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Saint Mary’s 13th president
When you log onto www.smumn.edu this fall, you likely won’t recognize the site. In the next few months Saint Mary’s University will complete a total redesign of the university website. The inspiration for the redesign is simple: a large percentage of college-seeking students are comparing schools online. For many of these students, the SMU website is their first — or only — real look at what Saint Mary’s has to offer.

We hope what they read and see and hear inspires students to visit our campuses, to consider filling out an online application, and to return to our website to read more. With the new site, navigation between locations and program levels will be easier, so viewers can more quickly find the information they’re looking for. Besides being functional, we want the new site to be unique, stylish and fun.

The competition has never been stronger. Websites are no longer merely informational, they’re also entertaining and interactive. Currently students can log on to watch and listen to video clips of students and alumni. With our new website, more unique technological features will be implemented. Special new features for alumni, parents, potential students and other viewers will be included.

For the first time, we’ve hired an outside website design firm, Atomic Playpen of Minneapolis, to help us with our new look.

Additionally, this spring we added a new position on the Winona campus, website editor, to refresh and update website content to be more interesting, compelling and accurate.

Watch for more details and make sure to check out the same SMU you know and love in a whole new way this fall!

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Brother William Mann, FSC, D.Min., is no stranger to Saint Mary’s University. After a lengthy and impressive career with the Christian Brothers, Brother William is excited to return to education.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Promoting SMU an easy job; the university sells itself

I’ve grown accustomed to (even quite fond of) my custom-made cubicle. My home away from home at Saint Mary’s comes complete with a filing system only I understand; usually a Dr. Pepper within reach; and my 6-year-old eternally smiling down from a photo just above my head.

But it seems as though I don’t always get to spend a lot of time there. I’ve learned that one of the most important tools for the director of communication at SMU is a pair of sensible shoes.

Through the years, my job has entailed a few strange activities:

• Wearing the Cardinal mascot uniform in stifling heat to greet riverboat guests;
• Bribing others to wear the Cardinal mascot uniform in stifling heat;
• Traipsing through knee-high snow on our trails, following the trail groomer for pictures for this magazine;
• Wading through sludge and tearing apart sheetrock to help flood victims;
• Arranging area mayors and other celebrities to participate in a pie-eating contest; and
• Convincing my husband to purchase a truck in one of SMU’s colors (red or white) to complement our parade float.

Chances are if there are camera flashes going off, someone hauling multiple boxes of strange items, or someone who is not exactly inconspicuous at one of our events, it’s me.

I’ve learned that the phrase “other duties as assigned” in my contract is loosely interpreted.

In many ways, my job is easy. For starters, there’s always something to do. While school is in session, there’s always an event, student, faculty member, speaker or class activity to promote. In February alone, we prepared for Candelight, Founder’s Day, the Chicago Convention, Page Series events, a theatre department presentation, the Chamber Singers tour; numerous sporting events and more! With an active campus, I’m never at a loss for subject matter.

Just because our students have summer vacation, doesn’t mean the campus isn’t still hopping May through August. This summer we’ll begin introducing our new president, Brother William Mann, to the Winona community and to our SMU alumni; there’s another jam-packed Homecoming scheduled; we’re active in both local parades for Steamboat Days and Goodview Days; we’ll have another hot spot at the Minnesota State Fair’s education building; the Gilmore Creek Summer Theatre will host its second year at SMU; and summer camps will kick into full gear.

And, we’re planning for the Sept. 26 inauguration. A little further in the future is our centennial celebration of 2012. You’re all invited to both events, which are guaranteed to have good food and good music, and be a good time — because that’s part of my job.

Someone once called me a “traitor” for giving up a career in journalism for a career in public relations. Truthfully, to be successful and happy in a career in marketing, I maintain you have to believe in (for lack of a better way of phrasing it) “what you’re selling.” And I believe in Saint Mary’s University.

In many ways SMU sells itself. One visit to the Winona campus, and our students say they were sold. The breathtaking bluffs and the friendly staff and faculty are our No. 1 selling points. In the Twin Cities, our success lies in our flexibility. Programs, locations and offerings are constantly changing to best meet the needs of our adult learners.

In keeping with our Lasallian mission, all SMU locations embrace the opportunities for relevant, affordable education in a network of truly caring individuals.

There’s no doubt that there’s something special about Saint Mary’s. Surrounded by hundreds of students singing Christmas carols in below zero temperatures in our plaza, I heard it; every commencement ceremony, when I see our students high-fiving members of our faculty, I feel it.

So, whether I’m pricing kazoos, educating myself about frog deformities or stuffing thousands of inauguration invitations, I’m doing my job.

This magazine provides you with a great opportunity to tell us about your new job — new home, new family or any other updates. As always, we’d love to hear from you — the people (and the heart) behind SMU!
Congratulations on successful ‘Saint Mary’s Magazine’

I must congratulate you and your team on your continued successful publication of Saint Mary’s Magazine. Although I am not an SMU alum, I have the great fortune of having previously lived in Winona for many years, and have a number of Marian High (1971), Owatonna, classmates as alumni, as well as friends and co-workers who are alums.

What a wonderful publication. I continue to find familiar faces and reasons to reconnect with people identified in the magazine. Thank you for keeping me on your mailing list.

— John C. Doyle, president, Merchants Bank, Rochester, Minn.

‘Looking Back’ picture identified

I believe the picture with Brother Pahl in the middle was taken in 1963 or 1964. I am in the upper right hand of the picture with the lower part of my face covered by my classmate Frank B. Baumgart (far right in picture). The face of the individual in the center of the picture without glasses is Lawrence A. Reuter. My name is David J. Grdina and we all are in the class of 1966. The reason I think this was circa 1963 was because Brother George Pahl did teach a first-year biology course for bio majors and I think this picture reflects that. Frank Baumgart changed majors his sophomore year I believe, so I doubt if this picture would have been taken in 1965 or 1966. Hope this helps.

— David J. Grdina ‘66

More names identified

I was pleased to see the photo of Brother George Pahl in the Fall issue of Saint Mary’s Magazine. The photo was likely taken between 1962 and 1966. The fellow on the far right in the dark shirt and light pants is Frank Baumgart. The fellow about in the middle and in the background in the white shirt is Larry Reuter, and the fellow in the checked shirt next to Brother George is likely George Ferenzi. All are class of 1966.

— Jake Clement ‘66

I think we’ve got everybody now

I just received my latest alumni magazine and loved the photo on the inside back cover. Most of the students were friends of mine from the class of ’66. They may have been sophomores in ’63/’64.

From left to right: the one behind Brother George is Denis Repke, the one whose face is partially blocked by Brother George is George Ferenzi, the one in front of the blocked face is Larry Reuter, next to Larry (looking intent with glasses) is Gerald Lindner, and the far right one is Fran Baumgart.

Thanks for a great magazine.

— Peter Kilkus ‘66
The athletic landscape on the Saint Mary’s University campus is taking on a new look.

**Last summer**, the baseball and softball fields were renovated. The old playing surfaces were dug up, and drainage and irrigation systems were installed. A 3-inch base of sand was then put down, followed by a 7-inch base of sand and peat moss. The fields were then seeded and new fencing was put up enclosing both fields.

“It was time for new facilities for both baseball and softball,” said SMU baseball coach Nick Whaley, who has been the Cardinals’ head coach for the past 10 seasons. “We had major playing issues. Any precipitation put a question mark on whether we’d be able to play. This (renovation) will take of that for us.”

“The fields were old and in need of repair,” said SMU athletic director Nikki Fennern. “We had to address the terrain and grading issues so that we wouldn’t continue to have the same problems.”

And that’s just the beginning.

**This fall**, when visitors turn on to the Terrace Heights campus, the well-manicured, fenced-in ball fields won’t be the only attraction catching their eye.

In September, a plan to build an outdoor track and field/soccer complex was approved by the Saint Mary’s University Board of Trustees.

“Saint Mary’s University and Cardinal athletics have made great strides with the renovation of the baseball and softball fields, as well as the upcoming construction of a new track and soccer complex,” said Fennern. “In order to compete in the nationally competitive Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, we must have the facilities to retain and attract great student-athletes.

“This is a major step in the right direction.”

The track and field/soccer complex will be built near the front entrance along Hwy. 14 and Gilmore Valley Road. Construction will begin in summer 2008. The first phase of the project is estimated to cost $2.8 million (including lights). A second phase will add permanent viewing stands, concession area and press box.

An on-campus track/soccer complex has been under consideration for several years, according to Chris Kendall ’79, M ’95, vice president for student development. He said Saint Mary’s is “confident the addition of an attractive, well-constructed facility will greatly benefit the university in a number of key areas, including visibility and marketing, enrollment, athletics and campus atmosphere. And,” Kendall noted, “SMU is one of the few MIAC schools without an outdoor track. This will significantly sharpen our competitive edge and help with the recruitment of student-athletes.”

A competition soccer pitch will be built in the center of the track, “making the complex the new home to Cardinal soccer and a training facility for cross country and other athletic programs,” according to Fennern. “It will be a direct asset to six of our teams, as well as to other athletics, intramurals, recreational users and summer camp participants.”

A year ago, the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees decided not to reinstate football as a varsity sport. Instead, the board directed the university to provide better support for existing athletic programs. A recent peer review of SMU athletics also noted that an outdoor track/soccer complex would serve as a major step toward achieving that goal.

“Our current student-athletes, coaches, and athletic alumni deserve to be able to look at the SMU facilities with pride,” said Fennern. “The commitment to enhancing our facilities allows them to do this.

“The Board of Trustees passed a resolution to increase the competitiveness of our current athletic programs — and these facilities are very important steps in that process.”

Fennern was also quick to note that the improvements to SMU’s athletic facilities are not only beneficial to the athletic department.

“Athletic and recreational facilities improve the overall visibility and marketing potential of the entire campus,” she said. “The new track and soccer complex will be an asset to all athletic programs, as well as to physical education classes, intramurals, club sports, camps and special programs, community walkers, and many other groups. “This benefits the entire campus.

We understand that students are “shopping” for a complete campus package when choosing their college or university.”
When the first snow fell in mid-December, the fluffy white stuff covered up two gorgeous playing fields. When the snow finally melted in March, those newly seeded ball fields were visible once again. And when the sun is shining and the temperatures soar past the 50s, into the 60s, the baseball and softball fields on the Saint Mary’s campus will be begging to be played on. But they won’t be. Not until the fall of 2008.

The Saint Mary’s baseball and fastpitch softball teams both boast brand new homes — complete with drainage, irrigation systems and lush green grass — but for the Cardinals, home will be on the road in 2008.

“In the spring, the fields will look good, the grass will be green and the infields will look perfect — it will be tempting to play on them,” said SMU athletic director Nikki Fennern. “But they won’t be stable enough to play on. We don’t want to tear the fields up and spend more time and money trying to repair them again.”

So, the Cardinal baseball team will play their home games at Winona State University, or on the road all together, while the fastpitch softball team will host its entire 2008 home schedule at Winona Cotter’s Pat Bowlin Field.

“It’s tough (not being able to play at home),” admitted baseball coach Nick Whaley. “But waiting a year in order to build a field on campus that adequately pays tribute to Max Molock ’35 and the tradition of excellence that is Saint Mary’s baseball is worth it. We just have to make the best of a tough situation until the field is playable — there’s no question it will be worth the wait.”

Fastpitch softball coach Jen Miller ’02 agreed.

“It’s hard not having any true home games this season, but we are right down the road and fans can still come cheer us on,” Miller said. “We’re willing to make this sacrifice so that our field will be in tip-top shape for the following season.

“We are looking forward to playing on one of the best fields in the conference in the 2009 season.”
Two new little red vehicles on the Winona campus are helping the university to “go green.” This past fall Saint Mary’s purchased two extended-length SUV Neighborhood Electric Vehicles for use by its Department of Maintenance.

These vehicles, made by Columbia, can reach 25 miles per hour and run an average of 30-40 miles per charge. At one charge per week, the university is confident these new purchases will save money as well as lessen the university’s impact on the environment. These electric vehicles cost an average of 2 cents per mile, are much quieter, and emit no pollutants. They are replacing a vehicle that cost approximately 20 cents per mile in fuel.

John Schollmeier, director of the physical plant, said he had been looking to purchase electric work vehicles for the past few years, but had not been able to find the right vehicle at a local dealer that could maintain and service the vehicles. The Columbia trucks were purchased from Honda Motorwerks in La Crosse, Wis., and cost approximately $12,450 apiece.

“It is my hope to eventually change out all of the current maintenance vehicles for either electric or biodiesel vehicles,” Schollmeier said.

This is just one way that the university has continued to “go green” in the 2007-08 school year.

With money from the Student Senate, the university plans to purchase a Flying F Bio-Fuels complete biodiesel production system this spring. This system allows the operator to process raw vegetable oil into quality finished fuel — up to 80 gallons per week. Cooking oil from the university will be reused to create fuel. The cost of this system is estimated at $9,000.

SMU has also joined forces with Winona State University, Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, Winona Area Public Schools, the city and the county in the “Sustain Winona” initiative.

These groups are teaming together for joint environmental certification from the International Standardization Organization. To obtain it, participants must set and enforce goals for reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions.

The university — which has been active in the Adopt-a-Highway and Adopt-a-River programs — is also using more compact fluorescent light bulbs, and has recently replaced cooling units and the dining room refrigeration systems with more efficient equipment. Additionally, an Outdoor Leadership Office was established on the Winona campus this fall, and the university has partnered with the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated to the responsible enjoyment and active stewardship of the outdoors by all people, worldwide.

Last spring the Student Senate passed a resolution stating the university should be an “ethical leader in the movement for environmental sustainability.” The resolution cited community support for the principles and practice of energy efficiency, waste and consumption reduction, alternative building designs, and use of renewable energy resources.
Joseph Sweeney ’81 has taken on the role of vice president for development and alumni relations. He began his duties in December 2007 and is responsible for overseeing the university’s fundraising, alumni relations, and advancement services.

Sweeney comes to Saint Mary’s from Loyola Academy, a Jesuit college-preparatory high school in Wilmette, Ill., where he served for 11 years as vice president for development and director of principal gifts. During Sweeney’s tenure, Loyola’s endowment increased from $14 million to nearly $53 million. Previously, Sweeney worked seven years as director of development at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, Ill.

Joe and his wife, Stacey (Sanborn ’82) Sweeney, have four children. Their son Kevin is currently a sophomore at Saint Mary’s.

Saint Mary’s received a $560,000 contribution from the Morris Family Trust. This gift is dedicated to Robert Woods of the Economics Department and the late Brother Luke A. Herbert, former university librarian. The remaining 10 percent went to America’s Press, Inc. in New York, N.Y.

This past fall, Saint Mary’s announced a monetary gift of more than $560,000 from the late Philip Morris ’42 and his wife, Patricia, both of Green Valley, Ariz., and formerly of Kansas.

The Morrises created the Morris Family Trust, which stipulated — upon the death of the surviving spouse — that 90 percent of their combined estate would be distributed to Saint Mary’s University in memory of Professor Robert Woods of the Economics Department and Brother Luke A. Herbert, former university librarian. The remaining 10 percent went to America’s Press, Inc. in New York, N.Y.

The gift will be used for the university-designated endowment.

Philip Morris was active in the Saint Mary’s alumni organization and in fundraising for the Saint Thomas More Chapel on the Winona campus.

SMU reports increase in undergraduate, grad enrollment

Saint Mary’s University reported enrollment growth at both the undergraduate and graduate program levels.

As of the fall “enrollment data freeze” dates, Saint Mary’s had a total of 5,960 students, up 394 from last year’s total of 5,566.

The number of graduate students enrolled was 3,918 (929 in Winona-based programs and 2,989 in Twin Cities campus-based programs). That number is up 170 from last year’s enrollment of 3,748. An additional 692 bachelor degree-completion and undergraduate certificate students were enrolled, up 166 from last year’s total of 526.

The undergraduate College at the Winona campus showed enrollment of 1,350, up 58 from last year’s total of 1,292. (1,276 are full-time undergraduates and 74 are part-time and non-degree-seeking students.)

The freshman class of 399 is the second largest in Saint Mary’s history. Adding in transfers and readmitted students, the total of new degree-seeking students is 455.

SMU earns All-Steinway distinction

Saint Mary’s has received the distinction of being named an All-Steinway School. The honor demonstrates Saint Mary’s commitment to excellence by providing students and faculty with the best possible instruments for both study and performance.

In order to be eligible for the All-Steinway School distinction, Saint Mary’s made the commitment to offer to its students only instruments designed and built by Steinway & Sons.

“The name Steinway brings a level of integrity and validity that is instant,” said Ned Kirk, chairman of the SMU Department of Music. “It means that Saint Mary’s is truly dedicated to providing the best for our students.”

Steinway is a name traditionally associated with excellence in piano craftsmanship. Steinway pianos are known for their longevity, and most Steinway instruments appreciate in value over time. Each piano is handcrafted, which can take up to one full year per instrument.

The inspiration to become a Steinway school came from long-time friends of the university, Bob Kierlin and Mary Burrichter, SMU trustee. The Winona couple donated a newly restored 1931 Steinway piano to the Minnesota Beethoven Festival. The concert piano, worth more than $100,000, was carefully restored in 2006. Saint Mary’s University has the additional honor of using the piano throughout the school year as its concert instrument.

Only 60 colleges and universities in the United States have been designated All-Steinway Schools, including six in Minnesota: Gustavus Adolphus; University of Minnesota, Morris; University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Bemidji State University; and Concordia University, St. Paul.
Saint Mary’s honors three at Founder’s Day ceremony

At its Founder’s Day ceremony Feb. 26, Saint Mary’s University honored a dedicated staff member and two outstanding seniors. Founder’s Day is the annual celebration of the founding of Saint Mary’s in 1912 by Winona Bishop Patrick R. Heffron.

The 2008 Bishop Patrick Heffron Award was presented to Alan Joswick. Joswick has worked in the Maintenance Department on the Winona campus since 1976 and is currently the trades department supervisor. The Heffron Award recognizes Joswick’s dedicated and tireless efforts to maintain and improve the campus physical plant. He provides a daily example of service to all who live and work on Terrace Heights and of commitment to the mission of Saint Mary’s University.

The Outstanding Male and Female Senior Awards were presented to students who have demonstrated the ideals of scholarship, character, leadership, service to colleagues and the university community. Above all, these men and women have shown genuine concern for meeting the needs of others. The Outstanding Male Senior Award went to Kevin Black, son of Jeff ’77 and Mary Pat Black of Mahtomedi, Minn. The Outstanding Female Senior Award went to Anastacia Sontag, daughter of Mike and Yvonne Sontag of Mineoeta, Minn.

Sontag, a marketing major and chemistry minor, has been involved with the Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance Committee and Student Senate Executive Board. She also serves as president of the Student Activities Committee, has helped new students feel welcome as a New Student Orientation Leader, is involved with the Together Encountering Christ student retreat, and volunteered in Biloxi, Miss. After graduation, Sontag hopes to work as an after-school tutor and mentor with a long-term volunteer program.

Black is an accounting major and economics minor. During his time at SMU, he has been a member of the baseball team (serving as team captain), the Cardinal Athletic Council (serving as treasurer) and Delta Epsilon Sigma honor society. He has also volunteered with the Winona Food Shelf, played intramurals, and coordinated the Toys for Teens Drive. This fall he will begin a new job as an auditor for Deloitte Touche, an accounting firm based in Minneapolis.

Until then, he will be taking classes and studying for the Certified Public Accountants exam and helping coach the Mahtomedi American Legion baseball team.

The following students were finalists for the 2007 Outstanding Senior Awards: Lindsay Dickson, daughter of Jim and Janie Dickson of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Laura Holupchinski, daughter of Greg ’78 and Cindy ’79 Holupchinski of Saint Paul, Minn.; Amy Kalina, daughter of Stephen and Kathleen Kalina of Webster, Minn.; Kasey Schultz, daughter of Tom ’75 and Sue ’75 Schultz of Cary, Ill.; Rick McCoy, son of Lou ’79 and Peg (CST ’80) McCoy of West Saint Paul, Minn.; Jeffrey David, son of Don and Kathy David of Potosi, Wis.; John Freeman, son of Mike and Joann Freeman, of Aurora, Ill.; and Alex Downes-Borowski, son of Michael Borowski and Marylou Downes of Woodbury, Minn.

The inside scoop on SGPP’s Winger helps direct security for Republican National Convention

The 2008 Republican National Convention has named long-time Saint Mary’s University administrator Don Winger as its deputy director for security. Winger is currently serving as dean of the School of Professional Programs and director for the B.S. in Police Science at Saint Mary’s.

Winger, a former Maplewood Police Chief and Saint Paul Police Department District Commander, has more than 30 years of law enforcement experience.

“We are pleased to have Don join our team,” said convention president and CEO Maria Cino. “Don’s three decades of law enforcement and relationship-building experience right here in the Minneapolis-Saint Paul area are tremendous assets — and he will be instrumental in ensuring a safe and successful convention.”

Winger, a Vietnam veteran, served as the chief of the Maplewood Police Department from 1998-2002, where he supervised 65 employees, including more than 40 police officers. Prior to that, Winger served 27 years — in positions ranging from police officer to District Commander — for the Saint Paul Police Department, which serves more than 90,000 residents.

“During my career, I have been involved with Hubert Humphrey’s funeral; two World Series; a Super Bowl; the Mikhail Gorbachev visit in 1990; and numerous presidential visits,” said Winger, “but helping plan the 2008 Republican National Convention will be the highlight of my career. I have great confidence in our collective experiences and abilities to make this a safe and successful convention for residents and visitors alike.”
Saint Mary’s names nine to new Board of Regents

Nine Twin Cities community leaders have been named to the new Saint Mary’s University Board of Regents. The regents will counsel the university’s president and Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs administration regarding long-range and programmatic strategic planning. Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis appointed the regents to serve three-year terms.

The members of the Board of Regents include: Kent Eklund, president, Fairview Foundation, Minneapolis; Farley S. Kaufmann, partner, Lurie Besikof Lapidus and Company, LLP, Minneapolis; G. Carlos Lopez, president, Casa Travel, Inc., Burnsville; Russell V. Michaletz, partner, Deloitte Tax LLP, Minneapolis; John Montague, president, Muve Inc., Minneapolis; Julie Morath, chief operating officer, Children’s Hospitals and Clinics, Minneapolis; Kaye O’Leary, chief financial officer, Bucx, Inc., Minneapolis; and Willie Mae Wilson, former president and chief executive officer, Saint Paul Urban League, Saint Paul. The first chairman of the board will be Loras H. Sieve ’60, retired, General Mills, Inc., Minneapolis.

$2 million gift to fund inaugural ethical leadership forum and scholarships

An anonymous donor has given Saint Mary’s University $2 million, the largest gift ever received by its Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs. The gift will fund endowed scholarships for adult, non-traditional students completing their bachelor and graduate degrees, and provide for an annual Twin Cities speaker series for the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership Forum.

Micklethwait serves as first speaker for Hendrickson Institute Forum

On April 30, John Micklethwait, the editor-in-chief of The Economist, spoke on globalization, the economy of the future, social responsibility and ethics issues – issues that mirror the global outlook, mission and curriculum of Saint Mary’s and its Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs.

Micklethwait was the featured speaker for the inaugural Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership Forum in Minneapolis.

Saint Mary’s University faculty, staff and students at the Twin Cities campus, as well as business leaders, had the rare opportunity to hear Micklethwait, one of the world’s foremost authorities on globalization, speak about how it works, where it’s headed, its positive impact and potential. He is also an expert on American business and culture, and on American politics and American foreign and defense policy. He was head of the magazine’s U.S. section from 1999 to 2006.

With his writing partner Adrian Wooldridge, Micklethwait has written four books on business and one book on American politics. He is a frequent broadcaster and has appeared on CNN, ABC News, BBC, Start the Week and NPR.

The Economist is a 145-year-old British publication with a worldwide circulation. Reporters work from around the world on issues of commerce, health, poverty, religion, globalization, war and politics.

In addition, the anonymous donor has agreed to match new or increased gifts from Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs’ alumni, staff, faculty members, and friends, up to a total of $100,000. The deadline for this challenge will be June 2008 and only applies to gifts made to the SGPP.

The Hendrickson Institute Forum – which brings increased visibility to the university and its academic programs – will be held annually in the Twin Cities and will feature renowned guest speakers. Saint Mary’s will sponsor the event with its Hendrickson Institute, whose student and community programs emphasize the importance of ethical principles, morals, spirituality and free enterprise.

Also at this event, the keynote speaker will present an award to an outstanding leader, in honor of his or her contributions to global ethical initiatives.

This spring, the Hendrickson Institute Medal for Ethical Leadership was given to Warren and Mary Lynn Staley.

For more information about this annual event, contact Barbara Hall, SGPP alumni relations and events coordinator, at (612) 238-4517.

SGPP to offer courses in Minnetonka

Saint Mary’s will offer courses in Minnetonka, beginning in January 2008. The university’s Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs (SGPP) in Minneapolis is leasing classroom and office space in Ridge Plaza, located on Highway 394 north of Ridgedale Mall.

The 7,600-square-foot addition to Saint Mary’s will initially be used for its Hendrickson Institute, whose student and community programs emphasize the importance of ethical principles, morals, spirituality and free enterprise.

For more information about Minnetonka Center, call (866) 437-2788 or visit www.smumn.edu.
Brother William Mann, FSC, D.Min., was named president of Saint Mary’s University Dec. 13, 2007. He assumes the office June 1, 2008.
A conversation with Brother William Mann

“A university is ultimately about its students.”

In his 40-year career as a Lasallian educator, Brother William Mann has had a recurring goal: working with students. So much of the past 25 years has been spent as a leader of the Brothers and in the Lasallian educational network, and that’s limited his direct contact with students. The former Vicar General of the Christian Brothers jokes that in his new position as president of Saint Mary’s University, he hopes that he’ll “finally” be able to spend quality time with students again.

In the presentations Brother William made on campus this past January and in various conversations, one theme continues to resonate: “A university is ultimately about its students.”

When the presidential search committee asked Brother William if there was something that might “frighten” him about becoming president of Saint Mary’s, he responded that what would frighten him is to be confined to his office, so busy with the administrative and public relations aspects of being a president that he would not have time to communicate and interact with the students.

Tell us a little about your background and your upbringing.
I grew up in the “little neighborhood” of Brooklyn, N.Y., where there are only 2 1/2 million people. My father was a firefighter, as was my grandfather, two of my uncles, two of my brother-in-laws, and some of my cousins. My mother was a nurse. There were seven of us children in a large Irish Catholic family, which was pretty service-oriented.

When did you decide to become a Christian Brother?
It was during my high school years, when I was 16, that I was attracted to the idea of being a Brother — being like them, living in community, trying to give my life to God and God’s service, and working with young people, teaching. I knew that I could, as a Brother, do something significant for others and, hopefully, become a better person in the process.

Describe your experience as a teacher for nine years.
I think that the boarding school formed the foundation of the way I see education. Because I lived with the youngsters I was teaching, I kind of had to substitute for their family. At my age I really was like an older brother to many of them, although a lot of the work was parental.

However, I felt too cut off from the community of the Brothers. That was an important part of why I wanted to be a Brother, and so I was assigned to a co-ed secondary school (Saint Raphael Academy, Pawtucket, R.I.). And that was an equally marvelous experience, working with both boys and girls. I wouldn’t say one (teaching position) was better or worse; they were different, but wonderful.

I lived with some Brothers who are really good friends, and I worked closely with some great Brothers, Sisters, and lay teachers. For three years, I taught English, and started up the school’s campus ministry program (service projects, retreats, prayer gatherings and liturgies). I really believe that if you want young people to perform well, you have to help
them feel good about themselves, feel connected to one another, and know that God loves them and wants to be part of their lives.

A good number of those students became life-long friends. For over 30 years, we’ve stayed in contact. And during my present sabbatical, I have seen them more regularly and spent time with their spouses and children.

How did your career progress?
I became Assistant Provincial/Visitor for Formation and director of post-collegiate and pre-novitiate residency for our Province/District. At first, I didn’t want to do it. I was afraid that, after six years doing that job, I’d be “an old man of 36” and no longer able to relate to youngsters. However, training our younger Brothers was a way to remain connected with young people and, as it turned out, a significant although indirect way of making a positive contribution to the lives of young people.

As that job was drawing to a close, I seriously considered going to work at either Manhattan College or Salve Regina University as an administrator. But then the Brother Provincials/Visitors of the Northeast USA asked me to become the Director of Novices (the novitiate is a kind of year-long retreat that the Brothers make when they first enter our Institute); and so, once again, my re-entry into a school was delayed.

At what point did you begin working at the Generale in Rome?
As these six years were ending, I asked if I could go back to work in a school. However, the Brother Superior General wanted me to serve as his liaison with the training of young Brothers around the world. I wanted to return to work with young people in the schools; but one day he called to say, “You’re appointed. Congratulations!” And so I moved to Rome in 1990 as the Institute’s international Secretary of Formation.

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So, I spent a few years traveling around the world (about eight months per year) to assess all of the places where young Brothers were being trained. Instead of just visiting the houses, however, I focused on the education and empowerment of the Brothers who were in charge of these houses. Some had little or no professional preparation; others lacked the material resources to do their work well. So I began to organize international sessions of education and formation for these people, and I began to have published some good and user-friendly resources. It was very satisfying to help others benefit from the kinds of professional and personal opportunities we sometimes take for granted here in the USA.

It was during my time as Secretary of Formation that I was also appointed to be the Delegate Superior of the Brothers and Lasallian Educational Mission in India (1993-1997). This was followed by my appointments, first, as the Provincial/Visitor of the Long-Island-New England Province/District (1996-2000) and, then, as Vicar General of the Institute (2000 to 2007).

What did you know about SMU previous to the search process for a new President?
When I was the Assistant Provincial/Visitor in charge of training young Brothers back in the 1980s, I was asked one year to work with our Lasallian schools and child welfare agencies. One of my goals was to try to get all of the school administrators to have certification, since this was not the case. One of the people I shared this concern with was the then-president of Saint Mary’s, Brother Peter Clifford. He told me that Saint Mary’s was capable of delivering a master’s degree in educational leadership for us, and so he put the program together for us. This experience helped me see SMU as a place that responded to real needs, that approached its students with flexibility, and that was academically rigorous in a way that our school administrators really benefited from their SMU education.

The second way that I learned about Saint Mary’s was a bit less direct. I have known two of the presidents of SMU, Brother Peter Clifford and Brother Louis DeThomasis, for most of my life. I met Brother Peter when I was 15 years old, and I met Brother Louis when I was 19 years old. All three of us belong to the Long Island-New England Province/District of the Brothers.

Also, as Vicar General of the Institute of Brothers and the Lasallian Educational Mission, I met a number of people from Saint Mary’s at national and international Lasallian gatherings, and I was tremendously impressed with their competence and commitment.

Didn’t you also serve on the SMU Board of Trustees?
I was a member of the Board of Trustees between 1996 and 2001. I have been on a lot of boards of trustees, but I would have to say that the two best experiences that I have ever had were with SMU and with Bethlehem University of Palestine. Each of these two boards had great quality, high caliber of people. The members were generous in sharing their time, their expertise, and their financial resources. They clearly loved the schools, trusted and supported the administrators, assured sound financial practice, and helped the schools to articulate credible and inspiring statements of vision. Both were for me a kind of community experience.

You spoke here a while back about being Lasallian. How did that come about?
Around 1999, I was asked to come to Saint Mary’s to speak to the faculty and staff of both campuses about Lasallian mission and identity. What a wonderful experience! For me the best in Lasallian formation is when you begin to help people through what is already their own experience, or when people begin to see what they are doing at another level of depth. It’s about the affirmation of people as the people they already are at the deepest levels. Lasallian formation, for me, is helping people to see their life, their values, their profession, and their family as an integrated whole. This is what gives meaning and encouragement, and fire and passion – helping educators give voice to
Brother William

FAST FACTS

**Favorite food:** First, steak; then, shellfish (especially crab, shrimp, and clams); and Italian, of course, considering all of the years that he has lived in Italy.

**Favorite books:** He has very eclectic tastes. Some of his all-time favorites are: William Shakespeare (especially "King Lear"), Tennessee Williams (especially "The Glass Menagerie" and "A Streetcar Named Desire"), Elie Wiesel ("Night"), Ernest Gaines ("A Lesson before Dying"), and William Faulkner ("As I Lay Dying").

**Movies:** “Ordinary People,” “Billy Elliot,” “Mr. Holland’s Opus,” and the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy.

**Hobbies:** Reading (often two to three novels a week) and more recently, genealogy. He jokes that in his younger years he enjoyed playing handball and racquetball and jogging; but says that “at this point it’s mostly walking.” He’s looking forward to spending some time cross-country skiing on the SMU trails.

**Education:** B.A. in English Literature from The Catholic University of America; M.A. in Liberal Studies (Literature) from State University of New York at Stony Brook; M.A. in Spirituality from Salve Regina University; and Doctor of Ministry in Family Ministry (Theology) from Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

**Little known fact:** Brother William isn’t one to shy away from babies. He confides, “The hardest part about becoming a Brother was the idea of not having my own children.” He enjoys spending time with his 18 nieces and nephews and many grandnieces and grandnephews, and says he loves spending time with little children. He says, “People are often surprised about that; I’d be surprised that a Brother wouldn’t love being with kids. One of the holiest things I’ve ever done is hold a child. There’s something profoundly centering about doing that. They have the ability to invite 100 percent of your attention.”
Some old friends met by accident on the streets of Paris in 1983.

The group included, from right: Brother Louis DeThomasis, Brother William Mann, Brother Konrad Diebold ’61, Brother Emmet Sinitieri, Brother Jerome Sullivan and Brother Paul Joslin.

Little did Brother Louis and Brother William know that 25 years later they both would serve as presidents of Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.
their deepest and most profound aspirations as persons and as professionals.

You’ve known Brother Louis for 40 years. How do you believe his leadership has shaped Saint Mary’s?
I met him when he first entered the Brothers. He came in from the business world, and he always seemed to intuit that the kind of training that adults were going to want had to be adapted to the new reality in which we find ourselves. This was probably partly because of his coming out of a business reality, but it was also something of his personality and his genius that “One size does not fit all.”

It’s also part of the deepest Lasallian pedagogy. When the Brothers began to work with the children of the working class and the poor, these families didn’t value an education; so education had to be recognizable to them as something that leads to advancement for themselves and their families. That is part of Brother Louis’ magic. Education and the practicalities of everyday living are connected. His inspiration and inclinations were always a good fit, had good synergy with the Lasallian educational mission.

Another thing that I have always seen with Brother Louis is that he tries to gather around him a good team of people, some really fine folks. He asks a lot of them, but he gives 100 percent of himself; and you never get bored when you work with him.

What do you hope to bring to the Presidency?
It would be premature of me to articulate an agenda for Saint Mary’s before I arrive at the university and engage full-time with the other members of our board, administration, faculty and staff, students, families, alums, and benefactors. Hopefully, I’ll be able to support, sustain, and even occasionally inspire greater passion for the Lasallian mission and for pursuing the agenda that our university community has articulated over recent years. Our commitment to our students, to accessibility and sustainability, and to a global perspective and interconnectedness so necessary in today’s world will, of course, continue to be matters of some priority.

Coming to Saint Mary’s as we move toward the celebration of its 100th anniversary appears to me to be a great moment to remember in gratitude what has gone before, to reach out and embrace our alums and their families with renewed affection and inclusion, and to prepare to move boldly into the future for the good of society and Church.

As a Brother of the Christian Schools, I hope to be able, by my personal life and witness and by my professional commitments, to contribute to the faith life of our Lasallian educational community and, especially, of our students. My experience has been that many people, especially many young people, are looking for meaning in their lives. We have a great opportunity here to work, together with one another and in association with the Church and so many people of good will in the Midwest and around the world, as agents of hope who are engaged in making the world a better place, one that is more loving and safe for all of the people of God.

What was your first opinion of Saint Mary’s when you visited in January?
The welcome to Saint Mary’s by administration, faculty, staff, and students, both in Minneapolis and in Winona, was very warm and encouraging. Truly, I was touched positively by the experience. At the end of each of the gatherings, so many people came up to greet me; and they were actually making specific references to things I had said. They were listening and hearing things that connected with them. They were sharing a bit about themselves and wanted to communicate their love of and commitment to Saint Mary’s and its students.

Brother Louis and chair of the board of trustees Michael Meagher could not have been more welcoming and more attentive during the visit.

Will you spend time at both campuses?
The board was very clear in the search process that the Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs has grown significantly in recent years and that, as an integral part of the university, it needs more of the time and attention of the president. I definitely look forward to spending time on both Minnesota campuses, and I also hope to visit the third university campus in Kenya before too long.

What do you hope for in SMU’s future?
During the month of February, I was able to spend some time in Italy with the newly formed University Council on Lasallian Mission and Formation. We shared a very informative week exploring what it means when we say, in the university’s “Mission and Vision” statement, that Saint Mary’s is a Catholic and Lasallian university that “has its foundation in and is inspired by the life, the traditions, and the heritage of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.” I am very hopeful that this new university-wide council appointed by Brother Louis and the President’s Cabinet will help us all to live that identity ever more authentically. In this way, I believe, we will deepen our commitment to awaken, nurture, and empower learners to ethical lives of service and leadership.

I hope that good things continue to happen at Saint Mary’s in ways that we can’t predict, and that these good things are for the betterment of our nation, our world and our Church.

I hope that whatever happens, we’re all proud to have done it together. As a leader, I’m going to have a significant role to play, but we all have significant roles to play, and good work is relational. We call out of one another the best. In the end, I hope we can all be proud of where we are and how we got there.
It started as a simple summer rain.

The weather forecasters had warned that rain accumulations could be dangerous.

But no one really believed them, not even when the rain rolled on through the night. Few believed that a foot of water — or more — would fall from the sky Aug. 18-19.

Certainly, no one could have predicted that small creeks would become raging rivers and that hundreds of homes would be destroyed, leaving families from Southeastern Minnesota towns like Rushford, Stockton and Minnesota City homeless. Twenty-two people in a three-state area were tragically killed because of quickly rising floodwaters.

It was the worst disaster this region has seen for a century.

Saint Mary’s University served as the Red Cross shelter for the week following the flooding. Hundreds of people were evacuated — some from rooftops or second-story decks — in the middle of the night. Neighbors reunited in Gostomski Fieldhouse, where dry T-shirts and cots were provided. Chartwells Campus Dining graciously provided more than 1,000 meals to the evacuees during their stay on campus.

Even before the academic year began, faculty, staff and students began to raise money, and volunteer in the surrounding communities.

A FLOOD OF SUPPORT

Cleaning up after heavy August rains swamp Winona area

A total of 199 athletes and 112 other students, along with faculty and staff, helped area communities with flood cleanup Sept. 9-10.

BELOW: SMU athletes Kevin Eidsmo ’09 and Nick Fabbri ’10 hauled muddy belongings and pails of mud from the basement of a home in Rushford.
In September, between 300 and 350 people attended a public Rockin’ for Relief concert that included live music, kids games, a live auction and barbecued food. The event, sponsored by Saint Mary’s Volunteer Services and Office of Campus Ministry, raised $2,889 for area flood victims. With a matching $2,500 donation from Modern Woodmen of America, the proceeds totaled $5,389.

A “Recipe for Relief,” held the end of October, raised more than $10,000 for SMU faculty, staff and students severely affected by the flood. SMU musicians (including Dr. John Paulson, Eric Heukeshoven, Chris Kendall ’79, M’95, and SMU jazz students) performed, more than 20 faculty and staff celebrity chefs (including Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis) donated their tastiest dishes; and a large silent auction was held. Mike Gostomski ’62, SMU trustee, provided Polish beer, and several area businesses donated goods and services.

With Recipe for Relief funds, donations, as well as other small fundraisers on campus, more than $25,000 was raised to help faculty and staff — more than 25 families — to recover from the flood.

More than $6,000 was donated to assist alumni in the area who were identified as in need.

By the end of 2007, nearly 400 SMU students volunteered more than 1,700 hours of flood relief efforts within neighboring communities. This number does not include the many faculty and staff who put in unrecorded hours.

On one weekend alone, Sept. 9-10, nearly 200 athletes, along with 112 other SMU students, helped with cleanup efforts. Students shoveled mud, ripped apart water-soaked sheetrock, disinfected homes and served as moral support.

Sept. 9 had originally been planned as a picnic for all of the athletes, a way to foster camaraderie between all the teams at the beginning of the school year. Instead, the Cardinal Athletic Council saw it as a great opportunity to help communities in need.

Senior volleyball player Theresa Perrini and a group of nearly 40 athletes spent the afternoon at a Rushford home. Half the group worked in ankle-deep “muck” in the basement, while the other half tore the plaster off water-soaked walls on the first floor.

“Initially, driving to Rushford, I thought we might still see some high water, but it wasn’t until we reached the house and started tearing the plaster off the walls that I realized how much of an impact the flood had left,” she said. “The house that I worked on was a large house. We had about 40 volunteers in our group and there wasn’t a time when somebody wasn’t doing something — and that was just one home.

“I think it made us all appreciate what we have, and made us realize that in an instant, your entire life can be turned upside-down. The amount of gratitude made me feel so good — because in just this one afternoon, we were able to help someone begin to rebuild their lives.”
Robin Thelen
Custodian, Maintenance

Robin Thelen keeps photos of her flood-ravaged Stockton house in an album labeled “Home Sweet Home.” In between photos of thick mold growing on her walls and her family tearing apart sheetrock, she stuck a vacation picture of a brightly colored flower floating on lilypads.

She said she just had to put “something pretty” in there — a little bit of sunshine amidst all the rain.

Though it’s not a label Thelen would have chosen for herself, she’s an expert flood survivor. She’s has done it all before.

When the 1991 flood swept through her home, she lost a lot of her precious photographs.

Thelen knew it would happen again. In her mind, it wasn’t “if” the town would flood, but “when.” In preparation, she moved her photos and important paperwork upstairs. In some ways, she was prepared.

But last time, the flood wasn’t this bad.

All that’s left of Thelen’s home of the past 18 years is a shell. Caution tape surrounds the center of the home so no one falls through the rotted floorboards.

Two feet of water and ankle-deep mud destroyed most everything on the first floor and garage.

“It’s just stuff,” she said. “But it’s what makes your house a home. It’s your sanctuary; it’s where your love is built.”

Coral Henthorne
Assistant for Advancement Services, Office Development and Alumni Relations

Coral Henthorne was headed to sleep when her boyfriend Sean went out on their porch to watch the heavy rains late in the evening of Aug. 18.

Through the darkness, he could see that a ravine near their home was already quickly rising and cars were stalling with water. But the couple didn’t know just how serious it was about to become in Stockton.

Sean woke Coral to tell her to get dressed; their home was flooding. Things happened quickly. By shortly after 11 p.m., their front steps had washed away, and power was going on and off. Coral heard over the radio that Stockton was evacuating, and from their window, they watched a Winona County Sheriff’s car get stuck in the high water, and its driver evacuate from her car window.

Coral dialed 911. A frazzled operator told her that they desperately needed to get out, that a home on their street (only two houses away) had washed off of its foundation and floated away, but the operator offered no answers of how they should get out or where they should go.

When a small Dive & Rescue raft came to their door, Coral and Sean asked them to evacuate Sean’s parents next door first before coming back for them.

There wasn’t time to set out food for their dog (Bear), grab pictures or even extra clothing. There wasn’t time to do anything but concentrate on getting to safety.

“We put our dog upstairs, and we hoped for the best,” Coral said.

A group of SMU alumni and staff from the Twin Cities came down to help residents of Stockton including Robin Thelen, third from right, who works in maintenance at the Winona campus. Helping out are, from left: grad student Jacob Hanauer, Twin Cities campus academic assessment and evaluation analyst; Elizabeth Wessa ’07; Logan Twedt ’06; Sarah Fisher ’04; Anna Shields ’04, Twin Cities campus admission recruiter; and Mary Thole M’01, Twin Cities campus student services coordinator.

FLOOD STORIES

More than 25 Saint Mary’s University faculty and staff and their families were affected by the August flood. Though several of them lost their homes and most of their belongings, they never lost hope. Their stories continue this spring and summer as these families continue to rebuild and repair. To read the complete articles — as told in the campus newsletter this past fall — go to www.smumn.edu/floodstories.
Since the August flood, Pat and Jerry Mertes have had a quick answer whenever someone asks them what they need.

“A new house,” the two say with a smile, and without hesitation. Though the couple lost their Minnesota City home of more than 43 years and most of their belongings, they haven’t lost their sense of humor. But it isn’t exactly the retirement the couple envisioned. (Pat worked in Central Services, Jerry in maintenance.)

For starters, the RV in which they had planned to take many trips to Arizona and Oregon was destroyed.

Now facing daunting costs of having to completely rebuild, the two say they may never be able to purchase another RV. The couple had no flood insurance, and FEMA money allotted to them doesn’t begin to cover their future costs.

“A house is more important,” Jerry says. But the two, glancing at each other out of the corner of their eyes, don’t completely discount the idea that maybe an RV could be their new home. Some days, this idea seems better than others.

“Stuff” has special meaning to a 9-year-old.

Many of Renee’s things — also destroyed in the flood — held special sentimental meaning as well: the home movies of her mom, who passed away seven years ago, interacting with her son; items her mom had made for her; her son’s artwork and papers from school; her Christmas ornaments; her parents’ love letters; and her wedding dress, just four months old.

This isn’t exactly the honeymoon Renee and her husband Brian had planned. Lots of people have said to us, ‘What a way to start a marriage,’” Renee said.

Ray Pampuch stood outside in the pouring rain on the early morning hours of Aug. 19. He directed traffic on campus, alerting flood victims where to park, and how to get to the Red Cross emergency shelter inside the SMU fieldhouse.

But his mind was frequently elsewhere — worrying about his daughter, who was visiting friends in Stockton, and his wife, who was at home in Rushford — and news was quickly spreading that both towns were in trouble.

Pampuch knew the weather was bad as he drove in to work the evening security shift at SMU. “It was raining so hard, I could hardly see,” he said. “In the low areas, water was splashing over my hood.”

He debated whether to even come into work, but knew that finding an overnight replacement is sometimes difficult.

By 12:30 a.m., he was alerted to open the fieldhouse. He was told that Stockton and Minnesota City were flooding, and people were being evacuated to the SMU shelter. “I was thinking of my daughter,” he said. “But then my wife called me and said there was quite a bit of water standing in the trailer court (in Rushford.) I told her what was happening in Winona and told her that if it got any worse, she should tip our canoe over and get out with the animals. She thought I was kidding.”

To read the complete stories go to www.smumn.edu/floodstories
Dr. Richard Kowles M’67

Biology professor Dr. Dick Kowles proudly brags that he’s only missed class once in 36 years due to illness. That doesn’t mean he didn’t come in sick a few times. He jokes that it was worth passing on a few germs to pass out a test or two.

While recovering from surgery, Dr. Kowles even made it a point to find a way to teach from his chair.

“I wasn’t going to let (my students) out of anything,” he says, smiling slyly. When asked what he will most be remembered for … it’s easy to see why Dr. Kowles doesn’t hesitate in responding. “Humor.”

“I’m not too serious,” he said understatedly.

Dr. Kowles’ students have been known to keep old exams from his classes — not necessarily to look up complex theories or formulas. Dr. Kowles admits he’s been known to editorialize in the margins — phrases like, “This is a bunch of baloney” or “What were you thinking?” or the ever-popular “Shame!”

His classroom antics have drawn the attention of more than just his students. For example, one day in class he took off his underwear … without taking off his pants. The reason why, he didn’t elaborate.

But, he quickly added, “Brother Louie knew about it before I even got out of the classroom.”

Many of these antics made it into his recently published “School” — a colorful and candid memoir of his 68 consecutive years inside a classroom (sold at amazon.com). To protect the “innocent,” Dr. Kowles used initials for students, fellow faculty members and administrators.

“A lot of people are checking for their initials,” he said. “I’ve gotten e-mails when they’ve recognized themselves. People are trying to guess where my hometown was and confirming some of the things I said.”

Many noteworthy stories have occurred in 36 years of biology labs. “Anything can happen,” Dr. Kowles said. “(Students) screw up a lot, and most of the time it’s funny.”

There’s no doubt humor is the first adjective that comes to mind. But Dr. Kowles also hopes he’s remembered for being fair. “Students know if you’re being fair,” he said. If an assignment is turned in a little late, Dr. Kowles doesn’t see the harm.

Grading, for him, has always been the most unpleasant part of his job.

“You walk a tightrope between empathy and standards,” he said. “It makes me sick to give bad grades. I’m not trying to catch them unprepared.”

Dr. Kowles found himself constantly in search for a better way to present the material. If his students weren’t doing well, he questioned whether the problem was in his teaching or in the students.

“Learning should be joyous,” he said. “I would hope I would also be remembered for taking complex structures and making it simple for students to learn. That would be the sign of a very good teacher.”

It’s being in the classroom that Dr. Kowles will miss most, especially the one-on-one interaction with upper-level students and their research projects. “I really like the students Saint Mary’s attracts,” he said. “This is the place where I wanted to stay.”

He proudly mentions the many students who have followed in his footsteps and gone into genetics.

But he adds that he won’t miss the meetings.

After serving on what he calls “every faculty committee in existence,” Dr. Kowles says he’s shied away from the extra commitments in recent years. “Every time an opening occurred on a committee, I would say, ‘I’m going to retire next year.’ Of course, I’ve been telling them that for the past six years.”

Dr. Kowles admits it will be hard to not turn his car into the SMU entrance. “Sometimes I wake up and wonder what I am doing,” he said. “I’m healthy. I have relatively good mental faculties, and I enjoy the work and the students tremendously.

I don’t find a reason to retire, other than I’m getting up there. I’m no spring chicken.”

He decided that teaching 11 years beyond Social Security was enough.

“Let SMU get a dynamo in here, someone with some spark,” he said.

Word of Dr. Kowles’ retirement spread quickly this year. His spring genetics course rapidly filled with 60 students (with an additional 20 students in Human Genetics), which puzzled him a little. It’s not an easy course, and many students don’t have to take it spring semester. They simply want to take it from the genetics master.

“They want one last taste of purgatory,” he said with a chuckle.

Dr. Kowles is teaching two lectures and three labs (to keep the classes small) keeping him “busier than heck” until May.

“I’m going to be going out with a bang,” he said. “For 36 years, I’ve just been doing what I please.”

Years at SMU:
36 years (with 15 years of teaching experience prior to coming to Saint Mary’s).
Title: Distinguished Professor of Biology.
Highest degree obtained: Ph.D., Genetics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, 1972.
Honors: 1979 — Brother Charles H. Severin Award; 1984 — Minnesota Science Teacher of the Year; 1986 — Professor with Distinction. He’s also been awarded $1.1 million in grants during his years at SMU.
Plans after retirement:
Gardening and yard work; reading; attending SMU events including drama, music events and athletics; more writing (he has three books out now, and ideas for one or two more); volunteering; and photography for trade magazines.
Dr. Dick Kowles M’67 has combined humor with learning inside his SMU biology classrooms for 36 years.

See back cover for how to share your memories of Dr. Richard Kowles.
Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC ’58, Ph.D., will be remembered as a physics teacher, for his field trips and for his dedication to the trails that surround the SMU campus. See back cover for how to share your memories of Brother Jerome Rademacher.
Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC ’58, Ph.D.

It will most certainly take more than a few boxes to pack Brother Jerome Rachemacher’s office. A lifetime of memories is stuffed in and on the shelves, filing cabinets and desks of 221 Hoffman Hall.

A stack of photographs is piled precariously above his desk. As he shuffles through the Christmas cards and snapshots, he names every student or alum pictured — along with where they’re currently residing, what field they went into, and who their most recent employer is.

All his former students are filed away in his encyclopedic memory. But Brother Jerome, a quiet, modest man, only smiles about his many accomplishments — accrued after more than 30 consecutive years at Saint Mary’s and more than 50 years with the Brothers.

“I just needed to drop some of the hats I wore,” he said. “I was chairman of the department, director of the community, director of the house, working on the trails.”

He has seen a lot of changes occur during his tenure on campus and during his career in education. Brother Jerome joined the Christian Brothers in 1951. “I wanted to teach and I wanted to work with kids,” he said crediting his Scoutmaster when he was a young boy as setting an example he wanted to follow. “He had such a way with kids.”

Math and science were always Brother Jerome’s strengths.

Brother Jerome first came to work at SMU from 1965-69, and he returned permanently in 1974. “I was one of the first people to teach computer science from 1965 to ’69 – Fortran,” he said. He also taught intro to physics for 30-40 years, and keeps in contact with many of his former students, some of whom now work at Mayo Clinic, the University of Wisconsin – Madison and the University of Minnesota.

It’s obvious that his proudest accomplishments are reflected in the accomplishments of his students and the 20 grants he obtained, many of which were used to purchase equipment still in use. But many Saint Mary’s alumni will have more memories of Brother Jerome outside the classroom than inside.

Quite a few former students will remember Brother Jerome’s annual physics trips. For 25 years, he’s taken eight to 15 science students on a trip over Easter break to national labs. Half the time, they worked on experiments; half the time they went camping — combining his love of science with another of his loves — the outdoors.

“When I first came, I hunted and fished. We used to get up and go duck hunting and be back for 8 o’clock class,” he said.

Brother Jerome laments that he isn’t as agile as he used to be. He was once an avid tennis player and city champion, and he points to medals from his 10 completed Birkebeiner ski marathons. “I finished,” he says smiling, “I wasn’t the speediest person.”

Any conversation with Brother Jerome will soon focus on the trails, spanning more than 15 kilometers around the Winona campus. In 1976, he and Brother John Grover, FSC ’65 started the trails — now used regularly by walkers, runners, skiers and disc golfers — by hand. In the beginning, it was just a few people with axes and chainsaws, who cleared brush along the deer paths.

Brother Jerome knows the trails like the back of his hand. He’s driven them thousands of times — with a snow groomer, Bobcat or golf cart. Some of the work has been grueling; all of it has taken immeasurable hours. “My guardian angel worked overtime,” he said.

But, he said, watching others enjoy the trails has made it all worthwhile. Once a trail lover left a note in the donations box that expressed that the trails had saved his marriage. The writer and his wife walked the trails, perhaps part of marriage therapy, maybe strengthening their love. They expressed to Brother Jerome how much they appreciated his work.

This fall, he spent additional hours constructing beginners’ trails.

For Brother Jerome — a lifetime lover of the outdoors — it’s been a labor of love. “It wasn’t a matter of needing to do it, I enjoyed it,” he said. “I get great satisfaction from working on the trails. Whenever I see all the school kids out there having a wonderful time, it just feels tremendous.”

Years at SMU:
He began working at Saint Mary’s in 1965 and has worked at the university consecutively since 1974.
Title: Professor of Physics, chairman of the physics department
Highest degree obtained: Ph.D., Health Physics, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, 1974
Honors: Heffron Award in 2002; numerous grants.
Plans after retirement: To remain on the Winona campus and help, both in the labs, and on the trails.

2008 RETIREES
Dr. Joseph Shields

As Dr. Joe Shields describes his retirement plans — kayaking, camping, traveling, SCUBA diving — he inadvertently throws in a little mathematical lingo. “The ‘sum total,’ is play,” he said.

The 38-year-educator quickly scratches out a complex equation on the board, spouting off other words like “derivative,” “equivalent” and “component X” — words that give right-brainers immediate math anxiety.

But Dr. Shields insists that, with the right amount of sincerity and humor, tossed in with a variable teaching style, his courses can be enjoyable.

Not necessarily easy, but enjoyable.

“I enjoy dragging, cajoling, pushing and prodding students to gain insights,” he said. “It’s a lot of fun. Most of us who teach have a certain amount of showmanship. It’s a very important skill. You have to be engaging to make it all tick. The way you present material has to make students curious, hopeful, expectant and then understand.”

And successful mathematics teachers, he explains, have to present many different learning techniques to explain various concepts. “Teaching mathematics requires a professor to be able to clearly explain a concept using a variety of embodiments,” he said. For some students, explanations are best described in words; others require pictures; some learn better through examples; some students need to work through their own definitions; and some may require several learning devices.

“I’m sure I will miss it,” he said. “I hope that the majority of (the students I’ve taught) will remember me as a good teacher, very clear, but hard. And that’s OK.”

It’s that extra push that has inspired some of Dr. Shields’ students to continue on to graduate school, obtain their Ph.D.s, and have successful careers.

“I’ve taught thousands of students,” he said, “Most will forget my name 20 years from now, but I know there are those for whom I know I’ve made a difference, and they’ve gone on to greatness. They say, ‘Thank you,’ and that makes it all worthwhile. They’re stars and rising, and we, as educators, take credit for a small share of the formation of that star.”

He adds, jokingly, “Some (students) are planets, but some are stars.”

Dr. Shields is quick to note that — of all the schools he’s taught at — Saint Mary’s has two very important distinguishing characteristics. “I don’t know of any university where the faculty are more committed to individuals’ successes,” he said. “Saint Mary’s also provides students, who wouldn’t get the same chance at other schools, opportunities to be successful. We take students that others wouldn’t, and we help them succeed. Our students are on an equal playing level when they head to graduate school. Our graduates place in the top half of the ETS national field exam.”

Dr. Shields knew he wanted become a teacher in high school. At the time, he wasn’t sure what he would teach, and he wasn’t sure at what level. After considering careers in the Air Force as a jet pilot and in the medical field, he decided that he would teach at a college level.

“This has been the most enjoyable, rewarding experience anybody could have. I had a lot of choices in careers, but this is a perfect fit for me,” he said.

Dr. Shields came to Saint Mary’s back in 1991 as chairman of the math department. “Brother Louis offered me an opportunity and a challenge,” he said. “He wanted the math department to be a player in the institution more than it already was. And he promised to give me the things I needed to make it happen.”

During his first seven years, as chairman of the department, Dr. Shields worked to develop a strong curriculum, put assessment methods into place, and assisted faculty in obtaining their advanced degrees.

But it hasn’t been all work and no play. Dr. Shields is also proud of the social opportunities that he helped put in place for faculty and students within the department, and beyond — parties that typically draw as many as 40 to 50 people.

Dr. Shields then served as dean of science and math for three years; and from 2000-2005, he was dean of the College and associate vice president for academic affairs.

“During that time period I got to know and appreciate the amazing work ethic of our faculty,” he said. “They are so committed to the Lasallian idea of helping every individual. From the arts to business to social sciences, I worked with the greatest associate deans and deans anyone could ask for. The most rewarding thing is that I could see so many good things happening.

“And, sitting on the President’s Cabinet was very enlightening. I wish that all faculty could have that opportunity to see the bigger picture. We’re all in this together.”

Years at SMU: 17 years (38 years of teaching experience all together).

Title: Professor of Mathematics and Statistics

Highest degree obtained: Ph.D., Mathematics, Michigan State University, 1976

Courses taught: Calculus II, Intro to Statistics and Operational Research. He has taught every math course in the catalog since coming to Saint Mary’s.

Plans after retirement: He and his wife, Carol, who has worked in the departments of math and computer science for the past 11 years at SMU, plan to move to Texas in June. They hope to spend more time golfing, SCUBA diving, kayaking, camping and skiing. They also hope to travel more — doubling their 40,000 miles-a-year average — take educational courses, and maybe even continue teaching on an adjunct basis. Dr. Shields also looks forward to teaching classes in CPR, first-aid and SCUBA certification.
Dr. Joe Shields has taught math for 38 years; he also formed SMU’s SCUBA Club.

See back cover for how to share your memories of Dr. Joseph Shields.
Years at SMU:
Pat: 29 (eight years at a community college before coming to SMU);
Mike: 38 (He served as a Christian Brother his first seven years at SMU)
Title: Pat: Professor of business; Mike: Professor of business and social science
Highest degrees obtained:
Pat: Ph.D., Accounting, Saint Louis University, 1991;
Mike: J.D., University of Minnesota, 1968
Classes taught:
Pat: financial accounting and corporate finance;
Mike, business law, criminal law and various political science classes
Plans after retirement: As Mike bluntly states, to “move to Florida and never be cold again.” They also plan to travel to the Panama Canal, China, Australia, New Zealand and Germany, maybe even take a trip around the world.
Awards: Pat is the William and Marjorie Galvin Endowed Chair for Business. Mike jokes that he’s the Susan Lucci of SMU, having been nominated several times for the Severin Award, but never receiving it.
Pat and Mike Sommerville share a lot of things.

- As they’ve neared retirement this past year, they’ve shared one full-time position, which Pat says has been nice — having every other day off. “Every day is sort of Friday,” she said with a smile before admitting, “Every day is also sort of Monday.”
- They’ve also shared an office. With their chairs nearly back to back, they’re within arm’s length. In the close quarters, piles of papers and books are stacked about. Pat jokes, “Sharing an office hasn’t improved our filing capabilities.”
- They’ve shared “wonderful” colleagues, memorable students and even coursework, having taught together in the Business Department for 29 years.
- As husband and wife, they’ve shared 28 years of marriage. “And they said it wouldn’t last,” Pat said, turning to Mike. Mike, arms folded across his chest, glanced sideways at Pat and smirked, “They were right.”
- Known for not being afraid to share their opinions, the two also share a well-known sense of humor and a reputation for caring about their students.

Like most of their students, the Sommervilles have had a countdown since the beginning of the school year. Each is one more day closer to retirement. The couple has purchased a home in Ocala, Fla., and can’t wait to move to a warmer climate.

A change in regions isn’t the only thing the two lifelong educators will have to get used to in their retirement. After a combined total of nearly 80 years of teaching, the two have “heard it all and seen it all.”

For starters, they’ve heard every creative excuse any student has ever given. The best excuse for a student not turning in homework was that it had doggie do-do on it. When it comes to excuses for missing class, the Sommervilles say they frequently hear the ever-popular excuse of having to leave early because a driver is leaving early.

This year, Mike says, he’s met “the driver” — the one student who said he’d have to miss class because his riders wanted to leave early.

“Some excuses are funny; others are ludicrous,” Mike said. “The funny thing is that Saint Mary’s kids will in fact tell you the truth.”

Students’ excuses may not have changed much, but their thought patterns and personalities have.

“The world has changed, the American culture and society, and students reflect that,” Mike said. “But parents didn’t understand kids 30 years ago, and they still don’t.”

Technology, too, they say, is playing a significant role in education. However, Pat says, nodding to the manual typewriter against their office wall, it doesn’t affect Mike much.

“We’ve become institutions so we don’t have to change,” Mike said in response. “They have to adapt to us.”

Thirty years ago, they say, their students were frequently the first in their families to attend college, and that’s no longer the case.

This fall, Pat had the first child of a former student in her class. “I lucked out that that didn’t happen earlier,” she said.

The two stay in touch with many of their past students. In fact, one still lives with them. He moved in 18 years ago and hasn’t left; the Sommervilles semi-adopted him.

Many of their students have gone on to law enforcement, law school, owning their own law firms, and working at prestigious accounting firms. SMU has a high pass rate on the CPA exam, and some of their students have had international success.

“We’ve had an opportunity to work with young people and watch their growth and development and see their successes,” Mike said. “To know that you had something to do with that, that you contributed, is very rewarding. It’s most important to know you have made a difference.”

“It certainly isn’t for the money,” Pat joked. “I hope that what students remember me for, is not that I was necessarily the best teacher they had but that I was the teacher who cared the most about them, wanted them to succeed, not the one who necessarily gave them an easy ride but showed them what they could do if they put their minds to it. I can give them a hug if they need it, but I’ve also been willing to kick them in the butt.”

“Over the years we’ve learned that what we teach is ultimately not of earthshaking importance,” Mike said. “Whether they remember discrete facts or not is irrelevant … they learn how to learn.”

Teaching, the two say, is about caring; those who care more about the subjects they teach than the students they’re teaching won’t last long — certainly not close to 40 years.

“I’m a teacher who teaches accounting, not an accountant who teaches,” Pat said. “That’s what’s kept both of us here for all of these years. When I came to Saint Mary’s I didn’t intend to stay here, but it grabbed me and hooked me.”

See back cover for how to share your memories of Drs. Patricia and Michael Sommerville.
The following list provides a sampling of the most recent scholarship, research and performance of the current undergraduate SMU faculty for the 2007-08 Academic Year.

Patrick Barlow, Ph.D. Director of College Assessment

Steven Bouler, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts
Dr. Steven Bouler, Brother Tom Houde, Preston Lawing, and Kirstin Blake, Department of Theatre Arts second annual “Workshops,” January, 2008.

Michelle Galles ’79 Cochran, M.Ed. Associate Director of K-12 Reading Teacher Program Instructor of Art and Design

Phil Cochran ’77, Ph.D. Chair and Professor of Biology


Galen Diomandes, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Theology

Gary Diomandes, Ph.D. Chair and Professor of Theatre Arts

Associate Artistic Director, Gilmore Creek Summer Theatre, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, June-August, 2007.

Mary Catherine Fox ’75, M’89, Ph.D. Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies


Midwest District Chapter of Brothers of the Christian Schools, Planning Committee, April, 2008.

Eric Heukeshoven, B.A. Lecturer of Music
Web Resources Coordinator
“Alternating Currents,” a multimedia work, Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis, Ind., November, 2007.

Janet Heukeshoven, D.A. Associate Professor of Music


Hands-on session on the use of ethnic percussion ensembles in the school curriculum, 2007.

Preston B. Lawing, M.F.A. Chair and Associate Professor of Art and Design
Residency, marionette workshop, Prague, Czech Republic, displayed in the Faculty Exhibition, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Spring, 2007.

Residency, International Visiting Artist Program (as the only artist from the United States), seven weeks on Awaji-shima Island, Japan, studying moku hanga, traditional Japanese woodcut printmaking. Prints displayed in Faculty Exhibition, Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries, Saint Mary’s University, Fall, 2007.

Commissioned to do two large pastels for Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus, 2007.

Designed and produced the 2002 Senior Class Gift, an 8 x 8’ painted woodcut block, titled “The Calling,” displayed in the Hillside Residence hall, 2007.

Brooke Lenz, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of English

Thomas Mans, Ph.D. Professor of Social Science Vice President for Academic Affairs

Kenneth McCullough, M.F.A. Assistant Director of Academic Advising Director of PASS
Minneapolis, Minn., March, 2008.


Videotaped interviews with Dakota elders for an as-yet-untitled documentary produced by the Diversity Foundation about the Crow Creek reservation, South Dakota, August, 2007.


Winona-Dakota Unity Alliance, Vice President and Chair of Education Encampment, 2007.

Frozen River Film Festival, Selection Committee, 2007.

■ Ting Ni, Ph.D.
Chair and Associate Professor of History


■ Fr. Paul Nienaber, SJ, Ph.D.
Chair and Assistant Professor of Physics


■ John Paulson, D.M.A.
Professor of Music

“Selected Excerpts From Personal Interviews With Vladimir Usachevsky and His Composer Colleagues,” panel on the life and works of electronic music composer Vladimir Usachevsky, SEAMUS Conference (Society For Electro-Acoustic Music In the United States), Salt Lake City, Utah, April, 2008.

■ Steve Schild, Ed.D.
Associate Professor of Social Science


Poem, “Armistice” was the Editor’s Choice on the website for Serengeti Press, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada, November, 2007.

■ Elizabeth Seebach, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Psychology


■ Jenny Shanahan, Ph.D.
Director, Lasallian Honors Program
Associate Professor of English


■ Gregory Sobolewski, Ph.D.
Professor of Theology


“Introduction to the Creed,” A Generations of Faith evening at St. Mary’s Church, Caledonia, Minn., September, 2007.


“Introduction to USCCB’s Co-workers in the Vineyard of the Lord,” Rochester (Minn.) City Clergy and Lay Ministers, April, 2007.


■ Richard Tristano, Ph.D.
Professor of History


■ Susan Windley-Daoust, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Theology

“Anger Management: Looking back on the Minnesota School Shooting” Godspy, October, 2007. 9
SPORTS NEWS

MEN’S SOCCER
RECORDS: 0-10-0 MIAC, 4-13-1 Overall
BRIEFLY: SMU senior Joey Manley (Racine, Wis.) was named to the All-MIAC First Team, while freshman Adam Lindsay (Fremont, Wis.) was named as SMU’s representative on the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. … Seven of the Cardinals’ 10 wins came by shutout. … The Cardinals closed out the season with a 7-2-1 record on their home turf. … The Cardinals snapped a four-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over St. Thomas on Oct. 24. It was SMU’s first win vs. the Tommies since the 1997 season. … Sibik closed out the season as the Cardinals’ top goal scorer, netting 12 goals, one more than Baggio. The duo also shared the team-lead in points with 26. … The 12 goals scored by Sibik were the most by a Cardinal since Amy Cory netted 14 in 2004.

WOMEN’S SOCCER
RECORDS: 4-6-1 MIAC, 10-7-1 Overall
BRIEFLY: SMU senior Blossom Sanchez (Puebla, Puebla, Mexico) was SMU’s representative on the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. … The last time SMU had two players with 20 or more points in the same season was 1999. … With a 10-7-1 overall record, the Cardinals posted their third-straight 10-plus win season. … SMU had its 23-game nonconference winning streak snapped on Oct. 21, when the Cardinals dropped a 2-1 decision to UW-Stout.

VOLLEYBALL
RECORDS: 3-8 MIAC, 17-12 Overall
BRIEFLY: Freshman Alex Nold (Spring Valley, Minn.) was SMU’s lone representative on the All-MIAC First Team, while sophomore Pam Stanton was named to the All-MIAC Sportsmanship Team. … The Cardinals won the first game in 18 of their 29 matches. … The Cardinals boasted winning streaks of two (twice), four and six. … Nold closed out her freshman season with a team-best 315 kills. She also led the team in blocks with 93. … Nold was one of four players with 200 or more kills. …

GOLF
MIAC FINISH: Men 5th, Women 9th
BRIEFLY: Jesse Polk (Hastings, Minn.) completed his collegiate playing career in much the same way it began — with rounds of 76-75 (not to mention a third-round, even-par 72) — to finish tied for eighth overall at the MIAC Championships and earn a second all-conference honor. … The Cardinal men, led by Polk, placed fifth as a team at the conference meet — the highest finish in the program’s history. … Ten of Polk’s 13 rounds were in the 70s or better — including a school-record, three-under-par 69 in the team’s dual-meet win vs. Macalester. … Three of SMU’s top four rounds came at the MIAC Championships. … Freshman Katelyn Rizzi (Austin, Minn.) closed out her season as the women’s team’s top performer, boasting an 89.8 scoring average, including a season-low round of 84 at the Luther Invitational.

CROSS COUNTRY
MIAC FINISH: Men 10th, Women 11th
BRIEFLY: SMU sophomore Jon Vallez (Eagan, Minn.) earned honorable-mention All-MIAC honors, after placing 21st overall with a time of 26:30 at the MIAC Championships. … Vallez was the Cardinals’ top performer in each of their eight meets. … On the women’s side, freshman Emily Dee (Racine, Minn.) turned in her best performance of the season, placing 62nd in 24:59, with sophomore Anne Shutte (Columbia Heights, Minn.) right behind her in 25:09 to place 64th.
Cardinal ‘M’ Club Weekend
A fast-growing tradition at SMU; alumni invited to golf, play games, honor athletes

The annual Cardinal ‘M’ Club Weekend is gaining momentum as hundreds of alumni and current athletes join forces to celebrate athletic successes at Saint Mary’s University. Old pictures are perused, old nicknames fly, and old stories are re-told as old friends reunite.

“Our current student-athletes have the unique opportunity to witness the close bonds that still exist, 10, 20 and 30 years later, between former teammates,” said ‘M’ Club director Bob Biebel ’79, M’07. “And it’s also great for our alumni to meet our students and hear their amazing athletic accomplishments.”

Cardinal ‘M’ Club Weekend started six years ago as an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of past athletes and celebrate the endeavors of current athletes. Whether you’re ready for a hole-in-one or a whole lot of good food; donning your catcher’s mitt or playing catch-up with some old teammates, Saint Mary’s is the place to be Sept. 13-14. (See following page for this fall’s schedule.)

Highlights of the weekend include the Hall of Fame induction, student-athlete awards, a golf outing, alumni games and a picnic.

ABOVE: Inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 2007 were, from left, Julie (Giebe ’97) Houchin, Vicki (Wilson ’96) Greene, Mike Horvath ’82 and Kevin Henthorne ’93.

LEFT: Amanda Weinmann ’07 and Nick Winecke ’07 were named Outstanding Female and Male Athletes.

RIGHT: Amanda Weinmann ’07 and Joey Manley ’08 received the Outstanding Female and Male Scholar Athlete Awards during ‘M’ Club Weekend.
SMU Sports Hall of Fame
2008 Inductees

Jen Garin ‘99
Fastpitch Softball
A first-team All-American in 1997, Jen Garin ’99 was a four-year starter on the Saint Mary’s University fastpitch softball team. Garin was an honorable-mention All-MIAC selection in 1996 and 1999, while earning first-team all-conference and first-team All-West Region honors in 1997. A GTE Academic All-American as a junior in 1998, Garin was also a member of three straight conference championship teams in 1997, 1998 and 1999, while also serving as an assistant coach for the 2000 NCAA Division III national championship team. She ranks No. 1 in career batting average (.426) and career hits (214), while ranking second in career RBIs (132) and third in career total bases (296).

Brad Wiley ‘90
Men’s Hockey
A two-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, Brad Wiley ’90 was a first-team All-American in 1990, after earning second-team All-American honors in 1989. Wiley finished his collegiate career with 123 career goals, ranking him second all-time, while his 182 career points are fifth all-time.

Katie Kortsch ‘95
Women’s Soccer
A three-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference pick, Katie Kortsch ‘95 was a first-team All-American in 1994, while also earning first-team All-West Region honors in 1993 and 1994, and second team All-West Region honors in 1992. Primarily a defender, Kortsch closed out her collegiate career ranking fourth in career assists (27) and 10th in career points (67).

Dick Kuehl ‘57
Baseball
Dick Kuehl, a member of two Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions in 1954 and 1957, remains among the top statistical players in Saint Mary’s baseball history, ranking sixth in career slugging percentage (.645) and 12th in career batting average (.365). Kuehl also ranked seventh in the nation in slugging percentage (.825) and 16th in batting average (.460), while playing errorless in the field during his senior season in 1957. Upon graduation, Kuehl signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Duane Kuehl ‘58
Baseball
(posthumously)
Duane Kuehl ’58 played on Saint Mary’s 1957 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship team and currently ranks eighth in career RBIs (75), and 20th in career total bases (147) and career batting average (.336). During his junior season in 1957, Kuehl ranked 12th in the nation in slugging percentage and 56th in the nation with a .418 batting average. Upon graduation, Kuehl spent time in the St. Louis Cardinals organization.

2008 weekend schedule

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13
10:30 a.m. Shotgun start golf outing with buffet dinner at Cedar Valley Golf Course.
7:30 p.m. Hall of Fame awards ceremony at SMU gym, followed by alumni social gathering.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 14
10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Alumni Games (including men’s basketball, hockey, tennis and baseball, women’s basketball, soccer, hockey, tennis, softball, volleyball and swimming.)
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Picnic
The right Mann for the job

In an election year, it seems as though everyone, no matter what political party they represent, is espousing the need for change. As we know, it is easy to talk about change, but it is much more difficult to actually create positive change.

During my years on the Saint Mary’s University Alumni Board, I have had the opportunity to learn how SMU has grown and changed in a very positive way. The college that I remember as a student has grown and developed into a fine university, with strong programs. But, to its credit, Saint Mary’s has remained faithful to the Lasallian values upon which our school is based.

We have been blessed with excellent leaders who have had the vision and strength to guide Saint Mary’s through good times and difficult times. We continue to have excellent leadership with the announcement of Brother William Mann as our 13th president. I served on the presidential search committee along with nine other people who represented faculty, staff, students, alumni and the board of trustees. I was so impressed with the quality of the candidates who applied for the position. I came to realize that SMU is an institution that has great appeal to educational leaders because of its diversity of programs, its history of success and the strong faculty and staff that has been assembled.

The search committee was given the charge to find the best person for the job and it took its job very seriously. It hired a top-tier search firm to assist in the effort and recruited talented leaders to apply for the position. While all finalists for the position of SMU president were very strong, Brother William clearly stood at the top of the list. His outstanding credentials as a scholar, a leader and his international experience will benefit SMU as the university continues to become more global in scope, with more diversity among its students and more program offerings. I believe that with the support of our faculty and staff, SMU is well-positioned to continue to be successful in its endeavors. Brother William will provide the needed leadership and vision to keep SMU moving.

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However, all good institutions need help. And SMU alumni need to continue to “step up to the plate” and support their alma mater. There are many ways to help:

1. Talk up SMU to friends and prospective students. If parents and prospective students don’t know about SMU, they won’t come to SMU.
2. Volunteer your time. There are many things SMU alums can do to assist staff and faculty as they work with our students. Just place a call to the alumni office and let them know you would like to help. Your talents and a small amount of time are very valuable.
3. Pray for SMU. We all know the power of prayer!
4. Contribute financially to the institution. SMU needs contributions from its alums in order to prosper.

I think the future for SMU is a bright one. We are fortunate to have Brother William as our new president. With Brother William, a talented faculty and staff, and caring alumni, SMU will continue to awaken, nurture, and empower learners to ethical lives of service and leadership.

upcoming alumni events

JUNE
5 Twin Cities Young Alumni Boat Cruise
Lake Minnetonka
Excelsior, Minn.
13-15 Homecoming Weekend
Winona, Minn.

AUGUST
1 Chicago Golf Outing
Golf Club of Illinois
Algonquin, Ill.

SEPTEMBER
13-14 Cardinal ‘M’ Club
Winona, Minn.

For updates on future events for our alumni, go online: www.smumn.edu/alumni

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**Twin Cities Boat Cruise**

Another successful young alumni boat cruise was held on Lake Minnetonka in Excelsior, Minn., July 26. Enjoying the event are Jessica (Morris ’00) Galvin, Bob Galvin ’99, Meg (Leuer ’97) Richtman (alumni director), Carmen Carlson ’04 and Joe Morris ’04.

**Chicago Lunch Series**

This year’s luncheon lecture series featured two highly successful Saint Mary’s and Saint Teresa alumnae: Mary Dempsey ’75, commissioner for the Chicago Public Library, and Mary Ann Smith CST ’68, alderman for Chicago’s 48th Ward, and member of SMU’s Board of Trustees. Pictured here are seniors from the Saint Teresa Leadership & Service Institute for Women including, from left, Theresa Hartnett, Abigail Lofte and Robyn Perez with Mercedes McGowen CST ’61 (Saint Teresa Institute Advisory Council member) and Smith.

**Chicago Christmas Party**

More than 150 alumni and friends came out for the annual Chicago Christmas Holiday party. This year’s event was hosted by Tom Kuhn ’85 and Mike Phillips ’85 at their newly renovated restaurant and bar in Wheaton, Ill., called “The Bank.” Getting together are, from left: Dan Bertagna ’85, Ralph Vennetti ’85 and Brian Eveslage ’85.
Saint Mary’s Convention reunites and recruits in Chicagoland

On Feb. 29, approximately 120 faculty, staff and students stuffed suitcases, bags, posters, displays, memorabilia, prizes, music equipment and instruments, into two busses.

Five hours, 287 miles, two movies, and a few snores later, the group converged on the Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca, Ill., refreshed and ready to begin two days of recruiting, reminiscing and reuniting.

The third Saint Mary’s Convention Chicago kicked off with a reception and silent auction for alumni Friday night. Special recognition was given to retiring long-time faculty, Dr. Dick Kowles M’67; Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC ’58; Dr. Pat Sommerville; Dr. Mike Sommerville; and Dr. Joe Shields. Laughter, bountiful food and music by the SMU jazz combo and Sigma Alpha Iota highlighted the evening.

On Saturday, guests got a chance to meet faculty, staff and students; peruse displays; register for prizes; enjoy refreshments; play games; and take home SMU giveaways. Potential students and their parents were also able to get a taste of SMU through informational breakout sessions including: “College Decisions 101”; “A YouTube view of SMU”; “The ABCs of starting a business”; and “What’s gender got to do with it?” — featuring an admissions how-to; a panel of SMU students; the Kabara Institute for

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Entrepreneurial Studies; and the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute. Alumni also had a choice to hear Dr. Kowles present his memoir, “School,” which reflects on his life inside the classroom.

Before lunch, the Oldie Moldie All-Stars — a band comprised of students and staff, mostly members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia — entertained the audience with favorites from the ’50s and ’60s.

Joining Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis on stage during the convention welcome and keynote address were well-known Chicago personalities John McDonough ’75, president of the Blackhawks and former president of the Cubs, serving as keynote speaker; as well as Walter ’81, Tim ’85 and Mark ’86 Smithe of Walter E. Smithe Furniture, serving as masters of ceremonies.

The Smithe brothers played a few of their clever and catchy commercial favorites, and led the audience in a rendition of their company’s jingle. McDonough addressed “Changing Cultures in a Sports and Business Environment” before answering questions from the audience.

Throughout the weekend, almost 60 prospective students and their families and 350 alumni attended. Together, they shared what’s new and news at SMU. As alumni, current students and prospective students shared stories, they also created a valuable network of SMU’s past, present and future. (Thanks, Chicago, for your gracious hospitality!)

Special thanks also go to event sponsors: Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Dolan Law Offices (Marty Dolan ’85), James McHugh Construction Co. (Michael Meagher ’87, Board of Trustees), Kabara Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies at SMU, Micro Medics Inc. (Matthew Sheasby ’88), Mullins Food Products on behalf of the Mullins families, SMU Chicago-area trustees, and Walter E. Smithe Furniture (Walter E. Smithe III ’81, Timothy Smithe ’85 and Mark Smithe ’86).
1) Keynote Speaker John McDonough ’75, president of the Chicago Blackhawks, accepted an SMU hockey jersey, imprinted with his name.

2) Freshman Ania McNamara and Senior Sam Courtier read off questions for an SMU trivia game.

3) Sarah Kay ’07, of the office of admission, talks with a prospective student.

4) Luke Ostreko ’06, Meghan Gehr ’06 and Kami Ward ’05, director of intramurals, reunited during Friday night festivities.

5) Emcees Walter ’81, Mark ’86, and Timothy ’85 Smithe of Walter E. Smithe Furniture pose with two confirmed ’08 freshmen, Emily Mateling and Eliza Lawson.

6) Lawrence Hogan ’75 takes a photo with his classmate John McDonough ’75.

7) Susan (O’Donnell ’81) O’Connell, Lori Nelson Quinn ’80 and John O’Connell ’80 take time to reminisce about SMU and congratulate Dick Kowles M’67 on his retirement.

8) The Oldie Moldie All-Stars — including senior Jeff David, senior Bryan Atchison, and sophomore Peter Snell — entertained convention goers with hits from the ’50s and ’60s.

9) John LeClair ’75 and Bruce Carlevato ’74 greet Big Red, SMU’s Cardinal mascot.
Plan to come back June 13-15 for

HOMECOMING

2008

The Saint Mary’s University Office of Development and Alumni Relations and the SMU Alumni Association invite you back to your alma mater for a fun, memory-filled weekend. These three days will reunite hundreds of alumni and their families in the beautiful bluffs of Winona to reminisce about the past, share the present and look to the future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 13

Golf Outing
Join fellow SMU alumni for the 14th annual Homecoming Golf Outing at the Winona Country Club.

50+ Anniversary Dinner
A special dinner for the golden anniversary class of 1958 and earlier class years.

Alumni Class Gatherings
Connect with classmates who arrive early and plan gatherings for anniversary classes. Go to www.smumn.edu/homecoming for a complete listing.

SATURDAY JUNE 14

Gilmore Gallop
Participate in the annual 5K run through the scenic bluffs surrounding campus. Prizes will be awarded. All ages are welcome.

Family Picnic
Come join the fun near Max Molock Field, complete with music and fun for all ages. Class pictures will be taken at this time.

Alumni Mass
Join us for an alumni Mass in Saint Thomas More Chapel.

Alumni Reception
An hors d’oeuvres reception will follow Mass.

Homecoming Dinner and Award Ceremony
SMU’s annual alumni awards will be presented after the Homecoming dinner. This year’s recipients are: Distinguished Alumni, Ed Zabrocki ’63; Religious Service, Hugh Downey ’62; Alumni Appreciation, Tim Burchill ‘68 (posthumously).

Piano Sing-Along
Join your classmates and other SMU alums for rousing versions of songs from yesteryears.

Reunion Party
Come to the reunion party after the dinner, with live music for all ages, and enjoy refreshments with your classmates and friends.

SUNDAY JUNE 15

Mass
Join us for Mass in Saint Thomas More Chapel.

Alumni Brunch
Cap off the weekend with a brunch.

Other activities:
You may also enjoy a scenic riding tour through the bluffs, outdoor volleyball, the facilities in the Gostomski Fieldhouse (including the ice rink and pool), campus tours and more!

Register online today!
www.smumn.edu/homecoming
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS
Edward Zabrocki ’63

Ed Zabrocki ’63 has served as mayor of Tinley Park, Ill., since 1981, for an astonishing seven consecutive terms. He has been featured in both the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times as one of the hardest-working mayors in the Chicagoland area. Zabrocki was one of 10 U.S. mayors honored as finalists for the World Mayor Award in 2005. (Other finalists included Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, and Michael Bloomberg, mayor of New York.) This honor is given to mayors who have made significant contributions to their city, both nationally and internationally. He’s seen his community through both heartbreaking tragedy (the recent Lane Bryant mall shooting) and celebratory triumph (the village’s greatest physical and financial growth has occurred during his leadership). The community also has shown tremendous generosity and hospitality with the “State of Hope” endeavor, through which Tinley Park hosted many evacuees of Hurricane Katrina. But being “mayor” wasn’t his full-time job; Ed retired from Brother Rice High School in 2005 after 39 years as a teacher and director of counseling. He was also elected as a representative to the Illinois State Legislature for one term.

RELIGIOUS SERVICE
Hugh Downey ’62

Hugh Downey ’62 is being honored for his humanitarian efforts as president of the Lalmba Association, a relief agency that, although small in size, accomplishes great things in the areas of health care and education within East Africa. Lalmba operates with fewer than 10 volunteer doctors, nurses and project directors, and a handful of local volunteers. Forty-four years ago, U.S. Army communications specialist Hugh Downey found himself stationed in a remote eastern African outpost. Little did he know how the land and its people would change him, or that he would change them in return. Today, Downey and his wife, Marty, are “guardian angels” to more than 1,500 African children who are part of the Downeys’ outreach program. Most were born to parents who died from AIDS. But these children are the lucky ones, thanks to the Downeys and their unconditional love. Their small organization has seen 2 million patients and cared for hundreds of orphan children through their facilities in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Kenya. For part of the year, the Downeys share a grass hut on the shores of Lake Victoria in Kenya or in the rain forest of Ethiopia. The rest of the year is spent at their home in Arvada, Colo., where Hugh is a deacon at Spirit of Christ Catholic Community and they enjoy spending time with their children, Keren and Mikael, and their families. Lalmba means “place of hope,” and that is what the Downeys are all about – creating hope.

ALUMNI APPRECIATION
Tim Burchill ’68, posthumously

Tim Burchill ’68 was one of very few men who could stylishly pull off black leather Harley gear, golf attire, or a formal suit — sometimes all in the same day. Whether at work or play, Burchill was well-known for wholeheartedly and unreservedly giving 100 percent. In his 28-year career with Saint Mary’s University, one could argue he gave 110 percent. The Chicago native began his career as a teacher at Aquinas High School in La Crosse, Wis., and at Totino-Grace High School in Fridley, Minn. He worked for a short period in California before returning to his alma mater in 1979. He most recently served as executive director of the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership and as president and co-founder of the Metanoia Group, an affiliate of Saint Mary’s that provides development and consulting services to nonprofit organizations. In 1991, he co-created Saint Mary’s master degree program in philanthropy and development; he greatly enjoyed teaching in the program every summer. Tim previously served as vice president for university relations, which encompassed the university’s fundraising, public relations and alumni relations. A champion of ethical fundraising, his work and insights were known and recognized in philanthropic communities worldwide. He cared deeply about what was best for Saint Mary’s, and his dedication to the university, his colleagues and students was unwavering. He died unexpectedly in February 2007. He was a gifted colleague, caring mentor, inspiring teacher and friend.
After several years of fundraising and planning, construction on the Saint Mary’s University Veterans Memorial began this spring, and a dedication is scheduled for Homecoming, June 13-15, 2008.

Fundraising for the memorial — a project of the Alumni Association Board — is complete. A total of $80,000 in donations has been raised, entirely from outside university funds.

After an extensive review of the project, the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees and the Alumni Board each voted in February to complete the project with a revised, final design that more clearly reflects the intent of the memorial: to honor those men and women — with ties to Saint Mary’s — who have served our country through the military.

The memorial will be located off the path between the plaza and Hillside Hall (north of Gostomski Fieldhouse). The inviting and spacious new design features semi-circular seating and attractive landscaping. At the memorial’s center, a large glass monument, etched with an olive branch, will bear the words “Peace through Service.” At night, the design will be enhanced by soft interior lighting, which will project upward from its base.

Five pedestals inside the memorial will contain:

- A dedication and explanation of the intent of the memorial.
- An honor roll of those alumni veterans in the five branches of the military, who died in service to their country. By 1945, 32 Saint Mary’s students and alumni had given their lives in service to our country.
- An identification of the site of the Rooney and Ditter Barracks with photos. The memorial will be built in close proximity to where “The Barracks” once stood on the Winona campus. These military-surplus dormitories were erected to house the surge of students and veterans attending college after WWII and were later named Rooney and Ditter Barracks after two alumni killed in action. Lt. William Rooney ’40 was an Army officer who died of wounds received during combat in France in 1945. Lt. Anthony Ditter ’41 was a Navy pilot who died during a combat mission in 1944 in the South Pacific. The Barracks remained dormitories for 27 years and were a campus landmark until 1973.
- A final resting place for the Navy V-12 program plaque. Saint Mary’s housed the V-12 officer training program from 1943-46. After the war, a plaque was presented to the university from the Secretary of the Navy in recognition of its contribution. For many years, this plaque was displayed on the second floor of Saint Mary’s Hall.
- A quote recognizing Catholic doctrine about military service and peace: “Those who are sworn to serve their country in the armed forces are servants of the security and freedom of nations. If they carry out their duty honorably, they truly contribute to the common good of the nation and the maintenance of peace” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 2310).

Each gift of more than $250 to the Veterans Memorial project will be recognized with an engraved paving brick, which can honor or memorialize a veteran’s gift of service. Anyone in the Saint Mary’s community can purchase a brick for a loved one who has served.

To learn more about how to support this memorial, go to www.smumn.edu/veteransmemorial or contact Meg Richtman at mrichtma@smumn.edu.
Memorial brings closure for SMU alum

A large black tablet inside the Pentagon lists the 184 names of those who died on Sept. 11, 2001 when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Washington, D.C., building.

CAPT Tim Tyre ’69, now retired from the Naval Reserve, knows many of those names. They belong to good men, good friends, and personal colleagues. Even those whose faces or names he didn’t know well, he considers “family.”

“The Navy is a little family,” he said. “Even if you don’t know someone, you do; they’re all shipmates.”

It isn’t a memory that comes easily for the career military man. After a sustained silence, he understatedly and quietly expresses, “It was an unpleasant thing.”

CAPT Tyre was serving as a commanding officer of a unit at the Pentagon in 2001. He was a couple of blocks away, attending a meeting in another military building, when terrorist planes struck both the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

As he and colleagues watched live broadcasts of the attack, he felt the ground shake beneath him.

CAPT Tyre’s world changed in an instant. Immediately senior officers, including CAPT Tyre, were “taken underground” as they began to survey the damage and prepare the protective responses of the country. One of his first duties was to help re-activate the USNS Comfort and send it to the New York harbor. The ship sailed to serve as a hospital facility, but its mission evolved into a support center for disaster relief workers, many of whom had been resting on the street before returning to the rubble of Ground Zero to search for survivors.

For his actions during and immediately following the Pentagon attack, CAPT Tyre was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Chief of Naval Operations for the President.

“There was never a time to (grieve); we just had to react,” he said. “In fact, I didn’t (mourn) for months afterwards. I was back at home … I was up one night very late, 1 or 2 in the morning, it’s hard to sleep after those things,” CAPT Tyre recalls. “And they had a televised broadcast of the ceremonies at the Pentagon. I could see the people I worked with. That was the first time I reacted. Thank goodness I was all by myself.”

CAPT Tyre comes from a military family that didn’t show a great deal of emotion. His father was a World War II bomber pilot. “He’s one of those guys who doesn’t say much, ever,” CAPT Tyre said. “The day after the hit at the Pentagon, he called to check if I was OK, and he told me, ‘This is your Pearl Harbor.’ ”

Tyre added that the generation of his father — and other World War II veterans — are dying at 1,500 a day. “There’s a whole generation of those people who went to Saint Mary’s,” he said. “But this isn’t just about 85-year-olds. There are those people who came to Saint Mary’s and who are now serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. If you set aside politics, these are young people who are providing an honorable service; these are the finest people I’ve ever come across.”

As an Alumni Board representative, CAPT Tyre served as the chairman of the committee to build the Veterans Memorial. It is his hope that the memorial recognizes the great personal sacrifices of service men and women within the broader Saint Mary’s University community.

“This memorial has brought me a sense of closure,” he said. “It’s a quiet, respectful way of saying thank you.”

CAPT Tyre requested to be the first person from the Saint Mary’s community to commemorate the memorial on Veterans Day 2008. The retired serviceman has volunteered to — on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month — complete a heartfelt, slow salute to those who have died in service to our country.

In subsequent years, other SMU service men and women — or others in the SMU community — are invited and welcome to show similar tribute on Veterans Day.

SMU alumni who died in service

World War II
Lt. Marcel Bilder ’41
Robert Brannan ’42
Warren Bugden ’47
Lt. John Clarke ’39
William Carney ’37
Michael Cleary ’38
Anthony Ditter ’41
William Fale ’38
Daniel Foley ’46
Thomas Gratzek ’41
John Graver ’46
George Griffin ’40
John Hanrahon ’41
Joseph Jaszewski ’42
Lt. George Keneley ’41
Ens. John Kennedy ’46
John Klug ’45
Robert Larson ’44
Francis Lynch ’40
Thomas McGovern ’39
Lt. John Miller ’41
Thomas Moore ’42
James Noone ’40
Lt. Charles Oberley ’45
Robert Paulsen ’44
John Pollard ’45
John Regan ’44
William Rooney ’40
Lt. Kurt Schellingh ’44
Thomas Skemp ’45
Arthur Speltz ’38
Sgt. Joseph Stack ’41

Vietnam War
Raymond Round ’60

If you know of any other alumni who should be recognized, or family members of the deceased alumni, please contact Meg Richtman at mrichtma@smumn.edu or 507-457-1618.

★ SMU also recognizes another memorial on the Winona campus. In 1943 or 1944, Boy Scout Troop 11 planted 1,500 pines in the bluffs, one for each man or woman in Winona County who was serving in the military during World War II. A number of those trees remain — a living tribute to those men and women.
Who's where, doing what...

1946

Brother Finbar McMullen, Winona, was featured in the Winona Daily News on January 20, 2007. The article was titled “Brother of Invention” and highlighted his long history of invention and his creative ways to build furniture out of used cardboard.

1956

John Deinema, St. Louis Park, Minn., is retired from teaching in the Minneapolis Public Schools System.

1957

Dr. Richard Weiland, Northfield, Minn., is a member of an international board with a mission to find the cause and a cure for Waldenstrom’s Macroglobulinemia, a rare form of cancer that affects plasma cells.

1958

Thomas Mayefske, Albuquerque, N.M., retired and was made an emeritus member of the Southwest Liturgical Conference, which is the world’s oldest conference.

1960

Dr. Ronald Koperski, Peoria, Ill., received one of Bradley University’s most prestigious awards, the Putnam Award for Excellence in Teaching, during the Founder’s Day Convocation, Sept. 27, 2007. He led the way in the development of the university’s public relations program.

Michael Barrett, Aurora, Ill., was ordained a Deacon in August of 2007. He finished a two-year clinical pastoral educational program at the University of Illinois Medical Center Hospital in Chicago, where he is a part-time chaplain. He is also attending the Institute of Pastoral Studies graduate school of Loyola in Chicago.

1964

David Moulton, Westminster, Colo., retired from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage in October 2007. He and his wife, Tere, will be moving to Morelia, Mexico, where they have a home. Classmates are invited to visit. Reach Dave via e-mail dmoulton@usa.net or by phone (dial from U.S. 011-52) – 451-355-1908.

1965

Dr. Gene Audette, St. Paul, Minn., retired after 33 years in higher education from the University of St. Thomas in 2006. He was named professor emeritus of organization learning and development in 2007. He now divides his time among a “post-retirement” career with his wife, Marjorie, in residential real estate in the Twin Cities, and their other home in Door County, Wis. He is also pursuing his life-long interest in the musical and visual arts.

Andrew “Roo” Yori ’99 and his pit bull, Wallace, of Rochester, Minn., won the Purina Incredible Dog Challenge National Finals 2007 under the Freestyle Flying Disc category. Wallace, the only pit bull who competed in the finals, was adopted from a shelter where he had been scheduled for euthanasia. Besides having a lot of fun and winning several national awards, Yori and Wallace are out to show a different side of the pit bull breed, which is frequently regarded as dangerous. Through education and interaction, Wallace and Yori are proving that not all pit bulls are dangerous, and that much of their behavior is dependant on the way they are raised. They were one of six teams invited to South Korea for an international disc dog competition as part of Team USA, but were unable to make the trip because of breed bans with certain airlines. For more information, go to www.wallacethepitbull.com. Check out additional videos of Wallace in action at www.youtube.com; search for “Wallace and Roo.” (Photo courtesy of Whitney Curtis.)

Bill Coughlan, Madison Lake, Minn., was affiliated with the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools on Sept. 19, 2007. He is a volunteer at San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis.

1966

Joe Dixon, Minneapolis, was listed in the August 2007 issue of the Twin Cities Business magazine as one of the top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyers for 2007.

Seth Ostrander, Green Valley, Ariz., received a nursing degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee in 1976 and has retired from the Veterans Administration after 22 years of service. He moved from Seattle, Wash., to Green Valley, where he does volunteer work and is enjoying the retired life with his wife of 25 years. His passion is bicycling.

1967

Denny DeLarco, Sarasota, Fla., was named branch manager of Wagner Realty’s El Conquistador Parkway office. He has been in the real estate industry for the past 18 years.

1968

Capt. Stephen Arends, Chula Vista, Calif., is the new chairman of San Diego County’s Veteran Advisory Council and still serves as California’s Representative on the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Legislative Committee.

Barney Lundstrom, Minneapolis, retired from his purchasing and production control management position in May 2007. He and his wife, Beate, like bicycling around home, taking hiking trips in different parts of the United States, and taking care of their two granddaughters. He is also trying to complete a lifetime goal of seeing at least one
major league baseball game in every major league park in the nation and Canada.

1969

John Wagenaar, Winona, is a pre-needs counselor and funeral celebrant with Hoff Funeral Homes.

1970

August Aleksy, Oak Park, Ill., along with his wife, Tracy (Reynolds CST ‘72), own Centuries & Sleuths Bookstore in Forest Park. The store was listed as one of the top 10 bookstores in Chicago in the June 8, 2007 issue of the Chicago Tribune. Augie serves on the Forest Park Chamber of Commerce and West Cook YMCA Boards. They are very proud of their son August Aleksy, IV who is graduating in ‘08 from Saint Mary’s.

Leland Nagel, Washington, D.C., is the executive director for the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership.

Loren Niemi, Minneapolis, is the winner of the 2007 Oracle award for national leadership and service.

1971

Michael Johanns resigned after nearly three years in office as U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, clearing the way to run for the U.S. Senate in Nebraska.

Phillip Sagstetter, Rockville, Md., received the Korea Defense Service Medal from the United States Air Force in July 2007, for flying F-4 Phantoms in a fighter squadron in Taegu, Korea in 1980. He works at Lockheed Corporation developing software.

1972

Laura Folk, Alexandria, Va., is a retired 20-year Naval Officer. After raising her two children, Greg and Julianna, with husband Wayne, she returned to school and received her nursing degree from Georgetown University. She has been a nurse since 1997 and she works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Georgetown University Hospital. The family spends their fall weekends cheering on the Hokies.

Father Tom Heck, Naples, Fla., transferred from the diocese of Sioux Falls, S.D., to the diocese of Venice in Florida, in June 2005. He was named Pastor of St. Finbarr Church on March 1, 2007.

William Tennison, Huntersville, N.C., accepted the chief accounting officer position for 3D Systems, Inc. in 2006. This position has allowed him to travel throughout the world. He is still a Chi-Sox fan, but converted to the Carolina Panthers.

1973

Mary (Lucas) Karnick, Tomball, Texas, was named Teacher of the Year at Beneke Elementary School. She was promoted to assistant principal in summer 2007. Want to get out of the cold? Come see Mary and husband Kevin ‘72 in Texas.

Michael Keating, Lenoir, Tenn., is the vice president of risk management for UHS, Inc.

Brother James McVeigh, OSF, Fresh Meadows, N.Y., was appointed co-vicar for religious for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He also serves as Franciscan mission coordinator at St. Francis Preparatory School.

1975

Patrick Salvi, Lake Forest, Ill., is the managing partner of Salvi, Schostok & Pritchard P.C., located in Chicago and Waukegan. For the second time he has been recognized by two prominent peer-review surveys including The Best Lawyers in America, and he also once again has been named an Illinois Super Lawyer by his peers. He will be teaching “Personal Injury Litigation” at the University of Notre Dame Law School in spring 2008.

William Jungbauer, North Oaks, Minn., was listed in the August 2007 issue of the Twin Cities Business magazine as one of the top 100 Minnesota Super Lawyers for 2007.

1977

Loretta Razny, Ormond Beach, Fla., is the vice president controller for Masco Contractor Services.

1979

Michelle (Galles) Cochran, Winona, is the new associate director of the K-12 reading teacher program at Saint Mary’s University.

1981

Peggy Starck, New Berlin, Wis., is pursuing a registered nursing degree at Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Joe Sweeney, Libertyville, Ill., was named vice president for development and alumni relations at Saint Mary’s University.

Theodore Schnell, Elgin, Ill., was promoted to web editor at The Courier News/Sun-Times News Group.

1982

Father Dominic Garramone, OSB, Peru, Ill., teaches at Saint Bede Academy. He formed a group on nine students called “The Genesis Project” to produce a script for the fall theatre program, which was titled “What I Wanted to Say.” The show premiered Nov. 16, 2006, and was selected for presentation at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival in January 2007. At the fest it was seen by the

### 1986

Paul Hoffmann, Madison, Wis., was named president and chief executive officer at Monona State Bank.

Michelle (Emond) Wolfe, Aurora, Colo., was appointed deputy city manager for the City of Aurora after four and a half years as city administrator of Arden Hills, Minn.

### 1987

Rick Cosentino, Kennesaw, Ga., has a new position with Delta Airlines as an operations supervisor.

Karen Hager, Lexington, Ky., has a new position with the University of Kentucky as an assistant professor.

Mary (Stephenson) Spurr, Aurora, Ill., was promoted from office manager to deputy director at Pritzker Military Library. She completed her master’s degree in business administration, and accounting and financial management.

### 1989

Reverend Steven Biegler, Rapid City, S.D., is the chaplain for the Rapid City Catholic Schools.

Suzanne (Helmin) Boettner, Alexandria, Minn., is working in the special education department at Alexandria High School. She teaches 18- to 21-year-old students independent living skills, along with academics. She also keeps busy with her three school-age boys, Paul, Isaac and Samuel.

Frank Perez, Chicago, started a new position with Access Community Health Network as a physician’s assistant in internal medicine and pediatrics.

### 1990

Jill Fischer, Mankato, Minn., has a new position at Gustavus Adolphus College as the study abroad advisor.

### 1991

Molly (Crosby) Cave, St. Paul, Minn., was written up in the

Pioneer Press for starting an initiative in St. Paul where neighbors paint intersections in an effort to build community and know their neighbors. E-mail: info@PaintThePavement.org or call (651) 646-1986.

Todd Guenther, Weeki Wachee, Fla., was promoted to senior project manager at Safety Marketing Services.

### 1992

Andrew Matanovic, Mount Prospect, Ill., opened a new business, Regency Real Estate Services. He and his wife Dori have two children, Jimmy, 5, and Tea, 1. Along with running his real estate business, he is in his 12th year as a firefighter/paramedic for the village of Skokie.

### 1993

Father David Forisman, Pine City, Minn., was appointed pastor at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Pine City.

Reverend Chester Murtha, Miller, S.D., is the new pastor at St. Ann’s, St. Joseph, and St. Liborius parishes.

Bart Wolkerstorfer, Blaine, Minn., is the director of marketing at Land O’Lakes Inc. He is currently completing his master’s degree in business administration at Saint Mary’s in Minneapolis. He and his wife Jodi have two children, Lauren, 8, and Jake, 6.

### 1994

Kimberly (Patzner) Cassidy, Plum Boro, Pa., was promoted to the rank of Major in the U.S. Army. She is an instructor for the U.S. Army at the University of Pittsburgh. She and her husband, Luke, have three children, Meghan Marie, 2; Brendan Michael, 4; and Christopher Patrick, 8. Kim is very proud of her husband for receiving the Purple Heart and Navy Achievement Medal.

Jenny (Czarnecki) Deml, Ellendale, Minn., is in her second year as director of St. Isidore School. She enjoys working closely with the school board president Tina (Machaj ’94) Kubicek to grow their small Catholic grade school. On days she is not working she is home with her children, Laura, Jesse and Elizabeth.

Ann Keen, Chicago, will be directing "Hamlet" at Athenaeum Theatre in May 2008. She is a vice president with JP Morgan Chase.

Brad Verthein, Naperville, Ill., is a middle school psychologist.

Heather (Fecht) Verthein, Naperville, Ill., is an off-site contractor for CIMCO Communication, Inc. The owner/CEO of CIMCO Communication, Inc. is a fellow alum, Bill Capraro ’81.

Melanie (Audette) Bexell, Moose Lake, Minn., is mainly a stay-at-home mom but works part-time for the Dwelling in the Woods as a bookkeeper.

Brian Lepel, Maplewood, Minn., ended a successful career at IBM and has started two new careers. He is starting his own website business and is a real estate investor.

Amy Jo Vanderscheuren, Hoyt Lakes, Minn., celebrated her five-year anniversary with the Duluth Area Chamber of Commerce, where she is the director of professional development.

Dr. Josh Takagishi, Dewitt, Mich., relocated to Dewitt where he is a practicing pediatrician with Lansing Pediatric Associates.

Aaron Wing, Tulsa, Okla., is a therapeutic specialty representative for Pfizer Inc.

Dr. Ami Kuisle, West Springfield, Mass., started a new position with Springfield Anesthesia in August 2007, as an anesthesiologist.

Mark Sedevic, Chicago, was promoted to sergeant with the Chicago Police Department on Aug. 30, 2007.

Teisha Smith Devine, Chicago, received her master’s degree in counseling from DePaul University and is working as a counselor at Saint Patrick High School. She and her husband, David, have a son, Damian, 1.

Kristine (Ditlevson) Glancy, New York, N.Y., works for Kraft Foods as a senior associate brand manager.

Dr. Anthony Holter, South Bend, Ind., completed his Ph.D. in educational psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and is now a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Notre Dame.

Ryan Rosenberg, Winona, was promoted to executive sales assistant for eastern North America with Fastenal Company in Winona.

Dr. Diane (Wood) Gordon, Salt Lake City, Utah, is a resident physician at the University of Utah anesthesiology department.


For more information on this incredible journey, visit http://caska.org/Heineman_Trip_2006

A 49-day, 865-mile journey by paddle

On June 11, 2006, Tom Heineman ’70 — a math tutor from Chicago — set off on a 49-day, 865-mile, sea-kayaking journey around Lake Michigan. After successfully completing the journey, Heineman became the first person to circumnavigate Lake Michigan via kayak. Heineman paddled along the shorelines of Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and Indiana. This physically draining and dangerous adventure around the lake required Heineman to paddle for six to eight hours daily, at the pace of around 20 miles per day. Despite the treacherous crossings, ignorant boaters and aching muscles, when asked what he would do next, he said, “There are four more Great Lakes left.”

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Rebecca Limberg, St. Paul, Minn., has moved back to Minnesota and has taken a position with University Fairview Hospital as a registered nurse in the emergency room.

Kelly (DeWane) Pieschek, Green Bay, Wis., is a stay-at-home mom with two children, Grace and Tyler. She also assists in organizing a playgroup that consists of 100 members.

Sherell Massman Roche, Durham, N.C., is employed at Wachovia Bank.

John Scheid, Rochester, Minn., was promoted to operations consultant with American Dairy Queen.

Bethany Heinz, Sioux Falls, S.D., is attending an accelerated nursing program at South Dakota State University.

Brother Albert (Phillip) Lichtenwalter, OP, St. Louis, Mo., is a student Brother with the Central Dominican Province, where he is a second-year theology student.

Dr. Joe Roche, Durham, N.C., was one of two recipients of the 2007 Armand J. Quick Award for Outstanding Senior Medical Students in Biochemistry. He is an otolaryngology resident at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Liam Baucom-Orlofsky, Buffalo, Minn., became the lead English teacher with the Minneapolis Urban League Academy in August 2007.

Emilee Scheid, Rochester, Minn., is working at Olmsted Medical Center as a physician assistant.

Murray gives up accounting career to return to San Miguel school

On Jan. 1, 2008, Ben Murray ‘96 took over as president of San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis. Murray is well-known at the Catholic Lasallian school, which is dedicated to teaching underserved populations of urban youth. A co-founder of San Miguel in 2000, Murray served in a multitude of roles during his seven-year tenure with the school, most recently as the director of mission advancement. He left San Miguel in July 2006 to return to a career in public accounting.

But his heart remained with San Miguel. Murray expressed he has “greatly missed working with the students, their families and all of the wonderful people who provide their support toward achieving their dreams.”

Co-founder and past San Miguel president, Brother Larry Schatz, has been chosen to serve as the assistant provincial for the Midwest District of Christian Brothers, the order that oversees San Miguel Middle School.
SMU alum named president of Blackhawks

John McDonough ’75 was named president of the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007. McDonough, 54, joined the Blackhawks after working in the Chicago Cubs organization for close to 25 years, the last year as team president. As the Cubs chief, and in his previous role as senior vice president of marketing and broadcasting, he was widely viewed as a sports marketing and management innovator who was credited with growing the Cubs’ fan base and attracting sponsorships for one of the most successful pro sports franchises in the country.

2004

Sean Lathrop, St. Joseph, Minn., works as a police office on the Community Crime Impact Team for the St. Cloud Police Department.

Robyn LaVoie, Grand Forks, Minn., started a new position with Altru Health System as a paramedic/health unit coordinator in May 2007.

Emily (Theis) Reger, Woodbury, Minn., is a first-grade teacher at North Saint Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District.

Crystal (Erickson) Syverson, Menomonie, Wis., was promoted to account executive with United Parcel Service in April 2007.

Carol Weisz, Rochester, Minn., is the pastoral care minister at the Academy of Our Lady of Lourdes.

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2005

Jim Baertsch, La Crosse, Wis., has a new position at Poellinger Electric in La Crosse. He and his wife, Jennifer (Flogers) Baertsch ’05, have purchased their first home.

Devin Bloom, Hartford, S.D., started working on his Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology at the University of Toronto.

Keith Cockerham, Park Forest, Ill., is working as a product research technician at ArcelorMittal Steel, and is working toward a master’s degree in forensic science.

Rebecca (Ludvigsen) Koopal, Lyle, Minn., received her master’s degree in instruction from Saint Mary’s University in June 2007. She is in her fourth year of teaching middle school language arts at Sacred Heart School in Adams, Minn.

Jonathan Skalski, Provo, Utah, is pursuing his master’s degree at Brigham Young University.

Kyle TePoel, Mendota Heights, Minn., started a new job as a teaching assistant at Children’s County Day Preschool.

Jason Thiges, Eugene, Ore., is in his second year of marriage and family therapy master’s degree program at the University of Oregon.

2006

Jennifer (Flogers) Baertsch, La Crosse, Wis., is the development and communications specialist for the Coulee Catholic Schools.

Anna Curtis, Brentwood, Tenn., began working for Lattimore, Black, Morgan and Cain as a strategic planner in June 2006.

Brandon Huxhold, Wauconda, Ill., works in sales throughout the northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Kates Lammers Huxhold, Wauconda, Ill., works as a music teacher at St. Bede Catholic Grade School in Ingleside, Ill.

Jill Kunkel, Rochester, Minn., has a new position as a financial representative for Mayo Clinic.

Crystal Simon, Northfield, Minn., became the head coach of the Northfield Gymnastics Club in May 2007.

Jennifer (Johnson) Strobel, Delano, Minn., is employed at Fuzzy Duck Design as an external marketing and communications manager.

Sara Swanberg, Providence, R.I., is working as an intern in stage management for Trinity Repertory Company.

Ashley Thibodeaux, Mendota Heights, Minn., is a coordinator for advertising and accounts payable departments with Colle & McVoy.

2007

Grant Barthel, Watertown, Minn., is studying cytogenetic technology at Mayo Clinic.

Laura Betchner, Green Bay, Wis., became the contemporary music director with Celebration Lutheran Church in October 2007. She also is a barista for Barnes and Noble Café Shop.

Two alumni, Rebecca Heroff ’92 and John Nord ’92 joined the picketing in New York City. Broadway stagehands went on strike Nov. 10, shutting down dozens of plays and musicals for approximately three weeks. Stagehands and theatre producers reached an agreement at the end of November, ending one of the longest work stoppages in Broadway history. The lights once again show brightly on Broadway.

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Melissa Cramer, Auburn Hills, Mich., has a position in accounts receivables with Morrell Inc., a hydraulic distributor to auto supplier.

Rebecca Dougherty, Maple Grove, Minn., has a new position at Creative Metrics as a marketing assistant.

Amanda Gage, Tucson, Ariz., is a third-grade teacher with Rivera Elementary School.

Sarah Kay, Winona, accepted an admission counselor position with Saint Mary’s University after graduation.

Bridget Kingsley, Waseca, Minn., was awarded the Military Order of the Purple Heart Award by the Army ROTC. The award is presented to a senior who is serving in a leadership role within the Cadet Battalion, possesses a grade of B or better, is active in school and community activities, and displays a positive attitude.

Stephanie Klinger, Minneapolis, Minn., has a new position as a sales assistant with Katz Radio Group since September 2007.

Meghan Krzeszewski, Burnsville, Minn., works for Goodrich Aerospace as a contract administrator.

Rebecca (Bartelson) Mueller, Lewiston, Minn., is teaching high school math for Fillmore Central School District.

Megan Schimek, Pine Island, Minn., began her teaching career at Pine Island High School as a biology teacher.

Lincoln Scully, Minneapolis, Minn., accepted a position with Accenture as an associate software engineer.

Jennifer Truhler, Goodview, Minn., is attending Saint Mary’s University to complete the Master of Arts in Instruction program.

Holly Winslow, Rosemount, Minn., works with Mayo Clinic as a clinical laboratory technologist.

Weddings

Alfred Dziuk ’54, to Hazel Kliever, Hereford, Texas, on May 8, 2005.


Bill Flynn ’05 and Katie Johnson ’06 were married in June 2007 in Elk River, Minn. SMU students and alumni attending included, from left, front: Sam Phillips ’04, the groom and bride, Adam Fingerhut ’06; middle row, Rick Baigini ’04, Becky Belanger ’05, Chad Damerow ’05, Adam Gill ’08, Molly Strusz ’08, Steph Ashworth ’07, Allison Schuster ’06. Mary Broderick ’06, Jacqui Ripoli ’07, Madeline Loftus ’07, Melissa Powers ’07, Amy Madden ’07, Jennifer (Schipp ’06) Stewart, Kim Rhomberg ’05, Christina Gersch ’08, Jesse Polk ’08; back row, Marcus Reska ’06, Ryan Holland ’04, David Gross ’08, Tim McNamara ’06, Ryan Radke ’08, Graham Murphy ’06, Pat Chambers ’06, Dennis Vickers ’05, Mark Miller ’05 and Tom Stewart ’06.

Sherell Massman ’01 to Dr. Joe Roche ’02, Durham, N.C., on June 2, 2007.


Amy Burns ’02 to Brian Flug, Chippewa Falls, Wis., on June 29, 2007.

Dr. Abby Ludwig ’02 to Ryan DeBonis, Fort Wainwright, Ark., on July 7, 2007.


Julia Pagelkopf ’02 to Brad Bernardi, Galesburg, Ill., on June 30, 2007.

Evey Olson ’03 to Kevin Wellman, Eden Prairie, Minn., on Sept. 22, 2007. Saint Mary’s alumni in attendance were Liam ’03 and Ann (Sheehan ’03) Baucom-Orofsky, John ’03 and Brooke (Meschke ’03) Holterhaus, and Ruth (Swanson ’03) Wagner.

Angie Pieper ’07, front, fourth from left, and Brian Kasel were married July 28, 2007, in Adams, Minn. SMU students and alumni attending included, from left, front: Lindsay Dickson ’08, Kami Ward ’05, Eric Saindon ’08, Diana Connolly ’08, Sarah Kay ’07, Robin Karras ’08, Lindsay Johnson ’06, Rachel Blackhawk ’08, Emilie Fisch ’08, Katie Nowak ’08; back row, August Aleksy ’07, Lincoln Scully ’07, Nikki Olson ’08, Brytton Bjorgaard ’07, Ben Linder ’09, Tina Carufel ’07, and Sheila Tierney ’08.

Steve Rocker ’04 and Natalie Cossetta ’04 were married July 14, 2007, in West Saint Paul, Minn. SMU students and alumni attending included, from left: front, Anna Shields ’04, Nikki Kadlec ’04, middle, Emilie Scheid ’03, Missy Jungbauer ’03, Rachel Fink ’04, the bride and groom, Michael Johnson ’04, Nick Taylor ’03, Rachel McPherson ’04, Aron Tierney ’04; back, Jon Scheid ’01, Sarah Fisher ’04, Renee Willkom ’04, Jim Baertsch ’04, Jenny Baertsch ’05, Chris Ames ’04, Bridget McKee ’04, Keri Drake ’05, Beth (Walch ’04) Taylor, and Logan Twedt ’05 (not pictured).

Brook Meschke ’03, third from right, married John Holterhaus ’03 on June 16, 2007, in La Crosse, Wis. SMU alumni in attendance were, from left: back, Justin Speiser ’03, Michele O’Brien ’03, Dustin Wilhelmy ’05, Ben Morisette ’03, Jon Helwig ’03, the bride, John Bezdichek ’03, the groom; front, Tim Huemoeller ’03, Eve (Olson ’03) Wellman, Danni Voigt ’03, Katie Crotty ’03, Kristen Berg ’03, Maggie (Yates ’06) Savin, and Mike Savin ’03.

Crystal Erickson ’03 married Travis Syverson in Prairie du Chien, Wis., on Sept. 22, 2007. SMU faculty attending included Tony Piscitelli ’69, M’82 and his wife, Kathy (CST ’70).
Class Notes


Sarah Kraszewski ‘04 to Brendon Panke ‘05, Madison, Wis., on Oct. 6, 2007.


Emilee Sacia ‘04 to William Bartz, Mankato, Minn., on Aug. 4, 2007. Bridesmaids in the wedding party were Andrea Bergeron ‘04, Amie Carlson ‘04, and Angie Beissel ‘05. Her personal attendants were Erin Jacobs ‘04 and Mandy McManimon ‘04.

Elizabeth Walch ‘04 to Nicholas Taylor ‘03, Rochester, Minn., on Nov. 24, 2007.

Katie Christenson ‘05 to Matt Heitman ‘03, Savage, Minn., on May 26, 2007.

Kathryn Lammers ‘05 to Brandon Huxhold ‘05, Wauconda, Ill., on July 22, 2007.


Jennifer Schipp ‘06 to Thomas Stewart ‘06, Rochester, Minn., on July 14, 2007. Wedding party included Tim McNamara ‘06, Jesse Polk ‘08, Amy Lang ‘06, Jennifer Miller ‘02, and Amy Edge ‘05.

Nicole Welle ‘06 to Christopher Nere, Fargo, N.D., on Sept. 29, 2007.


Manny M’95, Mankato, Minn., on Aug. 30, 2007. He joins Matthew, 3. His first child, Sarah Katherine, was born on the same day as his cousin, Henri Paradise with the same name. Both were born on the same day as his cousin, Henri Paradise with the same name. Both were born on the same day as his cousin, Henri Paradise with the same name.

Bill ‘90 and Mia (Cacciabondo ‘90) Geheren, Huntley, Ill., through adoption, a son, Danny, who was born on March 21, 2007. He joins Michael, 12, Tommy, 3, and Charlie, 2.


Penny and Timothy Swanson ‘91, Woodbury, Minn., a daughter, Ellen Marie, on July 1, 2007. She joins Timothy Jr., 3.

Linus and Asta (Tijunelis ‘92) Dauksa, Santa Cruz, Calif., a daughter, Violeta Lucija, on Sept. 2, 2007.

Shelby and Matthew Dineen ‘92, Gardiner, Maine, a son, Raymond James, in 2006.

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Brad ‘94 and Heather (Fecht ‘95) Verthein, Naperville, Ill., a son, Nathan Jay, on June 20, 2007. He joins Lauren, 3.

Ryan and Marni (Orthey ‘96) Lambert, Minneapolis, a daughter, Eden, on April 30, 2007.

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Tony and Sheila (Murray ‘96) Zagotta, Warrenville, Ill., a daughter, Alyssa Rose, on Aug. 15, 2007.


Births and Adoptions

Laura and Rocco Castallante ‘84, Downers Grove, Ill., a son, Anthony Rocco, on June 11, 2007.

Matthew and Roseann (McLaughlin ‘87) Federico, Chicago, a son, Enzo Domenic, on May 16, 2007.

David ‘87 and Doreen Puntillo Kudrle M’95, St. Peter, Minn., a son, Nathan David, on Feb. 16, 2007. He joins Matthew, 3.

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Kelly Steuck ‘01 and Justin Hendershot ‘01, front middle, were married on July 14, 2007, in La Crosse, Wis. SMU alumni in attendance were, from left: back, Jeanna (Fabian ‘01) Pipitone, Michael Pipitone ‘01, Fr. Vince Peters ‘99, Josh Wolover ‘03, Brandon Darling ‘01, Fr. Dave Finn ‘98, Amanda (Venner ‘02) Wellard, Ben Houtekier ‘02, Raymond Kelley ‘01, front, Debbie (Goenne ‘01) Sullivan, Ann Durley ‘01, Rebecca Sallee ‘99, Niki Zaleska ‘04, the groom and bride, Kim Sonnek ‘02, Meredith (Riewe ‘02) Daniel (holding Simon), Bill Daniel ‘02 (holding Isaac), and Chris Haywood ‘02. The couple, who reside in Milon, Ill., asks for prayers. Justin was diagnosed with a brain tumor on Nov. 1. To check on his condition and leave words of support, go to www.caringbridge.org and enter “Justin Hendershot.”
Cave shares universal love, language of soccer with youth from Rwanda

James Cave ‘91 discovered last summer that soccer is a universal language.

When preparing for an upcoming trip to Rwanda, Cave wondered what he might bring as presents to a local orphanage. He thought about the young boys whose childhoods have been violently taken from them by the atrocities of a mass genocide 13 years ago, as well as the devastating HIV/AIDS epidemic that surrounds them.

He found his answer in the pages of a book, written by Romeo Dallaire, head of the United Nations peacekeepers who attempted to stop the 1994 bloodshed. Dallaire had asked the U.N. for soccer balls but was denied.

Cave — a lifetime soccer enthusiast and former girls’ soccer coach — suddenly knew his goal and kicked off fundraising efforts at his school and community. (Cave is a junior high teacher at Benilde-St. Margaret in St. Louis Park, Minn.) He and fellow teacher Dave Kuntz departed for Rwanda on July 15, 2007, with 400 pounds of gently used balls, cleats, jerseys and socks.

No gift spoke more universally of compassion and friendship to a group of boys, who usually played ball in bare feet with balls made of banana leaves.

The two teachers spent two weeks backpacking the East African country, where they visited families, historic sites and local organizations. Cave wanted to learn more about the country first-hand to enrich his course on genocide and Catholic social teaching. Their goal was to come to a deeper understanding of the devastation of the ravaged country, its people, culture and history. They returned with an admiration for the spirit of justice, reconciliation and healing they found as well.

Learn more about their trip at: www.bsm-online.org/rwanda_trip.aspx
Brother John Johnston, FSC

Brother John (Calvin) Johnston, FSC ’55, M.A. ’60 — an inspirational, influential and respected leader, Christian Brother and Saint Mary’s University alumnus — died Oct. 11, 2007 in Memphis, Tenn.

Brother John, 73, former Superior General of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, had an illustrious career as a Christian Brother that spanned 56 years. He attended Christian Brothers High School and graduated from Saint Mary’s College in Winona in 1955. He then served as a high school teacher, school administrator and director of the order’s Student Brothers.

Brother John received his M.A. from Saint Mary’s in 1960 and did post-graduate work at Loyola University in Chicago; Gregorian Institute in Toledo, Ohio; International Headquarters in Rome, Italy; and St. Louis University in St. Louis. He was awarded honorary degrees by Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tenn.; Lewis University, Romeoville, Ill.; Saint Mary’s University (1987); Manhattan College, N.Y.; Universidad La Salle, Mexico; Bethlehem University, Palestinian Authority; and the College of Santa Fe, N.M.

In 1971, Brother John was appointed Provincial of the St. Louis District of the Christian Brothers. In 1976, he became Vicar General of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools in Rome, and in 1986, he became Superior General of the De La Salle Christian Brothers throughout the world. As Superior General, he oversaw Christian Brothers working in the 82 countries in which the Brothers have educational institutions.

Brother John returned to Memphis in 2003, where he continued his involvement in education as a senior consultant, Lasallian Association for Mission. He conducted retreats and was a presenter at many educational conferences in the United States, Haiti, Africa and in Europe.

Brother John served as Saint Mary’s Lasallian Scholar in Residence in spring of 2005 at both the Winona and Twin Cities campuses.

Even when diagnosed with cancer in 2006, he continued his intensive interest and participation in all Christian Brother activities until his final days.

Brother Álvaro Rodríguez Echeverría, FSC, Superior General, expressed his admiration and memories of Brother John in a message on the Christian Brothers’ website: “I have felt Brother John to be a man of convictions, spiritual depth, and profound interior life; his sense of Lasallian values was contagious for all of us and he had an extraordinary capacity for leadership. He always remained close to young people... Another of his characteristics was his love of the Church, a clear and filial love.”

Lisa Sivanich ‘00 shared a similar reflection of Brother John: “When I first started working at San Miguel Schools of Chicago (Back of the Yards Campus), we had two sixth-grade boys who knew little to no English. After being Superior General, he tutored these two students every week in 2000. Today both of those boys are young college students! I always got a kick out of John going from big man Lasallian to middle school ESL tutor! What a humble man!”

To read more about Brother John, go to:
www.cbu.edu/News/Releases/johnstonrelease.html
www.lasalle.org/English/Events/2007/john_johnston.php


John G. Fain ’56, Bay Village, Ohio, on Sept. 27, 2007.

Richard T. Coombes ’57, Sun City Center, Fla., on June 2, 2007.


James H. Bedard ’68, Brainerd, Minn., on June 20, 2007.


Thomas D. McDonald ’75, Lone Oak, Texas, on Jan. 15, 2007.


Peter J. Harris ’87, Alsip, Ill., on July 8, 1994.


CURRENT & FORMER FACULTY & STAFF

Ronald Donovan, Spokane, Wash., died on March 1, 2008. He was the athletic director and men’s basketball coach for five years.

Tom Farren, Winona, died on Nov. 30, 2007. He was serving as head men’s golf coach, former assistant coach for men’s hockey,
and ice facilities manager. He had been employed at Saint Mary’s since 1981.

Max Kulas, Winona, died on Nov. 14, 2007. He was the superintendent of buildings and grounds for 30 years.

Dr. Arthur Spring, St. Cloud, Minn., died on Feb. 29, 2008. He served as director of the Lasallian Institute and as a professor of English.

Carol Gerth, Winona, died on Jan. 16, 2008. She worked for 20 years at Saint Mary’s in food service, retiring in 2006. While at Saint Mary’s, Carol formed many treasured relationships with students and faculty.

Phil McClean, died in October 2007. He taught at Saint Mary’s in the math department from 1968-1975.

Sympathy to

Bill Berry ’41, on the death of his daughter, Mary Sonntag, on May 20, 2007.


William Galante ‘51 and William Galante Jr. ’82, on the death of their wife and mother, Mary Galante, on Nov. 10, 2005.

Mary Clare (CST ’60) and Mark Holmes ’60, on the death of their son, Patrick Holmes, in the collapse of the I-35 bridge, in Minneapolis, on Aug. 1, 2007.

Robert Rendak ’63, on the death of his wife, Jo Rendak, on May 12, 2007.

Ross Tyrrell ’63, Thomas Tyrrell ’89, and John Tyrrell ’91, on the death of their brother and father, Patrick Tyrrell ’52, on June 11, 2007.

Ken ‘64 and Mary (CST ’65) Sich, on the death of their brother-in-law and brother, Jim Blaney, on March 17, 2007.


Tom Farren

On Dec. 5, 2007, Saint Mary’s University students — each wearing a sticker labeled with the initials “TF” — quietly lined up along Gostomski Fieldhouse for the memorial service for Tom Farren, a long-time member of the Saint Mary’s Athletic Department, who died suddenly Nov. 30, 2007.

Farren, 58, collapsed while working in the ice arena. Students and staff attempted to revive him until emergency medical personnel arrived, but he was pronounced dead at Winona Community Memorial Hospital.

Farren was currently serving as head men’s golf coach, ice facility manager, and men’s hockey equipment manager. Since coming to Saint Mary’s in 1981, he had also served as assistant men’s hockey coach; head coach of men’s soccer, men’s tennis and women’s tennis; physical education instructor; athletic fields supervisor; and residence hall director.

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Farren was fondly remembered for his love for his family and students and was a friend to all who knew him. Nikki Fennern, SMU athletic director, said she was “shocked and saddened” by the news of Farren’s death. “He was such an important part of our department for so many years, in so many ways. And he was a great friend to us all. We will miss him dearly.”

During the memorial service — which brought hundreds of family and friends to campus — colleagues reflected on Coach F’s sense of humor, his ability to see the potential in all of his athletes, his ability to tell a “good story,” and his avid love of golf. They also spoke of the hundreds of alumni who have e-mailed and called following the announcement of his death. Coach F touched the lives of thousands, and he will never be forgotten.

Mike Meagher ’87, SMU Board of Trustees chairman, expressed to the family that “Coach Farren is definitely one of those people that made the fabric of SMU so special.”

He leaves behind his wife, Sherry; a daughter, Sarah; four sons, Michael ’93, Joe ’01 (Carol Miller ’99), Paul and Troy; and eight grandchildren.

Catherine (Lynch ’72) Serrano, on the death of her husband, Vincent Serrano, on Jan. 10, 2003.

Bob ’75 and Cathy (Troka ’75) Cerone, on the death of their brother-in-law and brother, James Troka, in December 2007.

Mark “Sid” Hartman ’76, on the death of his father, Al Hartman, on May 22, 2007.

Tom Orzechowski ’74, David ’84 and Linda (Sauerer ’84) Orzechowski, and John Orzechowski M’01, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Anita Orzechowski, on Nov. 3, 2007.


Bill J. Serrano ’72, on the death of his wife, Catherine (Lynch ’72) Serrano, on Jan. 10, 2003.


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Dr. Arthur J. Spring

Former long-time professor
Dr. Arthur J. Spring died
Feb. 29, 2008. He was 70.

Dr. Spring left behind an
impressive career in higher
education — first spanning 19
years at Saint Mary’s, where he
served as director of the Lasallian
Institute (now the Lasallian
Honors Program) and as a
professor of English. In 1999, he
continued his career at St. John’s
University in Collegeville, Minn., where he instructed
students in geography and education until his passing.

He also led behind a following of alumni and
students who will be forever grateful for his breadth of
knowledge and worldly experiences. The Lasallian mission
of helping those less fortunate was ingrained in Dr. Spring.
In 1964 he traveled to Tunisia with the Peace Corps and
spent the next seven years traveling around West Africa
and the United States, teaching and training new Peace
Corps volunteers for service in Tunisia, Togo, Niger and
Liberia.

As head of the Lasallian Institute, Dr. Spring
introduced volunteer work with Winona’s physically
and mentally challenged into the SMU curriculum.

He was also known for combining storytelling and
innovative teaching methods inside his classroom.
Learning, he felt, should be an enduring joy.

“He insisted that education is a way we transcend
ourselves,” said his wife Rosamond. “That we can come to
a better understanding of ourselves and others through
teaching and learning.”

Dr. Spring received the Severin Award from SMU in
1986, and the Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award in
1990-91.

He leaves behind his wife, Rosamond Spring of
St. Cloud, Minn., who taught at SMU from 1983 to 1999
in the English and Lasallian Honors Program; and
10 children, including Francis M’99, Joseph, Margaret,
Mary ’01, Matthew, Arthur, Rosamond, Joan, Paul and
Thomas.

Rebecca (Ryan ’95) Martin, on
the death of her father, Patrick

Andrew ’99 and Clara
(Andrew ’01) Yori, on
the death of their mother and
mother-in-law, Sally Serzer

Nate ’99 and Autumn (Hale
’99) Warden, on the death of
their father-in-law and father,
Edward Erdmann, on Nov. 2,
2007.

Brion ’00 and DeAnn (Dokken
’00) Appling, on the death of
their father-in-law and father,
Gerald Dokken, on May 14,
2007.

Mary Spring ’01 on the death
of her father, Dr. Arthur Spring,
on Feb. 29, 2008.

Nicholas Michaels ’03 on the
death of his mother, Janis

Monta May ’04, and Nova
’05, Sheba ’07, Emerald ’09,
and Eli ’11 Hulsing, on the
death of their father and grand-
father, Keith May, on Aug. 31,
2007.

Pamela Trainor ’05, on the
death of her grandmother, Dan
Trainor Jr. ’53, on Dec. 6,
2007.

Max Kulas, 88, left, who served as superintendent of buildings
and grounds at Saint Mary’s from 1955-1985, died Wednesday,
Nov. 14, 2007, at Saint Anne Hospice. In 2000, the Saint Mary’s
University power plant was named for Kulas and Roger
Connaught, right, who died in 2005. Both men were long-time
directors of buildings and grounds; the building stands as a
remembrance of their dedication as well as in honor and
gratitude to all maintenance employees who have served longer
than 10 years. Survivors include his wife, Florence, and two sons.
Florence and Max would have celebrated 61 years of marriage on
By remembering Saint Mary’s in your estate plans, you not only honor your own memories and experiences, you build a legacy that will help thousands of students receive the Catholic, Lasallian education that is the hallmark of Saint Mary’s.

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What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.
– Pericles

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So, what’s new with you?

Alumni — send us your news! *Saint Mary’s Magazine* welcomes contributions to the Alumni Class Notes section. Use this form to fax or mail in your personal and professional news items. Photos, news clippings, etc., are also welcome, as well as tips about fellow alums who might make good feature story subjects.

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**MINIMUM SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Your legal name, class year and email address; spouse’s legal name, class year and email address (if applicable); home address; and home phone number. Other useful information includes your business title, company name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

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**calendar of events**

**MAY**

1 
2-3 
5-6 
10 

Study day 
Final examinations 
Final examinations 
Winona commencement

**JUNE**

7 
8 
11-12 
13-15 
18 

New Student Orientation 
Twin Cities commencement 
New Student Orientation 
Homecoming 
Winona Welcome for new president Brother William Mann

**AUGUST**

26 

Semester I classes begin

**SEPTEMBER**

9 
26 
26-28 

College convocation 
Brother William Mann’s inauguration 
Family Weekend

**OCTOBER**

11-14 

Autumn recess

**NOVEMBER**

26-Dec 1 

Thanksgiving recess

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**SPORTS**

[www.saintmaryssports.com](http://www.saintmaryssports.com)

**THEATRE**

[www.pagetheatre.org](http://www.pagetheatre.org)
looking back

Puttin’ on the Hits ’80s style

These photos, both taken in 1981, were labeled as the “Winter Sports Weekend Gong Show” and “Gaslight.” We have no idea who these alumni are, what songs they were performing … or whether or not they were “gonged.”

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about these photos is welcome to contact Saint Mary’s Magazine editor, Deb Nahrgang. Mail comments to: Saint Mary’s Magazine, Saint Mary’s University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: dnahrgan@smumn.edu.
Meet the new president

Saint Mary’s University alumni, faculty, staff, students — as well as the entire Winona-area community — are invited to a Winona welcome for our new president, Brother William Mann, FSC, D.Min.

The event will be held on Wednesday, June 18, from 4 - 6 p.m. in the Toner Student Center lounge. Music and hors d’oeuvres will be provided, and an informal program is scheduled for 5 p.m.

Please join us in welcoming Brother William to Winona and wish him well as our 13th president.

Inauguration set for Sept. 26

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