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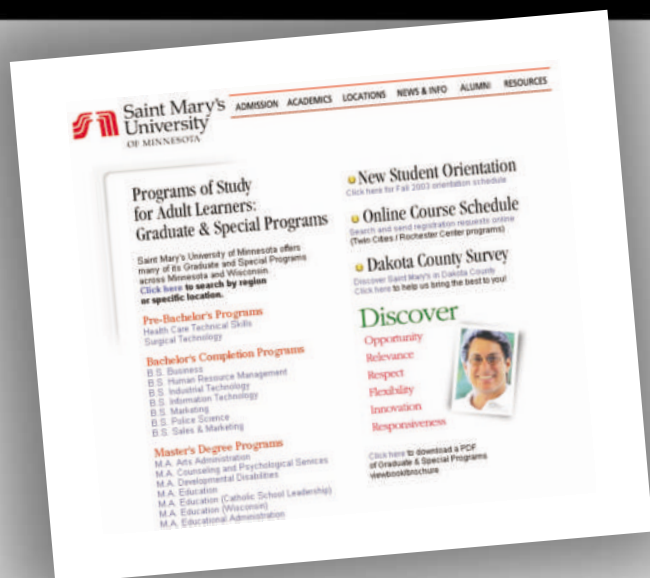
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### ABOUT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is dedicated to advancing the educational and career goals of today's students. Saint Mary's has nearly 5,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs in Winona, the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nairobi, Kenya. At Saint Mary's 91-year-old residential campus in Winona, the undergraduate College curriculum combines traditional liberal arts and sciences with career preparation in a student-centered environment. The School of Graduate and Special Programs is one of the largest graduate schools in Minnesota. A pioneer in outreach education since 1984, the school creates communities of learning when and where they are needed, serving both adult learners and the educational needs of society.

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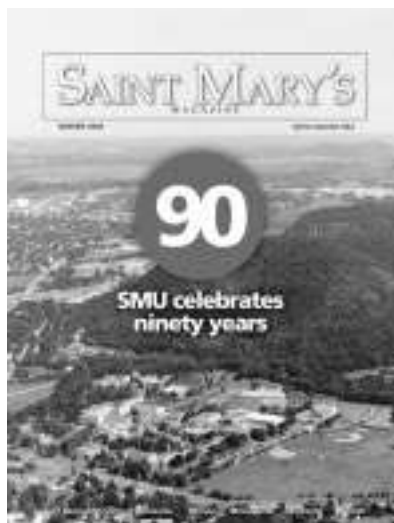
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## A reflection on the growth of Saint Mary's

Thank you for your response to my letter detailing scraps of Saint Mary's ancient history. I have no objection to its use in a future issue. It may give some readers a glimpse of a Saint Mary's far removed from the one they knew.

A few years ago on a visit to my home town of nearby St. Charles, I spent a few memorable hours at Terrace Heights. Gary Klein arranged a personally conducted tour of all the facilities – a real eye-opener. It produced many thoughts and impressions.

One was of the spaciousness of the campus – so much open space. I contrasted this with the cramped grounds at Boston College, where I had recently attended the graduation of my granddaughter.

I also thought of Bishop Heffron, who founded Saint Mary's

and who often had his meals with us in the dining hall. In his wildest dreams he could not have foreseen the scope of the institution for which he planted the seeds.

But I digress (a habit of us oldsters). Thanks for your interest and keep up the good work.

P.S. In my day Saint Mary's used the phrase "Built on a beautiful bluff." Cynics were known to add "and run on the same principle."

– **Robert Donahue '27**

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

See Mr. Donahue's complete letter regarding historical inaccuracies at [smumn.edu/magazine](http://smumn.edu/magazine).

## Congratulations on previous issue

Congratulations on the fine edition of *Saint Mary's Magazine* celebrating 90 years. I specifically loved the numbered items listed in the outside margins. Two of my brothers, Joseph (Joe) and James (Jimmy) attended Saint Mary's and I am a '51 graduate. Many of Jimmy's children attended or graduated from Saint Mary's. I'm very proud to be a graduate of Saint Mary's and of the Christian Brothers for what they have accomplished. I just had to attend in 2001 the Homecoming weekend for our class reunion to see all the changes. It is amazing.

– **Francis (Frank) J. Glenski '51**

## We're interested in your thoughts

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

Send letters to *Saint Mary's Magazine* Editor, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987-1399 or email editor Bob Conover at [bconover@smumn.edu](mailto:bconover@smumn.edu).



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# Campus News

## Brother Louis honored by Passionists with elite Catholic education award

Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., was honored by the Passionist religious community with its 2003 Catholic Education Award at a New York City ceremony last summer.

Previous winners of the annual Passionist awards include Sen.



Elizabeth Dole, former Oklahoma Governor  
Frank Keating, General  
Barry McCaffrey, author  
Mary Higgins

Clark and former FBI Director Louis J. Freeh.

The Passionist awards recognize public figures who have helped bridge the gap between religious and secular life. Brother Louis was honored for his service to the Catholic Church and to the Christian Brothers, as well as the time and gifts he has devoted to Catholic education.

Since he entered the Christian Brothers in 1968, Brother Louis has performed research, published books and authored articles on the topics of the separation of church from state, religion from politics, and business from spirituality. Brother Louis argues that such divisions are obsolete and counters that with proper understanding within the Church, the power of the financial world can be a dynamic tool.

Since assuming the presidency of SMU in 1984, Brother Louis has carried out several initiatives that have put his vision into action, including dramatic expansion of Saint Mary's Winona campus physical plant; a tenfold increase in endowment; formal launch of the School of Graduate and Special Programs, which today offers 30 programs – 25 of which are administered through the university's Twin Cities campus; and a renewed commitment to values and ethics in higher education. Brother Louis completes his final term as president of SMU in May 2005. His 21-year tenure will be the longest of any SMU president, and three times the national average for all university presidents.

A celebrated educator, scholar, author, lecturer and executive,

Brother Louis' diversified background makes him a uniquely qualified expert on the topic of integrating religion, faith and finance. Among other private enterprise functions, he has served on the board of directors of The Galaxy Funds – which manages mutual funds with collective assets of \$20 billion – from 1986 to the present. Previous to his work at SMU, Brother Louis served as both founder and chairman of Christian Brothers Investment Services, Inc., an investment advisory company that manages assets of more than \$3 billion.



## Saint Mary's reports enrollment for 2003-04

Official 10th-day-of-class statistics this fall at the Saint Mary's Winona campus showed a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,357.

That number includes 1,282 full-time Winona-campus undergraduates – among the university's five highest counts – and 75 part-time and non-degree-seeking students. New entering freshmen number 367; with transfers, special students and readmitted students added, the total of new degree-seeking students is 447.

Enrollment in Saint Mary's University Graduate and Special Programs at all campuses and centers is 3,639.

Total enrollment for the university is 4,996.

## New alumni get pinned!

This year, each member of the class of 2003 was presented with an SMU alumni lapel pin during the commencement ceremony on May 10. This keepsake was intended to welcome them into the Saint Mary's University alumni family and to serve as a reminder of their Lasallian connection. For requests to receive your own SMU alumni pin, contact the Alumni Office at 800-635-5987, Ext. 1499 or email [alumni@smumn.edu](mailto:alumni@smumn.edu).



Residents of University Village of Winona, located at the intersection of Highway 14 and Knopp Valley Drive, will have access to many SMU resources.



## There's a home in your future 'back home' in Winona

Current Winona residents are seeing signs of a new development at the intersection of Highway 14 and Knopp Valley Drive, adjacent to the Saint Mary's campus.

Wide sidewalks lead up to the deep front porches of charming cottage-style homes, seated at the base of the bluffs.

University Village of Winona, a Collegeville community<sup>SM</sup>, is a housing community designed to provide access to opportunities that engage and enrich the lives of adults ages 55 or older. A distinguishing feature of the development is an exclusive affiliation agreement with SMU, allowing homeowners access to many SMU resources. This arrangement reflects an emerging and increasingly popular housing trend: the creation of planned neighborhoods, close to colleges or universities, that enable off-campus residents to experience the benefits of lifelong learning while sharing in

the vitality of campus life.

Another distinctive University Village amenity is the accessibility of a professionally trained, on-site concierge. The concierge will be the liaison between homeowners and SMU, ensuring that residents can take advantage of access to the university's facilities, classes, and sports or cultural events, at their option. The concierge will also plan and coordinate village social gatherings and connect homeowners with services available in the greater community.

Many indoor activities will take place in the Village House, a beautifully renovated 130-year-old historic brick home that includes informal meeting space and four guest rooms, each with a private bath, for visitors to SMU and the residents of the Village. Outdoor activities might occur under the Pergola at the centrally located, park-like Village Green. Narrow, private streets, sidewalks with pedestrian lighting, extensive landscaping, scenic views and inviting front porches all add to the warm, classical atmosphere of this

intimate village setting.

When all units are built, University Village will comprise 28 detached homes, each with its own lot, and eight condominium cottages. Because there will be a homeowners' association, outdoor maintenance will be at a minimum, and residents will be able to realize all the benefits of individual home ownership in a relatively maintenance-free, aesthetically pleasing environment.

Construction of the first University Village homes began last spring, with the first resident scheduled to move in this December, and several units are now available for viewing.

For additional information about University Village of Winona or the developer, Collegeville Development Group in St. Cloud, Minnesota, contact Nancy Enochs in Winona at 507-454-4322. She can also be reached toll-free at 888-507-6655 or via email at [nenochs@collegevilledevelopment.com](mailto:nenochs@collegevilledevelopment.com). Or, visit their website at [www.collegevilledevelopment.com](http://www.collegevilledevelopment.com).

## New Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women

Saint Mary's University announced in October it is establishing the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women, which it eventually plans to house on the campus of the former College of Saint Teresa.

The goal of the institute is to nurture and develop women leaders and, ultimately, to effect a systemic change for the role of women in society.

According to Brother President Louis DeThomasis, the institute will be aimed at preparing women to become effective, service-oriented leaders and to assist them in their pursuit of these careers.

Brother Louis said he hopes the institute will influence the voice women have within the Catholic Church in the future. "We are in harmony with the desire of the Church's leadership to have a fruitful and productive dialogue with women — concerning issues within the church important to women," he said.

Ideally, Brother Louis said the university would like to have as many as 200 women enrolled in the program. Until the program grows, it may be housed on the SMU campus.

Students will receive an education in service-oriented leadership that can be integrated into any career. The institute's curriculum will be integrated fully with that of Saint Mary's University. There will be a distinctive, stand-alone component of the curriculum that builds upon the values and ideals of the former College of Saint Teresa.

Leadership and Service Institute students will be able to pick any major in the SMU catalog and will graduate with Saint Mary's University degrees. The program will adapt to the changing roles and needs of women in society.

Currently, the university is conducting a search for an

executive director. Ten individuals will serve on the board of directors, nine of whom will be chosen by the board of directors of the College of Saint Teresa Alumnae Association, which is endorsing the institute. The College of Saint Teresa, a Catholic women's school, closed in 1989. It was established by the Sisters of Saint Francis of Assisi Heights in 1894.

Although the Sisters of Saint Francis have decided not to participate in the institute at this time, Brother Louis hopes this will not always be the case.

Saint Mary's purchased most of the Saint Teresa campus in 2002. Buildings currently leased by Cotter High School and Winona State University will not change status in the foreseeable future.



## Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries are dedicated

A dedication ceremony for the Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries was held May 9 in the Toner Student Center.

Lillian Davis Hogan, a New York City dancer and arts patron, made a \$2 million bequest in her will to support arts programs and students at Saint Mary's University.

Half of the bequest will endow a new Lillian Davis Hogan Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship with preference to students majoring in or active in theatre arts. The other half of the bequest will be split between an endowment for the gallery, and an endowment to support an annual Lillian Davis Hogan Performance Program at the Page Theatre.

The entrance to the galleries has been remodeled, and three rooms adjacent to the former gallery space were made part of the gallery complex.



Wagnild



Rodeheffer



McDowell



Michaels

## Outstanding teacher, students and trustee honored at Founder's Day

At the Founder's Day ceremony last spring, special honors were given to a teacher, trustee, and outstanding male and female senior students.

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

Bernard E. Wagnild was recognized with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy and Leadership. Wagnild is president of Valley Automotive Group, Apple Valley, Minn. Wagnild was honored for his 20-year tenure as a member of the board of trustees, for his tireless support of Saint Mary's, and for his volunteer leadership in many other non-profit organizations in the region. In his four terms as a Saint Mary's trustee, Wagnild served as chair of the board and chair of the university relations committee. He co-chaired the recently completed, \$30 million capital campaign, "Legacy for Learning." Wagnild was named "trustee emeritus" at the Sept. 27, 2002 board meeting.

Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, Ph.D., professor of philosophy and director of the Lasallian Honors Program, was honored with the Brother H. Charles Severin Award for Outstanding Teaching. The Severin Award recognizes excellence in preparation of courses, in communication and delivery of course material, and in fairness in dealing with students. Dr. Rodeheffer was cited for her

inspiring creativity in designing experiences that go beyond lecture, discussion, or textual work, and for challenging students to achieve a high level of excellence in thought and communication of their ideas. Since 1989, Dr. Rodeheffer has taught in Saint Mary's philosophy department, the Interdisciplinary Studies Program, and the Lasallian Honors Program. In 1999, she was appointed to Saint Mary's Brother J. Robert Lane Endowed Chair for the Humanities.

The Outstanding Female Senior Award was given to Elizabeth McDowell. The daughter of Richard and Patricia McDowell of Rapid City, S.D., McDowell majored in psychology. She accepted leadership roles as president of the Student Activities Committee, president of the Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance, first-year student orientation leader, and Student Senate's vice president of social affairs. She also served as a liturgical minister, volunteered at the Arthur C. Thurley Memorial Complex, and participated in mission retreats. McDowell was a four-year member of the SMU dance team.

The Outstanding Male Senior Award was given to Nicholas Michaels. The son of James and Janis Michaels of Dyer, Ill., Michaels majored in accounting and marketing. Michaels served as president of the Cardinal Athletic Council, Student Senate's vice president of financial affairs, Campus Ministry minister of hospitality, Admission Ambassador, retention committee member and as a resident advisor. Michaels did volunteer work at the Bethany House halfway home for men, and tutored children at the Winona

Family Center. He was a four-year member of the varsity basketball team.

Other finalists for the outstanding female senior award were Krista Austinson of Menomonee Falls, Wis.; Julie Jewison of Janesville, Minn.; Rosa Kadera-Redmond of White Bear Lake, Minn.; Monica

Maldonado of Rochester, Minn.; and Kimberly Rodr of Hastings, Minn.

Other finalists for the outstanding male senior award were Andrew Blake of Columbia Heights, Minn.; John Estrada of Oak Lawn, Ill.; James Horan of Eau Claire, Wis.; and Dustin Ward of Burnsville, Minn.



## Seniors are honored for academic excellence

Members of the Saint Mary's University Class of 2003 were honored for academic excellence and leadership at the Senior Academic Honors Banquet in April.

The following were the recipients of the individual awards: Saint Thomas Aquinas Award for excellence in philosophy – Tyler Dennis, Wells, S.D.; Gerald E. Sullivan Award for excellence in theatre arts – Nick Taylor, Chicago, Ill.; Winona Area Chamber of Commerce – Ben Smith, Albert Lea, Minn.; Student Alumni Relations Group Scholarship – John Estrada, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Joachim and Ann Lasallian Institute Award – Krista Austinson, Menomonee Falls, Wis. and Christine Cepress, Shoreview, Minn.; Student Service



Award – Jenna Robling, Jordan, Minn.; Brother James Miller Award for campus ministry – Julie Jewison, Janesville, Minn. and Rosa Kadera-Redmond, White Bear Lake, Minn.; American Institute of Chemists Award for excellence – Dustin Ward, Burnsville, Minn.; American Chemical Society Award for excellence – Jennifer Gonerka, St. Paul, Minn.

Business awards included: Wall Street Journal Award – Justin Voigt, Red Wing, Minn.; Award for Academic Excellence – Amy Blaz, Goodview, Minn.; Accounting Student of the Year – Jessica Wolfe, Cochrane, Wis.; Management Student of the Year – Amy Blaz, Goodview, Minn.; Marketing Students of the Year – Justin Voigt, Red Wing, Minn. and Kevin Noonan, Northfield, Minn.

## New officers and members for the board of trustees

### John Ehlert is named chairman

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees welcomed new officers and members at its fall meeting.

John Ehlert serves as the new chairman of the Saint Mary's board. He is president and CEO of Ashton



John A. Ehlert

Management Corporation, Minneapolis, and resides in Minnetonka Beach, Minn. Ehlert is also founder and chairman

emeritus of Ehlert Publishing Group, Maple Grove, Minn., president and CEO of the Kansas City (KS) T-Bones baseball club, and chairman and CEO of Fanball Interactive. Ehlert, a 1967 graduate of Saint Mary's, was honored with its Distinguished Alumnus award in 1997.

Michael Gostomski is the board's vice chair. Gostomski, a



## SMU hosts benefit dance for Auguste Tadie

The Saint Mary's community held a benefit dance last spring for Auguste Tadie, the infant son of SMU philosophy teacher Joe '91 and Lisa '97 Tadie of Winona. "The Love Boat" was the theme of the third-annual Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance. Auguste has a rare heart condition. Live music was provided in the Toner Student Center, with proceeds going to help the Tadies with their medical bills. Joining the Tadies are Nikki and Taylor Richmond (far left and center). Taylor, the benefit's namesake, has Ataxia Telangectasia. His mother, Nikki, works in SMU's Campus Ministry office.

1962 Saint Mary's graduate, is president of Winona Heating and Ventilating, Inc., Winona, Minn.

Mary Burchrichter is the new treasurer. She is finance director for the city of Winona, Minn.

Michael Meagher is the board's secretary. Meagher is executive vice president of marketing for James McHugh Construction, Chicago, Ill. A 1987 Saint Mary's graduate, Meagher is a resident of Western Springs, Ill.

Four new trustees were named to the Saint Mary's board.

Charles Self is chief investment

officer for Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois, Springfield, Ill. He is a resident of Downers Grove, Ill.

Cindy Holler is the regional community development director for Fannie Mae's Midwestern Regional Office. She resides in Park Ridge, Ill.

John McDonough is vice president of marketing and broadcasting for the Chicago Cubs. A 1975 Saint Mary's graduate, he resides in Elk Grove, Ill.

Brother Michael McKenery is president of La Salle Academy in Providence, R.I.

## Parents help with New Student Orientation

Parents of current and recently graduated Saint Mary's students volunteered their time during the June portion of New Student Orientation as "parent experts." They helped facilitate new-parent small groups and staffed a parent resource table. Their role was to answer questions and ease anxieties

of parents of students joining the Saint Mary's community for the fall 2003 semester. Nearly 350 new students attended the summer orientation sessions, with more than 600 guests accompanying them.

The Office of Student Development thanks Rob and Teresa Hollnagel (parents of Rob '04 and Aubrey '06), Pam and Mark Fox (Carrie '01), Pat and Betsy Ryan (Brigid '06), Mary Nelson (Derek '05), Linda Seibert



(Ryan '06), Teri and Kraig Quamme (Nikki '06), John and Cappy Clemencey (John '06), Joanne and Keith Halverson (Andrew '03), Jim and Jeanne Popke (John '02), Matt and Judi Raddish (Aaron '06), and Mary and Gerry Luehmann (Ashley '06).



## An invitation to join the Cardinal 'M' Club

*from Athletic Director  
Chris Kendall '79*

The first time I heard of Saint Mary's athletics was when two alums from my high school came back and were sharing stories about the legendary baseball coach, Max Molock. Little did I realize how that day would change my life.

I chose to play for Max and, three decades later, we still share Max stories — and Saint Mary's athletics is still changing lives.

From "College" to "University," from "Redmen" to "Cardinals," the excitement, challenges, skills, friendships and memories that flow from Saint Mary's athletics have created a rich heritage in red and white. And the newly formed Cardinal 'M' Club recognizes and supports these strong traditions by connecting the past and the present to create a successful future.

Intercollegiate athletics has long been an integral part of the experience of many Saint Mary's students, as well as their parents and friends of the university. We have long recognized the valuable contributions of alumni, family and friends in time, support and financial assistance.

The Cardinal 'M' Club is a program that will foster and strengthen that relationship. With demands on the institutional budget continually increasing, individual sports programs and general department needs become more difficult to satisfy through annual budget allocations. Additional funding is needed to provide a quality experience for all our student-athletes. The Cardinal 'M' Club is the annual effort to provide this financial assistance.

The Cardinal 'M' Club will work with alumni, parents and friends of the university to provide events and secure resources that will enhance our efforts to provide the very best programs for our student-athletes. As a former player, parent, coach or fan, you recognize the positive impact Saint Mary's athletics can have on your life. Please consider contributing to the Cardinal 'M' Club so you can continue to be an active player on the team and a part of our future. Brochures and application forms can be downloaded at:

<http://sports.smumn.edu/mclub/>



# A fond farewell to 2003 retirees



## Joan Costello

**YEARS AT SAINT MARY'S** Started as adjunct faculty in January 1963; 29 years of continuous service, starting in August 1974

**DEPARTMENT** Academic Advising

### SCHOOLS ATTENDED

University of Illinois; Loyola University; Mundelein

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT** Because I am a strong advocate of Saint Mary's mission to educate young adults in a Catholic environment, I have tried to support the community in any way I could. I taught mathematics for 20 years, worked in academic advising for 23 years, attended plays, concerts, lectures, faculty presentations, athletic events and college-sponsored social events whenever possible. The opportunity to serve the students I've encountered through the academic advising office has been a great source of joy.

**CAREER HIGH POINT** My entire association with Saint Mary's has been so fulfilling that it would be impossible for me to select just one high point.

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT** I have no specific plans for retirement. One thing I know for certain is that I want to continue to serve others as opportunities are presented.



## Dr. Matt Vetter

**YEARS AT SAINT MARY'S** 35

**DEPARTMENT** Professor of sociology; director of Study Abroad; department chair; VISTA supervisor; P.O.S.T. coordinator

**SCHOOLS ATTENDED** University of Minnesota; Illinois Institute of Technology; University of Alaska; Saint John's University

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT** There have been many opportunities to be involved at SMU. I have always most enjoyed getting my students involved in the community, including SEMCAC Inc., Ameri-Corps, VISTA and Winona County juvenile delinquency mentoring programs.

**MOST PROMINENT MEMORY OF SMU** I will always remember Saint Mary's for what it was capable of doing with students. We do not accept the same students as Harvard, Yale or some other well-known universities. However, the students we accept get the biggest return for their investment.

**CAREER HIGH POINT** I can honestly say that there was no one particular high point. Rather there were many high points. These high points were when I received a

note or heard from one of our graduates saying that they were doing what they wanted to do, were where they wanted to be and felt that we helped them get there.

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT** My wife Lyla is also retiring this spring, and thus we can plan things together. We do want to spend more time at the cabin, visit our children and grandchildren, and spend some time further south during the winter months. However, when I am in Winona, I hope to work with Habitat for Humanity.



## Dr. Michael Flanagan '63

**YEARS AT SAINT MARY'S** 36

**DEPARTMENT** Instructor of speech/drama, professor of communication arts, professor of theatre arts

**SCHOOLS ATTENDED** Southern Illinois University; Bowling Green State University; Saint Mary's College

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT** I was department chair for nearly 30 years and chair of the faculty for two years. I served as Tri-College coordinator, KSMR moderator and director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching and Mission Enhancement.

**MOST PROMINENT MEMORY OF SMU** There was an ongoing sense of something not entirely definable, in which there was a unique kind of relationship among and between faculty and students. Some may call it the Lasallian thing. It was certainly a deep sense of community. Of course, the community has been populated with some particularly interesting people over the years, starting with those who were approaching their later years when I was young, and those who are beginning their careers near the end of mine.

**CAREER HIGH POINT** That is difficult to pin down. Over the years, I have directed more than 30 plays and acted in 10. Each was an exciting experience. Likewise, there have been great classroom moments. I guess career highlights have to focus on the awareness that pops up from time to time that what I have done here and there really made a difference to students in the long run. When I encounter alums from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, or even the '00s, who remember and feel good about something from the recent or maybe dim past, it seems like I did a few good things.

**PLANS FOR RETIREMENT** I will help with the London Theatre Program in the fall, then work on various writing projects that have been in my head for years. Maybe I will become rich and famous at it, if that seems like fun.

## SMU holds a series of commencement ceremonies

Saint Mary's University awarded diplomas to undergraduate and graduate students in a series of ceremonies last spring.

The Winona campus undergraduate commencement ceremonies began with a Baccalaureate Mass, May 10, with Winona Bishop Bernard Harrington serving as main celebrant. The undergraduate commencement ceremony followed, with 260 students eligible to receive diplomas.

An honorary doctorate in Educational Leadership was awarded to Joan Landeros, executive director of international programs at La Salle University. She helped develop and guide Saint Mary's study-abroad program in Mexico City, which is based at La Salle.

Winona campus graduate program commencement was also

held May 10. There were 665 students eligible to graduate, representing master degree programs in Instruction, International Business, Pastoral Ministries, Philanthropy and Development, Resource Analysis, and Teaching and Learning.

At the Twin Cities campus, graduate and special program commencement ceremonies were held June 1. Degrees were awarded to 212 candidates in the bachelor completion, master, and doctoral programs offered through the Twin Cities Campus.



The Nairobi campus of Saint Mary's University held its commencement ceremonies on May 17. At this ceremony, 26 students received the Bachelor of Science in Education and 17 students received the three-year diploma in Teacher Education.

### WINONA CAMPUS

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### November 2003

26 - Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Recess

#### December 2003

2 Classes Resume  
12-13 Final Examinations  
15-16 Final Examinations  
17 - Jan. 5 Christmas Recess

### SPORTS

For a complete schedule of SMU sporting events, check online at [www.smumn.edu/sports](http://www.smumn.edu/sports)

#### January 2004

6 Semester II classes begin

#### February 2004

14-22 Winter Recess  
23 Classes Resume

#### March 2004

1 Midterm  
2 Founder's Day

#### April 2004

3-12 Easter Recess  
13 Classes Resume  
21 Senior Academic Honors Banquet  
30 Final Examinations

### THEATRE

A current professional and student performance calendar is available online: [www.pagetheatre.org](http://www.pagetheatre.org)

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#### May 2004

1 Final Examinations  
3-4 Final Examinations  
8 Commencement

#### June 2004

18-20 Homecoming





## A win-win-win situation

### Coach, autistic child and students benefit from in-home program

**N**ick Whaley and his family left their hometown of St. Paul six years ago and moved to Winona, where Nick became head baseball coach and instructor at Saint Mary's University.

"It wasn't an easy decision," admitted Whaley. "But at the time, we looked at the move as a sort of journey."

And what a journey it has been.

About six months after their arrival in Winona — and within two weeks of each other — two pieces of news changed the Whaley's way of life forever.

First, Nick and Nancy discovered their family would be growing by one — Kelsey (age 3) and Shane (18 months) were going to have a baby brother. Yet, as adjustments were eagerly being made to accommodate the newest member of the Whaley household, their family was rocked by the news that Shane was diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorder.

"Being told your child has a disability is kind of like facing an unexpected, major detour after you have meticulously planned the route of a vacation," explained Nancy Whaley. "We were disoriented, confused, and didn't really have any idea what direction we were going.

"Nick and I decided the best way to help Shane would be to hire someone to work with him one-on-one,

to help teach him the skills he was not naturally picking up."

Unfortunately, the nearest private-sector "trainers" were in Madison or the Twin Cities, and well out of the Whaley's budgetary means.

Enter Dr. John Johnson, former head of the psychology department at Saint Mary's University.

"Dr. Johnson suggested we recruit college students as interns, who could then be trained by the Winona School District autism specialist (Gail Midthune)."

In the spring of 1997 — with the assistance of three SMU students committed to working 90-180 total hours for credit — "Operation Teach Shane" was underway.

"It was a win-win situation," explained Dr. Johnson. "Shane received the one-on-one attention he needed, and the (SMU) students received the exposure and experience of working with an autistic child. They learned more than they could ever learn from reading a textbook."

The program, which takes place in the Whaley's home, started with very simple tasks, such as imitating hand movements, making sounds, sitting down at a desk for five minutes at a time, and playing with toys appropriately. This was done for 20 hours a week in

one-to-two-hour increments, with plenty of breaks and play time for Shane.

"Nick approached me about becoming a team member during my sophomore year," said Kelly Posey '01, who is currently teaching in the Winona School District and is still a member of the "Whaley Team." "I didn't have any experience with autism, but I did have plenty of experience with young children."

From that simple beginning, the program has now expanded to 55 hours per week and has many complex components. Shane's learning includes 35 hours per week of what the Whaleys call "lessons," which still take place in their home in three-hour sessions, and 20 hours of "field trips," in which the students take Shane into the community and do anything from grocery shopping to Rollerblading, from attending plays to going to Chuck-E-Cheese.

"It's very intensive therapy," explained Dr. Johnson, noting that the department uses the Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) approach, with positive reinforcement and repetitive learning techniques. "We have seen in Shane remarkable improvement over the years. It's like pulling a child out of the darkness and helping him to function — verbally and socially — in today's society.

"Overall, we've been very pleased with the way things have developed."

And so have the Whaleys.

"Somewhere along the way, Nick and I realized that we were never going to get back to that planned original route, that our life was never going to return to the way we had planned it to be," admitted Nancy. "But, at the same time we faced that disappointment, we realized that this 'detour' has brought many unexpected blessings into our lives in the form of these student-therapists working with Shane.

"These students were willing to share with us a portion of their college lives, and, in fact, a large part of themselves to help Shane reach his potential."

"From the minute I started working with Shane I loved it," said Posey. "It was challenging, rewarding, interesting and so much fun. I can't describe how it feels to help a little boy start understanding and enjoying the world that he lives in.

"I see how his disability makes aspects of his life very challenging," Posey continued, "but I also see the other part of Shane that some might not get to see — his sense of humor, his determination, his strength, the love he has for his family, his mischievousness.



*"For most of these students, working with Shane starts out as an internship, but it turns out to be so much more ..."*

"I must give Shane a great deal of credit for making me the teacher that I am today," Posey said. "In teaching him, I learned valuable lessons that I will take with me into every classroom. The Whaleys have taught me that life isn't what we always expect it to be, but that's okay. God will give us the tools we need to deal with the unexpected challenges in our lives."

Posey is one of many SMU students — from a wide array of majors and backgrounds — who have worked with Shane over the past five years. Eleven are psychology majors, seven elementary education majors, three business students, and one a pharmacy student.

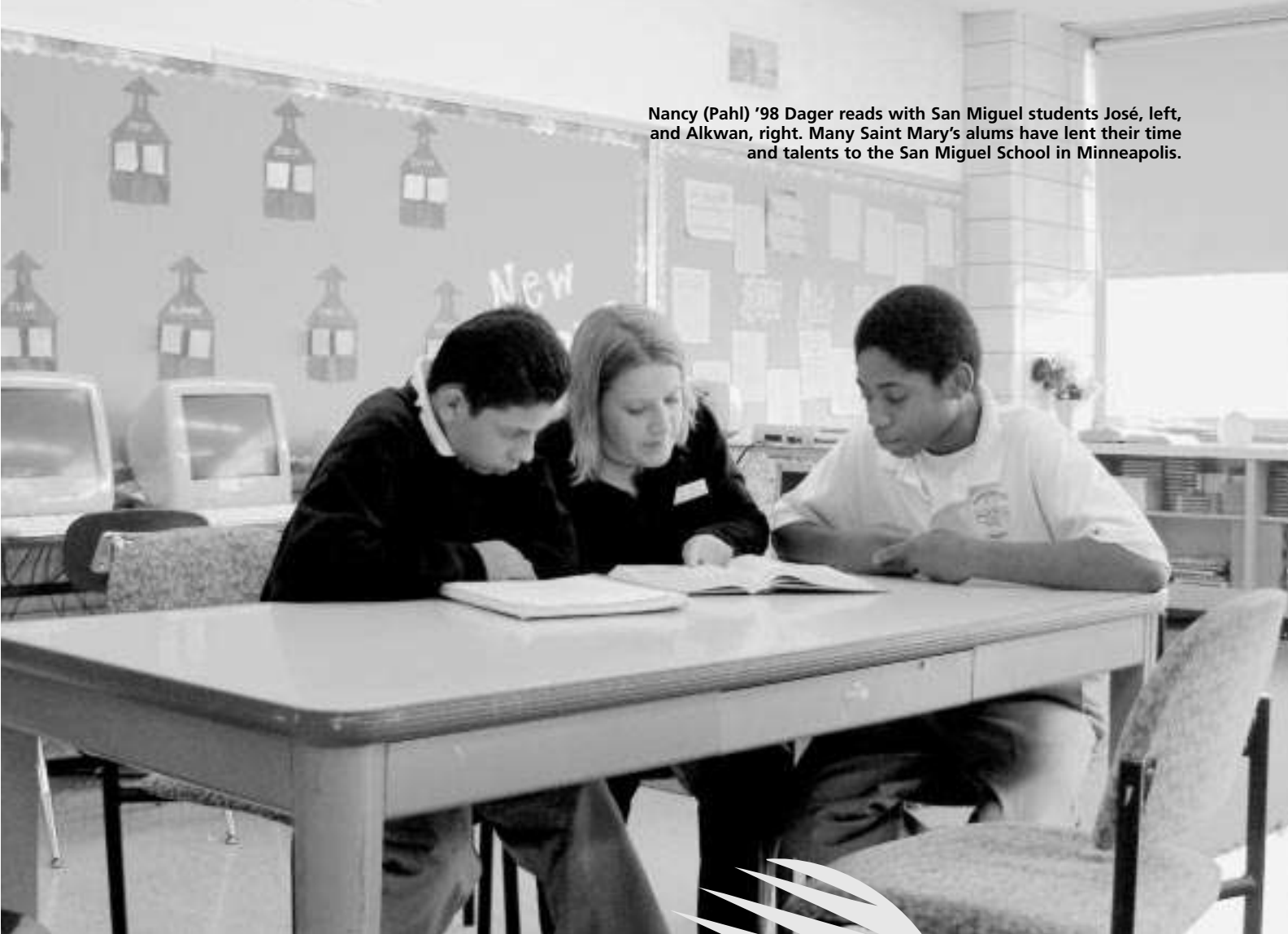
"We've had two hockey players, two baseball players, a soccer player, a softball player, a lifeguard, a water polo player, a volleyball player, and a distance runner," explained Nancy. "We've met a flutist, a dancer, a Blue Angel talent show participant, a Christian missionary, an R.A., and a Miss Red Wing. Through these incredible young people, we've "traveled" to Australia, Italy and England, and we even got authentic, homemade deep-dish Chicago-style pizza.

"We learned to tolerate the Packers and love the Cubs, and Shane has learned to swim, Rollerblade, ride a bike, eat in a restaurant, take road trips, enjoy hikes, bowl, and feed the ducks. Shane has even had one of his therapists as a school teacher, and three others as aides in his school classroom."

And Shane isn't the only Whaley who has been impacted by the generosity of these SMU students.

"For most of these students, working with Shane starts out as an internship, but it turns out to be so much more — for them and for us," explained Nancy. "What they don't realize is how much they have impacted our entire family — not just Shane. Our daughter, Kelsey, wants to be a flutist, a singer and dancer, a softball and volleyball player, and a teacher. Our youngest son, Mak, loves to play hockey, go to games at SMU, and play games with his brother Shane, 'just like the teachers do.'

"Our life was turned upside down when Shane was diagnosed with autistic spectrum disorder, but it has been a fantastic, incredible journey," Nancy continued. "We've met the most generous people, we've grown in phenomenal ways, and we've become better humans for having Shane in our lives." 🙏



Nancy (Pahl) '98 Dager reads with San Miguel students José, left, and Alkwan, right. Many Saint Mary's alums have lent their time and talents to the San Miguel School in Minneapolis.

# SMU alumni power San Miguel School

**W**hen Ben Murray graduated from Saint Mary's University in 1996, he had every intention of becoming a successful accountant.

In fact, he did just that, joining a top-notch firm in Minneapolis following graduation.

What he didn't realize — at least at the time, anyway — was that being a CPA really wasn't the career choice that best suited him. It wasn't that he didn't excel in the business world, it

was just that there was always this inner desire to do something else — to use his talents to help those less fortunate.

In February of 2000, Murray "retired" as a CPA, and joined Brother Larry Schatz to help create the San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis.

"When I was a senior at Saint Mary's, I was in charge of the school's mission trips, and there was so much interest that we created

some weekend mission trips — including one to a San Miguel school in Chicago," explained Murray. In Chicago he met fellow alum Gordon Hannon '85, who runs a San Miguel school there. "I returned to Chicago every year after I graduated, and every year I was more and more torn over what I was doing with my life.

"It was after one of my visits to Chicago that I found out Brother Larry was looking into starting up a

Karla Gergen '98 — working with Jorge — is one of 12 Saint Mary's University alums who have worked at San Miguel.



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— BEN MURRAY '96

San Miguel school in Minneapolis," continued Murray. "At first I offered to help with the finances and legal stuff, but after a short while, I realized that I couldn't do that, and keep my job (as a CPA).

"It was one or the other."

The choice, Murray admits, wasn't all that difficult.

"When I called my parents and told them what I was going to do, they said, 'You finally decided to do it — it's about time,' " explained Murray.

"When I came to Saint Mary's, I had never had any interaction with the Christian Brothers," Murray said. "But at SMU, working with Brother Pat (Conway), Brother Bob (Smith), Brother Larry, Brother Craig (Franz) ... I got to learn so much more than just accounting."

So Murray gave up his comfortable salary to volunteer at the San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis, earning a small stipend and room and board.

Yet, while Murray's career change may seem a bit out of the ordinary to most, it's just the opposite for many SMU graduates — especially when it comes to the San Miguel Middle School.

"When I decided to leave my teaching job (at Cretin-Derham Hall) to volunteer at the San Miguel School, many of my family members and friends were confused. They didn't understand — they wanted to know where I would live, how I

would pay for things, why I was doing it at all," explained Karla Gergen '98, who, along with Murray, was one of the first to jump on board the San Miguel staff. "But when I told some of my SMU friends, they just smiled and wished me well. Because full-time volunteering is such a common choice for Saint Mary's graduates, they knew all about it. They see it for what it is — a choice for people who are looking for something different, not a grandiose decision for people who are out to save the world.

"I think it's a testament to the giving culture of Saint Mary's, that service is seen as a normal, and expected, part of a meaningful life.

"I think Saint Mary's and the Lasallian teachings have had a huge impact on a lot of people's lives and have steered many of us down the same path," explained Murray, noting that 12 SMU alums have been on staff at the school during its four years of existence.

SMU grad Nancy (Pahl) Dager '98 will attest to that.

"My father, also a graduate of Saint Mary's, instilled in me the value of serving others," Dager said. "While a student at Saint Mary's, I was very involved in the mission trips through campus ministry and had the opportunity to visit San Miguel School in Chicago. After college, I served as a full-time volunteer in Ecuador for several

## THE SMU CONNECTION

SMU alums who are, or have been associated with the San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis as a staff or board member since its inception in the fall of 2000.

### Staff Members (current and past)

Brother Andrew Jacobson '59

Ben Murray '96

Karla Gergen '98

Merridith Morrison '99

Doug Werner '02

Brother Larry Schatz, FSC  
(graduate school)

Brother Dennis Galvin, FSC '73

Sarah Tureson Murray '97

Tanya Heifort '99

Jackie Paul '02

Nancy (Pahl) '98 Dager

Sister Mary Willette,  
SSND '02 (graduate school)

### Task Force Founding Members

Walter Jungbauer '87

Loras (Red) Sieve '60

Frank Miley '02 (graduate school)

### Board Members (current and past)

Brother Michael Collins, FSC '59

Terry Russell '76

Kathleen (Conway) Russell '78

T. William Coughlan '65

Lou Ann Tighe '84

Frank Miley '02 (graduate school)





Sister Mary Willette, principal of San Miguel, works with Maria on a school project.

years. I have learned that there are needs all around the world and that I can provide a positive response through service. My return to the United States found me wanting to be part of a mission that goes beyond meeting the daily needs of students and works to empower students, therefore positively affecting social change. I have found this mission here at San Miguel.”

“Had it not been for my time at SMU, I doubt I would be here (as president of the San Miguel Middle School),” pitched in Brother Larry, who spent seven years as a member of the SMU community. “While I was serving in campus ministry at SMU, San Miguel Chicago opened, and we quickly got involved in sending students and staff on weekend service trips.

“When I was discerning where I was being called next, opening a San Miguel in Minneapolis came through loud and clear.”

When the San Miguel school first opened in the fall of 2000, it



Brother Larry Schatz and Daniela walk down the hallway of the San Miguel School, which found a permanent location this year at 3800 Pleasant Avenue S. in south Minneapolis.

was a one-grade school with four sixth-graders. In 2001, seventh grade was added, and the enrollment rose to 21. A year later, San Miguel officially became a full middle school, adding eighth grade and its enrollment jumped to 37.

San Miguel opened in a modified warehouse space in 2000 and rented a Catholic Charities Branch I Building for two years. In collaboration with the Catholic parish of Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, both communities found a permanent home this fall at 3800 Pleasant Ave. South in south Minneapolis.

“It’s amazing how far we’ve come in such a short amount of time,” said Murray, whose official title is director of mission advancement. “Three years ago, there were just four of us — Brother Larry, Karla, Brother Dennis, and myself— trying to get this off the ground.

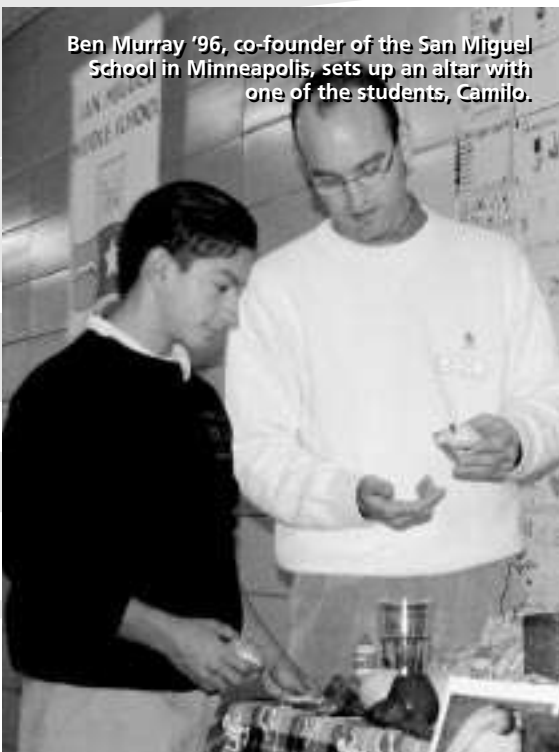
“But so many people — so many Saint Mary’s alums — have contributed in so many ways. It’s amazing when you start looking at the network of people who make San Miguel Middle School possible, staff, board members, volunteers and benefactors, and how our connections all tie back to Saint Mary’s.”

## The history of San Miguel Middle School

San Miguel Middle School, a Lasallian school now located at 3800 Pleasant Avenue South in south Minneapolis, opened in 2000. Brother Larry Schatz, FSC, and Ben Murray ‘96, with the approval of the Midwest District of the Christian Brothers, introduced the school to serve primarily the Latino community.

Six full-time and three part-time teachers, led by principal Sister Mary Willette, SSND, work with students to increase their language and math skills as well as their proficiency in other subject areas. The cultural background for the students of San Miguel is 89% Latino, 5% African American, 3% African American-Caucasian, and 3% Caucasian. The San Miguel community strives to be an advocate within the neighborhood helping to eradicate conditions which make it difficult for students to excel. Issues concerning San Miguel students and their families include gangs, housing, employment, education and financial needs.

The San Miguel Middle School of Minneapolis was named after San Miguel Febres Cordero, a De La Salle Christian Brother who died in 1910, was canonized in 1984 and named the Patron Saint of Ecuador. Its mission is to be a community that collaborates with a student’s family to provide an innovative education in the Lasallian tradition, and empowers students to fulfill their potential as rooted in their cultural story and creation in God’s image.



Ben Murray ‘96, co-founder of the San Miguel School in Minneapolis, sets up an altar with one of the students, Camilo.

# Click and buy: E-commerce comes to SMU website

**A**mazon.com, the Seattle-based e-commerce leader, had sales of \$806 million in the second quarter of 2002 compared to \$668

million during the same period in 2001. Apple Computer's new iTunes Music Store sold over 1 million songs at 99 cents each in its first week of operation.

Travel agencies are finding it hard to compete

against online ticket services where even the airlines are offering discount fares found exclusively on the web. "eBay" is a household word.

E-commerce is defined by the online "Webopedia" ([www.webopedia.com](http://www.webopedia.com)) as simply "conducting business on-line." Our philosophy at the SMU website is also simple; give our visitors what they want. Clearly, doing business on the web is a reality and we have recently introduced several e-commerce options to the SMU website.



**A. Eric Heukeshoven**  
Website Manager



## Alumni events

Summer is a busy time for alumni gatherings. From golf outings in Chicago and the Twin Cities to a night of fun at the St. Paul Saints



ballpark, opportunities abound. Now you can register and pay for alumni events on-line using our secure web server.

## Page Series tickets

Let's say you're planning a trip to Winona to visit your Alma Mater. You can check to see what's happening with the Page Performance Series ([www.pagetheatre.org](http://www.pagetheatre.org)) and find a great concert or play you want to attend. Beginning this August, tickets for Page Series events will be available online via our secure server.


## Giving to SMU

The SMU Development Office plans to begin accepting on-line gifts to the SMU Annual Fund later this year. According to Bob Fisher '97, director of annual giving, "We feel the web will offer a convenient and safe way for people to make their donation." Find out more by clicking on the SMU Development Office link on the Undergraduate Alumni & Friends section. ([www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni))

## How safe is our e-commerce system?

Our secure web server is certified by "Thawte," a leading provider of SSL Certificates. ([www.thawte.com](http://www.thawte.com)) Any information sent through our secure server is encrypted or scrambled, making it impossible to intercept or steal. A link at the bottom of our secure pages also assures visitors that our certificate is valid.



As always, we rely on you to let us know how well our system is working and where we can make improvements. We see many exciting possibilities for e-commerce on the SMU website and we hope that you will find doing business with us easier than ever! 

# Sports News



## WOMEN'S HOCKEY

**OVERALL:** 11-10-6  
**CONFERENCE:** 10-4-4

**BRIEFLY:** Thanks to a late-season charge that included back-to-back wins over MIAC regular-season champion St. Thomas, SMU qualified for its second straight conference tournament, where the Cardinals lost in the semifinals to the Tommies 1-0. ... Senior Monica Deringer and junior Emily Kearns were named First-Team All-MIAC. ... The Cardinals' loss to St. Thomas was their seventh shutout loss of the season ... SMU's loss to St. Thomas was also its first in 13 meetings vs. the Tommies all-time (11-1-1). ... Kearns finished as the team's leading scorer (24 goals, 27 points), while junior Tasa Kostel was the team's leader in assists with seven. The Cardinals closed out the season winning five of their last eight games (5-2-1). ... SMU's six ties were a single-season record.  
**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/w\\_hockey](http://sports.smumn.edu/w_hockey)



## MEN'S HOCKEY

**OVERALL:** 11-13-1  
**CONFERENCE:** 5-11-0

**BRIEFLY:** Junior Sam Phillips was named First-Team All-MIAC. ... Junior Al Schumacher finished as SMU's leader in goals (18) and points (25), while sophomore Chad Damerow led the team in assists (19) and was second in points (24). ... After failing to score a goal in SMU's first 18 games, senior Todd Hangge netted four in SMU's final four games. ... SMU gave up 30 first-period goals this season. ... Eight of SMU's 11 wins came at home. ... After winning eight of its first 11 games,

SMU managed just three wins over its final 14 games (3-10-1).

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/m\\_hockey](http://sports.smumn.edu/m_hockey)



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**OVERALL:** 11-15  
**CONFERENCE:** 11-11

**BRIEFLY:** The Cardinals earned their third-straight MIAC tournament berth after placing fifth in the MIAC regular-season race. ... The Cardinals were eliminated from post-season play by St. Thomas, 74-59. ... For the second-straight year, sophomore Jamie Rattunde earned a pair of post-season honors, being named First-Team All-MIAC, as well as a member of the conference's All-Defensive Team. ... Rattunde led the Cardinals in scoring with a 15.0 ppg average. She also notched eight double-doubles and a school-record 100 steals, breaking the mark of 98 previously held by Shannon Martin. ... Rattunde's 122 free throws are also a new school record, breaking the old mark (113)

held by Mary Schultz. ... After opening the season with eight losses in their first 10 games, the Cardinals won nine of their last 16 games.

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/w\\_basketball](http://sports.smumn.edu/w_basketball)



## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**OVERALL:** 2-23  
**CONFERENCE:** 2-18

**BRIEFLY:** Freshman Jim Wangler was named to the All-MIAC First-Year Team. ... Senior Nick Michaels finished his collegiate career with 1,059 points — ranking him 18th all-time in SMU history. ... Michaels' season- and career-ending 22-point effort vs. Augsburg was his fourth 20-plus performance and his 18th double-figure output in the Cardinals' 25 games. ... SMU ended the season with 16 straight losses. ... As a team, the Cardinals

**MORE SPORTS**

## Biebel steps down as men's basketball coach

After six seasons trying to rebuild the Cardinals into a conference power, Bob Biebel '79 has resigned as men's basketball coach.

"There are a lot of good things happening right now — the new gym floor at the top of that list," continued Biebel, referring to the university's decision to tear up the aging gym floor and replace it with a new, state-of-the-art one. "I just felt that this was the best move for our players and our program."

Biebel enjoyed his best season in 1999-2000, when he led the Cardinals to an 11-13 record — their highest win total since the 1986-87 season. In his six seasons at Saint Mary's, Biebel posted a record of 31-113.

"After the 1999-2000 season, we thought we had turned the corner and we were ready to really move forward, but we slipped back over the past three years," Biebel added. "This team has a great group of kids returning, and they deserve a chance to do well. I think a fresh start will give them that chance."

attempted 415 free throws, while their opponents went to the free-throw line 604 times. ... Michaels' 13.5 ppg average led three SMU players in double figures.

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/m\\_basketball](http://sports.smumn.edu/m_basketball)



## SWIMMING AND DIVING

### 2003 MIAC FINISH:

Men 7th, Women 10th

**BRIEFLY:** Freshman divers Erik Oksnevad and Kevin Jepsen stole the show at the MIAC Championships. Oksnevad placed second in the one-meter diving competition, earning all-conference honors with his school-record 442.90 finish, while Jepsen settled for fourth (416.75). The Cardinals' dynamic duo swapped places in the three-meter competition, with Jepsen earning the all-conference honors — finishing third (426.70) — while Oksnevad was fifth (397.60).

... As a team, SMU set five school records — senior Scott Schultz (200 backstroke), sophomore Logan Twedt (1,650 freestyle), freshman Holly Fujii (3-meter diving) and the men's 200 medley and 800 freestyle relay teams — at the season-ending MIAC meet, while Cardinal swimmers also posted 43 season-best times.

**ONLINE:** <http://sports.smumn.edu/swimming>



## TRACK AND FIELD

### 2003 MIAC

### INDOOR FINISH:

Men 9th, Women 9th

### 2003 MIAC OUTDOOR FINISH:

Men 11th, Women 8th

**BRIEFLY:** Sophomore Ashley Dingels set a new school record, totaling 3,233 points en route to the conference title in the pentathlon at the MIAC Indoor Championships. ... At the MIAC

Outdoor Championships, Dingels broke the conference's 11-year-old heptathlon record, winning the event with a total of 4,641 points. ... The previous heptathlon record was held by Julie Thornton, SMU dean of students and the wife of Dingels' coach, Paul Thornton. ... The heptathlon point total also earned Dingels a spot in the NCAA Division III national championships, where she placed seventh, earning All-American status. ... Dingels also placed second in the 400 at the MIAC Outdoor Championships, while sophomores Jenny Folgers and Ashley Luehmann also earned all-conference honors, placing second in the 100 hurdles, and third in the javelin, respectively.

**ONLINE:** <http://sports.smumn.edu/track>



## BASEBALL

**OVERALL:** 15-15

**CONFERENCE:** 10-10

**BRIEFLY:** Junior Tony

Cicalello was named to the All-MIAC team. ... Cicalello finished as the team's offensive leader, batting .405 (45-for-111) with 10 doubles, 25 RBIs and a .495 slugging percentage. ... Cicalello finished with 12 multiple-hit games — including four, four-hit games — and also boasted five multiple-RBI games, as well as a team-best eight-game hitting streak. ... Sophomore Ryan Majerus was the team's leader in runs scored (29), while junior Rob Kimlinger boasted a team-high 11 doubles, Majerus and Matt Domarus shared the top spot in triples (3) and freshman Pat Gornick led the team in home runs (4). ... Senior Chuck Wright was the team's leader on the mound, posting a 4-1 record with a pair of complete games and a 1.88 ERA in a team-leading 41.0 innings of work. ... Senior Eric Williamson recorded a team-high 34 strikeouts



## Chicago Catholic League honors Ken Wiltgen with Hall of Fame induction

The late Ken Wiltgen, who spent 25 years as a coach and athletic director at Saint Mary's University, was among 11 people inducted into the Chicago Catholic League's Hall of Fame at a

banquet held in Berwyn, Ill., on May 1.

Wiltgen played football and basketball at St. George High School, and played collegiate football at Northwestern University, where he was a member of the team's 1948 Rose Bowl championship team.

Wiltgen joined the Saint Mary's athletic department staff in 1954, serving as athletic director, as well as head men's basketball, tennis, golf and fastpitch softball coach. He coached the Saint Mary's basketball team to second-place showings in the MIAC in 1954 and 1972 and posted a 236-246 record during his 18 seasons at the helm.

Wiltgen, who coached five years at Loyola Academy prior to his arrival at Saint Mary's, was also the coach of the 1969 USA all-star team that toured Czechoslovakia.

Jim Luzzi, a long-time high school soccer coach and the father of SMU men's soccer coach Eric Luzzi '97, was also among the 11 Chicago Catholic League hall inductees.

en route to a 3-1 record and a 3.34 ERA. ... Junior Nick Steig was the Cardinals' stopper out of the bullpen, notching four saves and a 0.60 ERA in nine appearances.

**ONLINE:** <http://sports.smumn.edu/baseball>



## FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

**OVERALL:** 21-13  
**CONFERENCE:** 16-6

**BRIEFLY:** Senior Jackie Huegel and sophomore Amy Edge were SMU's two representatives on the All-MIAC team. ... Huegel was also an NFCA/Louisville Slugger All-Region Third Team selection, as well as a Verizon Academic All-District V First-Team pick. ... SMU's 21 runs, 18 hits, 19 RBIs, four triples, two home runs and 35 total bases in its season-ending 21-3 rout of Macalester were all team season-highs. ... Senior Niki Lynch posted team-highs for triples (2), runs (4), RBIs (5) and total bases (8) in that game. ... Lynch closed out the season with a team-best 11-game hitting streak. ... Edge finished the season as the team's offensive leader in batting average (.390), RBIs (26) and home runs (2), while she led the team in runs (28), hits (40), doubles (11), total bases (66) and slugging percentage. ... Edge led the team with eight multiple-RBI games, while junior Amy Langer boasted 13 multiple-RBI games. ... Senior Jennifer Gonerka and junior Hanni Lohmann were the team's workhorses on the mound, logging 83.2 and 82.0 IP, respectively. Lohmann boasted a 2.05 ERA and a 7-6 record, while Gonerka finished with a 2.09 ERA and a 10-5 record, while also striking out a team-high 52 batters.

**ONLINE:** <http://sports.smumn.edu/softball>



## TENNIS

**OVERALL:** Men 9-11,  
Women 9-14

**CONFERENCE:**

Men 2-7 (9th), Women 3-7 (8th)  
**BRIEFLY:** The nine wins were the most for the SMU women since the 1999 season, while the men enjoyed their best season ever. ... Freshman Tyler Stevenson and sophomore Mark Leeder played every match at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively, for the SMU

men. Stevenson finished with a team-leading 12 wins (12-8), while Leeder was close behind at 11-9. The two also teamed at No. 1 doubles, where they finished 12-7. ... Sophomore Angie Beissel and freshman Cassie Czech earned a team-leading eight singles wins for the women's team, while the doubles team of Beissel and Jennifer Duffy finished with a team-high 11 wins.

**ONLINE:** <http://sports.smumn.edu/tennis>

## Lack of numbers, snow and competition prompt SMU to drop nordic skiing

Little did Saint Mary's University nordic ski coach John Skemp realize that the regional championships not only marked the final chapter in the 2002-2003 season, but it also marked the final chapter in the sport's history at SMU.

Citing lack of participants, snow and competition as the main issues, Saint Mary's University athletic director Chris Kendall announced that the school dropped nordic skiing as a varsity sport.

"At this time, we just don't feel we can justify keeping it as a varsity sport," explained Kendall. He noted that dwindling numbers over the past five years — from highs of seven members on the men's and women's teams in 1998-1999, to just one athlete this year — was certainly a contributing factor, as was the fact that the MIAC no longer recognizes nordic skiing as a championship sport. "This year, we only had one individual competing, and because of the lack of snow in the area, we spent far too much time traveling to places like the upper peninsula of Michigan to compete."

Kendall added that it is the school's plan to continue to offer nordic skiing as a club sport, while Skemp will continue on as SMU's head cross country coach and assistant track and field coach.

With the elimination of nordic skiing, Saint Mary's now competes at the varsity level in 19 sports, including baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, hockey, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, and indoor and outdoor track on the men's side, and hockey, basketball, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, volleyball, and indoor and outdoor track for women.



# New events for alumni offer new ways to connect

**T**his past year was a very “eventful” one for the Saint Mary’s University alumni association board of directors. Under the tireless and enthusiastic direction of our alumni board president, Rich Reedy ’76, not only did we execute one of the most successful endeavors to take our university to our alumni, friends and prospective students, we also created new events and opportunities to make connections with our alumni and current students.



**Meg (Leuer) '97  
Richtman, Director of  
Alumni Relations**

Our objectives were clear and concise – to determine what our alumni and current students want and deliver it.

We discovered – due to the complexity of our university today – some alums felt disconnected to the college. Over the past two decades, the university has rapidly grown in strength, programs and campuses, however a majority of alumni are not aware of these changes. Thus, the Saint Mary’s Convention was created. With the direction of John McDonough ’75, vice president of marketing for the

Chicago Cubs and the creator of their highly successful Cubs Convention, the task to take the university on the road was brought to fruition.

Part of the mission of the alumni board is to serve the needs of the current student body at Saint Mary’s. A new service was developed on campus called the e-mentoring program, where we connected a current undergraduate student, sophomore status or above, with an alum who shared the same interests, major and/or career path. Their weekly communication via emails proved to be beneficial for the students by gaining professional advice and knowledge, as well as for the alumni mentors by learning more about today’s Saint Mary’s University students and campus life. A successful “Life After Saint Mary’s” workshop also took place in late winter where 11 alums came to campus, spoke in classrooms, met with students individually and took part in a group panel discussion. The panel took place in the Common Room (formerly the theater) on the third floor of Saint Mary’s Hall to a standing-room-only crowd of students, faculty and staff.

The awareness of what it means to be a Saint Mary’s alum, as well as the benefits it brings, is also something we as an alumni board are undertaking. We have created an alumni lapel pin that we hope will be worn with pride and dignity (see page 3). The opportunities for connections with the student body and our alumni will continue to increase; however, the need for more alumni volunteers is very strong. We encourage you to contact the Alumni Office at 800-635-5987, Ext. 1499, or [alumni@smumn.edu](mailto:alumni@smumn.edu) if you are interested in helping support your association and serve the needs of our students. Your time and energies would be greatly appreciated. 🙏

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

**11/22** *Minneapolis, Minnesota*  
'A Christmas Carol'  
Guthrie Theatre

### 2004 ALUMNI EVENTS

**1/7** *Saint Paul, Minnesota*  
Alumni Gathering  
Minnesota Wild vs. Chicago  
Blackhawks NHL Hockey Game  
Xcel Energy Center

**1/9** *Winona, Minnesota*  
Alumni and Friends  
New Year's Gathering  
Alverna Center  
Saint Teresa Campus

**1/10** *Chicago, Illinois*  
Chicago Holiday Party

**1/17** *St. Paul, Minnesota*  
Alumni Social and  
SMU vs. STU hockey game

**2/2** *Washington, DC*  
Alumni Gathering  
University Club

**3/6** *Sarasota, Florida*  
Alumni Luncheon  
Ritz-Carlton

**3/8** *Saint Paul, Minnesota*  
Twin Cities Alumni  
Chapter Meeting  
O'Gara's

**4/14** *Castle Rock, Colorado*  
Alumni Gathering

**6/18-20** *Winona, Minnesota*  
Homecoming 2004

**Fall '04** *Twin Cities*  
Saint Mary's Convention

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

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Or, call the Alumni Relations Office at  
**1-800-635-5987, Ext. 1499**

## CONVENTION RECAP

At the end of February, Saint Mary's University relocated from Winona to Chicago for a weekend of fun activities for alumni, friends and prospective students. The first-ever Saint Mary's Convention Chicago brought over 120 SMU faculty, staff and students to the Wyndham Northwest Chicago in Itasca, Feb. 28 and March 1, 2003. Alumni and prospective students were treated to activities and demonstrations, lunch and a noted keynote speaker, as well as information booths that showcased the university and alumni-owned businesses. Convention attendees browsed more than 60 displays, met with faculty, coaches and admission staff, sampled a variety of refreshments, enjoyed performances by SMU music and theatre students and took their chances with games and giveaways.

Over 300 alumni and friends attended the kick-off reception and silent auction on Friday night to socialize with Saint Mary's faculty, staff, students and members of the alumni board and board of trustees. The convention opened on Saturday morning with the opportunity to visit exhibitor booths and displays. The complimentary luncheon featured a keynote address by Bill Kurtis, former Chicago WBBM-TV news anchor, titled "A tornado opened the door to lifelong learning." Kurtis is executive producer and host of A&E Network's acclaimed series, "American Justice" and "Investigative Reports." He is also executive producer and host of PBS science series, "The New Explorers with Bill Kurtis." John McDonough '75, vice president for marketing and broadcasting for the Chicago Cubs served as a masterful master of ceremonies. In addition, Saint Mary's President Brother Louis DeThomasis gave a university welcome and update to the guests followed by Wayne Messmer, Chicago's "voice of Wrigley Field," who roused the crowd with his powerful rendition of the National Anthem.

Throughout the afternoon, 20 break-out sessions were offered by faculty, staff, students and alumni. The highlight for many in the afternoon was the music and comedy performances of two student groups from campus. The first to perform was Second Page, SMU's student comedy improv troupe, made up mostly of theatre majors and minors. This group of students is known for its quick

improvisational style and amusing impressions of many SMU faculty and staff — always in good humor, of course. The Oldie Moldie All-Stars also made an appearance. The All-Stars, a 30-year tradition at SMU, is a student band of mostly Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members who are customarily the closing act in SMU's Blue Angel variety show.

Performing popular 1950s and 1960s hits, they had everyone dancing in their seats and some Phi Mu Alpha alums even joined the band on stage to show they could still rock 'n roll!

The convention ended with an alumni social, dinner and dance to the music of Winona's own, Union Station. Throughout the weekend more than 600 alumni and friends came to celebrate the one thing that connects us all — Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. More than

150 prospective students attended and were uniquely introduced to SMU by faculty, staff, and current students. They also had the opportunity to meet and visit with many wonderful alumni who were more than happy to share their SMU experiences and Cardinal pride.

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### IT DOESN'T STOP HERE!

Saint Mary's University will be on the road again. This time we will take the show to the Twin Cities for the 2004 Saint Mary's Convention! The event will be held in late fall at a location to be determined.

### SNAPSHOTS FROM THE CONVENTION ▶





◀ More than 120 faculty, staff and current students load the busses for Chicago.



▲ Rich Reedy '76, president of the alumni association, enjoys the opportunity to share his experiences and knowledge of the university with guests.



◀ John McDonough '75 (left) and Meg (Leuer) '97 Richtman pose with guest keynote speaker, Bill Kurtis (right).



▲ Tony Piscitiello '69 (above left), vice president for admission, facilitates a presentation on insights in pursuing a career in the professional sports /entertainment industry from the people who live it. With him are John McDonough '75 (center), vice president for marketing and broadcasting and Stan Zielinski '74 (right), baseball scout, both of the Chicago Cubs.



◀ Dr. Roger Kugel '70 and Dr. James Vogel, chemistry professors, perform a chemical demonstration.





▲ The exhibit area included 60 booths representing both alumni-owned businesses and many areas of SMU.

◀ A performance by the Oldie Moldie All-Stars was the highlight of the afternoon activities.

▼ The Campus Ministry team was led by Sister Mary Jo Baldus, RSM (far left) and Nikki Richmond (far right).



▲ Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with many of their former teachers.





On Nov. 6, 2002, Larry Gorrell '74 (right), dean, School of the Arts, presented at the sixth **Distinguished Faculty Series** in Chicago. More than 30 alumni and past students came to the Chicago Club to listen and visit with Gorrell, including Mike Lehman '92 and Asta Tijnelis '92.



This year's **Winona Holiday Gathering** on Jan. 10 showcased the beautiful Great Room of the Alverna Center located on the Saint Teresa campus. The facility is now owned by Saint Mary's University and is regularly used for a variety of university and community events. Over 100 alumni, parents and friends of Saint Mary's came to celebrate the New Year together, including (from left) Mary Wadden, Frances Skemp, Vince Wadden '50 and Robert Skemp '49.



**Twin Cities Alumni Reception and Men's Hockey Game**

On Jan. 11, more than 70 alumni attended this year's annual pre-game party at O'Gara's Pub in St. Paul before heading over to the Minnesota State Fair Coliseum to cheer on the SMU men's hockey team as they battled their rivals – University of Saint Thomas! Former SMU hockey players and friends enjoyed the opportunity to get together.

**"Life After SMU – Where Do We Go From Here?"**

On Feb. 6 and 7, 2003, members of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors, along with the Career Service and Internships Office, organized a two-day event. Eleven alumni volunteered their time, energy and expertise with the current student body. They spent time in multiple classrooms, speaking to students about what life is like after leaving SMU. On Friday afternoon, a panel discussion was held in the Common Room on the Winona campus and nearly 150 students filled the venue to listen to career stories and advice, as well as enjoy the opportunity to network during the post-event reception.

Alumni who volunteered for event were (from left) front row: Shawn McCarthy '01, law student, The John Marshal Law School; Abbey Harris '01, nursing student, College of St. Catherine; Pat Henning '84, investment advisor, US Bancorp Piper Jaffray, Inc.; Colleen Kaufenberg '84, attorney, Berglund & Varco, Ltd.; Rob Valerious '84, executive vice president, Allied Benefit Systems. Back row: Richard Hand '97, police officer, Minneapolis Police Department; Jay Dunphy '94, accountant, Carver Moquits & Associates, Inc.; Captain Timothy Tyre '69, psychologist, Waukesha Memorial Hospital; Gary Wieczorek '73, chief of police, Village of Ashwaubenton; and Xavier Wilson '98, major gift officer, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Not pictured: Alissa Erichson '02, graphic designer, Rochester Post Bulletin.





# Homecoming 2003

## Saint Mary's alums find many ways to reconnect, reminisce

Alumni from all class years were welcomed back for Homecoming 2003, held June 13-15. Special invitations went to those from anniversary class years ending in 3 and 8. The class of 1953 celebrated its 50th anniversary, and the class of 1978 celebrated its 25th.

Kicking off the first day of festivities was a golf outing at the Winona Country Club, along with a

dinner for alumni of 50 years and more, and an alumni social in the Lillian Davis Hogan Galleries.

On Saturday, there was a 5K run on the SMU campus. The Distinguished Faculty Series featured a talk by Dr. Michael Flanagan '63, long-time professor of theatre and speech. An afternoon family picnic provided entertainment for both adults and children. Saturday evening featured a special alumni Mass, awards reception, dinner-dance, piano sing-along and alumni reunion party.

At the alumni awards reception, Saint Mary's presented its Religious Service Award to Reverend Robert Botthof, OP '50. Dr. Randall W.A. Davidson '53 received the Distinguished Alumnus award, and Keith Klausner '73 received the Alumni Appreciation award. Kerry (Ambrose) '88 Davison and Terry Skrypek '70 were inducted into the SMU Sports Hall of Fame.

**For more details and photos of Homecoming 2003, visit [www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni)**



Dr. Randall W.A. Davidson '53



Reverend Robert Botthof, OP '50



Keith Klausner '73



Kerry (Ambrose) '88 Davison



Terry Skrypek '70

# OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2003

## Five honored at Homecoming awards ceremony

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

#### Dr. Randall W.A. Davidson '53

Dr. Randall Davidson has worn many hats, including those of Christian Brother, educator, professional actor, businessman, writer and safety expert. Most recognized for his work in developing the first inspection and safety standards for theaters, his expertise in risk assessment and management also has been applied to secondary schools, school districts and commercial venues. As president of Risk International & Associates, Inc., he conducts seminars on health and safety, environment, and security to audiences in more than 30 countries and has been instrumental in developing codes and standards for entertainment venues internationally.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICE

#### Reverend Robert Botthof, OP '50

Robert Botthof served as a Christian Brother for six years before pursuing a career in education for more than 30 years. He continues to be heralded in the Chicago area as an educator and administrator, having distinguished himself in several school districts and in the Catholic system. Following retirement, he joined the order of Dominican Priests and was ordained in 1987. As the current pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer Church in River Forest, Ill., Father Botthof has brought about a remarkable increase in the level of community spirituality, social justice awareness and action, and Eucharistic devotion.

### ALUMNI APPRECIATION

#### Keith Klausner '73

A motivator, a recruiter and a sports enthusiast, Keith Klausner has been an avid and long-time patron of the university. His commitment to the Saint Mary's men's golf team during the past 10 years has been unmatched. He has donated shirts, all-weather gear and golf bags for the players and has substantially assisted with tournament travel expenses. Klausner has also been a key sponsor and volunteer at the annual alumni Chicago Golf Outing.

### SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### Kerry (Ambrose) '88 Davison

A four-year starter in women's soccer, Kerry (Ambrose) Davison was a two-time All-West Region selection, a third-team All-American as a junior and a first-team All-American her senior season. She still ranks No. 2 all time in points in a career, with 151, and assists in a career, with 43, while ranking third in goals in a career, with 54. The speedy, 5'2" dynamo was one of Saint Mary's strongest offensive players of all time.

### SPORTS HALL OF FAME

#### Terry Skrypek '70

A four-year star in hockey, Skrypek was SMU's leading scorer as a junior with 18 goals and 27 assists. He has spent the past 33 years coaching high school and college hockey and has never had a losing season. As coach at Hill-Murray High School, Skrypek posted a 325-43-2 record and led his team to 11 state tournament appearances and took home the 1983 state title. As head coach at the University of St. Thomas for the past 16 seasons, he has established himself as one of the top collegiate coaches in the country. Under Skrypek, the Tommies have won 12 conference titles and qualified for the NCAA tournament eight times.



# Who's where, doing what...

1951

**Frank Wesolowski**, Sun Lake, Ariz., is retired.

1953

**Gregory Masters**, Indio, Calif., is president of Master Search Inc., an executive search business located in the Palm Springs/Indio area.

1956

**Ronald Irace**, Mokena, Ill., is retired.

1958

**Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC**, Winona, Minn., was honored at the North Central Chapter of the Physics Society on Oct. 25, 2002.

1961

**Charles Wildes**, Sioux Falls, S.D., is retired.

1963

**Dr. Stephen Christensen**, Eden Prairie, Minn., had surgery in June 2002 for a benign brain tumor. He had to sell his prothodontics and dentistry practice in Edina, and is now teaching at a dental school in Arizona. He also volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, plays golf, spends time with his grandchildren, and drives race cars. He is feeling great now and is realizing the many blessings in his life.

**F. Lee Van Horn**, Montreal, Quebec, was honored by the University of Missouri-Kansas City Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration and Great Plains Energy, Inc. as a Distinguished Fellow. The Great Plains Distinguished Fellows program was established to honor business and civic leaders who provide significant contributions to the Bloch School's teaching mission.

**Ed Zabrocki**, Tinley Park, Ill., has been mayor for the Village of Tinley Park for 22 years and the director of counseling at Br. Rice High School for 37 years. He has two new granddaughters, Emily Lynn and Faith Elizabeth.

1964

**Kenneth Comina**, Solana City, Calif., won a United States Handball Association National championship in the super singles division.

1965

**T. William Coughlan**, Madison Lake, Minn., was awarded the Hap Halligan Leadership Award, which recognizes a Mankato area individual demonstrating longstanding community leadership.

1966

**Charles Joseph**, Kansasville, Wis., retired and plans on

watching the sunset over the lake and traveling. He will also teach computer skills on a cruise line.

**Pat Ryan**, Cedarburg, Wis., in December, 2002, took leadership of Quarles & Brady, the second largest law firm in Wisconsin.

1968

**Joseph Ellis**, Huxley, Iowa, was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award by the Iowa Commission on the Status of African Americans. Joe is an advanced personnel management specialist with the state of Iowa.

1969

**Dennis Morneau**, Tyrone, N.M., has a new position with Phelps Dodge Mining Company as controller of New Mexico operations.

1970

**Joseph A. Brisch**, Manitowoc, Wis., was awarded a 2003 American Society for Testing and Materials International Award of Merit and the accompanying title of fellow on May 8, 2003.

**Bill Herzog**, Apple Valley, Minn., was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors.

**Michael J. Semsch**, Edina, Minn., is the new chief operating officer of DMW Properties, Brooklyn Park, Minn.

1971

**Rocky Ammerman**, Thief River Falls, Minn., was named employee of the year on May 12, 2003 by the administration of Northland Community and Technical College-Thief River Falls.

**Dr. Michael Barcelona**, Kalamazoo, Mich., was appointed as interim chairperson of the



## SENIOR CHALLENGE TO ALUMS FALLS SHORT

Alumni Michael Horvath, Jim Noonan and Kevin Horvath were challenged to a five-game basketball series by SMU seniors Kevin Noonan, Paul Berry and Liam Baucom-Orlofsky on April 25. The challenge accepted, Team Horvath, Horvath & Noonan traveled to Winona and utilizing excellent basketball fundamentals, demoralized the youngsters, winning the series four games to one. Pictured are Kevin Horvath '78, Paul Berry '03, Michael Horvath '82, James Noonan '81, Kevin Noonan '03 and Liam Baucom-Orlofsky '03.

Department of Chemistry at Western Michigan University on Oct. 28, 2002.

**1972**

**William Tennison**, Cornelius, N.C., is chief operating officer/chief financial officer for The Salem Group, Inc.

**1974**

**Father Richard Colletti**, Mankato, Minn., celebrated

his 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood on June 22, 2003.

**Robert Stapleton**, Minooka, Ill., was appointed vice president of Site Acquisition Consultants Inc., on Jan. 1, 2003.

**1976**

**Lawrence J. Cap**, Naperville, Ill., was named chief financial officer and vice president of finance and administration

with Nelson Westerberg Inc., one of the nation's largest corporate moving companies.

**Reverend David Kunz**, La Crosse, Wis., is pastor of Mary, Mother of the Church parish.

**Jim Suddendorf**, Orono, Minn., is senior vice president at Archway Marketing Services. He and his wife, Mollie (CST, '76), celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July, 2003.

**1977**

**Pamela Joachim**, Chaska, Minn., was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors.

**1978**

**Michael Marciniak**, Mundelein, Ill., has a new position as vice president of marketing and sales for Argos Technologies.

**1980**

**Douglas McCarrell**, Elmhurst, Ill., works for eDOC Solutions as sales manager.

**Kevin Moriarty**, Columbia, Md., joined the Population Resource Center as executive director, specializing in global public health, demographic and domestic social science issues.

**Peg (Zoubek) Pavlik**, Coon Rapids, Minn., received her master's degree in Human Development from Saint Mary's University, Twin Cities Campus.

**1981**

**Mark Eldridge**, Plymouth, Minn., has spent more than two years working at the San Lucas Toliman Mission in Guatemala.

**1982**

**Mark Ayotte**, Mendota Heights, Minn., was named to the board of directors at Briggs and Morgan, a Midwest law firm where he is member.

**Russ Barcelona**, Wauwatosa, Wis., was appointed to a three-year team as a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors.

**Jay Benusa**, Las Cruces, N.M., has a new position at F&A Dairy Products as chief financial officer.

**Joseph Wagner**, Los Angeles, Calif., is vice president/general manager of the Bel-Air Country Club. In November 2002 he was selected to speak at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin as the distinguished lecturer.

**1984**

**Alfred Woodie, Jr.**, West Palm Beach, Fla., is a deputy sheriff in Palm Beach County.

**1985**

**Julie (Wilde) Jefferson**, Jonesboro, Ga., is a teacher at Clayton County Schools.

**1986**

**Greg Zimprich**, Chaska, Minn., is senior public relations manager for General Mills, Minnetonka, Minn.

**1987**

**Susan Burke**, Aurora, Ill., has a new job as vice president of communication and marketing at Medical Group Management Association.

**Julia Galbus**, Evansville, Ind., was promoted to associate professor of English & Humanities in August 2003 at the University of Southern Indiana.

**Joe Tiffany**, Oswego, Ill., is an inside sales representative for Bradco Supply Corporation.

**1988**

**Cathy (Gadd) Berg**, Hoffman Estates, Ill., was promoted to vice president of new business development at New York Life Investment Management.

## Dentist John Frasco serves on Weapons of Mass Destruction team

Dr. John Frasco '69 has been selected to serve with the U.S. Public Health Service, Office of Emergency Response, National Disaster Medical System, Weapons of Mass Destruction Team.

Dr. Frasco, who lives in Mason City, Iowa, and has a limited dental practice in Northwood, Iowa, notes that he is "privileged to accept these new responsibilities to serve my community and country. During these current times of world crisis, it is important for each of us to do our work with dignity and respect."

Participation on the WMD Team requires that Dr. Frasco must be available to be deployed with a few hours notice to any location in the world.

This appointment comes after 28 years of training and experience at the local, county, state and federal levels. Dr. Frasco is currently serving as the antemortem section leader of the Cook County (Ill.) Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Disaster Response Team, the forensic dental identification consultant to the Iowa State Medical Examiners' Office, the Iowa state dental identification team leader and the chief odontologist for the Cerro Gordo and Worth Counties (Iowa) Medical Examiners' Office.

Dr. Frasco has been actively involved in dental identification services at eight mass casualty incidents, including the American Airlines Flight 191 crash in Chicago, Ill. (the U.S.'s largest air crash disaster), the Korean Airlines Flight 801 crash on the island of Guam, the Paxton Hotel fire in Chicago, Ill., and, most recently, the World Trade Center attack in New York City and the Airline Flight 587 crash in Belle Harbor, N.Y.



**Stephen King**, Minneapolis, Minn., has a new position at the Minnesota Department of Corrections as community notification coordinator.

**Mark Mahoney**, Eden Prairie, Minn., and his wife **Laura (Demetriou) '90** recently relocated to Minnesota from Illinois. They have three children, Elizabeth, 8, Conor, 6 and Catherine, 5.

**Jane Rogers**, Lake Oswego, Ore., was promoted to vice president in the Portland, Ore., office of Marsh Inc.

**Dave Samson**, Chicago, Ill., directs efforts for fund development and public relations for Rainbow Hospice, an organization dedicated to enabling people to live with dignity and hope while coping with loss and the end of life.

**James Walsh**, Orland Park, Ill., is a sergeant with the Illinois State Police Force.

#### 1989

**Terri Lee (Hustad) Paulsen**, Waconia, Minn., accepted a position as communications specialist in the Community Relations Department at Ridgeview Medical Center.

#### 1990

**Rhonda (Christianson) Drake**, Champlin, Minn., along with husband Scott have three children, Matthew, 7, Kaitlyn, 3 and Logan, 2. She still keeps in touch with the girls from mobile 136.

#### 1991

**Jennifer (Smith) Boyle**, Westchester, Ill., was appointed to a four-year term on the Westchester Library Board.

**Martha (Hanzel) Johnson**, St. Paul, Minn., was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors.

#### 1992

**Matthew Dineen**, Gardiner, Maine, has been named director of the functional skills program with Jefferson Village School (SAU #132) and was recently named head of the special education department.

**Amy (Henningsgard) Idsvoog**, Fresno, Calif., is national sales manager for Miramonte Resorts, Palm Springs, Calif.

**Matthew McDonough**, Bristol, R.I., is coordinator of graduate admissions at Roger Williams University.

**Stephanie (Voss) McGuinness**, Avon, Minn., is head soccer coach at St. Cloud State University.

**Todd Myers**, Plymouth, Minn., is a home mortgage consultant for Wells Fargo.

**James (Jamie) McKnight**, Pewaukee, Wis., was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors.

**John Sutcliffe**, Edina, Minn., has a new position at Chiropractic Leadership Alliance in the sales department.

**Thomas Wistrill**, Verona, Wis., has a new position at Badger Sports Properties as general manager.

#### 1993

**Lauren (Hellgeth) Dooley**, Villa Park, Ill., is a senior account manager at RR Donnelley Financial.

#### 1994

**Todd Gardner**, St. Paul, Minn., opened his own law firm, Gardner Law Office in July 2002.

**Amy (Korkowski) Oxentenko**, Rochester, Minn., is a physician at Mayo Clinic.

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**Rebecca (Kissner) Strub**, Colorado Springs, Colo., is working for the Colorado Bureau of Investigation-Forensic Laboratory as a laboratory criminal investigator.

#### 1996

**Kristen (Fierst) Donovan**, Zumbrota, Minn., is self-employed as a private piano and voice instructor.

**Kevin Ford**, Lake Villa, Ill., works at Baxter Healthcare Corporation as a sales representative.

**Aaron Johnson**, Fargo, N.D., took a position with Tecton Products as a research scientist in November 2002.

**Jennifer (Maliszewski) Malenius**, Hebron, Ill., works for Family Service & Community Mental Health Agency as a therapist.

**Toni (Anakkala) Ternus**, Ramsey, Minn., is a clinical research associate at Boston Scientific Corporation.

#### 1997

**Amy Cherwin**, Naperville, Ill., works in the tourism/marketing industry for the Oakbrook Center in Chicago.

**Richard Hand**, St. Michael, Minn., is a police officer for the Minneapolis Police Department.

**Heather (Barnes) Mahon**, Oshkosh, Wis., graduated with a master's degree in occupational therapy from Midwestern University in May 2000.

**Michael Richtman**, Lewiston, Minn., was selected as the school district's 2002-2003 Secondary Teacher of the Year.



## Bacha gift helps with chemistry department outreach

Jane Bacha, in honor and remembrance of her late husband, has made a gift to the chemistry department to establish the John D. Bacha Recruitment Fund. John Bacha was a

1963 chemistry graduate and internationally recognized fuel chemist. At the time of his death, Bacha was a consulting scientist with Chevron Products Company. The chemistry department will use the fund to help in its outreach and recruitment activities, including Chemistry Night for high school students (pictured above), Chemistry OverNight, and high school visits.

**Matthew Scully**, San Diego, Calif., is director of sales and new business development for Pasha Corporate Housing. He is also a chief investor in Donniwear, a new clothing line.

**Kelly (Cerone) Sullivan**, Lisle, Ill., works in the human resources department at Bigstom Corp., U.S.A.

**Allison (Shiely) Thomley**, Hammond, Wis., was a special education teacher but decided to become a stay-at-home mom.

**Karlotta (Weibel) Wolfgram**, Cottage Grove, Minn., accompanied by her father, brother and sister, rode their bicycles across the United States from Anacortes, Wash., to Norwalk, Conn., a total of 3,400 miles.

### 1998

**Sarah (Heimdal) Nundahl**, Eagan, Minn., graduated from Northwestern College of Chiropractic in Bloomington, Minn., on Nov. 23, 2002 with a doctor of chiropractic degree. In December, 2002 she accepted a position as a chiropractor at Marty Chiropractic in Burnsville, Minn.

**Tracy (Hewitt) Mashak**, Rochester, Minn., is a sales and marketing director for Northgate Health Club.

**Joshua Takagishi**, Chicago, Ill., graduated from Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine in 2003 and will pursue a career in pediatrics at the University of Chicago.

### 1999

**James Donovan**, Zumbrota, Minn., works for Halcon Corporation as an engineer.

**Alex Kugel**, Hillsboro, Ore., is a design/development engineer in the Xerox Office Business unit.

**Martha Langowski**, Bloomington, Minn., completed her master's degree in management at St. Scholastica in December 2002. She works for Low Voltage Contractors in human resources.

**Brian Maschka**, Urbana, Ill., directed "The Life" for the Celebration Company at the Station Theatre. He is production coordinator for the department of dance at the University of Illinois.

**Sarah Mrotz**, Mankato, Minn., graduated in May, 2003 from the School of Occupational Therapy at Pacific University with a master's degree in occupational therapy.

**Amy Mueller**, Ft. Meade, Md., was promoted to the rank of Sergeant with the U.S. Army in September 2002. She is currently training noncommissioned officers for the 741st military intelligence battalion.

**Brady Olson**, Plymouth, Minn., has a new position at Upsher-Smith Laboratories as a territory sales representative.

**Keira (Schroepfer) Short**, Cincinnati, Ohio, has a new position at St. Gertrude School as a language arts teacher.

**Kimberly (Gutsmiedl) Sover**, Aurora, Ill., is director of junior high youth ministry at St. Raphael Catholic Church.

**Robert Stangler**, Lakeville, Minn., is a network administrator at Financial Information Management Inc.

**Annissa Ulbrich**, Madison, Wis., works in the administration department at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

### 2000

**Robert Greenhalgh**, Sun Prairie, Wis., is a sound engineer/stage technician with Stich Brothers Ltd.

**Renee Hansen**, Brownsburg, Ind., is the coordinator of youth ministry at St. Malachy Catholic Church.

**Amy Kroll**, Maple Grove, Minn., graduated from Augsburg College Physician Assistant program and is working in family practice in Anoka, Minn.

## Stinson takes his game to the UHL

When Ryan Stinson '02 closed out his collegiate hockey career at Saint Mary's, he was the big fish in the little pond — a four-year letterwinner, the team's captain and an All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection.



When he signed a professional contract to play for the Memphis River Otters of the United Hockey League, all that changed.

And fast.

"I was used to being on the ice for all situations (even-strength, power-play, penalty-kill) at SMU, and (with the River Otters) I was watching other players getting all that extra ice time," explained Stinson, who completed his first season with the River Otters with six goals and five assists in 35 games. "It was an unfamiliar situation, but I quickly learned to make the most of the opportunities that I was given."

Stinson, who picked up an assist in his first game with the River Otters, had his season cut short by a knee injury that required surgery.

Despite the unfortunate end to his rookie season, Stinson is looking forward to a quick recovery — and the chance to become that big fish once again.

"The experience was everything I imagined," said Stinson, who compiled 90 points (48 goals and 42 assists) during his time at Saint Mary's. "I remember sitting at my locker preparing for my pro debut and feeling like I was a 10-year-old kid. As the games moved on and the understanding of my position grew, I realized that I was working a full-time job and I needed to be prepared for anything.

"The best part of the whole experience was the people I met and the places I saw," Stinson continued, noting that he is still weighing his options as to whether to return for a second season or not. "I played next to a guy who played on a line with Wayne Gretzky in the Stanley Cup finals. Another guy won the NCAA national championship.

"Those are memories I will have for the rest of my life — memories that I will cherish forever."

**Joseph Moore, IV**, Berwyn, Ill., works as an electrician for Jan Electric Co., Inc.

**Stephanie (Frank) Moore**, Berwyn, Ill., teaches sophomore English at Plainfield South High School.

**Angela Witt**, Chicago, Ill., is a sixth-grade teacher with the San Miguel Middle School.





Matthew Budny '00 married Briana Goedel on Aug. 9, 2002. Attending are, from left: Xavier Wilson '98, Bob Fisher '97, John Cereso G'96, Matt Budny, Roger Budny '67 and Michael Haney '03.

## 2001

**Jora Deziel**, Plymouth, Minn., works for Minnesota Wild as an account service executive.

**Karl Kaliher**, Harrisonburg, Va., is a second year graduate student. He is studying counseling psychology with an emphasis in community counseling.

**PFC, Raymond Kelley, USMC-R**, Richland, Iowa, completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

**Scott Morrison**, Hinsdale, Ill., accepted a position as a Chicago police officer.

**Nicole Simon**, Edina, Minn., has a new position as a marketing communication coordinator for Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, Minn.

**Kelly Steuck**, Rock Island Ill., has a new position as a web designer at TownNews.com.

**Deborah (Goenne) Sullivan**, Onalaska, Wis., teaches second grade at N-O-W Elementary School in Ontario, Wis.

## 2002

**Jennifer Bregin**, Palos Park, Ill., started as a stylist at Super Cuts in August, 2002.

**David Chlan**, Palatine, Ill., has a new position with ServCom Associates as a premium auditor.

children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

**Jennifer Spiess**, Brooklyn Park, Minn., works for Shane Company as a sales associate.

## WEDDINGS

**Mark Eldridge '81**, Plymouth, Minn., to Brenda Jerez on Nov. 24, 2001.

**Laura Lambrecht '92**, Lancaster, Wis., to Jeremy Soldner on Oct. 19, 2002.

**Anita Hennessy '93**, Minneapolis, Minn., to Rick Birmingham on Oct. 5, 2002.  
**Monica (Hennessy '86) Mohan** was matron of honor.

**Kristine Martin '93**, Cincinnati, Ohio, to Paul Huiet on Nov. 2, 2002.

**Ann Whalen '93**, Minneapolis, Minn., to Steve Luttinen on Oct. 27, 2001.

**Todd Gardner '94**, St. Paul, Minn., to Cynthia Galbreth on March 24, 2003.

**Philip Gernes '94**, Minneapolis, Minn., to Nicole Prescott on Aug. 24, 2002.

**Tracy Snyder '94**, Scandia, Minn., to Francis Lutz on Oct. 12, 2002.

**Toni Anakkala '96**, Ramsey, Minn., to Dr. Jesse Ternus on Oct. 5, 2002.

**Kristen Fierst '96** to **James Donovan '99**, both of Zumbrota, Minn. on Aug. 26, 2000.

**Heather Barnes '97** to **Michael Mahon '98**, both of Oshkosh, Wis. on June 5, 1999.

**Kelly Cerone '98** to **Brian Sullivan '98**, both of Lisle, Ill. on Aug. 10, 2002.

**Amy Mertens '98**, to **Ryan Jurek '00**, both of Prior Lake, Minn. on Nov. 30, 2002.

**Sarah Heimdal '98**, Eagan, Minn., to Chris Nundahl on Aug. 17, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Amy (Mertens) '98 Jurek** as a reader and **Kim (Kachmarzinski) '98 Martinez** as personal attendant.

**Tracy Hewitt '98**, Rochester, Minn., to Benjamin Mashak on Oct. 5, 2002. **Laura (Hewitt) '99 McCurdy** was matron of honor. Alums attending included **Heidi Voth '97**, **Renee (Dietzenbach) '97 Vogel**, **Dave Vogel '97**, **Tessa Brown '98**, **Jessica Trom '98**, **Heather O'Dea '99** and **Susan (Mader) '99 Grieman**.



On Dec. 28, 2002, Stephanie Frank '00 and Joseph Moore '00 were married at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church in West Dundee, Ill. Alums attending included (pictured above): Carrie Fox '01, Gwen (Falgren) '99 Brooks, Brendan Brooks '96, Sean Coffey '99, Anthony Sherlock '02, Ryan Rosenberg '00, Nicholas Glynn '01, Kristin Van Sloan '00, Teri Heldman '99, Greg Rowley '97, Kara Wicklander '00, Luke Sassolino '02, Laura Kronlage '00, Sean McCabe '99, Sarah Kronlage '00, Lori Madsen '00, Joseph Moore, Stephanie Moore and Michael Swierzewski '03. Not pictured, but in attendance were SMU faculty members Dr. Joe and Carol Shields, Beth Zubrzycki '03 and Julie (Meyer) '99 Brue.



## Fighting breast cancer

When Marion Jabczenski '53 was a medical student, there were no diagnostic tests for finding, much less curing, breast disease; in fact, the only treatment at that time was a radical mastectomy. Ignited by a tragedy within his family, Jabczenski has devoted his medical career to finding a cure for this devastating disease.

This devotion has led him to the discovery of tools that aid in the diagnosis of breast cancer.

For example, in the first conceptions of mammography machines, Jabczenski was on the ground floor in the pursuit of the new technology. He developed a procedure – called the A-Frame Method – for a prototype mammography machine.

His life-long passion has been the advancement of breast cancer detection through improvement of imaging techniques.

He established the Breast Evaluation Center in 1982, the only facility in Phoenix, Ariz., at the time solely devoted to mammography and cancer detection. Jabczenski was the first radiologist to have a medical practice devoted to breast disease and diagnosis, which also allowed the patient access to both the doctor and their x-ray films and test results.

He also co-founded the Breast Cancer Foundation of Arizona to improve education, research, detection/prevention and psychological services in the field.

He has performed well-over 60,000 mammograms in his career.

**Kimberly Gutmiedl '99**, Aurora, Ill., to Erik Sover on Aug. 23, 2002.

**Nancy Ptacek '99** to **Joshua Danke '01**, both of Issaquah, Wash. on Oct. 5, 2002.

**Robert Stangler '99**, Lakeville, Minn., to Carrie Feldkamp on Sept. 7, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were, J.J.

**Williams '00** and **Tom Martin '00**.

**Jill Rosstedt '00**, Hillsboro, Ore., to **Alex Kugel '98**, on Oct. 12, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Dan Paulson '99**, **Jacob Kugel '97**, **Jon Kugel '06**, **Chad Schiebel '98**, **Matt Muellner '98**, **Jennifer (Mahowald) '98 Kugel** and **Megan Johnson '00**.

**Sherree Burg '00**, Caledonia, Minn., to Kurt Cavanaugh on July 20, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in attendance were **Christine Vandeyacht '01**, **Lisa Parker '00**, **Angie Wright '00**, **Kris Buege '00** and **Amy Robinson '00**.

**Gina Moore '00**, Hinsdale, Ill., to **Scott Morrison '01** on June 2, 2001.

**Deborah Goenne '01**, Onalaska, Wis., to Patrick Sullivan on July 6, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Dianne Lord '00** as personal attendant and **Lisa DelGiudice '01** as a bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance were **Elizabeth Moe '01**, **Jessica Johnston '01**, **Darrell Vitullo '01**, **Kristin Biwer '01**, **Sara Ziemetz '01**, **Kelly Steuck '01**, **Matt Norris '01** and **Christy Ross '01**.

**Melissa Lambert '01**, Trempealeau, Wis., to Timothy Fitzpatrick on Sept. 28, 2002.

**Jenifer Notch '01**, Farmington, Minn., to **Brian Rindels '01** on Sept. 28, 2002. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **John Scheid '01**, **Ryan Bickler '00** and **Robyn (Schmidt) '99 Bickler**.

**Rhonda Thibault '02**, St. Paul, Minn., to **Jamie Nowaczewski '01** on Feb. 14, 2003.

## BIRTHS

Stacy and **Michael Leonard '76**, Arlington Heights, Ill., a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, on Dec. 31, 2002. She joins Ann, 2.

Brenda and **Mark Eldridge '81**, Plymouth, Minn., a son, John Paul, on Nov. 17, 2002.

Valarie and **Tom Moody '81**, Burr Ridge, Ill., a daughter, Abbie, on Jan. 8, 2002. She joins Tommy, 3.

**Jim '83** and **Karla (Speltz) '85 Walsh**, Winnetka, Ill., a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, on Feb. 5, 2003.

Michael and **Diane (Dorsey) '84 Dixon**, Andover, Minn., a daughter, Kaitlyn Grace, on Jan. 2, 2003. She joins Jordan, Megan and Shannon.

Daniel and **Catherine (Lucarelli) '86 Shaughnessy**, Park Ridge, Ill., a son, Daniel Jeffrey, on Dec. 27, 2002. He joins Kirstin, 13, James, 4 and Patrick, 2.

**John '86** and **Mary (Figel) '88 Spangler**, Peoria, Ill., a daughter, Maryjane Grace, on Nov. 2, 2002. She joins Billy, 10, Jack, 8 and Delaney, 7.

John and **Katie (Geheren) '87 Blake**, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Abigail Rose, on Dec. 26, 2002. She joins Ryan, 8, Marcy, 6 and Jackie, 5.

Robb and **Sharon (Janik) '87 MacNab**, Homer Glen, Ill., a son, Zachary Robert, on Dec. 18, 2002. He joins Amanda, 8, Matthew, 6 and Christina, 4.

**Joe '87** and **Sharon (Ruminski) '87 Tiffany**, Oswego, Ill., a son, James Stanley, on Feb. 12, 2003. He joins Gary, 8, Danny, 3 and Margaret, 2.

Greg and **Cathy (Gadd) '88 Berg**, Hoffman Estates, Ill., a daughter, Anna Marie, on Jan. 21, 02. She joins Joe, 5.

Shelley and **Stephen King '88**, Minneapolis, Minn., a son, Carter Michael, on Feb. 16, 2002.

Michael and **Katie (Moody) '88 Smith**, Midlothian, Ill., a son, Michael Patrick, on March 17, 2003. He joins Emily, 9, Anna, 7, Sarah, 5 and Rachel, 3.

Raymond and **Patricia (Kovach) '88 Papineau**, Surprise, Ariz., a son, Lance Elliott, on March 5, 2002. He joins Elizabeth, 11 and Meagan, 4.

Stephen and **Kathleen (Davidsaver) '88 Todd**, Centennial, Colo., a son, Christian Stephen, on March 22, 2003. He joins Claire, 3 and Shane, 2.

Delwin and **Lisa (Braden) '89 Cottrell**, Trego, Wis., a daughter, Rebecca Elizabeth, on July 30, 2002. She joins James, 2.

Paul and **Janet (Przybysz) '89 Stauder**, South Riding, Va., a son, Thomas Patrick, on Dec. 10, 2002. He joins Mala, 6, Sean, 4 and Timmy, 2.

Tony and **Sara (Wissner) '89 Whitehead**, St. Louis, Mo., a son, Seth, on Sept. 19, 2002.

Claude and **Kelly (Voss) '90 Wallander**, Minneapolis, Minn., a son, Harrison Joseph, on Feb. 25, 2003.

James and **Dawn (Rapp) '91 Carletta**, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Joseph James, on Jan. 2, 2003. He joins Marissa, 7, and Jake, 4.

**James '91 and Molly (Crosby) '92 Cave**, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Iris Sol Isabella, on Nov. 25, 2002. She joins Zachary James, 7, Zoe Elizabeth, 6, Eli Salvador, 4, and Poppy Sojourner, 2.

James and **Bridget (Layer) '91 Sampair**, St. Paul, Minn., a daughter, Cecelia Cleo, on March 6, 2002. She joins Basil and Lucas.

Andy and **Kelly (Kidd) '91 Wahlquist**, Plymouth, Minn., a son, Myles Thomas, on Dec. 15, 2002. He joins Annika, 7, and Ali, 4.

Michael and **Diane (Nickels) '92 Fowler**, Hinckley, Ill., a son, Thomas Alec, on Dec. 31, 2002. He joins Sarah, 4, and Zachary, 2.

Denis and **Stephanie (Voss) '92 McGuinness**, Avon, Minn., a son, Biagio Deniso, on July 5, 2002.

**Todd '92 and Michelle (Rohan) '94 Myers**, Plymouth, Minn., a son, Robert Matthew, on April 9, 2002. He joins Thomas.

**Dennis '92 and Deb (Kroc) '91 Power**, Lakeville, Minn., a daughter, Brooke Alexandra, on June, 22, 2002. She joins Erica, 6, Kyle, 4, and Blake, 1.

Bill and **Lauren (Hellgeth) '93 Dooley**, Villa Park, Ill., a daughter, Brenna Marguerite, on Oct. 30, 2002.

Jason and **Bobbi Jo (Rector) '93 Richard**, Austin, Minn., a daughter, Alijha Jolie, on July 22, 2002. She joins Jacob, 8, Seth, 6, and Cale, 2.

**Mike '94 and Sharie (Hamilton) '96 Howard**, Brodhead, Wis., a daughter, Ainsley Marie, on Dec. 9, 2002. She joins Braden, 2.

Shawn and **Amy (Korkowski) '94 Oxentenko**, Rochester, Minn., a son, Evan Cordell, on Nov. 29, 2002.

Mark and **Rebecca (Kissner) '94 Strub**, Colorado Springs, Colo., a son, Dillon Michael, on Jan. 13, 2003.

Douglas and **Theresa (Burg) '94 Trevor**, Iowa City, Iowa, a son, William Benjamin, on May 18, 2003.

**Eric '94 and Ann (Koenig) '96 Van Brocklin**, Bloomington, Minn., a daughter, Laura Kayte, on Jan. 21, 2003. She joins Grace Marie, 3.

Philip and **Regina (Firlit) '95 McDougal**, Darien, Ill., a son, Aidan Dempsey, on Jan. 21, 2003.

Joseph and **Karen (Neidhardt) '95 Winkelmann**, Rockford, Ill., a daughter, Teresa Marie, on April 24, 2002.

**Kevin '96 and Katie Ann (Frcka) '96 Ford**, Lake Villa, Ill., a daughter, Meaghan, on March 1, 2002. She joins Eimilie, 5.

Brent and **Jennifer (Maliszewski) '96 Malenius**, Hebron, Ill., a son, Kevin Michael, on Dec. 15, 2002.

Molly and **Robert Grumich '97**, Ferguson, Mo., a son Jimmy, on Feb. 22, 2003.

**Bryan '98 and Joanne (Tibble) '98 Achbach**, Rapid City, S.D., a daughter, Megan Irene, on Nov. 30, 2002. She joins Katherine, 2.

**Ryan '98 and Erica (Chapman) '98 Carlson**, Minneapolis, Minn., a daughter, Isabella Pearl, on Sept. 22, 2002.

**Michael '98 and Heather (Barnes) '97 Mahon**, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Reilly Kathryn, on Jan. 1, 2001.

**Scott '01 and Gina (Moore) '00 Morrison**, Chicago, Ill., a son, Jack William, on July 13, 2002.

## DEATHS

**Robert McShane '29**, Durham Hills, Ill., on May 25, 2002.

**Stephen L. Speltz '31**, Durham, Minn., on Jan. 2, 2003.

**Adolph P. Gierok '32**, Independence, Wis., on April 28, 2003.

**Col. John J. Graf '34**, Farmington, Minn., on Jan. 18, 2002.

**John R. McGinnis '36**, Norwalk, Conn., on Dec. 13, 2000.

**Dr. Ambrose F. Schmelzle '36**, Eden Prairie, Minn., on March 19, 2003.

**James D. Barger '38**, Las Vegas, Nev., on April 3, 2002.

**Brother Daniel McMullan, FSC '39**, Romeoville, Ill., on Jan. 26, 2003.

**Brother H. Edmund Whaley, FSC '39**, Memphis, Tenn., on March 13, 2003.

**Brother Hilary Gilmartin, FSC '40**, Westmont, Ill., on May 12, 2003.

**Dr. Edward A. Durand '41**, Solon, Ohio, on Oct. 27, 2002.

**John J. Goodrich '41**, Miami, Fla., on Jan. 4, 2003.

**Brother Phil Morgan, FSC '41**, Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 30, 2002.

**Frederick E. Thies '41**, Shawnee Mission, Kan., on Aug. 14, 2002.

**Joseph R. Gross '44**, Virginia, Minn., on Sept. 20, 2002.

**Kenneth W. Maher '44**, Punta Gorda, Fla., on Dec. 5, 2002.

**James A. Rothermel '44**, Safety Harbor, Fla., on March 9, 2003.

**Frank J. Youngs '44**, Golden, Colo., in June 2002.

**Richard C. Baldwin '45**, Le Sueur, Minn., on Oct. 14, 2001.

## Saint Mary's graduate nominated for best actress award in Chicago

Georgann Charuhas, a 1996 Saint Mary's University theater graduate, received a best actress nomination for the 2002-2003 Jeff Award.

Chicago's answer to New York City's Tony Awards, the 2002-2003 Joseph Jefferson Awards,



nominated Charuhas for best actress in a principal role for her portrayal of Maggie in "After The Fall," written by Arthur Miller.

The Jeff Awards are given annually by The Joseph Jefferson Awards Committee to honor excellence in professional theatre produced in the immediate Chicago area.

The awards ceremony was held Nov. 3 at the North Shore for the Performing Arts in Skokie, Ill.

Charuhas grew up in Westchester, Ill., with her grandparents, Rita and George Charuhas.

At Saint Mary's, she played several challenging roles such as Agnes in "The Shadow Box" and Laura in Tennessee William's "Glass Menagerie."

She is now is a company member of The Artistic Home Ensemble.

**Eugene E. Figliulo '46**, Burr Ridge, Ill., on March 9, 2003.

**Louis J. Di Iorio '48**, St. Joseph, Mo., on Feb. 8, 2003.

**Thomas G. Tierney '49**, Sanford, N.C., on May 26, 2003.

**Thomas W. Coutre '50**, Crystal Lake, Ill., on Feb. 14, 2002.

**William M. Kuntz '54**, St. Paul, Minn., on Sept. 3, 2002.

**William T. McEney '55**, Bloomington, Minn., on March 3, 2003.

**Brother William Heggy, FSC '56**, Romeoville, Ill., on Jan. 17, 2003.

**Martin B. Schutty '57**, Destin, Fla., on May 5, 2003.

**Leonard C. Laskowski '64**, Midland, Texas, on March 28, 2003.

**William F. De Silva '67**, Rochester, Ill., on April 19, 2002.

**Myron A. Nilles '68**, St. Paul, Minn., on Dec. 20, 2002.

**Richard F. Lee '69**, Chicago, Ill., on Jan. 31, 2003.

**Steven E. Flemming '73**, Fountain City, Wis., on Jan. 6, 2003.

**Gary J. Newton '73**, Kimberling City, Mo., in October 2001.

**Joseph W. Wojchik '00**, Arcadia, Wis., on Dec. 10, 2002.

## SYMPATHY TO

**Dr. Eugene McEney '53, Kathleen (McEney '82) Datta and Daniel McEney '87**, on the death of their brother and father, **William McEney '55**, on March 3, 2003.

**Father John Schutty '55**, on the death of his brother, **Martin Schutty '57**, on May 5, 2003.

**Norbert Gernes '59**, on the death of his mother, Sophia Gernes, on Nov. 28, 2002.

**Thomas Lee '60**, on the death of his brother, **Richard Lee '69**, on Jan. 31, 2003.

**Thomas Fremgen '62**, on the death of his mother, Marcella Fremgen, in March 2003.

**James Rand '65**, on the death of his mother, Frances Rand, on April 4, 2003.

**Steve Biesanz '69 and Jeff Biesanz '74**, on the death of their mother, Helen Biesanz, on Nov. 27, 2002.

**George Hoepfner '70**, on the death of his mother, Beverly Hoepfner, on Dec. 9, 2002.

**John Thies '70**, on the death of his father, **Frederick Thies '41**, on Aug. 14, 2002.

**James Figliulo '71, Donald Figliulo '74, Robert Figliulo '76, John Figliulo '78, David Figliulo '83, Sharon Figliulo '97, and Michael Figliulo '02**, on the death of their father and grandfather, **Eugene Figliulo '46**, on March 9, 2003.

**Bradley Nilles '73, Kerry Nilles '74 and Brian Nilles '79**, on the death of their brother, **Myron Nilles '68**, on Dec. 20, 2002.

**Sharon (Staples) '75 Hohertz**, on the death of her mother, Lill Staples on June 26, 2001 and on the death of her father, Bob Staples, on March 13, 2002.

**Mark '78 and Karen (Coutre) '78 Kearns**, on the death of their father-in-law and father, **Thomas Coutre '50**, on Feb. 14, 2002.

**Lynn (Woodward) '83 Rockwell**, on the death of her father, Sherman Woodward, on Dec. 24, 2002.

**Jim Zaino '85**, on the death of his mother, Rosemary Zaino, on Feb. 11, 2003.

**Jon Lunny '90, Suzanne (Lunny) '91 Crocitto and Sherri (Griffin '89) Lunny**, on the death of their brother and brother-in-law, William Lunny, on Jan. 9, 2003.

**Colin '91 and Kelly (Shanle) '93 Sokolowski**, on the

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death of their father and father-in-law, Neil Sokolowski, on Jan. 31, 2003.

**Meg (Leuer) '97 and Mike '97 Richtman**, on the death of their father and father-in-

law, David Leuer, on March 19, 2003.

**Joy (Kelly) '00 Rockwell and Paul Kelly '97**, on the death of their brother, Lew Kelly, on April 17, 2003.

# looking *back*

*Photos from the archives show the way it used to be.*



It was not out of the ordinary to find Brother Charles Severin, FSC, (far left) teaching biology in local waters or in the surrounding bluffs. Brother Charles is recognized by generations of alumni for his work in the fields of biology and ecology. We believe this picture was taken in the late 1950s and that Brother Bernard LoCoco '58 is pictured on the far right. We are uncertain about the names of the remaining participants.

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about this photo is welcome to contact *Saint Mary's Magazine* editor, Bob Conover. Mail comments to: Saint Mary's Magazine, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send email to: [bconover@smumn.edu](mailto:bconover@smumn.edu).



# Annual Investors' Report now available online

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For decades, Saint Mary's has printed and distributed an Annual Report that summarizes the highlights and milestones of each academic year, provides all stakeholders with basic financial information such as revenues, expenses and the balance sheet from the annual university audit, and reports extensive information related to gift income and philanthropic support. This year's report continues to provide this important information, but now in the form of a webpage. We believe that disseminating this publication electronically:

- Enables Saint Mary's to be a better steward of the resources contributed by its many benefactors. By not incurring substantial costs for printing and mailing the Annual Report, the university is able to channel those resources to programs that benefit students directly.
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Dan '72 and Sandi Simon  
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*Members of the Stewardship Society made significant contributions of \$2,500 to \$4,999 in the previous fiscal year. Through these significant investments the members of this society are helping Saint Mary's steward important resources and continue the Lasallian tradition of excellent education.*

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## “Out with the old ...”

Members of the Saint Mary's University athletic department staff lifted out the center court section of the old gym floor in preparation for a new wood floor that was installed this past summer. Using circular saws, hammers and a lot of muscle power, the athletic department removed the entire old floor in sections, carefully saving the center court section, which is now on display outside the gym entrance in the Sports Hall of Fame area.

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*Club*

### **Student athletes are honored at the first Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend**

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association and athletic department inducted six student-athletes into the Sports Hall of Fame during an awards ceremony Sept. 20 as part of the first-ever Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend in Winona. The Cardinal 'M' Club was created last year to recognize the athletic accomplishments of both past and present Saint Mary's student-athletes, and to promote and support SMU's current athletic programs.

Men's hockey players Brad Mattson '89 and Matthew Montgomery '89, along with Lisa (Janikowski) '87 Schlosser (women's basketball and cross country), Tim Piechowski '88 (baseball, basketball), Amy Cichanowski '92 (nordic skiing, cross country) and Kristen (Kluge) '93 Steensland (women's soccer) make up the SMU Sports Hall of Fame class of 2003. The awards ceremony also included the introduction of SMU's post-season award winners — including the Cardinal Athletes of the Year — during the 2002-03 season.

■ For more information about the Cardinal 'M' Club, go to <http://sports.smumn.edu/mclub/>