

**Louis W. Grams,** Colorado Springs, Colo., a contributor to the recent book “God Alone” from the Word Among Us/Partners in Evangelism Press, is currently authoring a book of collected stories of healing through prayer.

**Class of ’69**

**Dennis J. Morneau,** Oro Valley, Ariz., is assistant controller at Asarco Inc.  
**Tony Piscitiello,** vice president for admission and executive vice president at Saint Mary’s University, received the 2001 President’s Award from the Minnesota Association of College Admission Counseling for long and meritorious service to the organization and the admissions profession.

**Class of ’70**

**Donald Rysavy,** Austin, Minn., was elected assistant chief judge of the Third Judicial District of Minnesota and was appointed by the Minnesota Supreme Court to the Minnesota State ADR Review Board.

**Class of ’71**

**Sr. Carole Freking, OSF,** Elkader, Iowa, is a pastoral associate at St. Joseph’s Church and Sacred Heart Parish in Volga, Iowa.

**Class of ’72**

**Thomas P. Mulcahy,** Simpsonville, S.C., is a marketing director at Liberty Life Insurance Co. in Greenville, S.C.

**Class of ’73**

**Michael F. Knopf,** O’Fallon, Mo., is working for MEMC Electronic Materials Inc. as director of corporate supplier quality.  
**Curtis L. Williams,** Chicago, Ill., has been ordained as a minister.

**Class of ’74**

**James Nanfeldt,** Chicago, Ill., is working for Stampede Meat, Inc. as an accounting analyst. He recently ran a time of 18:10 in the Beverly Ridge 5k run, setting a masters record.  
**Kevin V. Quinn, M.D.,** Oshkosh, Wis., completed a two-year fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry in Rochester, Minn., and is now working as a staff psychiatrist for Winnebago Mental Health Institution in Oshkosh.  
**Rev. Paul Wierichs, C.P.,** Shelter Island, N.Y., has been appointed administrator to a teenage retreat house, is the director for special gifts for the Passionists and celebrated his 10th anniversary as chaplain for the FBI, New York Office.

**Class of ’75**

After seven years of service as vice president for university relations for Saint Mary’s University, **Mary Catherine Fox, Ph.D.,** has joined the university faculty as a professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.  
**Maggie (Wagener) Hood,** Ventura, Calif., is enjoying being a full-time mom to Marianna, 11, and Alex, 5. She is involved in many volunteer activities and is a Girl Scout leader.  
**Philip Richards,** Palatine, Ill., is a training and applications specialist for Juno Lighting.  
**Rebecca (Wilma) Satka,** Winona, Minn., has joined the Family and Children’s Center as its chief development officer in La Crosse, Wis.

**Class of ’76**

**James Gaskin,** Twin Falls, Idaho, is the owner of Snake River Imaging.  
**Wayne Goodnature,** Austin, Minn., was elected to the Austin City Council.  
**Martin Kirchhof,** De Soto, Wis., is principal of De Soto Middle and High School and was recently honored with an award from the Coolee Region United Educators for leading the effort to improve education in De Soto.  
**James Suddendorf,** Shorewood, Minn., has been appointed as senior vice...
CLASS OF ’80 SKEMP REUNION
In November 2000, dorm mates of 1st Skemp, class of ’80 held a reunion in Chicago. Women came from Kansas, the greater Minneapolis area, the Chicago area, Wisconsin, Iowa and Texas to reminisce and catch up on news in each other’s lives. Lynn Callahan and Patty Cooper Hallagan hosted the events on consecutive evenings. Eleven of the 36 women who were freshman dorm mates in ’76 were present. Plans are in the works for a reunion in 2002! Contact Patty Cooper Hallagan at phallagan@reshealthcare.org.

Bottom row, L to R: Ramona (Frana) Weselmann, Mary (Milder) Feeney, Anne Pasteris, Joan (Tietjen) Tusa, Colleen (Garrett) Huey. Top row, L to R: MaryAnn (Cushing) Smith, Pat Makielksi, Patty (Cooper) Hallagan, Lynn Callahan, Sue (Thomassi) Riggs, MaryLou Ditore.

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president of business development at Gage Marketing as of December 2000.

Dr. Jerome Workman, Jr., Appleton, Wis., is the new chair of the ASTM committee on molecular spectroscopy and chromatography at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation in Neenah, Wis.

Class of ’77

Tom Smat, Naperville, Ill., is vice president of business growth and development at Chaminness Relocation. He and his wife Kathy have a son, Ryan, 13, and a daughter, Abby, 7.

Class of ’79

Rev. John-Leonard Berg
Cuba City, Wis., is coordinator of public services for the University of Wisconsin. He has also been named distance education librarian and outreach librarian to high schools in South West Wisconsin.

John Daley, Evergreen Park, Ill., is working for Oak Forest Hospital of Cook County as an associate administrator. He also serves as the chair of the board of trustees for Moraine Valley Community College and is also secretary of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

John McGarvey, Trumbull, Conn., is a commodities manager for Warburg Dilllon Read.

Emmett McGovern, Chicago, Ill., left his trading career after 18 years and returned to the education field. He is a school counselor and freshman basketball coach at St. Patrick’s of Chicago.

Peter Mchilhaff, Aberdeen, S.D., was ordained as a permanent deacon by Bishop Robert Carlson, Sioux Falls Diocese.

Mary Beth (Brooks) Sullivan has returned to the Chicago area after 10 years. She is working for K J Green & Associates as a human resource manager.

Walter G. Weisenburger, Lombard, Ill., recently was named a senior vice president at the Northern Trust Company, Chicago. He is a division manager within the Corporate and Institutional Services business unit.

Mark V. Ferrante, Chicago, Ill., celebrated the 10th anniversary of the opening of his law offices in April, 2001.

Mary Haerle, Dana Point, Calif., is the PeopleSoft engagement director for Avalanche Technology.

Thomas L. Kruger, Eagan, Minn., is an automation programmer for Apollo Group Inc. in Minneapolis.

Tim Murphy, Gainesville, Fla., is working for Dritech Mission LLC as a district manager.

Muzzy (Kajer) Cross, owner of First Place Trophies and Awards in Winona, Minn., was featured in the ‘Winona Daily News’ for her work with many civic organizations and Winona schools.

Maryellyn (O’Neill) Knight, South Bend, Ind., is a mathematics teacher at Penn High School.

Christopher David Allen, Louisville, Ky., sold the family business of 40 years and moved to Louisville. He works for the Kentucky Derby Festival as a marketing manager.

Celebrating their 40th, not-yet-40th and maybe-a-little-past-40th birthdays in Cancun in May, 2000 were members of the class of 1982, including Jean (Conrick) Allen, Bernadette Berardi-Colletta, Mary Pat (Brown) Brennan, Rose (Barcikowski) Carr, Barb (Daniels) DeFranzio, Jean Geske, Anita Bengfort Greden, Mavee (Cashman) Jensen, Mary Kay (Spetter) Kaminski, and Eileen (Long) Rice.

Class of ’83

Mark Guidinger, Tokyo, Japan, is working for Cargill Financial Services Corporation as a general manager.

Donald P. Meyer, Hoboken, N.J., has taken a position as managing director at Carapan Urban Spa & Store.

Class of ’84

Rocco Castallante, Mt. Prospect, Ill., is working for the “Pioneer Press” newspaper as a legal advertising assistant.

Dan Hackett, Dublin, Ohio, accepted the position of territory manager for Landau Uniforms.

Patrice M. Henning, St. Paul, Minn., has earned the designation of certified investment management analyst (CIMA) through the Investment Management Consultants Association.

Class of ’85

Neil P. Ayotte, Minneapolis, Minn., has joined Innuity Inc. as vice president, general counsel and secretary.

Joseph W. Caron, M.D., Wausau, Wis., is a doctor at Wausau Family Practice Center.

Marty Dolan, Chicago, Ill., was named as one of “Law Bulletin’s” ‘40 Illinois attorneys under 40-years-old to watch’. Laura Garbe, Montgomery, Ill., has moved back to Illinois and she is teaching fourth grade for the Yorkville School District.

Brian Gleason, San Francisco, Calif., is working for
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center as a special benefits coordinator.

Jeanne Hecr, Brooklyn Park, Minn., received her master of education degree with emphasis in special education from Bethel College in December of 2000.

David Morman is pastor of the parish communities in Beach, N.D. and Golva, N.D., and he has begun studies for a Doctor of Ministry program from Aquinas Institute of Theology.

John Palen, Woodbury, Minn., is chief executive officer for Allied Executives, a business consulting and support firm.

Brenda Rust, Forest City, Iowa, is the owner and operator of Rust Gardens.

Class of ’86

Kenneth Blouin, Monee, Ill., received his certificate of advanced studies from St. Xavier University. Ken also started a new position at Perry Johnson Inc. as lead auditor/consultant.

Jay Flaherty, Naperville, Ill., received his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago in 1999. He holds an associate position at Richards & Tierney in Chicago.

Fr. Joe Short, Hoven S.D., is pastor at St. Mary’s Church in Clear Lake.

Jon Wachowiak, Owatonna, Minn., has been diagnosed with a rare form of spinal cord cancer. A benefit was held April 6, 2001, for Jon.

Dean Wagnild, Hutchinson, Minn., is the general manager at Hutchinson Auto Center.

Terese (Barton) Wallerich, Littleton, Colo., is working for General Motors as a market area manager.

Class of ’87

Marc Bona, Broadview Heights, Ohio, is working for Ohio’s largest newspaper “The Plain Dealer,” as assistant metropolitan editor.

Tom Ek, Minneapolis, Minn., operates two businesses in Minneapolis, Mr. Flow snow plowing service, and Mr. Plant landscaping service.

Mark Gliva, Lindenhurst, Ill., is an undercover detective for the Gurnee Police Department.

Rita Jean (Eaheart) Poferl, Laura (Marlier) Feltes, and Lisa (Mettille) Gearen.

Jane Rogers, Lake Oswego, Ore., was recently promoted to associate vice president of the financial products division of Marsh Financial Products.

Michael Stepan, White Bear Lake, Minn., a second-year student at William Mitchell College of Law, has received an Elna W. Giesler Memorial Scholarship.

Sarah (Wissner) Whitehead, St. Louis, Mo., has accepted a position with Brown & James, P.C. as their human resources manager. She also has received her master’s in human resources management from Webster University.

Class of ’89

Kathleen (Makie) Hodges, Chanhassen, Minn., is employed at Hedstrom/Blessing as an account executive.

Rochelle (Meyers) Sturtevant, Bowie, Md., is a Sea Grant extension agent at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich. Along with her new position, she is the mother of twins, Joshua and Rhianne, 18 months, and Jillian, 4.

Class of ’90

Margaret (Hick) Bailey, St. Cloud, Minn., is a school psychologist for the Benton Stearns Education District.

Class of ’92 BIRTHDAY BASH IN VEGAS

Ten members of the Class of ’92 celebrated their 30th birthdays with a trip to Las Vegas in September 2000. Attendees included Ann McDevitt, Erin (Mayerle) Kuske, Molly (Guest) Hames, Amy (Rosemark) Murphy, Jean (Gardner) Fusco, Judy Driver, Jill (Enderle) McCann, Jennifer (Oulette) Pofler, Laura (Marlier) Feltes, and Lisa (Mettille) Gearen.

Daniel Koperski, La Crosse, Wis., is working for Mayo Clinic as a cardiovascular diseases physician assistant.

Brad Lund, Cherry Hill, N.J., has two daughters, Morgan, 5 and Emily, 2. As of May, 2000 he is director of production at Investor Broadcast Network, an Internet business.

David Petrlik, Clear Lake, S.D., has earned an associate degree of applied science in mortuary science. He is manager of the Crawford-Eng Funeral Home in Clear Lake, S.D. David and his wife Shelly have three children, Sarah, 12, Victoria, 5, and Elizabeth, 3.

Michael Hodges, Chanhassen, Minn., is employed at American Express as a national sales consultant.

Patrick J. O’Neill, Carpentersville, Ill., is a retail store manager for Target.

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Michael Stepan, White Bear Lake, Minn., a second-year student at William Mitchell College of Law, has received an Elna W. Giesler Memorial Scholarship.
Michael John Buchmann, Chippewa Falls, Wis., started Hospital in Naperville, Ill. registered nurse at Edwards Emily, 3 and Jack, 1. Mary is a raising their two children, a senior associate.

Jill Fischer, Castaic, Calif., is working at Panavision for the Advanced Digital Imaging department.

Vanessa Gernes, now known as Vanessa Trouble, is performing in the New York City area with her band, “The Standard.” She has weekly engagements at the Grand Havana Room in New York and also entertains for corporate events.

Sharon Manahan, Green Bay, Wis., works for the Ashwaubenon Department of Public Safety as a firefighter, paramedic and police officer.

Christine Walsh, New York, N.Y., is an account executive for Randa Corporation.

Jason Waterman, Chanhassen, Minn., is working for Korn/Ferry International as a senior associate.

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Class of ’96

Katherine Bradley, LaFayette, Ind., is a graduate student pursuing a Ph.D. in neuroscience at Purdue University, and was recently published in the “Journal of Neuroscience.”

Derek Hemmer is finance manager at Bristow’s Kawasaki and Polaris, St. Cloud, Minn.

Barrett Hildreth was a contestant on TV’s “Who Wants to be a Millionaire?” Barrett gave Saint Mary’s a prominent mention during his introduction. He did well during the competition until missing on the $52,000 question, “What is the Latin American country directly south of Mexico?” Barrett and his wife, Mandy (Mackedanz ’97), live in Portland Ore.

Daniel Wallek, St. Louis, Mo., is a product marketing manager for Wave Technologies International.

Benjamin Winkelman, McHenry, Ill., is a fifth-grade teacher and the athletic director at Montini Middle School. He also completed his graduate degree at National Lewis University in 1999.

Class of ’97

Amy Lynn (Cherwin) Doll, Sanford, Fla., is working for Technologies Management, Inc. as an associate consultant.

Maureen Maslinski, St. Paul, Minn., has a new position as a mental health practitioner for Amherst H. Wilder Foundation. She also started her first year of graduate school at the College of St. Catherine.

Nancy Moldenhauer, Eau Claire, Wis., is marketing service coordinator of the Midwest region for Nortrax.

Meg (Leuer) Richtman, Winona, Minn., is the director of alumni relations at Saint Mary’s University. She previously served Saint Mary’s as an admission counselor from 1997-2000.

Lushena Cook, Topeka, Kan., is a mental health worker at Menninger Clinic.

Sara (Crumb) Dahlerup, New Brighton, Minn., is working for Target Corp. as a supervisor of school fund raising.

Joe Guenther, Winona, Minn., is Wabasha County’s planning and zoning officer.

Allison Miller, Mount Prospect, Ill., is working at Saint Mary’s University as an admission counselor.

Shawna O’Reilly, St. Charles, Minn., is working for MayoClinic.com as multimedia associate editor.

Ulbrich ’99 loving life as FINE director

Project FINE might be one of Winona’s best-kept secrets. It helps newcomers from different cultures feel at home in Winona.

As the program’s new director, Annissa Ulbrich ’99 wants to spread the word about the ways Project FINE (which stands for Focus on Integrating Newcomers through Education), helps Winona and its newest residents.

“This is the first job I’ve ever had where I wake up before the alarm goes off and I’m ready to go,” said Ulbrich, a life-long resident of Winona who took over as program director March 1. “Not a lot of people have that.”

Project FINE’s mission is to purposefully create and foster educational opportunities within institutions, businesses, organizations and families that build an authentic community through mutual awareness, appreciation and positive integration of ethnically diverse populations.

“We’re really trying to promote diversity in the workplace and ESL (English as a second language),” Ulbrich said. “They want to learn English. They’re here to start a life and want to be part of the community.

“They’re trying so hard to make a better life for themselves,” continued Ulbrich, who noted that many immigrants have to struggle to find time to take ESL classes — some even make room during their lunch breaks to take class. “They’ve left so much behind.”

Besides family and friends, some have left behind careers as lawyers, professors and police officers. When they get to the United States, they have to start all over.

“We’re very lucky individuals to be living (in the U.S.),” said Ulbrich, whose own travels have taken her to Mexico, France, Italy and Bangladesh — and have given her a deeper appreciation of what many take for granted.

“(Traveling to other countries) has opened my eyes to become more and more interested in other cultures.”
American Feminist honors Amburn ’01

The American Feminist honored several pro-life men in its Spring 2001 issue. Among those honored by the magazine were actors Martin Sheen and Ben Stein, and columnist George Will.

Bryan Amburn ’01 isn’t as famous as Sheen, Stein or Will, but his dedication to the pro-life movement was just as impressive, earning the SMU mathematics major a spot alongside Sheen, Stein and Will as one of The American Feminist’s Remarkable Pro-Life Men.

Amburn, an active member in Saint Mary’s pro-life group, which provides information about alternatives to abortion to students on campus, said he was inspired by several of his friends, who discovered that they were pregnant.

“They were very scared, unsure and nervous about their futures,” said Amburn, who also served a one-year term as president of American Collegians for Life, a national student pro-life organization. “But now they are proud parents who can’t imagine life without their children.”

Amburn’s dedication to the pro-life movement stems both from religious convictions and personal experience.

“Being pro-life means affirming and fighting for the sanctity of life in all forms, from conception to natural death—whether it’s an unborn baby, an elderly person, or a criminal on death row,” said Amburn, who was born to a teenage mother and adopted by the Amburn family. “There are a lot of people like me who are passionately fighting for everybody’s right to life. It is very encouraging to see how large the pro-life movement is.”

Jennifer Garin, Winona, Minn., is the B-squad softball coach for the Rushford/Peterson school district. Jennifer will also be student-teaching at the high school.

Dan Kuenmel, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U. S. Virgin Islands, is bureau chief of the St. Thomas News Bureau Office and is also a news stringer for the Associated Press.

Karen Lachowicz, Wood Lake, Minn., is teaching sixth grade for the Lakeview Public School District.

Amy (Laken) Lee and her husband, David Lee, have opened Achieve Health Chiropractic Clinic in Champlin, Minn. The Lees both graduated from Northwestern College of Chiropractic and attended the International Academy of Medical Acupuncture. Their new clinic offers holistic approaches to healthcare.

Carol Miller, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is working for Anoka-Hennepin School District as a site leader.

Quiana Perkins, Minneapolis, Minn., is working as an intervention case manager for the Minneapolis Youth Diversion Project.

Joseph Schmitt, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a mortgage-lending analyst for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in Bloomington.

Robert Stangler, Burnsville, Minn., is a systems administrator for GCI Tunheim.

Annissa Ulbrich, Winona, Minn., is the new Project FINE program director in Winona.

Class of ’00

Thomas A. Boos, Winona, Minn., is a customer service/computer help desk representative for Fastenal Company.

Ryan Hinton, Fort Campbell, Ky., is serving in the U.S. Army with the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division. He was awarded the Army Achievement Award for actions undertaken at the National Training Center, as well as the Battalion Coin.

Amy Kitzhaber, Jeffersonville, Ind., is the assistant costume designer for the Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Ind.

Jackie Knutson, Owatonna, Minn., is a sales representative for Fastenal Company.

Sarah Kronlage, Bloomington, Minn., is an associate with the public accounting firm of Eide Bailly, LLP.

Alison Leighow, Minnetonka, Minn., is a sales analyst for Unilever Company.

Winona Campus Graduate Alumni

Sr. Julie Cannon, Chicago, Ill., defended her dissertation at Christ Church, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Heino Erichsen, M.A. in Human Development ’80, has written a memoir with Jean Nelson-Erichsen about his life in Germany under the Hitler regime, and his move to the United States after World War II. The memoir is titled, “The Reluctant Warrior: German POW Finds Peace in Texas.” Erichsen is founder of Los Ninos International Adoption Center in Texas, and is co-author of a book, “How to Adopt Internationally.”

Leonard Fuller, St. Charles, Minn., is director, office of stewardship and development for the Diocese of Winona.

Dr. Raymond Petras, Campbell, Ohio, authored a feature article in the January, 2001 issue of the Calif. Worker’s Compensation “Endeavor” magazine, titled “Returning Employees to Work.”

Sr. Constance S. Walton, Mitchell, S.D., was a guest on EWTN’s “Journey Home.” The show aired on February 12, 2001.

Weddings

Gerald D. Cavanaugh ’57, Wayzata, Minn., to Patt, in October 2000.


Susan Leo ’79, Palos Heights, Ill., to Michael Vanderwalker on Nov. 27, 1999.

Michael L. Martini ’86, South Elgin, Ill., to Mary Eileen Mulligan on August 23, 1997.

Jill Fischer ’90, Castaic, Calif., to John Paul on July 1, 2000. Mary (Poole) ’89 McLaughlin, Mary Beth (Utke ’89) Ross, Michelle (Langevin ’90) Majerus, Julie (Marlow ’89) Wageman, Dan Lori ’84 all attended.

Dan Riordan was in the wedding party. Todd Mack ’96 on July 14, 2000. Alums in the wedding party included Mary Hebson ’91 and Kris Donovan ’91.


Brendan and Gwen (Faligren ’98) Brooks ’96, center, are surrounded by several fellow SMU alums at their wedding reception in August. Among those in attendance were (front), Mike Steinhauser ’95; (second row, left-to-right) Guy Papa ’97, Jill Peterson ’97, Heather McGuire, Br. Larry Schatz; (third row, l-to-r) Anna Soyer ’98, Andrea Blume ’98, Xavier Wilson ’98, Shannon and Pete Castro ’96, Gwen and Brendan Brooks, Jon Koshab ’97, Jen Lueken ’96, Jake Kuegel, Jen Mahowald ’98; (back row, l-to-r) Joe Guenther ’98, Adam Meyer ’98, Mike Linden ’98 and Laura Lentino ’97. Not pictured was Pastor John Heille ’97, who performed the ceremony.

Aimee St. Aubin ’91, Chicago, Ill., to Steve Trepiccione on Nov. 11, 2000. Alums in the wedding party included Mary Hebson ’91 and Kris Donovan ’91.


Patty McLaughlin ’92, Chicago, Ill., to Jesse Pleuss ’93 on Nov. 20, 1999. Alums in the wedding party included Mike Lachance ’93 and Phil Levy ’93.

Cari Holmgren ’93, Madison, Wis., to Eric Muggenburg on May 5, 2001.

John Pizza ’93, Chicago, Ill., to Andrea Heckel on Sept. 30, 2000. Peter Dale ’92 was a member of the wedding party.


Julie Richter ’94, Melrose Park, Ill., to Todd Mack ’96 on July 14, 2000. Alums in the wedding party included (bridesmaid) Terri (Beier ’96) Peterson, Karen Haas ’95, and (groomsman) Oudong Vongsay ’95 and Pat Sylvester ’94.

Derek Lee ’95, Minneapolis, Minn., to Anne Olson on Sept. 23, 2000.

Brett Newtonson ’95, Monroe, La., to Mistie Smith on Dec. 9, 2000.

Scott DeYoung ’96, Middleton, Wis., to Carol Benson on Dec. 18, 1999.

Rebecca Netzke ’96, Apple Valley, Minn., to Daniel F. Clark on Oct. 21, 2000. Dee (Williams) ’96 Burdick participated in the Mass. Brian Cern ’96 also attended the wedding.

Kelly Finzen ’96, Minneapolis, Minn., to Karl Omdahl on Nov. 18, 2000. Alums in attendance were Frannie (Capizzi) ’96 Jordan, Ami Schumacher ’96 and T. Jane Maliszewski ’96.

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Tess VanDeusen ’98

Krista Becwar ’99
Lakeland, Fla., to Steven Scialli ’97 on July 22, 2000. Steven Grillo ’97 was in the wedding party.

Michelle Pellowski ’01
Winona, Minn., to Daniel Dammen on June 10, 2000.

Births

Kate Smyser and Vincent McAleer ’76, Highland Park, Ill., a daughter, Shea Harrington on March 9, 2001.

4 stars and 3 wars: General did the job

He was a low-key professional who helped usher in the modern Army’s air assault strategy and finished a 35-year military career as a four-star general.

John J. Hennessey ‘42, died of a stroke on March 20, 2001 at the age of 80.

“He was a model for those who served with him,” said Charles “Buck” Pattillo, who served as Hennessey’s deputy at the U.S. Readiness Command at MacDill Air Force Base. “He was a real fine gentleman and a straight shooter. He liked to stay in the background, but he knew his business and got the job done.”

Hennessey had spent three years at Saint Mary’s College, before being accepted into the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1941 while war raged in.

“Dad was voted best all-around athlete in the class of 1944,” said his oldest son, John, 54, of Norfolk, Va. “He lettered in football, basketball and baseball during the glory years for Army sports.”

After Hennessey graduated from West Point in June 1944, he was sent to Europe, where he was an infantry platoon leader and company commander. During the Korean War he served as secretary of the general staff of I Corps and in Vietnam, Hennessey became the infantry battalion commander for the 11th Air Assault Division, as well as commanding officer of the unit’s 1st Brigade. When he returned to the States, Hennessey served as assistant division commander of the 82nd Airborne Division before becoming assistant division commander of the 101st Airborne Division. He returned to Vietnam as commander of that unit in 1970, when the unit saw heavy fighting.

Hennessey gained his fourth star before he assumed leadership of the Readiness Command at MacDill in December 1974. MacDill was home to the U.S. Strike Command, formed in 1962 to respond to Soviet aggression after the Cuban missile crisis. The Readiness Command put together U.S. forces that could respond in areas where the United States did not have bases.

A past winner of SMU’s Distinguished Alumnus Award, General Hennessey received numerous foreign and U.S. decorations during his 35 years of service to the Army and the nation, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), the Bronze Star for Valor (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Air Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), the Combat Infantryman’s, Army Aviator’s and Master Parachutist’s badges.

After retirement in 1979, Hennessey served on the University of Tampa Board of Trustees and as executive director of the Tampa Bay Area Research and Development Authority under the University of South Florida.

“He did not talk about the military,” said his friend, H. Grady Lester Jr., 87. “Typically, those who saw rough combat don’t refer to it. He was a gentleman first, last and always.”

George Coryell, Tampa Tribune


**Deaths**

J. Gene Wrobelski '38, St. Louis, Mo., on June 5, 2000.

Raymond H. Groble, Jr.'39, on Dec. 11, 2000.

Philip W. Klingman '39, River Forest, Ill., on April 21, 2000.


Dr. Leo A. Zaworski '41, Minneapolis, Minn., in January 2001.


John J. Kurt '45, Houston, Texas, on Nov. 27, 2000.


Gregory Hanson '50, Minneapolis, Minn.


Edward A. Grone, Jr., '51, Chesterfield, Mo., on August 26, 1999.


Thomas D. Lee '56, Alsip, Ill., on April 13, 2000.


Frederick J. Noelle '63, La Crosse, Wis., on Nov. 13, 2000.


Dr. Wayne E. Bruggeman '66, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Nov. 19, 2000.


Steve Scheid '76, Bloomington, Minn., on April 27, 2001.


**Sympathy to**

C. William Biesanz '38, Charles W. Biesanz, Jr. '65, Thomas Biesanz '68, David Biesanz '76, Donald Biesanz '79, and Julie (Biesanz '85) Gardner, on the death of their wife and mother, Irene (O'Connor CST '38), on July 15, 2001.


Dr. William McCarville '49 and Mark McCarville '80, on the death of their wife and mother, Audrey McCarville in April 2000.

Dr. Michael '53 and Dr. Kathleen Flanagan, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Helen Flanagan, on Feb. 10, 2001.

Michael Reisinger '64, Patrick Reisinger '68, Tim Padden '69, Brian Padden '94, Karen Padden '96 and Jeff Reisinger '03, on the death of their mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, Marcella Reisinger on March 22, 2001.

Mary F. O'Connor (CST '66) and Robert M. O'Connor '69, on the death of their husband and brother, Thomas J. O'Connor on April 6, 2001.

David Scheid '68, Mary Lou (Black '76) Scheid, and John Scheid '01, on the death of their brother, husband and father, Steve Scheid on April 27, 2001.

Sister Clare Korte, SMU biology department, Kathy (Sheridan '80) Sula, and Jenni Sula '94, on the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Clara Korte,


Kevin McManaman ’92, Milwaukee, Wis., on the death of his mother.


Cynthia Marek, Jason (Marek ’96) Spartz and Christa Marek ’92, on the death of their husband, father and father-in-law, Robert Marek, on March 13, 2001.

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Calendar of Events
Winona Campus

August, 2001
28  Semester I classes in session

September
4   President’s Convocation
16  Gilmore Creek Recital Series, French Composers
25  Paris Combo
28-30 Family Weekend
28  Jazz Ensemble & Combos
28-30 You Can’t Take it With You
29  Concert Band, Concert Choir & Chamber Singers

October
1   You Can’t Take it With You
11  Rumblings Minnesota Dance Theatre
12  Mid-term
13-16 Autumn Recess

November
2-3  Blue Angel
2   Radio Days  Five by Design
7   Music Department Recital
9-12  Found a Peanut
16-19  Found a Peanut
17   Inflatable Theatre
21-26 Thanksgiving Recess

December
1   Student Music Recital
7   Jazz Ensemble & Batucada Nossa Senhora
8   Concert Choir & Chamber Singers

January, 2002
8   Semester II classes in session
13  Music Faculty Recital
19  Student Music Recital
20  Gilmore Creek Recital Series, Ned Kirk
26  Super Fudge

February
6   Music Department Recital
22  Celtic Fiddle Festival
24  Student Music Recital
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