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The Saint Mary's University athletic website gets a facelift

Sports information director Donny Nadeau has teamed with Internet Consulting Services to create a more dynamic, user-friendly SMU sports website.

The new site, which continues to have many of the same features as the old site — including rosters, game schedules, result links and statistic pages — is not only more visually appealing, but also has several new features.

Visitors can sign up to receive weekly newsletters, listen to live webcasts of all home games, follow the statistical play-by-play of home events, as well as browse the various photo galleries.

The look is new, but the site's priority is unchanged — to provide fans the most comprehensive Cardinal coverage around. Take a spin and let Nadeau know what you think. You can e-mail him at: dnadeau@smumn.edu.

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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 more than 5,600 students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs in Winona, the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nairobi, Kenya. At Saint Mary's 94-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 Schools of Graduate and Professional 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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The difficulties of defining what it means to be Lasallian



Deb Nahrgang
Saint Mary's
Magazine editor

This summer Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis made a brief phone call to our office. "I've got a great idea for the theme of the next alumni magazine," he said enthusiastically: "What it means to be Lasallian."

He was right (as he usually is) ... it was a great idea.

Don't tell Brother Louis, but I wasn't thrilled. It's a subject the magazine has featured before, and quite frankly, I struggle to define on paper what it means to be Lasallian. For me, Lasallian work at Saint Mary's is better experienced or witnessed than captured on paper.

I can taste the Lasallian experience in the ice cream sundaes and root beer fundraisers held throughout the summer to raise money for the local Catholic Worker house.

I can smell the Lasallian experience as barbecue season nears. Scott, Ed.D. '07, and Karen, Ed.D. '07, Sorvaag of the Department of Education host annual barbecues at their home. Dozens of students consume grilled burgers but leave with something more important than a full stomach—great memories and the knowledge that their teachers care about them.

I can detect a Lasallian experience in many ways. If I click on the undergraduate admission web page, I can see the Brother James Miller Scholarship for Access, designed to keep Saint Mary's affordable for students from lower-income families. Our ever-changing Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs touches the lives of thousands of students a year. SMU is making its programming accessible where and when it is needed and constantly adapting to meet the needs of its learners, many of whom are of diverse backgrounds. Unique programs

apply theory to daily work situations and are designed with employers; and class schedules accommodate working adults.

I see it and hear it every day. The Lasallian outlook is reflected in the faces of our students, so eager to change the world, armed with the passion, the knowledge, and the first-hand experience they've gotten here. Unlike many college students who return from spring break well-rested and tanned, students who make SOUL (Serving Others United in Love) trips return from break a little more tired. While others bring back souvenirs and tan lines, SOUL students know that they've made a difference, literally, all over the world.

One of the clearest forms of Lasallian work is done at Christ the Teacher Institute for Education at our Nairobi, Kenya, campus. Brother Paulos Welday Mesmer, FSC '90, M'91, paints a very graphic and touching picture on pages 19-20 about how CTIE graduates are improving the conditions of their communities through education. The mission of Christ the Teacher Institute for Education is to prepare qualified teachers for secondary schools in Africa.

CTIE focuses particularly on preparing members of Catholic religious orders and teaching congregations of men and women and their lay colleagues to create and maintain local schools that are accessible to poor people.

Take a look on page 28 about how many of our SMU faculty and staff — on all campuses — are involved with Lasallian formation.

Three hundred years after his death, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the patron saint of teachers, would be proud. But SMU is really part of a bigger picture including more than 5,300 De La Salle Christian Brothers around the world, with 75,000 colleagues engaged in the Lasallian educational mission to 880,000 students in 930 schools in 80 countries. Today, the Lasallian global network, the ongoing realization of De La Salle's tradition and spirit, is alive and functioning worldwide. Here in the United States, there are 93 Lasallian educational institutions, including seven Lasallian colleges and universities.

In this issue, we invite you to explore "What it means to be Lasallian" as we look at the life of Saint John Baptist de La Salle and how his charism and ministry are carried out today. The educational ministry has evolved from the initial creative work of De La Salle and the first Brothers of the Christian Schools to the worldwide efforts of tens of thousands of men and women — and from primary schools in the urban areas of France to a global network. But at its core, a Lasallian education (and all that it stands for) is still relevant and accessible.

It is an education that teaches minds and touches hearts. It's an education that is performing modern-day miracles.

We hope you enjoy this issue. Take a look at how active our alumni have been, and catch up with your classmates in the bulging class notes section. As always, let us know how you are; we'd love to hear from you. Our most important stories are about the people — like you — behind SMU! 🍷

We're interested in your thoughts

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

Send letters to *Saint Mary's Magazine* Editor, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987-1399 or e-mail editor Deb Nahrgang at dnahrgan@smumn.edu.



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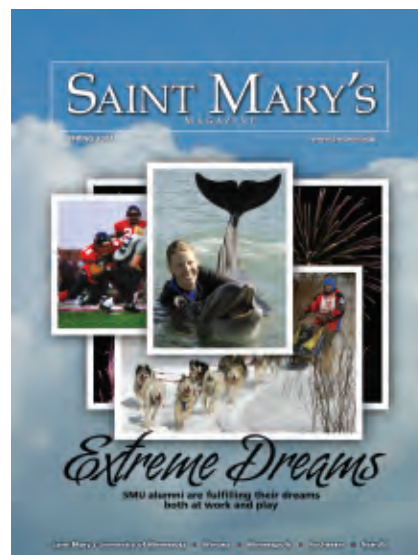
Hoping magazine becomes more academic

I am writing in response to your invitation for comments regarding the alumni magazine. I appreciate the invitation, as there are some thoughts I have had for quite a while about the magazine. I enjoy receiving the magazine — it gives me a sense of pride about SMU and confirms my decision to attend a small college with a deeply rooted liberal arts tradition and distinctively Lasallian mission.

I would like to put in a plug to make the magazine a bit more academic and thought-provoking. As you know, there are a lot of alumni involved in important, socially relevant, academic and corporate “stuff.” At one point, though this may not be the case any longer, SMU used to talk about how SMU produces more terminally degreed persons than any college of its size in the country. To be sure, this is a testament to the core values of the university. I would appreciate seeing and reading more of that scholarship and intellectual inquiry within the pages of the magazine.

Who knows what this would look like — it could take a number of forms. However, I am thinking something like topical articles by alumni (by invitation from you or by submission) on important, socially relevant and controversial topics like globalization, end-of-life healthcare ethics, social justice, the relevance of Catholic teaching in American business, the meaning and significance of Lasallian education, etc. I would hope that we could devote 3-5 pages of stimulating writing about something that has some substance. Perhaps we could find an economist, historian or theologian to write about their research or current issues within their field. Maybe we have alumni who are poets, playwrights, or novelists who could showcase their original work and why this work is meaningful. These are just ideas — I am sure our alumni could rise to the occasion and produce some great things for the magazine.

I have the privilege of getting other such magazines from Boston College



(M.A., 1996) and St. Louis University (Ph.D., 2004). Recognizing that they are different universities, I nonetheless enjoy very much their academic approach to the magazine — they are not over the top academic and I am not suggesting we go there. However, they make an attempt to provide some academic substance to their magazines.

I would be happy to volunteer my time helping out — in any reasonable and necessary way — to give this a try.

Wishing you all the best as the school year comes to a close,

— Dave Belde '94, Ph.D.

Tim Burchill was a blessing

I so enjoyed the tribute to Tim Burchill in the spring issue. I was also extremely flattered that you used the proverb from my blog. Tim would have been proud.

During my studies in the P&D program, I was so fearful of writing all of those long papers for him, but when I got my papers back with the good grades and praise from him, it boosted my self-esteem. I needed it — and I still have each paper with his comments, and I'll keep them.

Just wanted to share and tell you how much I enjoy each issue of the magazine. It is always so very well done ... no doubt having Tim to bless it made a big difference.

Keep up the good work.

— Matilda Louree M'05, Cohort 13

OUR HISTORY

lookingback



Batter up!

The rich history of Saint Mary's baseball — including 15 conference titles and many memorable faces like coaching legend Max Molock, pictured in this undated photograph — has now been captured in an online baseball record book.

Now, with just a click of your computer mouse, you can take a trip back in time. Sports information director Donny Madieu has poured over decades of scorebooks and past statistics, and has compiled the official Saint Mary's baseball record book. The record book includes single season records, career records, as well as individual career statistics for everyone who has played in the program, as well as season-for-season results. The record book is a work in progress, and there are still several holes to be filled. If you have an old season in Review, or statistics from a year that is missing, please forward that information to Madieu at 700 Terrace Heights #62, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: dmadieu@smu.edu.

(Baseball not your top interest? Madieu has also been compiling record books in men's and women's basketball, men's and women's hockey, fastpitch softball, men's and women's tennis and men's and women's golf. All the record books can be accessed from the main sports web page (<http://sports.smu.edu>). Just click on the sport you are interested in and find the record book link.

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about this photo is welcome to contact Saint Mary's Magazine editor, Deb Harington. Mail comments to: Saint Mary's Magazine, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: charingon@smu.edu.

Thanks for trip down memory lane

Just left your website of SMU Baseball stats. What a task that must have been! Thanks for the trip down memory lane. With this time of year it was refreshing to think of warm afternoons, the game, and long bus trips with Max.

— *Larry Fronczak '69*

'Looking back' features 1948 team

May I first congratulate you and your associates on the recent Saint Mary's Extreme Dream magazine. I was very interested in the back page showing a photo of a Saint Mary's varsity baseball team with our then coach, Max Molock. The page had a red ribbon at the top with the title of "Our History." You requested information on the subject matter, namely names of those sitting on the bench. This was the team from the spring of 1948. At the far left was our captain, Emmett Barder, and third from

the right is yours truly, Bob Trauscht. One of the amusing aspects of our coach, Max Molock was that being from out east, he called those of us from Chicago, especially the south side, a "Bunch of Soft Ball Players." He did not realize that as we grew up during the Depression, it was too expensive to purchase the tools to play "hard" ball.

I am not sure of the names of the rest of my teammates on the bench since they are all

looking down or away and are hard to see under the caps. If you want to pursue the identification of the rest of my teammates, they are listed in the 1948 "Redman" Year Book on pages 80 and 81. Another interesting sidelight about that team is that our manager was Frank Leja '50. Soon after graduation, Frank joined the Trappist monastery near Dubuque, Iowa (New Mellaray?). He has been Brother Felix for all these years and last year he was featured in ads showing the hand-carved caskets that are made and sold at the monastery.

— *Bob Trauscht '50*

calendar of events

OCTOBER

13-16 Autumn recess
17 Classes resume

NOVEMBER

21-26 Thanksgiving recess
27 Classes resume

DECEMBER

13 Study day
14-15 Final examinations
17-18 Final examinations
19-Jan. 7 Christmas recess

JANUARY

8 Semester II classes resume

FEBRUARY

9-17 Winter recess
18 Classes resume
26 Founder's Day

MARCH

15-24 Easter recess
25 Classes resume

APRIL

16 Senior Academic Honors Banquet



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News and Views

Saint Mary's announces vice president for academic affairs

Thomas Mans, Ph.D., was named vice president for academic affairs for the undergraduate College, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, effective June 1.



Thomas Mans, Ph.D.

The vice president is responsible for the academic programming, academic support service areas, faculty, and academic administrative staff of the undergraduate College.

Dr. Mans is a native of Northeastern Iowa. He comes to Saint Mary's from Saint Vincent College in Pennsylvania, where he had served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College since 2002. His administrative experience includes serving in various dean and associate dean positions at Creighton University in Nebraska, and as an assistant and associate professor of political science at Creighton as well as Berea College in Kentucky.

Dr. Mans holds a B.A. in government and history from St. John's

University in Minnesota, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Iowa. His academic specialization is American political institutions, processes and public policy. 📖

Smith serves as academic V.P. at Bethlehem University

Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76, Ph.D., assumed the duties as vice president for academic affairs at Bethlehem University



Brother Robert Smith

of the Holy Land in August 2007. Brother Robert, a tenured associate professor of theology at SMU, taught in the Theology Department for 25 years; he

also served three terms as chair of the department. From 2000-03 he was director of Christ the Teacher Institute of Education in Nairobi, Kenya, an institute of Saint Mary's University. Since his return to the university, Brother Robert had served the university as vice president for mission, and the College as director of the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching.

Bethlehem University of the Holy Land is a Catholic, co-educational institution of higher learning founded in 1973. The first university in the West Bank, it was established with the support of local education leaders, the Vatican, and the De La Salle Christian Brothers to offer a broad and practical university education in arts and sciences to meet the needs of the Palestinian society. The university has an enrollment of about 2,600 students. 📖

Saint Mary's receives notice of continued accreditation

On May 2, Saint Mary's University received official notification from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) that its accreditation was continued. This action by the HLC Board of Trustees was the last step in the university's reaccreditation efforts, which included preparation of a self-study document and an October 2006 HLC Evaluation Team visit. Saint Mary's next comprehensive evaluation with HLC is scheduled for 2016-17.

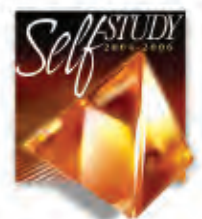
Many faculty, staff and students at the university were engaged in the intensive two-year process of self study. Saint Mary's was required by its regional accreditor, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, to undertake the process of self-evaluation for reaccreditation, the purpose of which is to assure quality and continuous improvement.

All accredited institutions participate in this process, usually every 10 years.

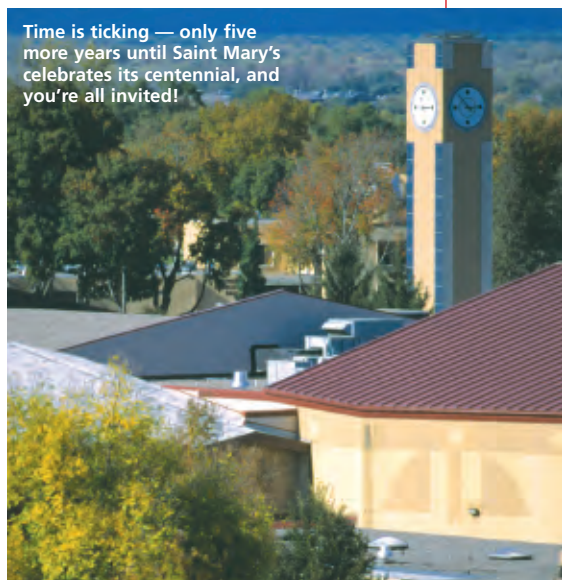
Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis stated that "the HLC action is wonderful news for the university, and affirms what we already know: that Saint Mary's provides a high-quality, distinctive education. I am grateful to the members of the SMU community for bringing this reaccreditation process to a successful conclusion."

Dr. Jeff Highland, provost and chairman of the Self-Study Steering Committee, noted that "we have already begun to implement some of the recommendations from the self-study and the Team Report, and we look forward to using the findings to make SMU an even better institution."

The team report states, "Saint Mary's University is to be commended for the high-quality programming at low cost to individuals at their many sites throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin." 📖



Time is ticking — only five more years until Saint Mary's celebrates its centennial, and you're all invited!





Aim for The Woods, next time you visit SMU

In the fall of 2006, Saint Mary's University unofficially opened its new 18-hole disc golf course. And the old cliché of, "If you build it, they will come," has certainly proven true. Hundreds of students and community members have tried their luck at the challenging and beautiful course, which winds through the wooded bluffs of campus.

By 2007, the course was tested, modified and officially named The Woods at Saint Mary's. Although designed for SMU students, the public is welcome to use the course seasonally from dawn to dusk. Its narrow fairways and intricate hole placements prove challenging for both beginners and experienced disc golfers, who may choose to play all the holes or a choice of 9 holes.

"So far the response from the disc golf community has been very positive," said Chris Kendall '79, vice president for student development.

"We're excited to be able to offer this new course to our students, and to share it with the general public."

For a map, scorecard and additional information, go to www.smumn.edu/thewoods.



Annual SMU benefit dance raises nearly \$13,500 for La Crosse family

Approximately 550 people attended Saint Mary's University's seventh annual Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance on March 3.

Proceeds from the dance — and a silent auction held on campus — raised close to \$13,500 for this year's beneficiary, Shelly (Kubicek '94) McMahon and her four young children.

McMahon is a SMU alumna from the La Crosse, Wis., area. Her husband, Shawn, also a 1994 alumnus of SMU, died last spring after battling severe depression. Shelly is now raising their four young children as a single parent. Both Shawn and Shelly were also employees of the university; Shawn worked for the De La Salle Language program and Shelly worked in Student Activities.

In addition to raising money to help the McMahon family, planners of the event raised awareness about the disease



Money raised at this year's Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance will help Shelly (Kubicek '94) McMahon of La Crosse, pictured at right with three of her four young children. McMahon's husband (Shawn '94) died last spring after battling severe depression. The benefit's namesake, Taylor Richmond, bottom left, and his mother, Nikki, top left, welcomed the McMahons at the event.

of depression and how it can be managed through treatment.

This benefit dance has become an annual tradition since it was started by students in 2001 in honor of Taylor Richmond, son of Saint Mary's Campus Ministry and Student Activities staff



Approximately 550 people danced to the Johnny Holm Band during this year's Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance March 3 at Saint Mary's University.

member Nikki Richmond. Taylor has a genetic terminal illness called Ataxia Telangiectasia (A-T) and the money from his benefit was used to fulfill Taylor's dream of going to Disneyworld. Each year this event benefits someone in the SMU community in need.

Donations are still being accepted. To help, send checks — payable to the Taylor Richmond Benefit Dance — to Jason Richter, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, 700 Terrace Heights No. 45, Winona, MN 55987. 📧

Saint Mary's names five to board of trustees

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has announced five new members of its board of trustees:

- **Brother Gustavo Ramirez, FSC**, has served as president of Universidad La Salle Noroeste in Sonora, Mexico, since 2000.

- **Thomas Dyer** of Whitefish Bay, Wis., and Winona, is retired from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., where he served as vice president of corporate services. He received his bachelor of arts degree from Saint Mary's in 1967.

- **Patrick Salvi** and his law firm of Salvi, Schostok and Pritchard P.C. have offices in Chicago and Waukegan, Ill. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in 1975, and received an honorary Doctor of Laws in 1999, both from Saint Mary's.

- **Joseph Ross** of Naperville, Ill., served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Federal Signal Corporation in Oak Brook, Ill., prior to his retirement. He graduated from Saint Mary's in 1967. He previously served on the board from 1991-2001.

- **Brother Lawrence Humphrey, FSC**, is the president of Christian Brothers College High School in St. Louis. He has also been appointed regional coordinator for the Christian Brothers Conference, the United States/Toronto Region.

- Current trustees **Celeste Suchocki** of Valley View, Ohio, and **Salvatore Polizzotto '67** of Naperville, Ill., were appointed to additional five-year terms.

- **Brother Bernard LoCoco, FSC '58**, of Moraga, Calif., retired from the board at the May meeting. He had served on the board since 1997. 📧



Saint Mary's Winona commencement ceremony includes 723 students

On Saturday, May 12, the Winona campus of Saint Mary's University hosted two commencement ceremonies to mark the end of the academic year.

Approximately 253 students received undergraduate degrees and approximately 470 students received graduate and professional degrees during morning and afternoon ceremonies at Saint Mary's Winona campus.

During undergraduate ceremonies, Davey Warner and Sarah Bellingham, the Outstanding Male and Female Seniors,

offered student perspectives, and Brother José Cervantes, FSC, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Educational Leadership.

Brother José was honored for his lifelong commitment to education, including more than 50 years of teaching. He founded


Universidad de Monterrey in 1969, Universidad La Salle Noroeste in 1991 and Universidad La Salle Chihuahua in 2000. He also served as president of Universidad La Salle Noroeste and Universidad La Salle Chihuahua, as well as



Terrence Smith

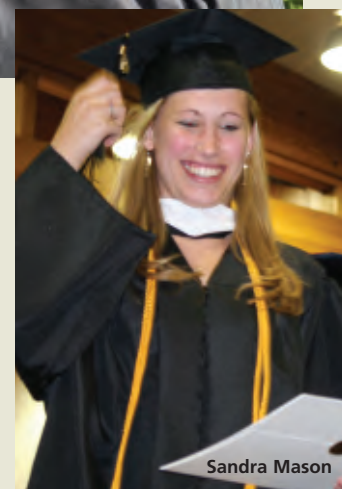
Universidad La Salle, Mexico City. He is a visiting professor of the University of Chicago and serves as president of the Mexican Private Universities Association and Mexican Catholic Universities Association. Additionally, Brother José has lectured all over the world on religious life, sociology and education and has written several books and articles on these subjects.

During the afternoon graduate ceremonies, Thomas Hartwig, Master of Education in Teaching and Learning and Sharon Malvas-Tsumba, Master of Arts in International Business, addressed the crowd.

Sixty-six students received diplomas and degrees during the Saint Mary's Nairobi campus ceremony on May 12. Sixty-six students received diplomas and degrees were conferred. Three hundred and fifty eight students received degrees this spring from the Twin Cities campus. 



Brother José Cervantes, FSC



Sandra Mason



De La Salle

A historic look at John Baptist de La Salle — the man, the saint, the visionary

The death on Good Friday in 1719 of John Baptist de La Salle — the patron saint of teachers and founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools — was quiet, without fanfare or ceremony.

He no longer possessed the earthly riches he was born into — having used his inheritance to feed poor families in Rheims during a severe winter famine.

He no longer had any prestigious titles and social connections that he was entitled to as the son of a high-ranking municipal law official, and he'd resigned his religious title and lifelong income as a canon of the diocese of Rheims, many years earlier, as a young priest.

Although admired by some, especially by the students and their parents, his work with the new community of "Brothers" continued to be mocked and resented by many in the Church and in society.

It would have been impossible for a 17th century man who never once ventured

from his native France to predict the worldwide educational network now built upon his foundation — or to foresee that many of the visionary teaching principles that he and the early Brothers established would be considered commonplace today.

He could not have predicted that more than 300 years later, 5,000 Brothers and 75,000 colleagues worldwide would be serving 850,000 students in 900 educational institutions in 80 countries — all inspired by De La Salle's continuing faith and zeal and the Lasallian charism, a gift of the Spirit to the Church.

This is the story of a man whose name is now frequently praised when Lasallian educators and their students throughout the world join in prayer: "Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!"



John Baptist de La Salle was born in Rheims, France, on April 30, 1651, to an upper-middle-class family of landowners and professionals.

Although his father, a magistrate of the Rheims regional court, might have hoped that his handsome and talented eldest son would follow in his footsteps, it was obvious from a very early age that De La Salle would pursue the priesthood. A young De La Salle confirmed those intentions at the tender age of 11. By age 15, he'd already received the distinguished position of cathedral canon, which included both honor and financial benefit and set him on course for a high church rank.

An earnest and studious young man, De La Salle poured himself into his religious and educational studies, earning his master of arts degree by the customary age of 18.

In 1671-72, De La Salle's parents unexpectedly died, one year apart, and the family elders put him in charge of

their estate and their business, as well as the care of his six younger siblings. Despite this emotional burden and the time constraints required to deal with the family's finances, De La Salle was ordained

in 1678 and earned his doctorate in theology from the prestigious Sorbonne in Paris in 1680 at the age of 29.

Looking for a confidant and a spiritual advisor, De La Salle turned to Nicolas Roland, also a canon of Rheims. He made a promise to Roland, who was on his deathbed, to assist a new community of Sisters in their work with orphan girls.

Another influence in De La Salle's life was Adrien Nyel, a layman and provider of social

De La Salle began helping the initial half-dozen or so of Nyel's young teachers, at first guiding them, then inviting them to eat in his home, and even inviting them to live with him in his family home, much to the dismay of his family. De La Salle knew that one of his first steps was to take these rough, vulgar, uneducated men under his wing. He hoped to both inspire and educate them.

De La Salle's intuition was that they would not be ordained priests but teachers working full-time, "together and by association," a now commonly used Lasallian phrase.

"Union in a community is a precious gem, which is why our Lord so often

recommended it to his disciples before he died. If we lose this, we lose everything. Preserve it with care, therefore, if you want your community to survive," he said.

Eventually, he rented a house and moved in with the teachers. Soon after, the men began to call themselves "Brothers," not schoolmasters. In August 1683, De La Salle resigned his canonry to give his full attention to the Christian Schools and during the severe winter famine of 1683-84, he used his inherited wealth to feed the poor families who came to the Brothers for help. His future was truly in God's hands.

De La Salle desired all students to have an equal access to

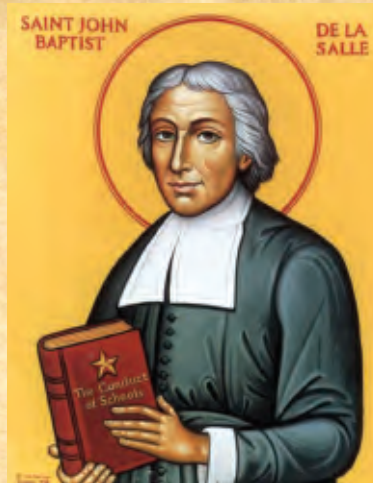


services for poor families. The two happened upon each other at the doorway of the Sisters' convent that Roland had assisted. De La Salle, using his contacts in the city, agreed to assist Nyel in opening a free parish school for poor boys.

This was De La Salle's first venture in education and in working systematically with underprivileged urban families, a passion that would soon consume his life and, literally, change the world of universal education.

He was astonished to find that the young men who were teaching the poorest of the poor in substandard charity schools were ill-prepared, transient, and often dirty and undignified.





education, despite their financial standing. Many people thought he was crazy. He was breaking down class barriers during a period when French society was centered on these classifications. De La Salle was determined that every student — rich or poor — would receive the same quality education, in the same classrooms, and at no cost. Many argue that these Christian Schools were the first true public schools.

De La Salle recognized that poverty, ignorance, and oppression spawn crime, sin, and destruction. To break out of this vicious cycle into which they were born, children from poor families needed a basic education that would enable them to earn a decent living and to live in dignity.

Many of the educational practices developed and adapted by De La Salle and the Brothers are considered standard today, including:

- Developing special education programs
- Creating schools for training teachers
- Using the native language in the classroom rather than Latin
- Grouping students according to achievement
- Reporting students' progress on a regular basis
- Instructing an entire class of students simultaneously
- Involving parents in the school
- Giving students meaningful roles in the classroom

De La Salle believed that teachers must teach things relevant

to each child's needs and that educational institutions must adapt to meet the changing needs of the urban community and its students.

He did so by offering older students who worked Monday through Friday the opportunity to take classes on Sunday. He also insisted that schools on the French coast include education on navigation and seamanship, that is, a practical education.

Today the Brothers of the Christian Schools and their colleagues work in many countries with both the extremely poor and the wealthy; they instruct thousands of students of all religious affiliations — Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu — and those with no religious belief.

By 1686, the new community had officially adopted the name, "Brothers of the Christian Schools." The next years were tumultuous. At one point, De La Salle wrote that had he known what was in store for him, he would not have even begun the task. Among the difficulties he encountered were the departure and the death of many of his Brothers, lawsuits brought by those who ran competing schools, and tensions with some in the highest levels of the French church.

Yet, De La Salle felt called to continue his work. More than 250 Brothers lived and worked with De La Salle during the 40-year period, 1680-1719. At the time of his death, there were about 100

Bothers living in some two dozen communities, conducting more than 30 schools in cities throughout France.

For his lifelong dedication and his unwavering commitment to the children he served, John Baptist de La Salle was canonized in 1900, and in 1950 he was named the patron saint of teachers.

Today, the characteristics of a Lasallian educational community — fellowship and friendliness — are carried through in relationships between teachers and their students and with one another. There is a spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood, filled with mutual respect, and of collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and administration.

Our mission statement proclaims, "Enriched by the Catholic, Lasallian heritage, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota awakens, nurtures and empowers learners to ethical lives of service and leadership." We look to the words of Saint John Baptist de La Salle to continually guide us in this mission.

"One of the main concerns of those who instruct others is to be able to understand their students and to discern the right way to guide them," De La Salle said. "There are those who call for much patience, those who need to be stimulated and spurred on ... This guidance requires understanding and discernment of spirits, qualities you should frequently and earnestly ask of God, for they are most necessary for you in the guidance of those placed in your care." 🙏

The following is an excerpt of a presentation given at University Workshop in August 2006 by Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89, Ph.D., professor of interdisciplinary studies and former chair of the Mission and Ministry Council of the Midwest District of the Brothers of the Christian Schools. To read Dr. Fox's talk in its entirety and view her PowerPoint presentation, go to www.smumn.edu/lasallian.



Dr. Mary Catherine Fox

Keeping the Lasallian legacy alive

I am Mary Fox. Some of you don't know me ... some of you know me as a former student, others as an early female alum of the undergraduate college, others as a master's in telecom student at the Minneapolis campus, still others as a benefactor, dean of business or vice president, a teacher or a colleague ...

Over the years, it has been my great professional privilege and personal honor to serve this university, my beloved alma mater, in many capacities. And while each position has been challenging and exciting and rewarding, my work with the Brothers of the Christian Schools in this particular dynamic, transitional and unprecedented time in history is a

great gift and a significant responsibility. I am deeply grateful for these few moments to talk to you about what the Brothers — together with we Lasallians who work with them — are doing together and by association.

Many of you could speak to our Lasallian charism — charism being this gift from our Founder, if you will, and when we refer to our Founder, we're talking about Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The charism is what binds us together in this work for the sake of the mission. The mission of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is "to provide a human and Christian education for the young, especially the poor." De La Salle left us zeal and passion for this work. The charism is always in service of this mission.

You — each and every one of you — are in the business of interpreting and living this mission in a very particular ministry — our university — and in a very specific way by virtue of your work here. Whether you work with students from 18-90, in technology, management, infrastructure, finance or food, you are a part of this Lasallian "thing."

Many of you could speak to how you do this and to the people who inspire you — who invited you — who served as your point of entry to the Lasallian dimension of this work. And if you've not yet discovered our charism and find yourself drawn to what this Lasallian world is all about, I would direct you immediately to our vice president for mission, who holds the keys to the scores of people at this university who are participating in Lasallian formation and Lasallian work

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in every single venue open to us. We're not waiting for others to create formation opportunities, i.e., education and experience in our mission. (We call that formation.) We have many creators and sustainers of formation in our midst. Any and all of those people could be up here speaking to you about what Lasallian mission is, what it means, who inspired them or invited them to a deeper relationship with this charism. I would not attempt to speak for any of them.

I am here before you for quite a different — albeit related — reason: that of our Lasallian Association. Lasallian mission and association cannot be separated — it's a violation to separate them. But where most of us are articulate in speaking to the Lasallian mission, this concept of association is more vague and troublesome.

These are some of the questions I wish to address — and hope to answer to your satisfaction.

The Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools is divided into regions.

The U.S./Toronto region is one of five regions in the Lasallian world. Ninety-six percent of the people teaching in our schools worldwide are lay people. Not Brothers, priests or vowed religious.

The implications of that fact — that 96 percent of us working in Lasallian ministries are not Brothers — are huge and present new challenges to us each day.

Let's have a quick historical look at how we arrived here.

De La Salle's radical idea was that non-ordained males could teach religion and so he began his gratuitous schools and attracted non-ordained men to the work of teaching the poor.

impact on the Institute and the Brothers' — and all of our — lives.

And during the 39th General Chapter — a chapter is the supreme legislative assembly of the Institute — the Brothers moved to bring the Institute in line with the spirit and decisions of Vatican II, "opening the windows," to use Pope John XXIII's phrase.

So where did that leave our Brothers' schools? A dramatic shift was occurring.

But we were still working with the Brothers' school model — and the Brothers' congregational model on the District, Region and Institute levels. We were there to help, but this was their life, not ours.

We were "collaborators helping Brothers run the Brothers' schools." And the result was general disorientation and frustration on the part of the Brothers and everyone else. People were leaving religious orders; those who stayed were



Although the image of "Lasallian" has changed — just as the faces at Saint Mary's University have changed — the heart of what a Lasallian education is all about remains the same. A Lasallian education remains accessible and relevant. Together, and by association, we are carrying on the Lasallian spirit.

- What is this association and why should you have any interest in it?
- What is the significance of being a part of something started by some 17th century priest who did indeed "build a better mousetrap"?

We all know there is some great Lasallian behemoth beyond our university. We may be familiar with the San Miguel Schools, or other Lasallian universities or teacher immersion programs or social justice initiatives or myriad other "Lasalliana."

- But what both undergirds and ignites all of this?
- How does this association hang together?
- Where is it headed?
- And what does this phrase that we keep hearing "together and by association" mean?
- What is its genesis?

De La Salle was a practical man and taught students how to make a living and how to save their souls — in this world and the next. For 225 years, from 1679 to 1984, the Brothers lived this Lasallian Association.

Increasingly, as the years passed, the Brothers did their work with the assistance of a certain number of lay men, and eventually lay women. The model then, was that of a "Brothers' School"..... lay men and women were there to help the Brothers. The Brothers — and lots of them — were running the place, and we lay people, secular types, were just helping in small numbers.

And then came the turbulent '60s ... and for those of us old enough to remember them, the events that characterized that time changed our world and also had an enormous

inspired to move to new works or to return to their original religious orders' works and founding philosophies. Lay people were empowered and hungry for new, active, meaningful roles in the Church and the world.

About 1984, a new model started to emerge — that of a "Lasallian school"... an educational community of which the Brothers were a part. Think a circle, a model where every member of the community works together for the mission. The Brothers discern their future — we might use the term govern themselves, which is more secular than what a religious congregation actually does — through meetings known as chapters and assemblies. A General Chapter — the supreme legislative assembly I mentioned — occurs once every seven years and convenes the Institute on a global scale. The 1986 General Chapter endorsed the "Lasallian

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school model” ... and it was then that these terms Lasallian and Shared Mission entered both our consciousness and our practice.

With shared mission came new structures, the entrance of boards and lay people to the governing mechanisms that are the infrastructure of our ministries and schools. And simultaneously, lay presence and lay leadership was altering other areas of the District, Region and Institute.

We were becoming more involved in the avenues and means with which the Brothers were organized, functioned, and carried out their mission, in many ways.

And each of these ways held a new impact, created a new mechanism, introduced a new perspective to our mission, our work across the world and our Institute and dramatically altered our work together, transforming it into a partnership in an increasingly meaningful sense ... and with some surprises.

America, Africa and Asia ... and that affects the way our future association will look too.

A large part of this foundational shift is the lived reality that we refer to as association. You may have heard the term together and by association quite frequently in reference to things Lasallian.

What is association?

What is the genesis of this term and what does it mean?

With a small “a” associations, of course, are formed by any group with a common interest or purpose. But we mean somewhat more when we speak of our Lasallian Association.

We are bound to each other by charism (the gift from our Founder) for the sake of the mission.

The Brothers take a vow of association, a pledge of spiritual union for the sake of the mission.

It is the first vow and the Brothers are told it is the most important vow.

ours. Now, our association is linking us in new ways and forging new bonds and structures for us as we move into our collective future.

We are in association now. We’re not waiting for some great “other” to define it for us. We are, however — together and by association — attempting to understand what is happening and how it will happen and what these new links or bonds and structures might look like.

We honor all expressions of association, whether it’s a chance to have a simple soup luncheon at the Brothers’ “big house” here on campus, a Friday afternoon “social” or just a chance to visit together at the end of a hectic week. Perhaps it’s gathering to hear an elder Brother reflect on his life and memories. Or maybe it’s a reading or study group, or a group of like-minded people who wish to



Involvement in these arenas invites our voice and vote, indeed requires our voice and vote for this future is ours together, Brother & Partner.

Increasingly, the Brothers are inviting us to be a part of who they were and are and will be in an intimate way and in a manner unprecedented in the Catholic Church. The Brothers aren’t just on the leading edge — they are on the bleeding edge of this change, this foundational shift that is our lived reality. Recall that the Brothers are independent from ordained priesthood, but loyal to the Roman Catholic Church. This combination places us in a unique and creative tension as we contemplate our future.

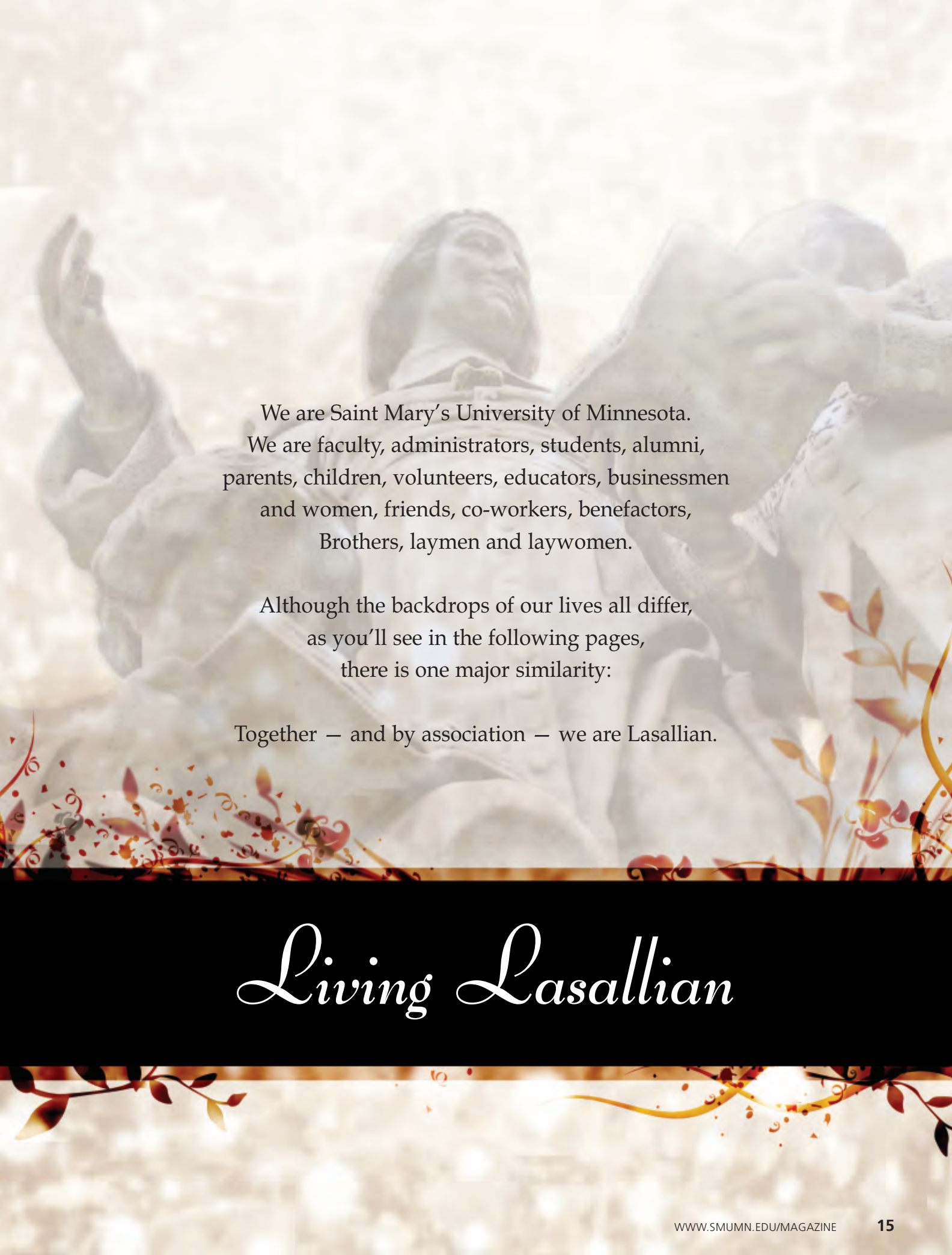
And though vocations to the Brothers are non-existent in our culture, the picture is different in Latin

But how are we — non-Brothers — to understand “together and by association”? Brother Tom Johnson, vicar general, tells us that “together” can be defined as the work that we do here as one university community, locally, albeit on a multi-campus scale, while “by association” links us to those doing Lasallian work all across the globe.

That is where we are now, at this moment — this blessed, confusing, transitional moment in our history as a District, a Region and an Institute. The Lasallian mission story has long been

explore a facet of our mission or charism more closely, or the more formal formation programs such as the Lasallian Leadership Institute, the Buttimer Institute, or the Lasallian Social Justice Institute. It is all of these things and many more.

Association is a movement of the Spirit and because of that we cannot control it. That may sound a tad evangelical and uncomfortable to some of you, but you need to get over that. I had to. And now I find it refreshing to be working with a group of people at the District, Region and Institute level who rely on the wild and untamable Spirit of the Divine to assist them in discerning their future. It sure beats relying solely on our own wisdom to attempt to see and create something that has never existed before. 🍷



We are Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.
We are faculty, administrators, students, alumni,
parents, children, volunteers, educators, businessmen
and women, friends, co-workers, benefactors,
Brothers, laymen and laywomen.

Although the backdrops of our lives all differ,
as you'll see in the following pages,
there is one major similarity:

Together — and by association — we are Lasallian.

Living Lasallian



Sarah Jane Engle '07 center, traveled to Biloxi, Miss., this spring to help clean up after Hurricane Katrina. Engle plans to enter the Lasallian Volunteer program and work with students in Brooklyn, N.Y.



Sarah Jane Engle '07

Major: Youth and Pastoral Ministry

Career goals: To become a youth minister of a parish. Until then, volunteer with Lasallian Volunteers for a year or two in Brooklyn, N.Y., serving as a campus minister at Bishop Laughlin High School.

Sarah Jane Engle breezed in for a photo, after several attempts to reschedule. It was the day before graduation, and between choir rehearsal and packing (which she admitted she hadn't yet started), she squeezed in five minutes for a picture.



Since it is the work of God you are doing, do it with enthusiasm and bring to it all the resources of your talents, your gifts and your inspirations. Show as much creativity and inventiveness as you can, never losing sight of the true character of the teaching function that is your ministry.

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Scheduling her lengthy list of involvements — both in and out of school — can't have been easy.

But behind her camera-ready smile is someone who isn't afraid to get dirty and break a sweat — all in the name of helping

others. Engle was part of a group of SMU volunteers who assisted hurricane victims in Biloxi, Miss., clean up debris and demolish their houses before rebuilding. And now, she's dedicating the next couple of years of her life to the Lasallian Volunteer program — where she hopes her work will inspire others in a large and diverse student body in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

ENGLE: I am sure that I heard the term immediately stepping foot on campus as a freshman in 2003. However, I do admit not fully understanding (or appreciating) the significance of the term.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

ENGLE: I believe that it was defined not in class, but in extracurricular activities, such as volunteer services with Katie LaPlant '02, (director of Student Activities and Volunteer Services). I found myself more interested in service and leadership than ever before. I discovered that giving was so much more than good deeds. Giving can be a way to

give a gift to God through my own gifts from Him.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

ENGLE: To me, being Lasallian means having an understanding and desire to enlighten others through teaching, service, and leadership. Through helping those who are not as fortunate as oneself (whether it be through teaching a classroom, building a home, or advocating for those who are unable to stand up for themselves), one can become an inspiration to someone else, and thus, the pathway is paved for more Lasallian educators.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university?

ENGLE: I constantly witnessed (the Lasallian spirit) at SMU. ... I realized how much the professors at SMU value each and every student. Faculty members have constantly striven for my success and have given me immense support the past four years. I have not only witnessed it in the classroom, but in all the extracurricular activities that I was involved with as well. Through Volunteer Services, we not only made trips to the Catholic Worker, but made it a point to get to know the other volunteers as well as those in need of our help. This was always important to me because we could really become a part of the community through our service.

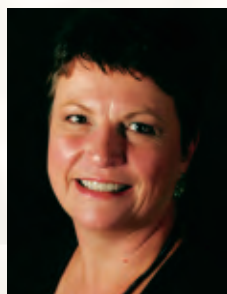
What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

ENGLE: I gained so much more from a Lasallian education than any other college or university I could have attended and that is because of the amazing support and dedication from Saint Mary's University staff and faculty. Having this support and wisdom available at all times is the sign of a Lasallian education. Students at SMU gain an understanding of the importance of teaching, leadership and service. I strongly believe that I have more strength, faith, intelligence and understanding because of my Lasallian education.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

ENGLE: I think that I am about to become more Lasallian through my volunteer work. I feel as though right now I understand what makes the Lasallian spirit imperative

and next year I can apply that more than I can today. While at SMU, I was involved in Volunteer Services, Student Activities, orientation leading, theatre, Chamber Singers, Concert Choir, Liturgical Choir, SMU CREW, Theta Alpha Kappa, and many more various activities. It was through my involvement on campus that I became more aware of who I was and who I am meant to become. The people I met through these enriching activities helped shape me into the woman I am today. By becoming involved, relationships are bonded and friendships grow, and being well-rounded creates unique ties and support from a diverse group of people. The relationships I have made in the past four years will continue throughout my life. I hope to make many visits to SMU as I know I will always feel truly welcome and at home. 🙏



**Roxanne Eubank,
Ed.D.**

Title: Professor, Ed.D. in Leadership, Twin Cities campus

Years at SMU: 16

Whether she's preparing finger sandwiches for high tea or preparing for class, Roxanne Eubank, Ed.D., brings a sense of class, a sense of humor and a lot of preparation to every experience.

Eubank isn't a professor to stoically lecture behind a podium. Animated and at ease in front of a classroom, she is well-known for connecting with her students, being highly prepared for her classes and always willing to share a laugh. Eubank highly respects her students but also has high expectations of her students.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

EUBANK: I really don't remember. As long



*Teachers stand in
a providential and
privileged relationship
with their students.*

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as I have been at SMU, the term Lasallian has been a part of my consciousness.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

EUBANK: I don't remember the first time an official definition was provided, but I do remember when I truly began to understand what it meant to be Lasallian. In my first years at the university, I had an office across the hall from the classroom where Brother Julius Winkler '36 taught. His humility, patience and kindness were inspiring. Even today, when I think about what it means to be Lasallian, I picture Brother Julius sitting in the classroom with his students, gathered around him, leaning closer to catch his every word. He would listen closely to each student's contribution. At that moment they were the most important person in the world. He lived the mission in his every word and action.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

EUBANK: From my perspective, Lasallian means a community of people who work in association to provide educational opportunities to those who are most in need.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university?

EUBANK: I see the Lasallian spirit everywhere on our campus. I see it when faculty members exhibit a zeal for helping their students to learn. I see it when students show respect and kindness to their fellow students. I see it when staff members drop everything to help students with crises large and small.



Roxanne Eubank has been an educator with Saint Mary's University for 16 years on the Twin Cities campus. She is known for her excellence in teaching relevant materials and for relating closely with her students.

What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

EUBANK: To quote one of my colleagues, 'A person does not go through a Lasallian education. A Lasallian education goes through the person.'

From my perspective as a teacher of adult students, all people are 'college-aged.' The history of our Lasallian heritage and our hopes and dreams for the future are invested in our students. The extent to which they embrace their rights and responsibilities as Lasallian-educated persons and go on to lead lives of service that contribute to the common good is the measure of our success and our hope for

the future. I've seen many students leave us to move on to positions of leadership around the world. They become leaders of organizations, teachers and elected officials. Through their work, I see the reflection of our institution and our mission.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

EUBANK: My Lasallian formation has changed me in some very important ways. My sense of my responsibilities as a member of society in general has changed. I see my vocation as a teacher to not be limited to my classroom. I have a

responsibility to be a teacher and a learner in all aspects of my life.

I would say I try to be Lasallian. I think that being Lasallian is a journey that takes much reflection and effort. Just calling myself Lasallian wouldn't make it so. Each day presents new challenges and new opportunities to live the mission. Some days I am more successful than others. For me personally, the world Lasallian represents a path that a learning community (students, teachers and staff) walks together. To paraphrase Saint John Baptist de La Salle, it is a journey that 'leads them to practice well all the good of which they are capable.' 🌿



Brother Paulos Welday Mesmer, FSC '90, M'91, Ed.D.

Title: Director, Christ the Teacher Institute for Education; Associate Dean, the School of Education, SMU

Years at SMU/CTIE: 4+ years

Flipping through recent pictures, taken in Nairobi, brings a mixture of emotions. In them, a crowd of children, eager to be photographed, gathers together, curious and laughing. Many are not wearing shoes. Their classrooms aren't filled with colorful charts and bulletin boards. Their desks aren't filled with sharpened pencils and new containers of glue, shiny folders and art supplies.

Many graduates of Christ the Teacher Institute for Education at Saint Mary's Nairobi campus — armed with an education many themselves struggle to afford — will teach these children. As Saint John Baptist de La Salle knew, education is the key to saving generations.

Brother Paulos Welday Mesmer, FSC, a native of Eritrea, Africa, has served as associate dean and director of CTIE since 2003.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

BR. PAULOS: My guess is that I heard it when I was a Brothers student in elementary school. I joined a Brothers school in grade five. I have been part of the Lasallian system of education and way of life since then.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

BR. PAULOS: To be Lasallian is to be guided by those values and principles that

De La Salle lived and encouraged his followers to practice in their endeavor to touch the hearts and to teach the minds of their students; particularly, those most in need.

How often and when do you witness the Lasallian spirit at CTIE?

BR. PAULOS: I witness Lasallian work all day and every day at CTIE. At CTIE we make every effort to touch the hearts and teach minds of not only every student, but also every person who comes into contact with us. Every day we make conscious efforts to treat every person with dignity and respect. I believe, treating everyone as a son or daughter of God is the first thing that needs to be done if we are to call ourselves Lasallians.

Outside of the classroom we see the vivid and vibrant Lasallian spirit in our students when they do their practice teaching. The high schools within Nairobi, where our students do their practice teaching, see our students as a haven for love and respect-based education. We hear many comments from many school principals and teachers that high school students very much enjoy the presence of our students in their respective schools.

What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

BR. PAULOS: Lasallian education does not focus on the intellectual aspect only, but also on the holistic aspect of the human person. The African continent faces many challenges today. In my view, the most

reliable and authentic way to alleviate the population from the many man-made and natural challenges is through education. No matter how small the contribution of the Lasallian educations may be at this moment, nonetheless we are making a difference. No matter how small, we are making a small ripple that will have a lasting effect.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

BR. PAULOS: Indeed, I very much consider myself a Lasallian. I say this not only because I am a De La Salle Brother and have offered my life for the Lasallian educational mission, but also because I am very much aware of what Lasallian educational mission is all about and I make conscious and deliberate effort to practice it.

I have been involved in the Lasallian educational system for more than 25 years. During these years I have worked as a teacher, school principal and now as director of Christ the Teacher Institute for Education. I can share many, many stories where Lasallian education has become a means for holistic transformation. However, I would like to mention that Lasallian education is not confined to education in the classroom but is also the totality of how people relate to the people they work with, whether they are teachers, principals, directors or other forms of service. To be Lasallian is to re-live the life of De La Salle and that life is a life of love, authenticity, truth, care, sharing, etc. If we are ready to do these values, then we are true Lasallians.

How is CTIE Lasallian?

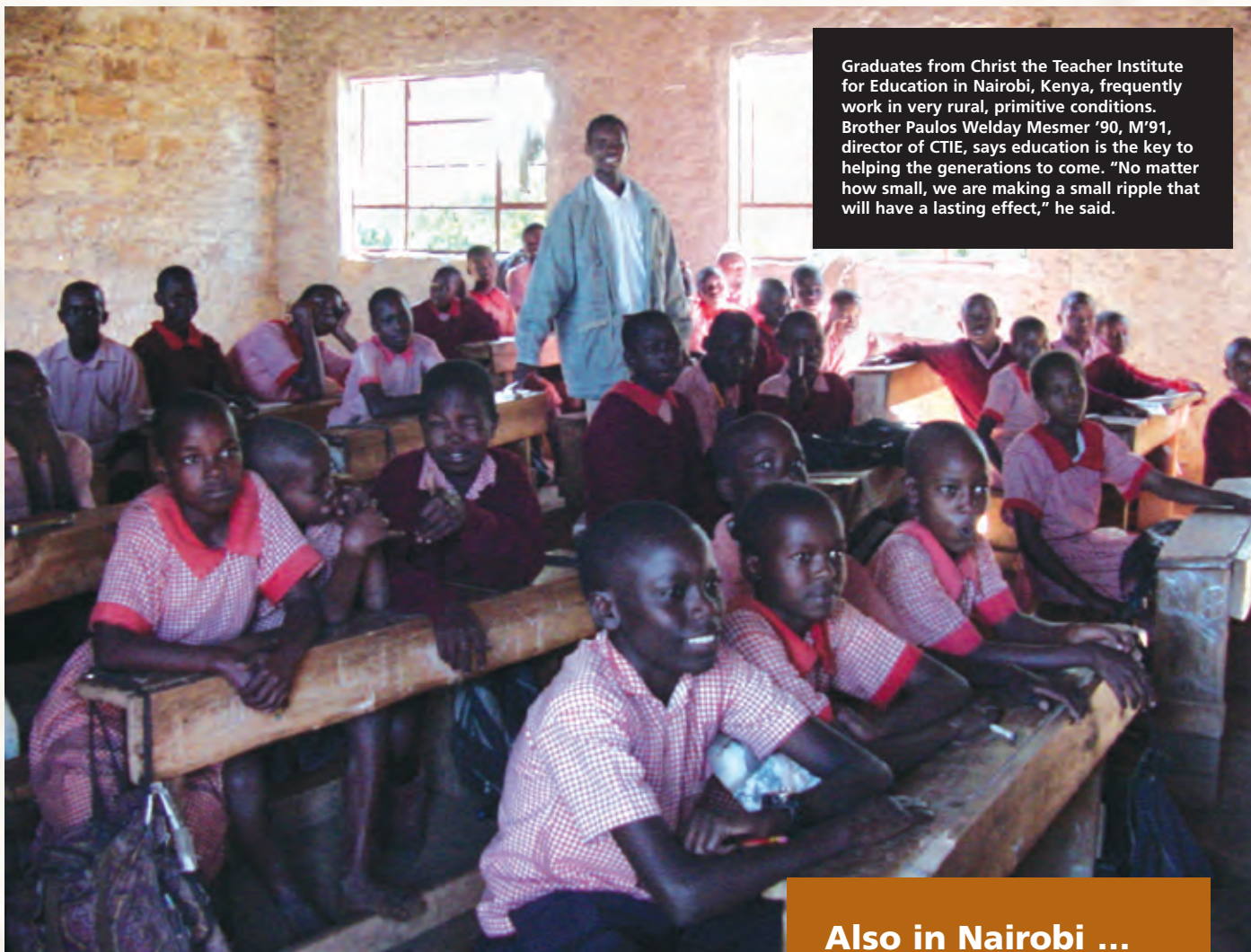
BR. PAULOS: Because entrance to the local universities has many hurdles, most of our students would not have been able to make it there, or ... would not have survived until the end to receive a degree. Because of CTIE's affiliation with SMU, the dreams of many students are being fulfilled in our Institute. SMU, for many of our students, is a Godsend.

A good number of our students never got the opportunity to excel in their studies. Most of them come from schools where educational facilities are limited. Actually, a good number of our students come as C and even sometimes as D students. However, after three or four years of stay at CTIE, they prove to be excellent students. CTIE believes in uplifting students by giving



*Look below the rags
of the poor children
whom you teach, and see
the Christ-child lying in
the manger.*

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE



Graduates from Christ the Teacher Institute for Education in Nairobi, Kenya, frequently work in very rural, primitive conditions. Brother Paulos Welday Mesmer '90, M'91, director of CTIE, says education is the key to helping the generations to come. "No matter how small, we are making a small ripple that will have a lasting effect," he said.

them the opportunity to excel while mentoring and demanding maximum effort from them.

In the past, most of our students came from Roman Catholic religious congregations. Currently, that has changed and most of our students are lay. Most of the lay students come from the countryside and are sponsored by religious missionaries. Some students are sponsored by their family members or relatives. Usually, these students find it extremely hard to find the money they need for tuition and living expenses for three to four years. It is quite heartbreaking to see them experiences serious difficulties to raise the necessary funds to continue their studies. Our Institute makes maximum effort to let these students continue their studies, even after failing to cover all of the tuition costs.

Our Institute believes and acts on that belief that education is a medium for personal transformation. After experiencing personal transformation, we expect our students to become agents of societal transformation through education.

Our Institute makes maximum effort to support those students who come from the countryside (of Kenya) because we believe — and our observation testifies to the fact — that these are the people who need all the help they can get and these are the people who will go back to the countryside to educate those who are most in need after graduation. The biggest part of the Lasallian educational mission is fulfilled through them: helping those who are most in need. 🙏

Also in Nairobi ...

Saint Mary's also offers two master's degrees — the Master of African Studies and a Master of Arts in African Studies — at the Maryknoll Institute of African Studies at its Nairobi campus.

Maryknoll Institute offers an intensive inculturation experience for those wishing to learn more about African cultures and religions.

The primary goal is to teach systematically, contemporary cultures and religion of East Africa in such a way that students begin to appropriate and articulate an African perspective on these realities.

In concert with their in-class work, students complete field experiences where they research some aspect of African life by working closely with people in urban and rural areas.



Molly Murphy '97

Hometown: Saint Paul, Minn.

Employment: Director of Marketing & New Product Development, FLS Connect, Saint Paul, Minn.

Molly Murphy has probably never met someone who didn't become her friend. Her outgoing personality and constant smile is contagious. It isn't surprising that Murphy associates Lasallian with community, as she is constantly building community through her work, her friends, her volunteer work with other SMU alumni.

Close friends and classmates of Murphy's died in an accident her senior year. It was a tragic event that saddened and shocked the university, the city and beyond. Classmates look back and say Murphy's strength helped to hold everyone together. Murphy credits Saint Mary's University. It was this difficult moment that helped her define exactly what it means to be part of a community.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

MURPHY: I don't exactly remember. I'm sure it was when I was in high school and Ken Pellegrini '72 (Office of Admission) came to do some recruiting!

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

MURPHY: I can't remember! It was so long ago. I think it was probably freshman orientation.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

MURPHY: Lasallian to me means community. Saint Mary's encourages each student to be the best person they have it in themselves to be; the university fosters an environment where students are encouraged to seek out their passions, to lead lives of leadership; and to achieve academic success. Yet, we are — and will always be — a part of a larger community. Each student's individual accomplishments add value to the SMU community as a whole.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university?

MURPHY: Every day!

Outside the classroom, I was struck by an outpouring of the Lasallian spirit my senior year when my roommates/friends drowned in an accident. I remember



Molly Murphy '97 poses with former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Murphy volunteers with political campaigns, with the SMU Twin Cities Alumni Chapter, and the Galtier Society. She was recently elected to the SMU Alumni Board of Directors. She says being Lasallian is about creating communities — in every part of your life.

walking into the college center from the chapel and seeing a flood of people — who like me — needed to feel safe, needed to be consoled, needed to be with their families and friends, needed to be reminded that as long as you're a part of the SMU community you will always be taken care of, and that's exactly what we got. I have never in my life witnessed the courage and resolve and the overwhelming sense of community I did during that time.



*Union in a community
is a precious gem
If we lose this, we lose
everything.*

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What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

MURPHY: I consider myself really lucky to have received the education I did at Saint Mary's; it was a great prep course for life! I got a well-rounded education which allowed me to take the tools I learned inside the classroom and apply them to both my professional and personal life; to lead a life based on the principles my parents raised me with; to welcome a challenge; to have the courage to face obstacles head on; to maintain my integrity with everything that I do; and to lead a life of faith.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

MURPHY: I guess I try to create communities around me — my family, my friends, my profession, my SMU connections — these are all communities that are a part of me.

They have all, in their own unique way, made an impact on me and still do. I'm not quite yet sure who I am meant to be, I have a lot left to do. All these communities are helping me figure out who that exactly is.

I volunteer for political campaigns; and belong to the Galtier Society which is a Twin Cities-based association of young Catholics. I love playing golf, traveling and spending time with my seven nieces and nephews!

I just completed my two-year term as president of the Twin Cities Alumni Chapter which was really a rewarding experience. Homecoming was my first meeting as a member of the Alumni Board of Directors. It's awesome to be able to give something back to the SMU community after everything I feel it's given me. 🍷



Jake Olzen '07

(Brother James Miller '66 Campus Ministry Award recipient, 2007)

Majors: Literature and Sociology

Career goals: To work in higher education and be part of a Catholic Worker community, providing hospitality as well as educational and service opportunities.

Jake Olzen's name often precedes him. Whenever articles and e-mails come out concerning "sustainable living," "on-campus flea markets," "renewable energy," and "peace and justice," Olzen's name is usually connected. He doesn't hide his commitment to the environment, as well as to his fellow man.

Olzen combined these two passions during a summer project, constructing a straw bale house in Lake City, Minn., with some of the other Dan Corcoran Catholic Worker Home volunteers and workers from Winona. Straw bales are used as an eco-friendly insulation. The group hopes to continue the Catholic Worker mission of providing hospitality for those in need at this new location.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

OLZEN: When I was applying to Saint Mary's and the honors program as a senior in high school. I had no idea what it meant at the time or if I even knew what its values were.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

OLZEN: A friend invited me to an event the Lasallian Collegians were putting on. The LCs are kind of like a college youth group centered on the Lasallian ideals of faith, service and community. I really made some great friends and had some

wonderful opportunities to serve and grow in community with other Lasallians through the group. Dr. Mary Fox '75, M'89 (Interdisciplinary Studies) had been invited to speak on what it means to her to be Lasallian, and the discussion we had was really provoking. That same semester, sophomore year in the honors program with Dr. Joe Tadie '91 (Philosophy), we were exploring the relationship between justice and service, and it all seemed to fit together with the work the Christian Brothers were doing all over the world in trying to empower the youth and the poor through education and in working for justice.

How would you personally define the Lasallian spirit?

OLZEN: A concise definition, to me, is to live in faith with the community that you serve and serves you. This reflects a commitment of hospitality to all people, but particularly the poor and youth, to work for creating a more just world through the means of education (which I do not consider to be limited to the classroom).

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university?

OLZEN: Many times on service trips or praying together with friends on retreat, but also in the classroom through particular professors willing to challenge us to think with a lens that puts the poor at our center. At times it was difficult and frustrating, but how much I have grown to appreciate the Lasallian tradition is priceless.

Specific examples are hard to name because I think Lasallian is more of a lifestyle than an achievement. In the classroom, I have seen it with professors challenging us to consider how social structures and educational opportunities are different for varying socio-economic groups.



Jake Olzen '07 works at building a straw bale house near Lake City, Minn. Olzen, a strong advocate for environmental awareness, is helping the Catholic Worker community as well. To him being Lasallian is more of a lifestyle than an achievement.

This can make us uncomfortable because it challenges the world many of us come from — where we are taught that if you work hard, you can achieve anything. While I certainly wish this were true, classroom experiences have taught me differently. But the Lasallian mission seeks to equalize these opportunities, and that gives me hope that the mission of the Brothers and of De La Salle is truly one worth following.

What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?


OLZEN: For me, the two defining aspects of my person are the Catholic Worker movement and Lasallian education. The two go hand in hand. The Catholic Worker tends to be centered on hospitality, nonviolence, and community. Lasallian is faith, service and community. Both have impacted me immensely and drawn me to a life working for justice, educating others on injustices, and trying to offer alternatives for people to live justly. Perhaps I was meant to do this, but my Lasallian education definitely awakened the spirit



*You carry out a work
that requires you to
touch hearts.*

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

within me and inspired me to act and try to live out these ideals.

I've made great friends at Saint Mary's. The relationships we have, the levels that we know each other are so varying (at work, classroom, sports, partying, service, spiritual) that it's hard to say why they are so tight. But I would venture to guess that a lot of it had to do with sharing many different experiences with each other, week-long service trips to Biloxi, midnight hikes up to the rock, intramural wiffleball, retreat weekends... That involvement breeds great friendships. The friends I made at SMU are definitely a part of me. 



Bo Rettig '77

Hometown: LaGrange, Ill.

Employment: Principal Software Engineer, Infor, Chicago, Ill.

Certain words bring deep chuckles — even giggles — from classmates of the '70s and early '80s. Certain words that aren't all that funny to the rest of us are like secret codenames for hilarious memories during their time at Saint Mary's. It's been 30 years. They joke that they're losing their hair and hearing and expanding their waistlines, but — down deep — they haven't changed, and neither have their friendships.

Some portion of this class gets together every summer for a GOOF (Get-together Of Old Friends) weekend. Often they bring their spouses and children for a full-fledged, boisterous and activity-filled reunion.

Based upon their great memories and their great friendships, some of these classmates now award a Saint Jude Scholarship to a Saint Mary's student — assuring that future students create their own side-splitting memories at this university.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

RETTIG: I probably heard it from Brother Louis in an article in the Saint Mary's alumni magazine. I don't recall the term being as pervasive at SMU in the 1970s as it is today.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

RETTIG: Honestly, no, but I realize now that it was really at the core of my Saint Mary's experience from 1973 through today.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

RETTIG: SMU describes it as being compassionate in our dealings with others, dedicated to the advancement of knowledge, and appreciative of art and culture. I would define it as developing and maintaining fulfilling and productive long-term relationships that lead to those goals. SMU gave us the gift of those friendships, and the gift has enriched our lives and advanced education at SMU.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university? What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

RETTIG: We are very fortunate and have a wonderful group of friends — through SMU — who we can turn to in good times and bad. These extraordinary people have taught me a lot and helped instill any Lasallian qualities I might have. Individually and collectively, we have accomplished some extraordinary things over the years. I even got a great brother-in-law and some beautiful godchildren out of the deal.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

RETTIG: In 1984 we started a family reunion weekend of alumni from the late '70s and early '80s. We are in our 23rd year of this celebration on the SMU campus and as many as 75 people attend. Alumni families come from as far away as Pennsylvania, Georgia and Texas. It has been a great way to maintain our friendships, watch our families grow and share in each other's triumphs and sorrows, including the loss of a dear friend three years ago. One of our group said, 'I love having my kids see first-hand how good friends support each other. It's a lesson that will enrich their lives.' The Lasallian spirit of SMU breathes with every friendship we have developed and now some of our children are experiencing those relationships.

Out of our reunion group sprang the Saint Jude Scholarship envisioned by Paul Trunk '76 and Brian Montgomery '79. In 1989, they persuaded 10 families to pledge \$1,000 and in 1992 we awarded our first scholarship. Saint Jude is the patron saint of desperate situations, and we started the scholarship to help juniors and seniors who have difficulty finding financial aid, just as



*...be aware of the
distressing situation of the
youngsters that God has
placed in your path; use
that as a measure
of what is at stake...*

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some of us did. We don't enforce rigorous academic standards, but instead ask why the student chose SMU, what activities they are involved in, their scholarship need, and what they plan to do after graduation. We review as many as 40 applications, and have found that students have taken wonderful advantage of the many Lasallian opportunities SMU affords. Students are engaged in a wide variety of activities at SMU but they also help individuals and groups in Winona and the surrounding communities. SMU is certainly teaching the importance of being Lasallian, as exhibited by these talented and committed students.

Through the continued generosity of our expanding group, this year we awarded our 16th annual scholarship in the amount

A small portion of the GOOF (Get-together Of Old Friends) group gathered at Rocco's Pizza in Winona this summer for some laughs including, from left: front, Tim Reid '79, Michael Charron '79, Mike Laak '77; middle, George Thomas '79, Mike Medina '79, Bo Rettig '77, Paul Brueggemann '76; back, Tim Bauer '76, Steve Coman '78 and Dr. Phil Cochran '77. GOOF weekends sometimes involve as many as 75 people (SMU alumni and family), who get together every year for a fun-filled reunion. Out of this reunion group sprang the Saint Jude Scholarship.

of \$8,400, based on our growing endowment of \$167,500. And not only are these people monetarily generous, many have also volunteered their time and expertise to SMU. I am extremely proud, grateful and honored to have these wonderful friends who advance the cause of knowledge by helping SMU students. 🍷



Valerie Edwards Robeson

Title: Assistant Professor of Social Science

Years at SMU: 12

Valerie Edwards Robeson's roles are many: mother, wife, teacher, advisor, leader, colleague and advocate. And in all things, Robeson brings a generous portion of caring, understanding and love. This, for her, is what being Lasallian is truly all about.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

ROBESON: In April 1986, Brother Finbar McMullen, FSC '46 and I were completing a 40-hour training program to become volunteer crisis advocates for survivors of domestic and sexual assault. I grew up out West and had never heard of the Christian Brothers; he was generous in telling me about them and their schools. He used the word "Lasallian" in passing. What we now know as the movement for lay association was really a twinkle in the eyes of only a few Brothers at that time. It wasn't a topic of conversation for most.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

ROBESON: When Brother William Mann provided an overview of the Lasallian charism on our campus around 1999. I remember thinking that we still didn't know what being Lasallian was all about, but at least we had a framework for talking

and thinking more about what it means to be a Lasallian community.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

ROBESON: I could put it more fancily, I suppose, but I tell students that to be 'Lasallian' is to be characterized by two active commitments: to use the gifts of heart and mind to bring others to profound awareness that they are loved, and to invite others to share in this commitment.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit?

ROBESON: Oh my gosh – every day. We are a human community, walking through our days with hurts that need balm and joys best celebrated in company, but also big questions that beg for answers illuminated by truth.

Here are my best examples that we are a Lasallian learning community. In my presence a student has spoken or written about achieving more than she imagined

Valerie Edwards Robeson and her husband, Lane Robeson, are truly partners. For Valerie, being Lasallian does not end in the classroom; the fundamental principles of love, compassion and understanding carry through in every part of her life, as wife, mother, teacher and colleague.





***Teach by example.
Put into practice what
you want your students
to believe.***

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herself capable of; about the 'new person' he has become since arriving at Saint Mary's; named the work study supervisor, faculty advisor and R.A. who made the 'footprints in the sand' during the student's difficult times; and expressed how a classmate's challenge or example or help totally changed how that student viewed himself and the world. These are students who have been transformed.

Faculty and staff members have, in my presence, spoken of how a student reminded them why they work at Saint Mary's; inspired them to keep becoming better at their work; how each of us is someone's daughter or son; how to be better parents; how to be more faithful and faith-filled in our companionship to others. These are faculty and staff who have been transformed.

A Lasallian university is a place where we discover and are transformed by the love we find in, through and for each other. Sometimes a grand moment is defining, but more often, it is a slow change of course neither planned nor acknowledged but discovered with hindsight.

What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

ROBESON: People — especially young adults today — need opportunities to feel they are a part of something larger than themselves. That 'something' needs to help them see behind and ahead, below and above, within and without. If they don't have a sense of context, they feel and behave as though they exist in a vacuum. We live in a culture laden with false dichotomies, polarizing positions. A poet whose name I have (dreadfully) forgotten

wrote 'And so I fight with the one hand, and love with the other. In some of my dreams, tho', the fighting is over, and I love with both hands.' When young people receive the gift of love, and act in love to others, they participate in the creation of what I can only describe as a sacred context. They learn to love with both hands.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

ROBESON: The three-year Lasallian Leadership Institute (LLI) formation experience allowed me to step back and examine my development and level of commitment to the Lasallian educational mission — to guide and accompany others in their discovery of these questions and their answers. It was easy to recognize that my core beliefs and commitments were consistent with those of the charism, but reflection upon how this had come to be was the part that moved me most. I realized that I had, simply and impossibly, been loved into it.

I believed then, as I do now, that at the beginning of each relationship we are not who the other person needs us to be. If we care enough to teach and learn from each other, we are eventually able to love more and better. The human capacity to love each other toward wholeness is a truly amazing and mysterious gift. My partner, children and close friends — though I fail them in countless ways — absolutely love me. I am grateful beyond measure for this constant gift. They teach and learn with me, even as we are all constantly growing and changing. These gifts of love are seemingly endless sources of encouragement to take the risks associated with learning and growing.

Because of them, I am able to fulfill my role as a teacher, to challenge and encourage others to the risks of learning, and to share with others the wonderful dance of knowing and becoming. Step by step, though I usually only recognize it in hindsight, I know I am led into a life of abundant love. On my best days, Lasallian formation met its mission — my mind and heart work in union; on all the other days, heart and mind at least seek to know each other, and my life is richer than a mere sum of the two would allow. 🌿



**Scott Sorvaag,
Ed.D. '07**

**Karen Sorvaag,
Ed.D. '07**

Titles: Scott – Chair of Undergraduate Teacher Education; Assistant Professor
Karen – Master of Arts in Instruction Program Coordinator; Instructor, School of Education

Years at SMU: 5

Twice a year Scott and Karen Sorvaag heat up the grill and invite all junior and senior education majors to a barbecue at their home. In the fall, students practice for the competitive kickball tournament, held every spring. Winners take home what the Sorvaags describe with a smile as the "coveted traveling kickball trophy."

The Sorvaags say they look forward to the events as much as the students. "While this is about good, clean fun, competition and food, it is mostly about coming together and enjoying the company of one another," Scott said.

Years after graduation, students check back with the Sorvaags to reminisce and update them on their lives. Being Lasallian means the bond between faculty and students doesn't end at commencement ceremonies.

The couple jointly answered questions via e-mail.

Do you remember when you first heard the term Lasallian?

SORVAAGS: When we were searching for the next calling in our work in education and we came upon the job description posted on the SMU website. We decided that this seemed like such a wonderful fit with what we deeply valued and wished to continue to do in our work.



Scott and Karen Sorvaag invite education students to a barbecue at their home twice a year. It is memories like this that have a lasting effect on students.

What do you think is the significance of a Lasallian education?

SORVAAGS: We have experienced the significance of Lasallian education as faculty members, colleagues, students and partners. It has pervaded our work experience as well as our family experience. We both completed our doctoral degrees through SMU this summer and consider that a significant step in our shared Lasallian journey. We continue to see ourselves as Lasallian teachers, leaders and learners. This commitment is a lifelong journey for us. Our children are regular attendees with us at campus events and have spoken about their own future as students at SMU.

Can you describe the first time you remember that it was defined for you and in what context?

SORVAAGS: It was first defined to us via the website, and through our conversations about possibly moving to Winona. We were most attracted to and drawn in by Saint Mary's mission. It became further defined to us through our contacts with university representatives during the hiring process, but also in our first days in new faculty workshop venues.

How would you personally define what Lasallian means?

SORVAAGS: To us Lasallian means being deeply committed to the potential and capacity in others through relationships, contexts of quality, and faith. It means caring for others and respecting others' voices. It means a commitment to the Lasallian tradition of preparing teachers for a world in need of transformation.

How often and when did you witness the Lasallian spirit at the university?

SORVAAGS: We witness the Lasallian



*You can perform miracles
by touching the hearts
of the children entrusted
to your care.*

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charism every day in the work we do with students, faculty and others. Examples are: the caring conversations we share with our colleagues about providing the very best for our students; collectively defining community in a way that enhances the potential and capacity of everyone at the university; expecting the best from our students and fully supporting them throughout the experience; and accepting the responsibility of supporting our students in and out of the classroom.

Would you describe yourself as Lasallian?

SORVAAGS: We describe ourselves as Lasallian because we remain focused on what it means to be Lasallian in our belief systems, actions, and our relationships with others. We have both served on multiple committees. Scott was part of the Lasallian Leadership Mentorship group; we've both served on SOUL mission trips with students through Campus Ministry; we attend our students' activities on a regular basis; we present at conferences together on topics that reveal our Lasallian work in teaching and learning; we meet with prospective students often and attend admissions events to welcome others to our shared work.

We love working with students at this time in their lives when they are learning, growing, and working to understand their own identities in relationship to self and others. Being involved in the Lasallian community allows for greater opportunities and broader experiences in which to develop and grow. 🌱

SMU Lasallian Formation

The following is a list of ongoing Lasallian formation experiences involving Saint Mary's University faculty, staff and students.

Within the SMU Community

Lasallian Leadership Initiatives Council, chaired by Angel Weisbrod, director of health services, sponsors monthly Lasallian formation opportunities for members of the Winona campus including **"Chicken Soup for the Lasallian Soul"** lunches and "Lasallian Hours." During the former, approximately two dozen people from all areas of the university listen to and discuss a common Lasallian text at the Brothers' residence on campus. At a **"Lasallian Hour,"** Brothers on campus have been invited to "tell their stories" and engage the audience — usually 20-40 members — in dialogue about their vocation and their time at and experiences of Saint Mary's.

The Office of Vice President for Mission on the Winona campus provides many and various opportunities for Lasallian formation during the course of the school year. Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76 Ph.D., worked with and educated in regard to the Catholic and Lasallian mission of the university trustees, faculty and staff, support staff and maintenance workers, administrators and program directors, students, and others. These Lasallian formation programs and opportunities take the form of prayer services, lectures, discussions, a High Tea for all new employees, PowerPoint presentations, a mentoring program for new (and senior) faculty and staff, and more. After a four-year return to Saint Mary's after working in Nairobi, Brother Bob is answering a call to serve at Bethlehem University.

The Lasallian Core Traditions Program and the **Lasallian Honors Program** are the general education components of the undergraduate curriculum through which all SMU undergraduates are exposed to the life and significance of Saint John Baptist de La Salle.

The staff and approximately 500 faculty members of the Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs — on all campuses — are oriented to the mission and Lasallian heritage by staff mentors and through **mandatory, formal orientation sessions.**

The work of the **Campus Spirituality Team (CST) on the Twin Cities campus** is a means of expressing this call to respect all individuals and care for the poor. This group of dedicated staff plans and implements a wide-range of activities such as community service projects, food drives, fundraisers, and staff educational sessions. The CST welcomes students each semester by serving cookies before evening classes. They also coordinate campus ministry activities such as prayer services and

Masses. The latest activity was a Nairobi awareness week that included displays, a batik auction, and potluck luncheon.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees traveled to Rome in April 2006, to learn more "first-hand" what it means to be a Catholic and Lasallian university in the 21st century. The group stayed at the Brothers' Generalate.

Mentoring for Lasallian Leadership involved 24 undergraduate Winona faculty over a three-year period, learning about what it means to be Lasallian and how to exercise leadership in departments, programs, schools and so on.

The Lasallian Assessment Group, with Dr. Richard Tristano as chair, as well as Drs. Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89; Melissa Luedtke and Sister Judith Schaefer, O.P., Ph.D. — all of the Winona campus — is writing "Lasallian Assessment: A Paradigm for Lasallian Universities" to "clarify the identity of the Lasallian university, to devise specific goals for fully realizing that identity, and to determine specific ways to assess success in achieving those goals that can lead to improved student learning."

Beyond the SMU Community

On June 9-10, 2006, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota hosted a **higher education regional conference titled, "Together and by Association."** For the first time, representatives of faculty and administrators from each of the seven Lasallian colleges and universities in North America came together to discuss their common Lasallian mission. Invited participants discussed successes, challenges, and best practices in promoting the Lasallian educational mission, specifically within colleges and universities. This conference was made possible by a grant from the Lilly Fellows Program in Humanities and the Arts and was secured by SMU Winona faculty members Drs. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, Judith K. Schaefer O.P., and Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89. The Lilly Fellows Program funds regional conferences focused on mission for religiously affiliated colleges and universities.

The Lasallian Leadership Institute is a three-year program during which participants meet three times during the year — for three to six days — to study the life, teachings, and significance of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. The program culminates in a project that is intended to serve the "home" institution. This program is sponsored by the Christian Brothers Conference and is national in scope. Participants from SMU have included: Ann Merchlewitz M'95; Bob Biebel '79, M'07; Steve Pattee M'04; Valerie Edwards Robeson; John Pohling

M'04; Angel Weisbrod (CST '76), M'94; Bob Fisher '97, M'06 (all from the Winona campus) and Barbara Croucher '99, M'02; Dr. Roxanne Eubank; and Dr. Gerald Ellis (Twin Cities campus).

The Buttimer Institute is an intense three-year program, during which participants gather at Saint Mary's College of California (another Lasallian institution) for two weeks of study on the life and teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. This program involves a final project that is intended to be used at the local institution from which a participant comes. At present, Dr. Gerald Ellis (Twin Cities campus) is participating in this program.

The International Lasallian University Leadership Program is a new two-week formation program held at the De La Salle Brothers Generalate in Rome for professors and administrators from Lasallian universities worldwide. The purpose of this program is to provide mostly lay Lasallian partners and leaders an opportunity to come together to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic and Lasallian university in the 21st century. This program has been designed and was led by Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76 (former vice president for mission at SMU) and Dr. John Wilcox (vice president for mission at Manhattan College — another U.S. Lasallian institution). SMU participants for the June 2007 session included Dr. Roxanne Eubank (Twin Cities), Valerie Edwards Robeson and Dr. Richard Tristano (Winona campus).

Center for International Lasallian Studies, based at the Brothers' Generalate in Rome, hosts a one-month intensive study of Saint La Salle. During the past eight years Drs. Michael Flanagan '63; Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89; and Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76 have participated.

The Lasallian Social Justice Institute consists of three unique national programs administered by the Christian Brothers Conference that invites participants to experience first-hand instances of social injustice and inequity, and reflect on and study ways to respond to those realities. Sites and topics: Chicago/Gangs and Violence; El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico/Immigration and Poverty; San Francisco/Homelessness and Street Children. SMU participants in one or more of the programs over the past four years have included: Peggy Johnson, Dr. Dorothy Diehl, Dr. Greg Gaut, Katie LaPlant '02, Ann Smith (all Winona campus) and Lore Roethke, Valerie Fitzgerald and Dr. Mary Louise Wise (all Twin Cities campus).

The Lasallian Spirituality Retreat, held in St. Louis each summer, is a one-week spiritually oriented workshop for Brothers and partners in the Lasallian

educational mission to learn about and pray over the meditations and teachings of Saint John Baptist de La Salle. Those from SMU who have made the retreat in the past few years include: Dr. Richard Tristano, Mary Becker, Peggy Johnson, Nikki Richmond (all Winona campus) and Linka Holey, Dr. Fran Crisman and Kelly Friesleben M'06 (all Twin Cities campus).

The annual **Huether Conference** is a three-day gathering of Lasallian educators from across the United States. Each year a different theme is chosen and addressed through keynote speakers, workshops, shared prayers and liturgies and networking. The November 2006 Conference included several participants from the SMU community: Drs. Richard Tristano; Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89; Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, and Sister Judith Schaefer, O.P. (Winona campus) presented papers; Dr. Roxanne Eubank (Twin Cities campus) also attended. Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76 (former vice president for mission) served on the planning committee, as well as attended.

The Midwest District of the De La Salle Christian Brothers, with Provinciate offices in Chicago, Ill., hosts a Congress with participants invited from all the many and various ministries within the District. Over the course of the past five years, approximately two dozen SMU community members (administrators, faculty, staff, support staff, maintenance, and trustees) have attended these gatherings from time to time.

Dr. Mary Catherine Fox '75, M'89, Winona campus, served as chair of the **Mission and Ministry Council** for a double term ending in June 2007. Dr. Roxanne Eubank, Twin Cities campus, will serve on the council, beginning in 2007. The Mission and Ministry Council is an advisory group comprised of Brothers, lay people and other religious.

Saint Mary's alumni are very active in **Lasallian work**, including numerous volunteers at the San Miguel schools nationwide. Additionally, numerous alumni serve as **Lasallian Volunteers**. The Lasallian Volunteer Program provides dedicated, well-trained volunteers for one or more years of service to schools and agencies of the Brothers whose mission is to serve the poor. Acting out of faith, rooted in the Gospel, and sharing community with the Brothers and other Lasallians, the volunteers empower the poor by personalized service, primarily through education. 🙏

* Only current faculty and staff are listed. Many other members of the SMU community, who have since left the university, have participated in Lasallian formation opportunities as well.

Many thanks to Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76, Ph.D. and Linka Holey for their contributions to this listing.

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As I write this letter, I am gazing out of my office window in Saint Yon's Hall at the majestic bluffs surrounding our



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

campus on a beautiful summer day. Remember that old residence hall, way out in the valley with the winding staircases that lead up to it? Well, the alumni and development offices temporarily moved to Yon's over the summer while our offices

in Heffron Hall are being renovated. It has been a nice relocation (besides the lack of air conditioning) for us to experience the tranquility this area of campus has to offer.

Our new offices are now complete, and our temporary offices in Yon's will soon have new tenants, so we had to pack quickly. The university opened up this space once again for student housing. This is great news, as it means our enrollment numbers are up and beds are filled. We experienced a small dip in freshman enrollment a couple years ago, but we are looking at record-breaking numbers of new students this year – so you'll be happy to know things are going well for SMU.

In reflecting on our successes of the year, I am reminded that they would not have been possible without the help of so many of our alumni volunteers. I have the

distinct privilege to work with many of them – alumni board members, class representatives, chapter members and a variety of speakers and mentors who assist our current students. All of these alumni take time from their very busy lives to help enhance the SMU experience, and we, as an institution, are so grateful to them for their time, talents and treasures.

But, there is much more work to be done! So, we are asking our alumni to step up and help us out. We have created a position within the Office of Development and Alumni Relations to work directly with our volunteers – to give you the experience you are looking for. By volunteering, you can impact your alma mater (and have some fun along the way)! We have many volunteer opportunities available:

- Serving on the Alumni Board of Directors
- Volunteering as a class representative
- Working with alumni chapters
- Recruiting new students
- Coordinating alumni events
- Serving on a Planned Giving Advisory Committee
- Assisting with career development/internships/mentoring
- Helping with development/fundraising activities

I encourage you to visit www.smumn.edu/volunteer to learn more and let us know which of our volunteer opportunities best suits your interests, or share ideas about additional areas you would like to volunteer for by completing our Volunteer Interest Survey.

Finally, I want to extend a sincere thank you to so many of you who sent notes of thoughts and prayers to me, my husband, Mike '97, and our family as we struggled through a difficult time with our daughter Elizabeth's health this past spring. So many times I have commented on what a wonderful and caring community this university is, as we felt very blessed to receive the outpouring of support that was given to us in our time of need. I am pleased to let you know that Bizzie (as we call her) is doing just fine and getting stronger with each passing day – thanks in part to all of you and the power of prayer!

Blessings to you all! 🙏

upcoming alumni events

OCTOBER

27 Twin Cities Volunteer Outreach Day

NOVEMBER

3 North Carolina Alumni Gathering
15 Chicago, Ill. Luncheon Series

DECEMBER

7 Wheaton, Ill. Chicago Christmas Party

JANUARY

11 Winona Holiday Gathering
TBA Dallas, Texas Alumni Gathering
25 Sacramento, Calif. Alumni Gathering

FEBRUARY

4 Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception
24 Roseville, Minn. Family Skate Day
29 & 3/1 Itasca, Ill. Saint Mary's Convention Chicago

MARCH

15 Bradenton, Fla. Alumni Luncheon

APRIL

10 Riverdale, N.Y. Manhattan College Alumni Gathering

JUNE

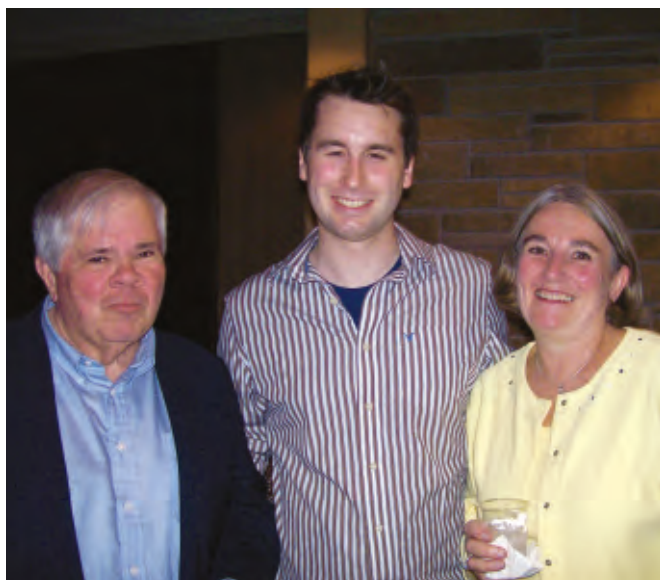
13-15 Winona, Minn. Homecoming 2008

For updates on future events for our alumni, go online:

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Theatre Alumni and Friends of the Arts Event

Theatre alumni and Friends of the School of the Arts members gathered in Winona on April 21 for a special event. Enjoying a dinner, followed by the student production of 'Company' and a reception with the cast, were: Danny Pancratz '07 (center) with Mike '63 and Katie M'75 Flanagan.



Washington, D.C. Alumni Gathering

The annual Washington, D.C. Alumni & Friends Gathering took place on Feb. 1 at the City Club of Washington. This event brought together more than 30 alumni and friends — including George Lanik '65 and Dr. Jacqueline Burke M'81 — to socialize, network and hear more about Saint Mary's.



Minnesota Wild Alumni Outing

A group of alumni and die-hard Minnesota Wild fans gathered for an outing at the Xcel Energy Center on Feb. 8. Alumni including Sara Charneski '06 and Josh Linn '07 attended a social before the game at Eagle Street Grill & Pub, followed by the Minnesota Wild vs. Florida Panthers hockey game.



Chicago Cubs Alumni Outing

A record number of alumni (almost 200) attended this year's post-game party at the Cubby Bear following the Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox game at Wrigley Field on May 18. Regulars for this annual event are, from left: Mike Lyons '75, Paul Krantz '75, Tom Masterson '76, Bernie Weber '75 and Jerry Duncker '76.

RIGHT: Amy Figel (wife of Tom '80), and Joe '81 and Stacey (Sanborn '82) Sweeney enjoyed the game and a cold beverage together.





New York Alumni Gathering

A group of alumni and friends gathered at Manhattan College outside of New York City on March 21. Brother Robert Smith, FSC '76 posed with two current graduate students of the Philanthropy and Development master's program, Peter Polychroni and Kristina Veljak.

LEFT: Pauline (McMahon '86) and Chris Cimaszewski also gathered in New York.



Kabara Institute Alumni Panel

The Kabara Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies hosted an alumni panel for current students who are aspiring young entrepreneurs on May 1. In addition to the alumni panel, the institute also hosted a few roundtable events and two local manufacturing company tours throughout the past school year. Alumni panel members included, from left: Matthew Sheasby '88, Tom Schultz '75 and Bob Hildreth '77 with Scott Deml, assistant professor of business and the facilitator of the Kabara Institute, right.



BELOW: Charlie Marron '57 chats with Aaron Clark '10 who is the recipient of the Class of 1957 Billings - Hickey Scholarship.

Scholarship and Lasallian Legacy Society Reception and Dinner

The annual Scholarship and Lasallian Legacy Society Reception and Dinner was held on the Winona campus on April 14. This event celebrates and acknowledges those who have established scholarships at Saint Mary's and those who are members of the Lasallian Legacy Society. It has become a wonderful opportunity to bring benefactors together with the students they are supporting. ABOVE: Lasallian Legacy Society members, Bob '49 and Frances (CST '51) Skemp and Audrey and Dave Bissen '56 posed together during the reception.



The class of 1982 celebrated its 25th anniversary.



More than 400 attend Homecoming 2007

A Saturday morning rain didn't dampen anyone's spirits during Saint Mary's University's Homecoming 2007, held June 15-17 at the Winona campus. More than 400 alumni, friends and family returned to Terrace Heights for a weekend full of reminiscing about the past and catching up with classmates.

The weekend began on Friday with a spirited golf outing at Bridges Golf Club, followed by a special dinner for the class of 1957. Brother Chancellor Louis DeThomasis presented unique diplomas to 50th anniversary attendees.

Saturday's annual Gilmore Gallop 5K made a detour through campus because of a downpour. Despite the wet weather, a record group of nearly 40 runners were willing to run in the rain!

Clouds parted just in time for a sunny picnic outside Saturday afternoon, complete with a "bouncy house," plenty of good food and conversation.

At the alumni awards ceremony Saturday, Saint Mary's presented its Distinguished Alumni Award to **Joseph Ross '67**; Religious Service Award to **Brother Paul Grass, FSC '57**; Alumni Appreciation Award to **Water Jungbauer '87**; and Outstanding Young Alumni Award to **Michael Panicola '92, Ph.D.**

Other events included an alumni Mass and piano sing-along, as well as numerous special class anniversary gatherings.

Make plans to visit campus for next year's Homecoming weekend, June 13-15. Come and see how your friends have changed, but your friendships haven't! 

More photos of Homecoming 2007 online:
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■ 1) The class of 1957 posed during their special 50th anniversary dinner. ■ 2) Ernie Cutro '87, Paul Adank '86, Joe Hettinger '87, Steve Ford '88 and Mike Flynn '87 take time out from the golf outing for a picture. ■ 3) Having a good time at the golf outing are, from left: Ann (O'Connor '77) Trauscht, Debbie (Cantieri '77) Kolb, Cindy (Klee '77) Stephenitch and Coletta Bunger (wife of Gary Bunger '76). ■ 4) Bill Galante '82 and J.J. Wagner '82. ■ 5) Members of the class of 1957, celebrating their 50-year reunion during Homecoming 2007, were, from left: Vince Parisi, Fred Skemp, John Curran and Larry Gillis. ■ 6) Brother John Grover, FSC '65 caught up with Angela (Buehler '82) Dreis, left, and Dr. Renee Garpestad '82 during the homecoming picnic. ■ 7) Posing during Saturday's picnic are, from left: Tom '67 and Mary Ann Dyer, Sal Polizzotto '67, Roberta (Chamberlain '83) and Tom Kozlowicz '67. ■ 8) Classmates from 1997 enjoyed some good food and good friendships. Getting together were, from left: Colleen (Haggerty) Olechowski, Anne Miller, Jennifer (Clauson) Zafft, Amy (Carroll) Olson, Lisa Brin, Shannon Durand, Sarah Remus and Molly (Huenecke) Roenna. ■ 9) Oscar Straub '52, Phil Feiten '52, Paul Miller '52 and John Hayes '52. ■ 10) John Vitek '82 with Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient, Michael Panicola '92. ■ 11) Molly (CST '58) & Hugh Sherry '57, Letha and Larry Gillis '57 and Bob Scurio '57 lend their voices to the piano sing-along.

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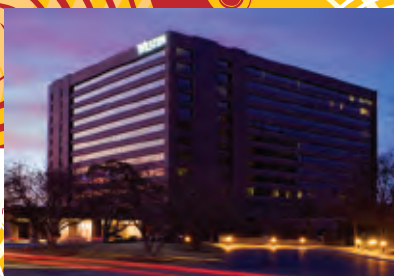
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Once again, Saint Mary's faculty, staff, students and Christian Brothers are ***bringing the university to Chicago*** to reconnect with alumni and friends, meet prospective students and their parents and share our Saint Mary's with Chicago! This event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

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

Chicago Convention Schedule

Friday, Feb. 29

7 to 11 p.m. Special Reception for Alumni

Alumni and friends are invited to socialize with Saint Mary's faculty and staff, members of the alumni board of directors and the board of trustees at a reception and silent auction.

Saturday, Mar. 1

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibitor Booths Open

10 to 11 a.m. Break-Out Sessions

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Convention Kick-off Celebration, Entertainment and Luncheon

Be our guest for a complimentary buffet lunch! Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., chancellor of Saint Mary's University, will provide an update with news about our alma mater.



1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Break-Out Sessions

Mini-seminars presented by faculty and staff from more than 50 majors and departments.

4 p.m. Convention Adjourns

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

John McDonough '75



President, Chicago Cubs
John McDonough '75 took over as president of the Chicago Cubs, replacing 12-year team president Andy MacPhail in

October 2006. McDonough has been with the organization for 23 years, joining the Cubs in 1983 as director of sales and promotion. He was named the Cubs' marketing director in 1987 and was promoted to senior vice president of marketing and broadcasting in 1991. His mission, as president, is to serve "the greatest fans in the history of sports."



LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

The Oldie Moldie All-Stars

Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A 30-year tradition at Saint Mary's, the All-Stars is a student/faculty/alumni band made up of mostly Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members. Performing popular 1950s and 1960s hits, they are the traditional closing act in SMU's Blue Angel variety show.

Sponsorship Opportunities For information about purchasing ad space in the convention program and/or other sponsorship opportunities for your business, please contact: Meg Richtman '97, convention coordinator, at 800-635-5987, Ext. 1499 or go online: www.smumn.edu/convention.

Show your Saint Mary's spirit!

Bring your Saint Mary's memorabilia to be included in a display just for the convention! If you have items such as photographs, brochures, buttons, pennants or other items which capture the history of Saint Mary's, bring them with you to the convention or contact us if you are unable to attend. SMU archivist Dr. William Crozier will create a display showing the character of this university over the years. *(Items will be available for pick-up at the close of the exhibition area Saturday afternoon.)*

CST items will also be included!

Sports Fans!

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



Sports News



Gill

MEN'S HOCKEY

RECORDS: 4-11-1 MIAC,
7-17-1 Overall

BRIEFLY: SMU juniors Adam Gill (Rochester, Minn.) and Dan Smith (Rochester, Minn.) were named First-Team All-MIAC, while freshmen Jeff Miller (Portage, Mich.) and Anthony Bohn (Spring Hill, Fla.) were selected to the MIAC's All-Rookie Team. ... After winning a season-high three straight in late January, SMU closed out the season dropping seven in a row. ... Gill led the team in goals with 13, while also finishing second in points with 22, five behind Bohn's team-leading 27. Bohn also boasted a team-best 18 assists, and he and Gill were two of seven SMU players who recorded 10 or more points this season. ... Smith's 639 saves rank fifth all-time. ... Thirteen of the Cardinals' 16 conference games — including 10 of their 11 losses — were decided by two goals or less. ... The Cardinals scored more than two goals just six times in their 17 losses this season. ... Five of SMU's seven wins came at home — the Cardinals were 2-10-0 on the road.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

RECORDS: 9-7-2 MIAC,
9-15-3 Overall

BRIEFLY: SMU senior Melissa Mondo (Vadnais Heights, Minn.) was the Cardinals' lone

representative on the All-MIAC team for the second year in a row. ... SMU made its seventh straight MIAC playoff appearance this season. The Cardinals are just one of two teams to have appeared in all seven MIAC playoffs. ... With her two goals in SMU's season-ending playoff loss vs. Hamline, Mondo ended the year as the team's leader in all three offensive categories — goals (15), assists (11) and points (26). ... Mondo closed out her career No. 3 in SMU history in career goals with 50 and fourth all-time in points with 94. She



Mondo

finished six points behind Christy Hicks for No. 3 all-time in points. Mondo also ended her four-year career fifth in career assists with 44, seven behind Hicks. ... Senior goalie Nikki Jung (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) closed out her career ranking No. 2 on SMU's all-time saves list with 2,042.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

RECORDS: 7-13 MIAC,
8-16 Overall

BRIEFLY: The Cardinals fell one win short of equaling last year's nine-win performance. It would have matched the most wins since SMU went 11-13 during the 1999-2000 season. ... Senior Brensley Haywood (Joliet, Ill.) — an honorable-mention All-MIAC selection — made his 51st straight start in SMU's

season finale vs. Concordia. ... Haywood, who led the team in scoring, averaging 13.8 ppg, netted 10 or more points in 19 of the Cardinals' 24 games. ... After managing just one win in 12 road games a year ago, SMU closed out its season with 4-8 records both at home and on the road.



Haywood



Weisbrod

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

RECORDS: 5-16 MIAC,
7-18 Overall

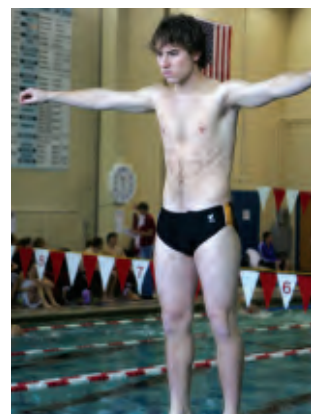
BRIEFLY: Junior Jessica Weisbrod (Rollingstone, Minn.) was the Cardinals' representative on the All-MIAC First Team. ... Weisbrod, who led the Cardinals in scoring with a 12.7 ppg average, or junior Kelly Tanke (La Crosse, Wis.) led the team in scoring in 19 of SMU's 23 games. ... Along with Weisbrod, Tanke also closed out

the season averaging in double figures (10.2 ppg). ... Weisbrod finished the season with six double-doubles, boasted the Cardinals' top four single-game scoring performances and led the MIAC in offensive rebounds with 69 offensive boards. ... SMU had its streak of 10 straight 10-win seasons snapped with its 7-18 overall record. ... Five of SMU's seven wins came on its home floor — the Cardinals were 2-12 on the road.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

RECORDS: MIAC Finish —
Men: 7th, Women: 10th

BRIEFLY: Cardinal freshman Curtis Kempton (Owatonna, Minn.) placed second in the one-meter and third in the three-meter diving competitions at the MIAC Championships to earn All-MIAC honors in both events. ... Freshman Jon Fox (Winona) broke a pair of school records at the MIAC meet, placing fourth in the 100-meter breaststroke (59.46), while winning the consolation heat of the 50 freestyle in a school-record time of 21.67. ... Junior Danielle Braun (Cold Spring, Minn.) also turned in a school record-setting performance at the conference championships, breaking the school record in the 100-meter breaststroke (1:11.18).



Kempton

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Winecke

BASEBALL

RECORDS: 6-14 MIAC, 10-21 Overall

BRIEFLY: Senior Nick Winecke (St. Paul, Minn.) earned All-MIAC honors for the first time in his four-year career. ... SMU's season-ending sweep vs. Concordia marked SMU's first doubleheader sweep of the Cobbers since 1988. ... SMU closed out its season with wins in three of its last four games. ... Winecke, who reached base safely in 29 of the Cardinals' 31 games, closed out his days as a Cardinal with a career year in 2007. Winecke led the team in average (.374), runs (27), doubles (11), total bases (50), slugging % (.549), walks (19) and on-base % (.478). Not only were they all team highs—they were also career highs. ... Winecke also ended the season with a season-high seven-game hitting streak. ... junior Brady Knudsen (Racine, Wis.) boasted 10 multiple-hit games, while sophomore Brandon Haugh (Easton, Minn.) posted SMU's only five-hit game, going a perfect 5-for-5 with a pair of doubles, three RBIs and three runs scored in a loss to Bethel. ... Haugh also led the team in multiple-RBI games with seven. ... David Baker (Monticello, Minn.) closed out his freshman year with a team-leading three wins and a team-leading 27 strikeouts, while sophomore

Andy Pass (Roseville, Minn.) boasted a team-best 3.70 ERA and senior Matt Popek (Eagan, Minn.) tossed a team-leading 39.2 innings. ... The Cardinals scored at least one run in each of their 31 games.

FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

RECORDS: 17-5 MIAC, 24-15 Overall

BRIEFLY: The postseason was a busy one for SMU, which had three players — sophomore Danielle Geske (Rosemount, Minn.), junior Jenny Giannini (River Grove, Ill.) and senior Megan Wallisch (Loveland, Colo.) — named to the All-MIAC team, while senior Nikki Jung (Inver Grove Heights, Minn.) and sophomore Cassie



Wallisch

Otte (Randolph, Minn.) were NFCA All-Region picks, and Wallisch was an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District Second Team — team pick. ... The Cardinals reached the MIAC Tournament championship game for the second time in the tournament's four-year history. ... Geske batted a team-best .462 in SMU's four conference tournament games. She also drove in four runs, boasted a .538 slugging percentage and collected one of SMU's two doubles — their only extra-base hits of the tournament. ... Otte, who finished second in conference play in runs (24) and

third in hits (30), closed out the season collecting two or more hits in 16 of the Cardinals' 39 games and boasting a team-best 17-game hitting streak. ... Otte finished as the team's offensive leader in average (.380), at-bats (142), runs (38), hits (54) and stolen bases (10), while Jung led the team in home runs (6), RBIs (49), total bases (66) and slugging % (.532). ... Jung's six home runs and 46 RBIs were career highs. ... Wallisch threw all 26 innings in the MIAC Tournament, and ended her senior season with a 2.16 ERA and a 22-13 record. ... Wallisch's 38 appearances, 36 starts, 21 complete games and 214 innings pitched are all SMU single-season records, while her 22 wins rank No. 3 all time.

TENNIS


RECORDS: Men: 1-8 MIAC, 7-16 Overall; Women: 13-7 MIAC, 10-9 Overall

BRIEFLY: Senior Ann Leeder (Greenfield, Wis.) and junior Val Meschke (Pine River, Minn.) were First-Team All-MIAC selections — marking the first time the SMU's women's program has ever boasted two all-conference performers in the same season. ... Meschke closed out the season with a school-record 16 singles wins, including winning streaks of six and eight matches. ... Freshman David Reckase (La Crosse, Wis.) boasted a team-best 11-9 record for the Cardinal men. ... SMU coach Jeff Halberg used 15

different doubles combinations for both the men's and women's teams.

TRACK AND FIELD

RECORDS: MIAC Finish — Men: 10th; Women: 10th

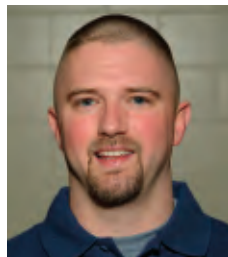
BRIEFLY: Senior Amanda Weinmann (Rochester, Minn.) closed out a stellar career by earning All-American honors in both the indoor and outdoor shot put events. Her national performances, along with her MIAC outdoor shot put championship helped Weinmann earn the MIAC's Woman of the Year honor. ... Weinmann also became SMU's first-ever track athlete named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V Track and Field/Cross Country First Team. ... Senior Ashley Luehmann (Lewiston, Minn.) also earned All-American honors in her final NCAA outdoor national championships, placing sixth in the javelin. ... Luehmann and Weinmann finished one-two at both the MIAC Indoor and Outdoor Championships, with Luehmann winning the indoor shot put title, while Weinmann won the outdoor crown. ... Weinmann also won the conference indoor weight throw title, while senior Emily Bartusek (Albert Lea, Minn.) was crowned the conference's 400 champion. ... The Cardinals broke 21 school records during the indoor and outdoor seasons combined. 



Meschke



Mandy Pearson



Shawn McMahon



Jen Trewick

New coaches named for basketball, track and field, golf

There will be some new faces roaming the sidelines when the 2007-08 season kicks off for Saint Mary's University.

Mandy Pearson was named the new head women's basketball coach, Shawn McMahon was selected as the new head track and field coach, and Jen Trewick took over the reins as the Cardinals' new head women's golf coach.



ON THE COURT, PEARSON ENJOYED more than her share of success during her four seasons at Concordia-Moorhead.

She was the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Year — not once, but twice. She was named to the All-MIAC First Team three times, was a D3hoops.com All-West Region first-teamer twice and earned MIAC All-Defensive Team honors on two occasions. Her senior season ended with All-American honors.

Now, Pearson is hoping to be as

successful behind the bench — as the Cardinals' head women's basketball coach — as she was as a player.

Pearson takes over for Shawn Stimmel, who stepped down after one season to accept the head women's basketball position at Mount Mercy.

"I have been involved in the MIAC — playing and coaching (as an assistant coach the past two seasons at Hamline) — for the past six years and am very excited to continue my career in the conference as a head coach," Pearson said. "I am excited to take all the things I have learned as an athlete and coach, and use them to lead this program. Being a women's basketball coach has always been a dream of mine."

Pearson closed her Cobber career with 1,346 points and 640 assists. She is the first player in the history of either basketball program at Concordia to break the 1,000-point barrier and the 500-assist marker. She is fifth on the all-time scoring list and third in assists. Her 175 assists during her senior season also rank No. 8 in the program's history.

"Having played in the MIAC is going to be a plus for me," Pearson said. "Playing between two and three games per week plus all the academic stress, can be very difficult for the student-athletes. Having played in the league myself, I will be able to relate with the women in the program and have a better understanding of what they are going through."



WHEN KIRK NAUMAN STEPPED DOWN as the SMU track and field coach to accept a similar position at St. Scholastica, it left a rather large void.

After all, in Nauman's four seasons, the SMU program produced four All-Americans, 17 NCAA championships participants, two NCAA automatic qualifiers, 37 provisional qualifiers and 18 honorees on the USTFCCCA All Academic Team. At the conference level, the Cardinal men's and women's track and field teams produced 13 MIAC champions, three MIAC record holders, 60 all-conference selections and two field athletes of the meet.

Those are some pretty big shoes to fill.

And Shawn McMahon, a former assistant track and field coach at UW-Stout, can hardly wait to step into them.

McMahon spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach for UW-Stout, where he worked primarily with

the jumpers. He also boasts five years of high school coaching experience, helping guide West Salem High School to two conference team titles, three WIAA Regional team titles and helping guide more than 30 individuals to the WIAA State Meet.

"I'm looking forward to building upon the success this program enjoyed under coach Nauman, who did a wonderful job in his time (at SMU)," McMahon said. "The program is clearly pointed in the right direction and it is now my duty to continue with that success and build valuable experiences for our student-athletes."



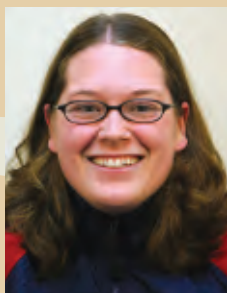
AS FOR SMU'S THIRD SUMMER HIRE, the name may be the same, but this "Trewick" won't be roaming the sidelines of any SMU men's basketball games.

Instead, Jen Trewick will be prowling golf course's greens and fairways as the Cardinals' new head women's golf coach.

Trewick, whose husband, Mike, is the Cardinals' head men's basketball coach, takes over for Shawn Stimmel, who left SMU to accept a coaching position at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Trewick, a two-time national qualifier during her playing days at Luther, said, "I look forward to working with all the members of the team. Early on, our goals will be to improve on all aspects of their game — swing, course management and mental preparation. I think all three play a critical role in putting a great round of golf together."

During her playing days at Luther, Trewick helped guide the Norse to back-to-back fifth-place finishes in the national tournament, while also earning all-conference honors her senior year. 🏌️



Weinmann succeeds in class and field

In 2007, Saint Mary's University senior Amanda Weinmann of Rochester, Minn., proved she belonged among the nation's best in the shot put circle, earning All-American honors at both the NCAA Indoor and Outdoor National Championships.

The Saint Mary's University senior also proved she belongs among the nation's best in the classroom as well.

A week after being selected by the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Executive Committee as the MIAC's 2007 Woman of the Year, Weinmann was again honored for her academic achievement Wednesday, being named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America Second Team; she's also among 10 NCAA Division III female spring sport student-athletes awarded post-graduate scholarships by the NCAA.

Weinmann closed out her collegiate career in impressive fashion in 2007 — on all three levels.

She broke both the indoor shot put and weight throw school records, was crowned conference champion in the weight throw (indoor) and shot put (outdoor), and earned All-American honors with eighth-place finishes in the shot put at both the indoor and outdoor NCAA Division III Outdoor National Championships. Weinmann leaves SMU as a three-time All-American, a four-time All-MIAC selection, as well as the owner of seven MIAC Field Athlete of the Week honors.

A double-major in biophysics and engineering physics with a 3.99 GPA, Weinmann is one of just two MIAC track and field athletes to earn Academic All-America honors. Gustavus' Hailey Harren — a First Team selection — was the other. She is also one of two MIAC female spring athletes awarded the NCAA's \$7,500 post-graduate scholarship, joining Carleton golfer Cassandra Wells.

The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship was created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education by rewarding the Association's most accomplished student-athletes through their participation in NCAA championship and/or emerging sports. Athletics and academic achievements, as well as campus involvement, community service, volunteer activities and demonstrated leadership, are evaluated.

To qualify for an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a student-athlete must have an overall grade-point average of 3.200 (on a 4.000 scale) or its equivalent and must have performed with distinction as a member of the varsity team in the sport in which the student-athlete was nominated. The student-athlete also must intend to continue academic work beyond the baccalaureate degree as a full-time or part-time graduate student. 🏹



Saint Mary's senior Amanda Weinmann earned All-American honors, was named MIAC's 2007 Woman of the Year and has earned NCAA scholarships.

Who's where, doing what...

1948

Dr. Jim Kahl '48, Winona, and his wife, Jenny, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2007.

1949

Eugene Pinski, Indio, Calif., and his wife, Marcy, celebrated their 58th anniversary in June 2007. They and seven family members took a cruise to the South Pacific in spring of 2007. He and Marcy live on a golf course near Palm Springs, Calif., but spend summers in Minnesota.

1951

Don Brooks, Elk Grove Village, Ill., is enjoying good health, flying, fishing, golf and some great travel.

Brother Ray McManaman, FSC, Romeoville, Ill., is teaching in the theology department of Lewis University. He has worked at Lewis for 38 years. He celebrated 60 years as a Christian Brother in summer 2007.

1953

Father Gerald Conway, Sun City, Ariz., celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination as a priest in Rome, Italy, on Dec. 16, 2006, at the North American College and later in December at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Scottsdale, Arizona, with family and friends. He is currently retired.

Dr. Ronald Goedken, Eagan, Minn., retired in September 2007 from Saint Mary's University – Twin Cities campus after 18 years as a part-time professor and site coordinator in the education department. Ron was a teacher, coach, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, and superintendent in Minnesota and Wisconsin from 1955-1989.

Ron served as an officer in the USMC from 1953-1955.

Dr. Dave Hegg, Kankakee, Ill., retired in 2001 after practicing pediatrics for 44 years. His wife of 51 years, Joan, passed away in November 2006.

Joe Wegman, Rochester, N.Y., moved to a senior citizens complex in June 2007 and he is the youngest person there. His wife, Suzanne, passed away in November 2006 after a long illness. She is sadly missed. Joe has quite a support system in his wonderful four children, who all live nearby.

1954

Sid MacLeod, Philadelphia, Pa., was honored on April 20, 2007, by LaSalle University at its annual "Night of the Shining Star" for his numerous generous contributions he has made to their community.

1955

Jerome Binko, Mount Pleasant, S.C., and his wife, Nancy, moved to South Carolina.

Dr. Bernard Dansart, Dubuque, Iowa, and his wife, Marilyn, completed a spiritual direction training program at the Franciscan Spirituality Center in La Crosse, Wis. They both practice spiritual direction in the Dubuque area.

1956

Ken Monaco, Overland Park, Kan., retired.

Daniel Morgan, LaGrange Park, Ill., and his wife, **Nancy (Schaefer CST '56)**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 31, 2007.

Dr. Gerry and Janice (Fowler CST '56) Peterson, Davis, Calif., had their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25, 2006. They celebrated by going to Japan in April 2007 to visit family.

Elmer (Bud) Randolph, Aurora, Ill., is retired and moved to the 55 and older community; he loves not having to mow or shovel! He still works at YMCA and the local golf course.

William (Bill) Schacht, Jr., Saint Louis, Mo., attended Saint Mary's College during his freshman year (1952-53). He left and attended to Saint Louis University (SLU) and received his bachelor's in 1956 and his master's in 1957. He just had his 50th anniversary at SLU. Bill and his wife, Carol, returned to Winona in 1979 for a visit.

Howard Tomashek, Winona, is an artist and attends 30-34 shows and sales each year. He and his wife, Patte, are having fun doing the shows, and they sell about 200-300 sculptures each year. They spend three months in Florida (January through March) and usually do 10-12 shows in Florida. (This year he won a first prize in sculpture at Peminoko Pines Art Show in Florida.)

1957

Donald Chopp, Indian Head Park, Ill., is an associate member of the Congregation of Saint Joseph. He has been a minister of care at Saint Francis Xavier in La Grange, Ill., for 17 years, and he has ministered with an inter-faith refugee resettlement group for 14 years, where he sponsored 17 families. He and his wife, Marilyn, have four children and six grandchildren. He continues to golf and read and enjoys walking.

James Dolan, Dawsonville, Ga., and his wife, Sandy, will celebrate their 50th anniversary in the fall of 2007. They are blessed with three daughters, three great sons-in-law and five super grandchildren. They have built a nice home within view of the Southern Appalachians and are enjoying life to its fullest.

Deacon Thomas Fricke, Downers Grove, Ill., was assigned to Christ the Servant

Parish in Woodridge, Ill., and is part of the community clergy at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, Ill.

1958

Father Thomas Mayefske, Albuquerque, N.M., was awarded the "Faithful Servant Award." The award is granted to someone who has made a significant liturgical contribution in the Southwest Liturgical Conference. He is the pastor of Holy Ghost Parish in Albuquerque.

Donavan Merck, Lodi, Calif., is retired from the California Department of Education. He and his wife, Pat, have been married for 46 years.

Robert Schwendau, Chicago, lives in association with the Christian Brothers Community, De La Salle Chicago. He is a part-time academic advisor of undergraduates at Saint Xavier University.

John Taylor, Hoffman Estates, Ill., retired in 2001 after 40 years in the insurance industry. He and his wife, **Helen (Herbert CST '58)**, are enjoying cruising and spending time with their children, 24 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is active in senior sports (softball, volleyball) and health club activities.

1959

Reverend James Bream, Watertown, S.D., worked as a parish priest for the Sioux Falls Diocese for 43 years.

1961

Brother Konrad Diebold, FSC, Chicago, finished his 20th year as president at Chicago's oldest high school – Saint Patrick's, established in 1861. He is celebrating his 50th year as a Brother of the Christian Schools. He is proud of his Saint Mary's education and his participation

on the Saint Mary's University Board of Trustees.

Peter J. Hartford, Gibson City, Ill., retired from the University of Iowa Library on May 23, 1997.

Richard "Dick" Miller, Davisburg, Mich., has no more teenagers at home. Their youngest son Tim plays hockey for the University of Michigan. Dick and his wife, Kathleen, and their eight other children follow Tim's career while raising their own families. He is looking forward to the 50th anniversary in 2011.

Edward Passe, Wabasha, Minn., lives in Wabasha from April to December and in Estero, Fla., from January to March.

James Swinson, Lombard, Ill., enjoys traveling and volunteering at a food pantries and overnight shelters. It is very rewarding.

Giles Wilborn, Grosse Pointe, Mich., has two sons, Michael and Dave. Michael graduated from Northern Michigan University and is now in year two in the Peace Corps in Zambia, Africa. Dave is finishing

his freshman year at Arizona State University in Mesa and works as a cowboy in the Superstition Mountain foothills. In the summer, he will do more cowboying and rodeo riding in Flagstaff, Ariz.

1962

Robert Bock, Palm Springs, Calif., is semi-retired. He works part-time as a supervisor for registered nurses. He and his wife, Sharon, share the hobby of world-wide traveling.

Richard Bonucelli, Scottsdale, Ariz., is president of Steri-Pharm Technologies of Phoenix.

Dr. Jim Dillon, Riverside, Calif., teaches at the University of California, Riverside. He plans to write a treatise on the nature of education.

Stuart English, Madison, Conn., is planning to retire in 2008, if only the kids would leave home!

Brother Patrick O'Brien, FSC, Ferdinand, Ind., has settled into a retirement job as a gift officer with the Benedictine Sisters. He

says it is great living near the monastery and being included in much of the Benedictine lifestyle.

Dr. Philip Schaffer, Richfield, Minn., has been retired since October 2005. His current activities include building an airplane, traveling occasionally and serving on several volunteer committees.

1963

Richard Crangle, Salt Lake City, Utah, is the founder and president of Crantec Research, which develops innovative medical products. He has been a professor at Augustana College and Creighton University. He currently teaches one class per semester at Westminster College. He published his fifth book, *Volume 5 Ethical Tech*, in his Invention Works series.

Deacon Joseph Forgue, Yukon, Okla., retired as supervisory chaplain from the Federal Correctional Institution in El Reno, Okla., on Feb. 28, 2007. He will continue to freelance at retreats/catechetical workshops.

Mike Stallings, Culver, Ind., is semi-retired from Mirar Custom Homes, Inc., a custom home-building company which he founded in 1987. He and his wife, Patty, travel in their motor-home to the warm climates for three months each winter.

Anthony (Tony) Towey, Des Plaines, Ill., was ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1973 and serves at Saint Stephen Protomartyr Church in Des Plaines. He retired in January of 2007 after 33 years with the U.S. Department of Labor, OSHA teaching industrial hygiene at its national training center in the Chicago area. Currently his life is centered on his wife, Patricia, of 40 years and his five children and 16 grandchildren. They try to visit Saint Mary's every five years during Homecoming and they are looking forward to the 45th in 2008.

Edward Zabrocki, Tinley Park, Ill., is retired from Brother Rice High School as director of guidance after 42 years. He has two sons and four grandchildren.

1964

Tom Craig, Cecil, Wis., celebrated his 25th anniversary as a deacon on May 22, 2007 — 23 of those years in full-time church ministry.

Paul Hundt, River Grove, Wis., is president of Hundt Financial services. He and his wife, Patricia, are the founders of Aquinas Academy in Menomonee Falls, Wis., established in 1991. He is also founder (1999) and chairperson of the Ridge History Park in La Crosse County ("Brother Robert would approve").

Dr. Roman Motyka, Juneau, Alaska, says there was record snowfall in Juneau. The skiing is great!

Howard Schwalbach, Flushing, Mich., retired in 2001 from Delphi Automotive Group. Since then he has been employed



A group of Saint Mary's alums gathering for an annual Christmas party last year include, from left: back, Jill (Griffin '90) Scarnavack, Katie (McArdle '90) Schmidt, Rose Einberger '90, Bridgid (Reed '91) Kyle, Sue (Cahill '91) Sullivan, Patty (O'Neill '91) Mulchrone, Sherri (Griffin '89) Lunny, Kathleen Barry '89; middle, Kerry (LaValle '90) Mancuso, Patsy (Dine '92) Carrane, Mary Beth (Tierney '90) Schmalz; front, Carrie (Ross '90) Horkavy, Beth (Fitzgerald '90) Nygard and Betsy (Dine '90) Jeffers.

part-time at Kettering University in the recreation department. He is waiting for his wife, Kathleen, to retire from nursing. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Dr. Gerald Shay, Mount Horeb, Wis., retired from private OB/GYN practice in 2000. He keeps busy by teaching OB/GYN residents at the University of Wisconsin and sex education at the local high school. He has five grandchildren.

James Stoll, Humble, Texas, is purchasing real estate for rent/rehab. He is working as an expert witness in patent litigations concerning water and waste treatment. James is also doing woodworking projects for his five children and nine grandchildren in his spare time.

B. William Vance, Arlington, Texas, has great memories of Saint Mary's College back when it was an institution for young men only. He is proud to have been part of its growth and

development and has watched with pride the status the university has achieved through its high standards and expansion over the years. He is sure his fellow alumni also share the pride and cherish their memories of SMC and SMU.

Tom Von Holtum, Tabernacle, N.J., retired from Campbell Soup Company in 2004, where he worked for 38 years. Tom now enjoys golf, traveling and volunteering on the building committee of his church. Tom attended the Saint Mary's spring baseball game in Clearwater, Fla., on March 18, 2007 with one of his sons. It brought back many memories of Coach Max Molock and his MIAC championship teammates.

1965

T. William Coughlan, Madison Lake, Minn., retired from Coughlan Publishing of Mankato, Minn. He now volunteers for San Miguel Middle

School in Minneapolis; School Sisters of Notre Dame in Mankato; and with the Mankato Area Chamber of Commerce.

George Valaika, Glen Ellyn, Ill., and his wife, Cathy, have returned to the Chicago area following a 31-year career in telecommunications and a two-year stint in Vienna, Austria, working in private equity. He joined Scherer Schweiner Paulick as a senior executive coach and leads their entrepreneurial practice. He and Cathy have been blessed with 11 grandchildren. Their kids live on both coasts, so they get to visit New York City and San Francisco on a regular basis and sprinkle in a few more trips elsewhere.

1966

Andrew Hartle, Richfield, Minn., retired in 2005 and his wife, Patricia, retired in 2006. They have three wonderful children who live in three different states and five grandchildren.

He has been enjoying retirement as it allows him to travel more and pursue his passion of bicycling.

Jerome Hendrickson, Elk River, Minn., is now semi-retired. He substitute teaches at Elk River Senior High School and is a tax preparer for Kordiak Company in Columbia Heights, Minn. He worked for 34 years for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul/Minneapolis.

Robert Kulinski, Akron, Ohio, was elected chair of the National Presidents Roundtable, a membership organization of the United Way presidents. He visited with roommate **Brother Tom Sullivan, FSC '66**, in Kenya, summer 2006. Tom is serving as novitiate director in the Nairobi area.

John Rademacher, Rhinelander, Wis., retired and moved from East Central Wisconsin to the Wisconsin northwoods. He enjoys the peace and quiet of the area. He also hunts and fishes. He and his wife, Christine, are involved in volunteering at their parish thrift store, food program and nursing home visitation.

Merle Wilberding, Dayton, Ohio, was featured in the 2007 edition of *Ohio Super Lawyers* magazine as he was named as a "Super Lawyer" for the 10th year in a row. He was the subject of a feature article entitled "Memories of My Lai."

1967

S. Ned Thompson, Fridley, Minn., Totino-Grace's varsity baseball coach, was awarded the 42nd annual Dick Siebert Award, at the November 2006 Minnesota High School Baseball coaches clinic. The award is given to one coach each year by the Minnesota State High School Baseball Coaches Association for promotion and contributions made to Minnesota High School Baseball.

1968

Myron Bahmer, Little Falls, Minn., retired on Jan. 19, 2007 after 35 years as a licensed



On Feb. 3, 2007, John Edward "OB" O'Brien '79 celebrated surviving a half-century with family and friends at O'Sullivan's Public House in Forest Park, Ill. Helping celebrate his historic event were Saint Mary's graduates including, from left: front, Jane O'Brien (CST '80), Catherine (Moody '81) Elmi, William "Wilbur" Maginot '79, O'Brien '79, Kevin "Lou Babe" Horvath '78, David "Fuzzy" Pawelski '78, Tracy (Quinn '83) Brooker, Susan (Lyons '80) Metzger and Margaret (McElroy '80) Horvath; second row, Michael "Loombo" Horvath '82, Francesco "Frank" Elmi '80, Robert "Bobby" Hearne '80, David "Wood" Skrodzki '79, Michael "Moose" Lyons '79, Richard "Ricky" Trainor '80, Thomas "Bacco" Brooker '80, William "Willie" Sommerfeldt '79, Jack "Jackson" Malooly '79 and David "Jaws/Gramps" Joss '79.

social worker at Morrison County Social Services.

John Frie, Westminster, Colo., and his wife, Margaret, have been married for 39 years. They have two daughters. He is a two-time cancer survivor. They are beginning to travel and enjoying the rewards of life after work. They are looking forward to the next class reunion. Life after Saint Mary's has been great!

Dennis Nigon, Rochester, Minn., was appointed president of the Rochester Catholic Schools.

1969

Edmund Carroll, Aurora, Ill., retired from East Aurora Public Schools in 2003 after 34 years of teaching. Edmund teaches at Waubesa Community College in Sugar Grove, Ill. He is enjoying his semi-retirement very much. He and his wife, **Patricia CST '69**, have recently emptied their nest. Of their five children, three graduated from Saint Mary's, and 10 grandchildren are scattered from Minnesota to Texas, so they get to travel a great deal. It was great to be back on campus for all the parent activities.

Ron Petrich, Sacramento, Calif., does extensive volunteer work and fundraising for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. Check out the web site at www.ccfa.org. In June of 2006 he organized "Got Guts at Thunderhill" which raised more than \$10,000 for medical research.

Wayne Wagner, Darien, Ill., retired in June of 2007 after 36 years with American Greetings Corporation. He loves spending time with his two granddaughters.

Joseph Wirtz, Livingston, Texas, and his wife, Theresa, still live full-time in their RV after selling their house five years ago. They have been all over the country, working, sightseeing and building Habitat homes.

1970

Dr. William Cunningham, Grand Rapids, Mich., was selected as a recipient of the 2007 Walter F. Patenge Medal of Public Service. He was awarded for excellence in the areas of health care, education and public service.

Eliot Kapitan, Springfield, Ill., has been on the staff of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois since 1988. He is the director for worship and the catechumenate. This past year he provided liturgy formation for the first class of permanent deacons for the diocese.

Reverend Eugene Klein, Springfield, Mo., completed more than 20 years with the United States military overseas and received his five-year award at the USMCFP in Springfield, Mo. as a chaplain.

Tom Persoon, Coralville, Iowa, is the lean management engineer at the University of Iowa.

John Ryan, Westchester, Ill., spent 22 years at Saint Joseph High School in Westchester, Ill. He also spent three years as assistant women's basketball coach at DePaul University in Chicago. For the past eight years he has been a counselor and head girl's basketball coach at Carmel High School in Mundelein, Ill. John has been married to his wife, Patricia, for 11 years. He has one daughter, five stepchildren and four grandchildren.

1971

William Carroll, Eagan, Minn., is retired and enjoying it! He and his wife, **Kathleen (Marion CST '71)**, are empty-nesters with two beautiful grandchildren. They get together with the Hertzes, Lofthuses, Kopischkes, Fredricks and the Kaspars at their lake place every summer. They all miss the Tracys. If you are ever in the Twin Cities – look them up.

Dr. Frederick Geyer, Cheshire, Conn., is the chief executive officer at VBrick Systems.

Tony Gudaitis, Brooklyn Park, Minn., has two children, Joseph, 8, and Christina, 12. He is a test supervisor for Minntech, a medical company specializing in kidney dialysis and reprocessing equipment.

Thomas Haffner, Naperville, Ill., works for Andersen Concrete Pumping as an operator. He misses the good old days at Saint Mary's!

Ronald Stoll, Dubuque, Iowa, is a traditionalist Catholic and an Apologist. He does volunteer work. He will continue to pray for all Saint Mary's alumni. God bless everyone!

1972

Kevin Karnick, Tomball, Texas, is employed as a senior investigative consultant assigned to the organized crime drug enforcement task force covering South Texas to the San Diego area. His son, Daniel, will be a senior at Saint Mary's this year and his daughter, Mary, will be a freshman.

Father John Lantsberger, Watertown, S.D., is in his seventh year as pastor of Holy Name Church, and is completing 31 years of ordination to the priesthood.

Kevin Sullivan, Mokena, Ill., is a full-time real estate agent. He has three grandchildren.

1973

James Morrissey, Bartlett, Ill., took a trip this year to the Spring Training Cactus League, where Saint Mary's alum, **Frank (Roto) Reuter '72**, and a bunch of other friends had a super time. The youngest of his four sons graduated in May of 2007 from Illinois State University. He says, "Go White Sox! Nine more ring fingers left."

Rev. Michael Sandweg, Manchester, Mo., has started a new part-time position at the firm Scottrade and is learning how to speak French and play the piano.

1974

Vito Cavallo, Naperville, Ill., encourages all alumni to support each other in the business community regardless of their class year.

Kathy (Routson) Shabelski, Great Falls, Mont., and her husband, Ed, have two girls, Danielle, 14, and Kailey, 11.

1975

Dr. William Boulanger, Mahomet, Ill., and his company, Obiter Research, LLC broke ground on a new 19,200 square-foot facility located in north Champaign, Ill. They do contract chemical research, as well as prepare research chemicals. He hopes to dovetail with the new drug discovery unit at the University of Illinois. Bill is an adjunct professor at the University of Illinois organic chemistry department. He teaches incoming organic chemistry graduate students and runs the university's high pressure lab. Some of their recent work overlapped with SMU emeritus professor Larry Dieterman's graduate research.

David Feeney, Moline, Ill., retired from John Deere on April 30, 2007, after 30 years of service. He and his wife, Carole, spent January and February 2007 in Florida to avoid the winter. It was fun! They plan to travel the United States in their motorhome and see all the wonderful sights.

Paul Krantz, Palatine, Ill., and his wife, **Denise CST '76**, celebrated their 28th wedding anniversary in April 2007. They have three children who are all doing well. Paul still maintains a bond with his TKE classmates through special functions and get-togethers.

Father Andy Michels, Ivanhoe, Minn., has a new position as a pastor with the New Ulm Diocese. In his free time, he does telecommunication in ham radio, plays chess, writes and gives retreats.

Rick Shanahan, Kenosha, Wis., teaches at Bell School, Chicago,

where he is in his 20th year. This is his 32nd year in the Chicago public school system. Rick has been living in Kenosha for 17 years and keeps a condo in Chicago to ease the long drives during the week.

Dr. Lamont Weide, M.D., Ph.D., Overland Park, Kan., first became interested in photography 35 years ago. At that time he used a 110 camera! Then, 21 years ago, he bought his first 35mm and has never looked back. He especially enjoys scenic and travel photography and photographing mountains and flowers. He is a physician and the chief of endocrinology at the University of Missouri – School of Medicine in Kansas City. Check out his web site www.lamontphotos.com.

1976

Bill Clarey, Humble, Texas, is a partner with Clarey/Napier International in Houston, Texas.

Mike Gribbens, Fairburn, Ga., is assisting in opening new destinations for Delta Airlines, including Tel Aviv, Israel; Accra, Ghana; and South Africa. He travels about 90 percent of the time. He had a great time at the 30th reunion and looks forward to the next one. Thanks to **Rich Reedy '76!**

Kim (Steffens) Marshall, Mansfield, Texas, and her husband, Tom, have two daughters Robin, 22, and Lindsey, 20. Lindsey was born with Down syndrome. She is thriving at Green Oaks School, which Kim and two friends founded nearly eight years ago. Their students range in age from 8 to 21. Kim and Tom celebrated their 30th anniversary in August 2007.

Suzanne Rosauer, Sandpoint, Idaho, is a marketing manager of Cold Water Creek, a women's apparel and day spa.

Angela Scully Steger, Wilmette, Ill., has a daughter, Francie Steger, who will be a freshman at Saint Mary's in the fall of 2007. She will be playing hockey on the women's hockey team. Go Saint Mary's!

Jim Suddendorf, Orono, Minn., was appointed president of Gelco Trade Management Group in October 2006.

1977

Joan (Newell) Farrell, Mount Juliet, Tenn., retired from accounting work and went back to school. She received a diploma in dental assisting and works as a dental assistant and practice manager.

Rita Heuel, Crystal Lake, Ill., has been with Allstate Insurance Company for the past 13 years as a direct claim analyst, managing litigation involving asbestos and environmental claims. She and her husband, Steve, have two boys, Brenden, 14, and Brant, 11, so it will be awhile before they retire and have grandchildren.

Steven Kraus, Livingston, N.J., worked for 21 years in low-income counties with Catholic Relief Services, the U.S. Department of State, and then with the United Nations. Steven now serves as the global AIDS coordinator for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), based in New York City. Since graduating from Saint Mary's, he has completed graduate degrees in public health and social work from the University of Minnesota and post-graduate degrees in science and tropical medicine from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in London, England.

John Loebel, Mundelein, Ill., offers all Saint Mary's and College of Saint Teresa graduates half-price cardio scans, lung screening, whole body scans and dexa. Also see John for any of your MRI or CT X-Ray or nuclear stress testing needs.

Brother Joe Russell III, FCT '77, Waukegan, Ill., is the first Arapaho/African American mix to be recognized as a clan Windstar for the United Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes. Due to artifacts retrieved on an archeological dig Joe and his students did, local and state history is being revised.

Tom Smat, Naperville, Ill., is director of global operations for GMAC Relocation. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children.

1978

Susan Fuerstenberg, Hercules, Calif., and her husband Jeff Boore have a biotechnology business partnering with academics who wish to do large scale genome projects. The company, Genome Projects Solutions, is based in Hercules. Go to www.genomeprojectolutions.com.

Robert Matt, Omaha, Neb., was married in Sept. 2006 to his wife, Cindy. He is the owner of The Bedding Company, and opened four mattress stores in January 2007.

Debra Mehling, San Rafael, Calif., lived in Germany for 12 years with her husband, Wolf Eberhard, and three children; they moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1997. Wolf is an associate professor in clinical research in integrative and family medicine at the University of California in San Francisco.

Reverend Kevin Niehoff, O.P., J.C.L., Albuquerque, N.M., works as a judge for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. He completed his doctoral dissertation and hopes to defend it soon. Work, hobbies and friends keep his life full and productive.

Timothy Sauter, Robbinsdale, Minn., has a new position as a senior tax manager at Deloitte Touche.

1979

Michael Charron, Winona, was appointed as the dean of the School of the Arts for the undergraduate College at Saint Mary's University.

Terry O'Malley, Woodridge, Ill., started a new job in August of 2006 with Merrill Lynch. He and his wife, **Ann (Welsh '80),** have a son, John, a sophomore at Saint Mary's. His two brothers, Bill '07 and Dan '06, also are alumni of Saint Mary's.

Jim Wizzgird, Neenah, Wis., says, "The walleyes are biting on Lake Winnebago."

1980

Alisan (Soucheray) Engle, White Bear Lake, Minn., and her husband, Mike, are proud parents of Sarah, who graduated from Saint Mary's in May 2007.

Mark Ferrante, Chicago, celebrated the 16th year anniversary of the opening of his solo-practice law firm.

Robert Obarski, Naperville, Ill., is vice president and sells institutional investments for JP Morgan Securities. He recently earned the designation of chartered financial analyst.

Peg (Zoubek) Pavlik, Coon Rapids, Minn., was named part-time program director for the bachelor's completion program in accounting at Saint Mary's University's Twin Cities campus.

Joseph Phillips, Downers Grove, Ill., had a great career with Arthur Andersen/Andersen Consulting. He has joined the local utility as the vice president of Intergrys Business Support, acquired by Wisconsin Public Service Corporation of Green Bay. He is now he is spending time between the two work locations (Green Bay and Chicago).

Kathy (Sheridan) Sula, Winona, serves in a newly created position as vice president of business development for marketing and design, while also serving as project manager for PrintSmart4U.com, an e-commerce division of W&C Printing Company offering design and print services.

1981

Debra (Broschofsky) Brobin, Ely, Minn., became a grandmother for the first time on Nov. 2, 2006, to Hannah Sophia Broschofsky. Debra also has a 12-year-old son, Jesse James Brobin.

Cathy (Moody) Elmi, Chicago, is a state regulatory manager

with Wellmark International in Schaumburg, Ill.

Greg (Peck) Pechman, Burnsville, Minn., and his wife, **Jeannie (Martin '81)**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in September 2006. Greg is an avid golfer. They spend most their summer weekends in Door County, Wis. If you are heading that way, look them up.

1982

Mary (Streich) Disick, Salem, Mass., completed her Master of Education in Elementary Education in May 2006. She is teaching second grade at Our Lady of the Assumption School.

Sharon (Falkiner) Fernandez, Aurora, Ill., graduated from a three-year lay ministry training program on May 26, 2007.

Brian Hake, Faribault, Minn., retired from the United States Army Reserve after 24 years of service.

Edward O'Malley, Prospect Heights, Ill., changed jobs after 14 years with the National Stock Exchange. He now works for Allston Trading Company.

1983

Kathleen (Marek) Gleich, Hastings, Minn., will be named one of 12 national winners of National Catholic Education Association's 2007 Distinguished Teacher Award in April 2007.

Daniel Lange, Palos Heights, Ill., is coaching men's basketball at Moraine Valley Community College. He is also an instructor at Carl Sandburg High School.

1984

Doug Hettinger, Olathe, Kan., completed his Master's in Business Administration degree in February 2007 at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Bob Kane, Forest Lake, Minn., celebrated his 20th anniversary with Mohawk Moving and Storage. He still hunts and fishes in the Minnesota area.

1985

Sue (Jeffrey '85) Busen, Palos Heights, Ill., released a book, *Tap into Joy: A Guide to Emotional Freedom Techniques* for kids and their parents.

Bill Janson, Moorhead, Minn., is a senior financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. He and classmate **Kevin Murphy '85** recently visited in Phoenix.

1986

Ann Marie Jordan, Bellingham, Wash., and her partner purchased a house two years ago through Kulshan Community Land Trust. Ann was elected to the land trust board of trustees in November 2006.

John Kowalski, Potomac Falls, Va., is the new sales director of the pro audio division of HM Electronics. He and his wife, Christine, have two sons, Eddie and Tommy. They celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary.

Kelly (Gleason) McNamara, Vernon Hills, Ill., received her master's degree in education from St. Xavier in 1996. Kelly and her husband, Bill, have three children Dylan, 11, Connor, 9, and Kayla, 5.

1987

Bill Holmes, Hawthorn Woods, Ill., is the Midwest regional sales manager for Blackmer.

Steve Hyzny, Brookfield, Ill., received a Master of Science in Information Technology/Network Architecture and Design Specialization from Capella University in August 2006.

Linda (Hayes) Rawa, Chicago, and her husband, Robert, have two children, Robert, 3, and Holly, 1.

Joe Tiffany, Rockton, Ill., has a new position as branch manager at Tri State First Class Supply.

Daniel Verdick, Woodbury, Minn., is director of marketing for ABDO Publishing Group and also serves as president of the board of directors for Mid-List

Press, a non-profit literary publisher based in Minneapolis.

1988

Mary (Welsh) Holtorf, Austin, Minn., is the director of the Austin Area Catholic Schools.

Stephen Holtorf, Austin, Minn., works as supervisor of data and voice communications with Hormel Foods Corporation.

Denise (DeCarlo) Lannon, Orland Park, Ill., is an association relationship manager for Constellation New Energy. She wishes all her classmates a year filled with love, joy, happiness and health.

Sarah (Otteson) Shultz, Osage, Iowa, completed her K-12 administration degree through the University of Minnesota.

Anne Porst-Tressler, Minneapolis, reports that her daughter, Megan Murphy, finished her first year at Saint Mary's and loved it from day one! "It was like sending her home." Anne was named a Minnesota Super Lawyer Rising Star for the second year in a row. She founded Tressler Law in 2001.

1989

Robert Babikan, Mount Prospect, Ill., accepted a national account area manager position with Edward Don and Company in July of 2006. He is responsible for sales and management of eight regional sales people who cover the northern half of the United States.

James Bischoff, St. Louis, Mo., is a sales manager for Bissinger's Chocolate. He and his wife, Susan, have three children Jimmy, 12; Jacque, 10; and John, 8. They enjoy vacationing with **John '89** and **Julie (Jones '90) McCormick** in Grand Haven, Mich., every summer.

Reverend Gregory Ketcham, Champaign, Ill., is director and head chaplain at St. John Catholic Newman Center at the University of Illinois.

Kevin Lund, Maplewood, Minn., was hired to be the fifth-grade teacher at IHM-Saint Luke's Catholic School. He also had the opportunity to go on a cruise to Europe.

1990

Mary Karen Fick, Chicago, is a police officer and is starting a master's program in police psychology.

Robert Szydlowski, Saint Louis, Mo., accepted a sales position with Citigroup's Home Equity division.

1991

Neil Boyle, Westchester, Ill., was elected as a trustee of the Village of Westchester and his wife, **Jennifer (Smith '91) Boyle** was re-elected as a trustee of the Village of Westchester Library Board.

Patrick Clarey, Pewaukee, Wis., is the owner/director of Clarey Basketball Club, LLC and the girl's head basketball coach at Brookfield Academy.

Nick Cooney, Westchester, Ill., was elected to Carol Stream Park District Board.

Dr. Kris Kienlen, Minneapolis, is a forensic psychologist for the District Court of Minnesota and has a private practice in Minneapolis.

Maria Kreidermacher, Altura, Minn., left Ball Horticultural Company, an international horticultural company, after 10 years. She has returned to the family business, Pork and Plants, and looks forward to using her experience in marketing to build the business for the future.

Robert Weber, West Peoria, Ill., received his professional traffic operations engineer certification from the Institute of Transportation Engineers. The certification is held by fewer than 2,000 transportation engineers worldwide. He has written and recorded contemporary Christian music and has two compact disks. Find more at his web site, www.allthingsnewministries.org.



Saint Mary's classmates got together in Winona in 2006 for some golfing, a tour of campus and some laughs. Reuniting were, from left: Paul Elliott '95, Pete Fehlen '96, Stephenie (Sackett '96) Elliott, Camas (Dimond '96) Maroney, Kristi (Wenthold '96) Dougherty and Ken Hanrahan '96.

1992

Steven R. Beaudry, Las Vegas, Nev., has a new position as a sports copy editor at *Las Vegas Review-Journal* (Stephens Media).

Tricia (Winders) Grossert, Burlington, Wis., has two daughters, Lorelie, 3, and Natalie, 1.

Mary (Beaner) Hollingshead, Sioux Falls, S.D., is the office manager at Olson Oil Co. She and her husband, Chris, are proud grandparents of Alana Louise.

Kimberly (Roseman) Jacobs, Wilmington, N.C., and her husband, Randy, celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary in early July 2006. They have three daughters. Kimberly keeps in regular contact with **Amy Jo (Patterson '92) Maruschak**.

Susan McGlynn, Oak Lawn, Ill., published her first novel, *Nomad's Land*, in winter 2007. With its success and positive reviews came an offer to write another, maybe a sequel.

Jeanne (Grassl) Parsons, Oakdale, Minn., works at 3M in marketing and communications. Jeanne and her husband, Steve, have a 6-year-old daughter, Jordan.

Arturo Vera, Queretaro, Mexico, is the owner of ARALFA Pest Control since February 2000. He married his wife, Karina, in May of 1998, and they have two beautiful daughters Sophia, 7, and Emilia, 4.

Tom Wistrick, Eden Prairie, Minn., and his wife, **Kelly (Kluge '92) Wistrick**, moved to Eden Prairie in May of 2006 when he took a new job as the associate athletic director at the University of Minnesota. They have two sons, JT, 7, and Jack, 3.

1993

Patrick Jamen, Chicago, is writing new and maintaining the current standard operating procedures for Chicago's Office of Emergency Management and Communications. Patrick and his wife, Megan, have three chil-

dren, Molly, 5, and twins, Leaheey and Colin, 2. Patrick would love to hear from those who remember him and care to reconnect.

Dr. Joseph McCormick, Appleton, Wis., has a busy orthopedic practice, with special interest in joint replacement, sports medicine and pediatrics. Joe and his wife, Keri, have three children, Maddi, 7; Kylie, 4; and Evan, 1.

Kathy (Bird) Peterson, Naperville, Ill., has worked at Patterson Dental for 12 years but recently took a sales representative position.

1994

Shannon (Hansen) Christenson, Greenfield, Wis., is a human resource director at Aurora Health Care.

Nathan Daubner, Princeton, Minn., works at Princeton High School as a social studies teacher and middle school coach. He and his wife, **Jennifer (Leis '97)**, also work for a patent company out of Milaca, Minn.

Nicole (Grothe) Manes, Lakeville, Minn., was promoted to senior program manager with West Thomson. She and her husband, **Corby Manes '95**, have two daughters, Morgan and Megan.

Alina Muller, Minneapolis, has been self-employed as an information technology consultant in the Twin Cities area for the past two years. She loves working for herself and meeting new people, so she definitely is enjoying her dream job.

Maura O'Shea, Chicago, has a new position as a personal banker with Beverly Bank and Trust.

Kristin (Witt) Paul, Shakopee, Minn., has been a family child care provider for five years. Her husband, **Aaron Paul '94**, has been a police officer for the city of Bloomington for 12 years.

Dr. Cheryl (Ernst) Serb, Waukesha, Wis., is enjoying a busy family medicine practice in

Harland, Wis. She specializes in gynecology, obstetrics and pediatrics. Cheryl and her husband, **Bill Serb '94**, have three children, Ben, 6; Maria, 3; and Timmy, 2. Bill is coaching girls' club volleyball and stays home with the kids.

Patrick Sylvester, Wilmette, Ill., started Sylvester Law Firm, PC. The firm serves clients in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Florida. The firm practices in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, and related litigation. Look him up at www.sylvesterlawfirm.com.

1995

Beatriz Bettler, Marina Del Rey, Calif., and her husband, Jose Pompa, celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on Feb. 20, 2007.

Danielle (Lee) Bailey, Edgartown, Mass., opened up a new children's store in Martha's Vineyard in August 2006. The store focuses on newborns through age 6. You can check out the store at www.kiddos-mv.com

Anne Egan, Lake City, Minn., graduated with her Registered Nursing degree from Minnesota State College-Southeast Technical, Red Wing, Minn., in May 2006 and accepted a position on medical/surgical/peds floor at Fairview Hospital in Red Wing. She is starting a master's degree program in nursing at Augsburg College in fall 2007.

Tracy (Trowbridge) Hale, Trempealeau, Wis., was promoted to business specialist for Wells Fargo Bank in May 2006 in Winona. She also completed her 16th year as head coach for the Winona Figure Skating Club, which has 140 members.

Brian Himlie, Kasson, Minn., has a new position with the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a correctional officer.

Corby Manes, Lakeville, Minn., and a few of his hockey friends will be opening HDC Hockey Development Center powered by Total Hockey.

Gina Morgando, Lakewood Ranch, Fla., is the owner of Che Bella Aveda Lifestyle Salon/Spa.

1996

Derek Hemmer, Sartell, Minn., has a new position with Wells Fargo Bank as of November 2006 as a business relations manager.

Camas (Dimond) Maroney, Burnsville, Minn., decided to become a stay-at-home mom after working several years in property management. She and her husband, Matt, have two children, Annabella, 4, and Aiden, 2.

Beth Oberfoell, Palatine, Ill., is teaching English at a Christian Brothers School, Driscoll Catholic High School.

Aimee (Nelson) Peltier, Spicer, Minn., is a Bremer Investments manager.

Anne (Dawson) Powell, was reunited with her husband, Lt. Clint Powell, who was in Iraq for more than a year. They are now traveling Europe with their toddler and preparing to move to a base in beautiful Bavaria.

Brian Wagner, Oak Lawn, Ill., is working as the corporate executive chef at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

Dan Wallek, White Bear Lake, Minn., accepted a new position with an independent book publisher, Lerner Publishing Group, as their director of electronic content.

1997

Laura (O'Connor) Bowman, Mankato, Minn., was promoted to president of the Mankato United Way. She and her husband, David, have two children, Gracie, 3, and Rafe, 1.

Jane (Healy) Brown, Forest Park, Ill., continues to work as a project manager for Chase Retail Banking Center in the Midwest.

Bob Fisher, Winona, Minn., completed his Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development

from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in December 2006.

Christie (Hertling) Gergen, Milroy, Minn., and her husband, **Trent '96**, have been married for 10 years. They have three children. She teaches both band and vocal in Milroy school district and teaches private piano and organ lessons. She is on the Milroy Area Charter School Board of Directors.

Julie (Giebe) Houchin, Ballwin, Mo., has decided to be a stay-at-home mother to Caleb, 7; Elizabeth, 6; and Grace, 2. She is very excited to be involved in their school activities and to spend more time with them. Julie will still do substitute teaching at The Elegant Child.

Sheila (Hannon) McGill, Saint Paul, Minn., was named head women's soccer coach for the University of St. Thomas.

Anthony Thomas, Burr Ridge, Ill., just wants to say hi and let everyone know that life is good!

1998

Tracy (Klassen) Curran, Saint Albans, England, and her husband, Anthony, live with their sons, Joshua, 5, and Luke, 2. They bought a house and are looking to do more freelance retreat work and training in the near future.

Bernie Dalcamo, Chicago, completed Mortuary School at Malcolm X College in July of 2006 and is serving his apprenticeship at Drechsler, Brown and Williams Funeral Home.

Milagros (Millie) Gomez, Arlington Heights, Ill., is a data coordinator at the Northbrook Police Department.

Alex Hove, Bayport, Minn., was promoted to director of compliance information technologies at GMAC ResCap.

Jami Hughes, Psy.D., Shakopee, Minn., took a new position as the program supervisor at Partners in Excellence in Burnsville. This organization provides applied behavior analysis therapy to children with autism. Jami is close to completing a

post-doctoral supervision for licensure.

Dr. Michael Linden, Seattle, Wash., is working as a resident in the department of pathology for the University of Washington. He and his partner, Marc Schulte, are enjoying the opportunity to discover a new part of the country.

Dan Olsen, Evergreen Park, Ill., is completing his Ph.D. at Loyola University in theology. He is an adjunct professor at Lewis University and holds a teaching fellowship at Loyola. He was recently awarded a dissertation fellowship for the 2007-08 academic year.

Reverend Tait Schroeder, Ridgeway, Wis., is serving as pastor of St. Bridget's in Ridgeway and Immaculate Conception in Barneveld. He was named Vicar for Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Madison in November 2006.

Dr. Josh Takagishi, Cincinnati, Ohio, finished his pediatric residency at the University of Chicago. He is in the process of completing a fellowship in sports medicine at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Josh was married to Allison Pitzer in Columbus, Ohio, in December 2006.

1999

James and Gina (Mandeville) Karnick, Lombard, Ill., have two children, Jimmy, 3; and Anthony, 1. James received his master's degree in tax from DePaul University in November 2005. Gina works part-time and is a stay-at-home mom.

Matthew and Lisa (Brandt) Mueller, Brookfield, Wis., have a 20-month-old daughter, Jade. Matt works for a social service company, Ways to Work, as director of government funding. Lisa is a registered nurse at Saint Luke's Medical Center in the neurosurgical intensive care unit.

Tracy (Folliard) Olsen, Evergreen Park, Ill. and her husband, **Dan '98**, have been married for five years. They have two children, Abigail, 2, and Matthew 1. She works full-time

for a consulting firm located in downtown Chicago doing real estate management and implementation.

Katie (Broich) Stensing, Winona, worked at Wenonah Canoe as a graphic designer/webmaster for the past three years.

Martin Stensing, Winona, was a mathematics teacher at Saint Mary's. He has accepted a position at Northwest Community College for the 2007-08 school year, in Powell, Wyo.

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Jaime (McMahon) Albee, Minneapolis, Minn., and her husband, **Nate '01** relocated back to the Midwest from Washington, D.C. They purchased a duplex with fellow alum **John Kramschuster '01**. She is working as a business analyst for Mpowered Consulting, a company started by **Melinda Moses '99**. They both love to travel in their free-time.

Carolyn (Walsh) Engberg, Red Wing, Minn., started a business from home called "Gifts by Carrie." The business will sell handmade gifts and cards, as well as custom order gift baskets.

Teresa Miller, Phoenix, Ariz., has a new position at AZ Cardinals as an accountant.

Sara (Schachtner) Measner, Osceola, Wis., is a stay-at-home mom. She serves her parish as a youth minister.

Anthony Piscitiello, New York City, N.Y., is a customer service representative with Capital One Bank.

Angela Schimek, Hopkins, Minn., is a chartered property casualty underwriter and attended a conferment ceremony in Hawaii in September 2007.

Wyatt Smith, Shoreview, Minn., served four years in the United States Air Force as a crew chief. He also graduated from Temple University, cum laude, in geography and urban studies with a minor in political science and is certified in business.

Patrick Sutton, Plymouth, Minn., graduated from Florida Coastal School of Law in May 2006. He works as a corporate analyst for United Health Group, while studying to take both the Florida and Minnesota bar exams.

Jason Tripicchio, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is a customer business manager with UNILEVR.

2001

Kimberly Bennett, Champlin, Minn., has a new position as a clinic manager and physical therapist at Physicians Diagnostics and Rehabilitation.

many SMU alumni). She is now blessed with two children, Maddox, 2, and Eireland, 1. She takes care of the children full-time and teaches acting part-time.

Sara (Zeimetz) Schaudenecker, Rochester, Minn., teaches first grade in Byron, Minn.

Dr. Erin Vogt, Elkins Park, Penn., graduated from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in May 2007 with a Doctorate of Optometry. Erin will move to Washington, D.C. for a short period of time to work as an optometrist.

hopes to be teaching in a middle school or high school in fall 2007.

William Daniel, Winona, Minn., earned a licentiate in canon law from Saint Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, in December 2006. He works for the Diocese of Winona as vice chancellor and defender of the bond in the marriage tribunal. He and his wife, **Meredith (Riewe '02) Daniel**, have a 2-year-old son, Isaac.

Jennifer Ender, Wabasha, Minn., is a Lake Pepin modeling technician with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Amy (Henjum) Meyers, Bloomington, Minn., is juggling four jobs but looking forward to going back to school at Saint Kate's for occupational therapy.

Janie Paulson, Irvine, Calif., received her juris doctor degree, magna cum laude, from Whittier Law School on May 13, 2007.

Katie Peel, Saint Louis, Mo., received her master's in English from Saint Louis University in July 2007. She will start her sixth year of teaching high school English. She teaches at Kirkwood High School.

Holly (Kornely) Pietenpol, Francis Creek, Wis., took a position as a branding agent with Towsleys Incorporated, an international branding and marketing company in May 2006.

Joseph Roche, Winona, was one of two recipients of the 2007 Armand J. Quick Award for Outstanding Senior Medical Student in Biochemistry.

Maisa Rouzer, Chicago, is enrolled in nursing school.

Tim Fredricks, East Lansing, Mich., is working toward a Ph.D. at Michigan State University.

Angela Sobieck, Saint Paul, Minn., is an account manager with United Healthcare.

Nathan Weinandt, Plymouth, Minn., is a loan documentation supervisor with Wells Fargo Financial.

Caitie Wondergem, Milwaukee, Wis., accepted a new position as a human resource generalist with Magnetek on Feb. 12, 2007.

2003

Jodi (Mickelson) Christopherson, Lake City, Minn., is an accounting associate with Microsoft Corporation.



Kristin Sellner '01 and Tim Fredricks '02 were married Sept. 2, 2006. Among the wedding party were Chris Yoch '02, Andy Newton '02, Jennifer (Spiess '02) Warnsholz and Janet Maegerlein '01. The couple resides in East Lansing, Mich., where Tim is working on a Ph.D. at Michigan State and Kristin works in accounting.

Jim Fink, Cloquet, Minn., has a new position in outside sales for Central Steel & Wire Co.

Kristin (Sellner) Fredricks, East Lansing, Mich., works in accounting.

Christy (Ross) Bishop, Fridley, Minn., has a new job as of March 2007 as an interpretive naturalist for Three Rivers Park District at Eastman Nature Center.

Tina Eglund, Las Vegas, Nev., finished her master's degree in administrative leadership in April 2007.

Angela (Hibbard) McCully, West Allis, Wis., married in November 2003 (attended by

2002

Matt Auron, Venice, Calif., is attending Pepperdine University for his master's degree in organization development. He is currently an organizational development director at Los Angeles Universal Preschool.

Jon Bell, St. Louis, Mo., is the new track and field assistant coach at Saint Louis University (Div. I).

Colleen Bourque, Waukesha, Wis., finished her Master of Arts in Instruction at Saint Mary's University in May 2006. She moved to Jackson Hole, Wyo., to begin a graduate program in environmental education at the Teton Science Schools. She

Nell Gelhaus, Henderson, Nev., graduated from Illinois State University in May 2006 with a Master of Music in Voice. While at ISU, she performed roles of "Martha" in the Secret Garden and "Prince Orlofsky" in Die Fledermaus.

Angela Hennen, Jordan, Minn., is the corporate risk coordinator for all Fabcon divisions in Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. She would love to hear from her classmates; please contact her at angela.hennen@fabcon-usa.com.

Dr. Abby Ludwig, Clarksville, Tenn., is transferring to Fort Richardson, Alaska, to be the dentist for the 725th Base Support Battalion of the United States Army.

Jennifer Daniels, Oakdale, Minn., was appointed to the position of advanced quality assurance engineer with the 3M medical division.

Nicole (Schliep) Hahn, Zumbrota, Minn., and her husband, Joey, have two girls, Sophia, 2, and Lauren, 1. She is a stay-at-home mom.

Nicholas Michaels, Dyer, Ind., moved back to Chicago after spending three years in New York. He is pursuing his M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Kristina Morton, Saint Anthony, Minn., is a client services specialist with CB Richard Ellis.

Evey Olson, Eden Prairie, Minn., accepted a new position as inventory analyst for CH Robinson.

Jennifer (Thompson) O'Malley, McHenry, Ill., owns her own seamstress business, Distinctive Designs.

Margaret Ortmann, Lincoln, Neb., is finishing her second year of graduate school at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in the developmental psychology

program. Her first journal publication came out in 2006 in the Developmental Psychology journal.

Jenna Robling, Jordan, Minn., is a first-grade teacher in her fourth year at Guardian Angels Catholic School.

Nickole Schultz, Los Angeles, Calif., moved to Los Angeles five years ago and has held various jobs within the entertainment industry. She is the assistant to the executive producer of the Warner Brothers television show, "Gilmore Girls."

Anna Tomes, Saint Paul, Minn., is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Eagan Valley Pediatrics.

Jennifer Varchmin, Saint Paul, Minn., graduated from William Mitchell College of Law in spring 2007 and is working for the Hennepin County family court as a judicial clerk.

Martha (Stout) Sibbel, Carroll, Iowa, and her husband, Scott, moved to his grandparents' farm last August. She has a new position at Elch Law Firm as an attorney.

2004

Heidi Andre, Minnetonka, Minn., graduated from the Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan, in May 2007.

Alyssa (Butenhoff) Anguiano, Winona, is pursuing a master of instruction degree at SMU.

Brother Robert Brajkovich, Jr., Chicago, is a novice at Society of St. John Cantius.

Adam Ferenzi, Addison, Ill., finished the last of his classwork for a Master of Arts Management in Music Business and Entrepreneurship from Columbia College. He is working full-time handling the day-to-day operations of his company, Tarnius Music Incorporated, www.tarniusmusic.com, and also doing some work as a freelance business and technology consultant with Columbia College, as well as several artists, record labels, and web developers. He is also still an active singer/songwriter and headed into the studio in the spring of 2007 to work on his fourth album.

Melissa Fye, Northbrook, Ill., graduated from the two-year professional actors' conservatory program at the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin, Ireland.

Angela Gulbranson, Tiffin, Iowa, has a new position as a nuclear medical tech at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

Lauren Hinderman, Minnetonka, Minn., was promoted to the position of sales rep. with Kraft Foods.

John Houseman, Clayton, Mo., recently graduated from St. Louis University with a master's in administration of justice. He owns Captured Investigative Agency, LLC, which is a national full-service private investigation firm. The headquarters is in St. Louis, Mo.

Nicki Kadlec, Saint Paul, Minn., is a seventh- and eighth-grade math teacher at HOPE Community Academy.

Rebecca (Ludvigsen '04) Koopal, Lyle, Minn., received her M.A. in Instruction in June 2007 from SMU.

Jennifer Lawrence, Burnsville, Minn., has just returned home after two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Kyrgyz Republic. She has a new position in liturgy/pastoral care at Saint Mary's Home and is the new Twin Cities Chapter president for the Saint Mary's Alumni Association.

Monta May, Winona, is the Saint Mary's University director of web communications. She received her Master of Fine Art in Interdisciplinary Arts on Feb. 11, 2007 from Goddard College in Vermont.

Terrie Moeckly, Walker, Minn., graduated in May 2006 from Bemidji State University with a certificate of completion. She can now test to become a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. She received a promotion at Stille Havn Hus in July 2006 to clinical manager for 19 residents with persistent mental illness.

Joan (Zaruba) Oen, Maple Grove, Minn., is deployed in LSA



Sarah Janson '97 and Joe Skinner were married April 22, 2006 at Mount Olivet in Robbinsdale, Minn. The reception was in Brooklyn Center. SMU alumni attending include, from left: back, Brendan Egan '97, Nanal (Ziegler '97) Clements, Colleen (Haggerty '97) Olechowski, Tricia O'Sullivan '97, Noelle (Miller '97) Elder, Sarah Jorgensen '97, Sam Elder '95, Maureen Maslinski '97, Laurie (Cullen '98) Kedrowski, Trent Vorlicek '97, Mark Kedrowski '97, Jesse Murray '98, Martin Stensing '99, Katie (Broich '99) Stensing, Nancy (Carroll '97) Judy, Kara Bancroft '97, Jodie Tasto '97, Ben Murray '96, and Heidi (Voth '97) Gaedy; front, Krista (Larson '97) Arthur, Melanie (Audette '97) Bexell, Sarah (Tureson '97) Murray, Anne Miller '97, Jeanne Coleman '97, Nissa Larson '00, the groom, the bride, Sue Stensing '99, Ami Kuisle '99, Mike Silvis '97 and Amy (Laken '99) Lee.



Jesse Walker '03 and Emily Wright '03 were married April 28, 2006, in Minneapolis. SMU alumni attending included, from left, front: Bob Fisher '97 M'06, the groom, the bride, Margie (Schottler '77) Hamel, Alice (Green '77) Wright; middle row, Jeff Kehl '03, Jim Wright '76, Vince Walker '72, Kate (Bishop '74) Walker, Chris Walker '83, Alexa Brazionis '03, Mary Lou (Black '76) Scheid, Katie Whippis '03, Allison Murray '05; back row, Beth Walch '04, Nick Taylor '03, Jeff Nepl '01, Joe Lentino '03, Brian Casey '05, John Skonieczny '03, Dylan Walker '05, and John Leaf '05. Attending but not pictured were: Dan Traun '77, Peggy (Potter '77) Renz, Karen Dockery '03, Jeff Schwan '03, Sarah Priest '03, Andy Myscowski '02, Liz (McDowell) Myscowski '03 and Alyssa Hamel '10.

Anaconda, Iraq. As a sergeant, she is in charge of soldiers and fuels helicopters. She will be returning home in August of this year after a year and a half of being away from her civilian life.

Jared Pankratz, Crystal, Minn., works for the Rochester Police Department. He and his wife, **Jeana (Schuneman) Pankratz**, are keeping all those serving in the war in Iraq in their prayers and anxiously awaiting the return of **Joan (Zaruba '04) Oen**.

Laura Pengelly, Spring Hill, Fla., is teaching fifth grade at Spring Hill Elementary.

Kimberly Posch, St. Cloud, Minn., has started her own business in sales for Sensana Spa Natural Body Care and has in-home spa parties. She also is a marketing coordinator at Innotek Corporation.

Anna Shields, Saint Paul, Minn., has a new position as an admissions recruiter with Saint Mary's University for the Schools of Graduate and Professional Programs.

Alissa (Schultz) Sullivan, Stillwater, Minn., received her master's degree in clinical psychology in April 2006. She was recently married in Zermatt, Switzerland to a fellow graduate student, Quinn Sullivan.

Kyle Te Poel, Saint Paul, Minn., has joined a band and is finish-

ing a demo compact disk. He started grad school at the University of Minnesota, where he is seeking a master's degree in education recreation/park/leisure studies program.

Renee Willkom, Saint Paul, Minn., graduated in June 2007 from the College of Saint Catherine with a master's in library and information science.

Mindy (Hynes) Winkler, Crystal, Minn., is a registered nurse at Children's Hospital.

Dominika Zaleska, McHenry, Ill., graduated with an Executive Master's in Business Administration from Colorado Technical University in February 2007. In March 2007, she was promoted to training director of CTU online at Career Education Corporation.

2005

Carla Amundson, Lakeville, Minn., graduated with Master of Arts degree in Counseling in May 2007 from the University of St. Thomas.

Gabrielle Buschmann, Shorewood, Wis., has a new position at Colliers Barry Commercial Real Estate as a marketing research administrative assistant.

Mike Bry, Aurora, Ill., has a new position in sales at Concrete Supply Manufacturing.

Jenny Carpenter, Saint Paul, Minn., is the food waste recycling coordinator for Saint Paul Public Schools. She teaches elementary students how to recycle their food waste, which is then fed to hogs on a farm near Anoka, Minnesota. KARE-11 and the Pioneer Press have picked up on the stories, which makes the job very exciting.

Theresa Diekman, Minneapolis, is an association manager with Cities Management, Inc., and will start school fall in 2007 to become a paralegal.

Karl Hatteberg, St. Anthony, Minn., was promoted to communication consultant from communications associate at Wells Fargo.

Sgt. Amanda Kasten, Hugo, Minn., is working full-time for the Minnesota Army National Guard. She was deployed on her birthday, April 9, 2007, to Iraq.

Benjamin Leist, Manitowoc, Wis., is a teacher at Roncalli High School in Manitowoc.

Nicholas Morse, Duluth, Minn., is working at Northwood Children's Services, a treatment center for children with behavior problems. He is finishing up law enforcement training and will be eligible to be licensed as a police officer in the summer of 2008. He enjoys hearing from his fellow classmates.

Nicole Perreault, Coon Rapids, Minn., is still in school! She is attending Northwestern Health Science University to be a licensed acupuncturist and a doctor of chiropractic. Only three years left; then she will be a doctor.

Kelli Peters, Hastings, Minn., is a warrant clerk at the Ramsey County District Court in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Lance Thompson, Winona, is enjoying living in the Winona area and taking in all the Saint Mary's events.

2006

Pamela Berry, St. Louis Park, Minn., successfully completed six years in the Air National Guard in October and was honorably discharged as a Senior Airman. She has a new position as an administrative assistant at Our Lady of Grace Church.

Erik Carlson, White Bear Lake, Minn., is attending chiropractic school at Northwestern Health Science University.

Keith Donovan, Westchester, Ill., has a new position as a religion teacher at St. Joseph High School.

Ryan Girtler, Winona, has a new position as a Windows administrator at Fastenal.

Patrick Good, Hinsdale, Ill. is a financial services representative with Preferred Planning Group of MetLife.

Dominic Lawrence, Winona, recently joined the Office of Development and Alumni Relations at SMU as a leadership gift officer.

Brenda Maurer, Kansas City, Mo., is a Catholic missionary at Fellowship of Catholic University Students.

Nicky (Mensink) Te Poel, Saint Paul, Minn., is in her first year of medical school at the University of Minnesota. She founded a child sponsorship project, called "To Uganda, with Love," for children of St. Anthony's Parish in Migjera, Uganda. The fund provides the children the opportunity to go to school.

Anthony Truhler, Stillwater, Minn., has a new position as senior recruiter at Aerotek.

Nicole Welle, Fargo, N.D., has a new position as an account manager and is the Fargo office manager at Results Unlimited.

2007

Sarah Kay, Winona, accepted a position in the Office of Admission at Saint Mary's University during her senior year. She is recruiting students from Illinois, Iowa, and the East Coast.

Weddings

Eileen McVeigh '74 to Joseph Gluszek, Seneca, Ill., on June 15, 2006.

Mary Frances Coffey '83 to Tim Conrad, Arnolds Park, Iowa, on Nov. 12, 2005. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party included **Laurene Demuth '83**, **Tim Demuth '83**, and **Aileen O'Connell '83**.

Kathy Stender '95 to Robert Thompson, Lauderdale, Minn., on June 3, 2006. Personal attendants were **Andrea Barbel '95**, and **Colleen McGuire '95**.

Rose Ellen Basile '96 to Stephen Hovey, Melrose Park, Ill., on July 14, 2006. Saint Mary's alumni in attendance were **Carey Delozier '96**, **Elizabeth Edmunds '96**, and **Sal Polizzotto '67**.

John McDonald '00 to Leanna Konowicz, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., on Sept. 1, 2006, at South Maluaka Beach, Maui, Hawaii.

Alodia Verhage '00 to Arthur Cruz, New Albany, Miss., eloped on Dec. 20, 2006.

Kristin Sellner '01 to **Tim Fredricks '02**, East Lansing, Mich., on Sept. 2, 2006. Alumni in the wedding party included **Chris Yoch '02**, **Andy Newton '02**, **Jennifer (Warnsholz '02) Spiess**, and **Janet Maegerlein '01**.

Reghann LaFrance '01 to Christopher Corey, Zumbrota, Minn., on May 27, 2006.

Sandra Schaffer '01 to Matthew Warthan, Dubuque, Iowa, on July 8, 2006.

Sara Zeimet '01 to Bob Schaudenecker, Rochester, Minn., on June 24, 2006.

Amy Henjum '02 to Chris Meyers, Bloomington, Minn., on Aug. 26, 2006

Holly Kornely '02 to Anton Pietenpol, Francis Creek, Wis., in October 2006.

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

Paul Berry '03 to Catherine Wagemaker, Minneapolis, on Feb. 17, 2007.

Jessica Johnson '03 to Josh Kirk, Chanhassen, Minn., on Dec. 30, 2006.

Christi Thoni '03 to **Adam Kraemer '03**, Waukesha, Wis., on June 24, 2006.

Nicole (Niki) Lynch '03 to Travis Peterson, Ankeny, Iowa, on Aug. 12, 2006. Attendents from Saint Mary's included; **Hanni Lohmann '04**, **Laura Miller '01**, **Jackie Huegel '03**, **Kaitlyn Olson '04**, **Melissa (Blaser '02) Voigt**, and flower-girl Mia Herick, the daughter of **Nikki Fennern**, SMU staff. Other Saint Mary's alumni in attendance were **Jen Miller '02**, **Gina Rizzardi '03**, **Jenny Schipp '06**, **Amy Edge '05**, **Tom Stewart '06**, **Ben Houtekier '02**, **Kari Smith '02**, **Amy Langer '04**, **Jessica (Johnson '03) Kirk**, **Regan Cahanes '05**, **Krista Conway '05**, **Jill (Hocking '01) Sorensen**, and **Nikki Fennern (SMU staff)**.

Jennifer Varchmin '03 to **Andrew Hover M'06**, Saint Paul, Minn., on Nov. 25, 2006.

Travis Volkman '03, to Emilie Bulman, Winona, in September 2006.

Alyssa Butenhoff '04 to Eugenio Anguiano, Winona, on July 1, 2006.

Mindy Hynes '04 to Mike Winkler, Crystal, Minn., in October 2006.

Laura Lane '04 to Kevin Melby, Richland Center, Wis., on Nov. 4, 2006.

Births and Adoptions

Lauze and **David Volk '76**, Peoria, Ill., a daughter, Meira Amelia, on Jan. 18, 2007.

Kevin Dolan and **Deb Frese '83**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, adopted



All four of these babies are children of Saint Mary's University moms and dads, and all were born in 2006. These potential 2028 SMU students include, from left: Jacob Michael Engstrom, born July 22, 2006 to Mike Engstrom '00 and Holly (Steenberg '99) Engstrom; Ellanore Grace Galvin, born Aug. 14, 2006, to Bob Galvin '99 and Jessica (Morris '00) Galvin; Kate Isabelle Anderson, born July 16, 2006, to Corey Anderson '99 and Stacey (Simenson '00) Anderson; and James Justin Fee, born Sept. 5, 2006, to Paul Fee '00 and Amy (Engwer '00) Fee.

Hannah Rose Dolan, on May 25, 2007. She is 2.

Mary Schultz '86, Greendale, Wis., adopted a 3-year-old son, Ivan Eugene, on Oct. 19, 2006. He comes from Novosibirsk, Russia.

Chris and **Patty (Rivard '88) Grabrian**, Plymouth, Minn., a son, Tommy, in October 2006.

John and **Karen (Daly '89) Ellis**, Orland Park, Ill., a second set of Twins, Kelleen and John, on June 1, 2007. They join Kate and Ciara, 2.

Mika and **Joseph Guillou '89**, Kailua, Hawaii, a son, Daniel Sunho Louis Morisada Guillou, on Aug. 18, 2006, adopted from Korea in April 2007. He joins Joshua, 3.

David '91 and Angie (Hoffmeister '91) Finley, Estherville, Iowa, a daughter, Brynn Elisabeth, on April 17, 2007. Brynn joins Bridget, 8, and Brendan, 4.

Todd and **Amy (Zang '91) Hartke**, Saint Charles, Ill., a son, Sebastian Simon, on Dec. 14, 2006. He joins Julianna, 9; Dominic, 8; Evalena, 5; and Augustine, 3.

Scott Brown and **Dr. Kris Kienlen '91**, Minneapolis, a daughter, Chiara Kienlen Brown, on May 3, 2006.

Paul and **Jennifer (Hogan '91) Peruzzi**, Eagan, Minn., a son, Benjamin, on June 13, 2006.

John and **Mary (Martin '91) Pulte**, Libertyville, Ill., a son, Bennet Martin, on May 21, 2006. He joins Jack, 2, and Charlotte, 5.

Chad and **Christy (Miller '92) Dombroski**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Joshua Victor, on Dec. 21, 2006. He joins Jake and Logan.

Matthew and **Dr. Denise (Buege '92) Sherrill**, Durham, N.C., a son, Brody Robert, on Feb. 15, 2007.

Brian and **Kelly (Wood '93) Ballarini**, Glenview, Ill., a daughter, Bridget Kelly, on Jan. 27, 2007. She joins Brandon, 3.

Ritchy and **Kristi (Hoeffler '93) Johnson**, Rosemount, Minn., a daughter, Lindsey Raye, on March 16, 2007. She joins Ryan, 20; Kerri, 18; and Logan, 4.

Matthew and **Barbara (Hale '93) Richlen**, Milwaukee, Wis., a son, Grant, in August 2006. He joins Pierce, 3.

Eric '94 and Ann (Koenig '96) Van Brocklin, Minneapolis, a son, Samuel Joseph, on April 2, 2006. He joins Grace, 7, and Laura, 4.

Nathan '94 and Jennifer (Leis '97) Daubner, Princeton, Minn., a daughter, Elizabeth Gene, on Jan. 23, 2007. She joins Nathaniel, 8; Josephine, 6; Nicholas, 4; and Julia, 2.

Heather and **Dan Keenan '94**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Hudson James, on Jan. 15, 2007. He joins Carter and Case.

Scott and **Tina (Machaj '94) Kubicek**, Ellendale, Minn., a daughter, Alia Rose, on March 27, 2007. She joins Luke, 6; Zachary, 4; and Levi, 2.

Aaron '94 and Kristin (Witt '94) Paul, Shakopee, Minn., a son, Brody Lawrence, on May 31, 2006. He joins Kira, 8, and Sophie, 4.

Rebeca and **Mark Schwartz '94**, Montgomery, Ill., a son, Liam Daniel, on Jan. 11, 2007.

Mike '95 and Andrea (Atmore '94) Coleman, Louisville, Colo., a son, Charles Robert, on July 2, 2006. He joins Audrey, 3.

John and **Sherri (Mitchell '95) Dort**, Oakland, Calif., a son, Griffin James, on Jan. 8, 2007.

Don and **Joanne (Coughlin '95) Duffek**, Hartford, Wis., a son, Caleb John. He joins Dayle, Frances, Veronica and Wade.

Justin and **Tracy (Trowbridge '95) Hale**, Trempealeau, Wis., a son, Mason James, in August 2006.

Marshall and **Gail (Weltzin '95) Meier**, Waconia, Minn., a son, Henry Marshall, on Oct. 27, 2006.

Dan and **Rebecca (Netzke '96) Clark**, Hastings, Minn., a son, Isaac Deane, on Feb. 19, 2007. He joins Sarah, 4.

Randy and **Georgann (Charuhas '96) Diderrich**, Chicago, a son, Nicholas Richard, on April 21, 2007.

Barb and **Derek Hemmer '96**, Sartell, Minn., a daughter, Lindsey Sue, on May 24, 2007. She joins Brandon.

Sean '96 and Laura (Donovan '96) Murphy, Hudson, Wis., a son, Donovan Jeremiah, on Feb. 16, 2007.

Megan and **Brian Wagner '96**, Oak Lawn, Ill., a son, Logan James, on Feb. 2, 2007.

Mason and **Jane (Healy '97) Brown**, Forest Park, Ill., a daughter, Margaret Kay, on Nov. 26, 2006.

Stacey and **Richard Hand '97**, Saint Michael, Minn., a son, Cooper James, on Jan. 12, 2007.

Jeremy and **Nancy (Carroll '97) Judy**, Rogers, Minn., a son, Thomas Charles, on April 29, 2007.

Dan and **Jennifer (Gray '97) Kimber**, Glasgow, Va., a daughter, Samantha Jean, on April 27, 2006. She joins May Elizabeth, 3.

Kristen (Lendway '97) Lorsung, Isanti, Minn., a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on March 9, 2007.

Robert and **Christine (Peck '98) Noyes**, Blaine, Minn., a daughter, Irene Rosalie, on Jan. 8, 2007.

Adam '97 and Susan (Hinesh '98) Marshall, Maple Grove, Minn., a daughter, Keira Natalie, on Jan. 8, 2007. She joins Aly, 2.

Chris and **Colleen (Haggerty '97) Olechowski**, Gilberts, Ill., a daughter, Maeve Katherine, on Dec. 16, 2006. She joins Helen, 2.

John '97 and Sara (Murr '97) Piscitiello, Lakeville, Minn., twin boys, Carson and Blake on

Nov. 15, 2006. They join Dante, 4, and Leo, 2.

Mike '97 and Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman, Lewiston, Minn., a daughter, Elizabeth Claire, on Feb. 24, 2007. Elizabeth joins Caroline, 5, and Jacob, 2.

Jeff '97 and Tammy (Belde '98) Sturm, Fort Wayne, Ind., a son, Gino Michael, on Aug. 10, 2006.

Will and **Casey (Collette '97) Tessler**, Lombard, Ill., a daughter, Rose Collette, on Sept. 8, 2006.

Chuck and **Jen (Campbell '97) Volpentesta**, Chicago, a daughter, Antoinette Nicole, on July 13, 2007. She joins Mia, 2.

David and **Angie (Welsh '98) Bower**, Des Moines, Iowa, a daughter, Catherine Welsh Bower, on Feb. 12, 2007. She joins William, 2.

Molly and **Mike Hatton '98**, Plymouth, Minn., a son, Jack William, on Feb. 8, 2007. He joins Charlie, 2.

Andrew and **Rebecca (Schaefer '98) Wolf**, Forest Lake, Minn., a daughter, Eliana Helen, on Dec. 28, 2005. Proud grandparents are **Peter '71 and Barb (CST '73) Schaefer**.

Bob '99 and Heidi (Taillefer '97) Bowman, Otsego, Minn., a daughter, Anna Michelle, on May 29, 2006. She joins Alex, 4.

Shane and **Carrie (Schmidt '99) Didur**, Coon Rapids, Minn., a daughter, Lauren Merryann, on Dec. 27, 2006.

Melissa and **David Doppelhammer '99**, Albert Lea, Minn., a daughter, Julia, on Nov. 15, 2006.

Nick and **Leah (Chapman '99) Feyereisen**, Hammond, Wis., triplet boys, Tanner, Parker and Cole, on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, 2007.

Bob '99 and Jessica (Morris '00) Galvin, Eden Prairie, Minn., a daughter, Ellanore Grace, on Aug. 15, 2006.

Kevin '99 and Allison (Lucca '99) Geist, Lombard, Ill., a son,

Jonathon Paul, on July 26, 2006. He joins Hannah and Elizabeth, 2.

Mary and **Andrew Lucca '99**, Chicago, a son, Francis Patrick, in April 2007.

Jim and **Kelly (Cox '99) O'Brien**, River Forest, Ill., a son, James Robert, on April 1, 2007. He joins Grace, 2, and Annie, 1.

Brian and **Nicole (Miller '99) Schneider**, Minneapolis, a daughter, Addison Rose, on Feb. 22, 2007.

Martin '99 and **Katie (Broich '99) Stensing**, Winona, a son, Martin Isaac, on Aug. 16, 2006.

Darrell and **Michelle (Molyneaux '99) Vetter**, Oak Forest, Ill., a son, Luke Thomas, on Jan. 13, 2007.

Nathan '99 and **Autumn (Hale '99) Warden**, Jordan, Minn., a son, Jacob Andrew, on May 24, 2006. He joins Winona, 3.

Joe '99 and **Julia (Guhin '01) Yach**, White Bear Township, Minn., a daughter, McKenna Conley, on April 12, 2007. She joins Tyler, 2.

Kurt and **Sherree (Burg '00) Cavanaugh**, Caledonia, Minn., a son, Owen Victor, on Jan. 9, 2007. He joins Kaleb, 3.

Jesse and **Molly (Nei '00) Chapin**, Columbus, Ga., a daughter, Ellie Madeline, on Oct. 30, 2006.

Mike '00 and **Holly (Steenberg '99) Engstrom**, Maple Grove, Minn., a son, Jacob Michael, on July 22, 2006.

Paul '00 and **Amy (Engwer '00) Fee**, Minneapolis, a son, James Justin, on Sept. 5, 2006.

Mark and **Sara (Schachtner '00) Measner**, Osceola, Wis., a son, Henry, on Oct. 27, 2006. He joins Isabelle, 2.

Justin and **Dianne (Lord '00) Miller**, Falcon Heights, Minn., a daughter, Karen Grace, on Aug. 1, 2006.

Bryan '01 and **Angela (DiPinto '01) Amburn**, Erie, Pa., a

daughter, Alanna Faustina, on June 24, 2006.

Tim and **Katie (Bedtke '01) Carroll**, Otsego, Minn., a son, Benedict James, on April 24, 2007. He joins Abby.

Jim '01 and **Libby (Hrdlicka '01) Fink**, Cloquet, Minn., a son, Riley James, on Sept. 17, 2006.

Nick and **Sara (Gilchrist '01) Montgomery**, Breckenridge, Colo., a daughter Ella Scott, on April 18, 2006.

Charlie and **Valerie (Amick '01) Salyer**, Bow, N.H., a daughter, Samantha Violet, on Aug. 15, 2006.

Joseph and **Jennifer (Alt '02) Gelhar**, Oshkosh, Wis., a daughter, Olivia Ruth, on Nov. 27, 2006. She joins Lili.

Curtis '02 and **Andrea (LaMere '00) Mangan**, South Saint Paul, Minn., a daughter, Carolyn Bernice, on Dec. 13, 2006. She joins Alana, 2.

Rachel and **Ken Rohrbach '02**, Saint Louis, Mo., a son, Luke Jacob, on July 24, 2006.

Bernie and **Molly (Schoff '02) Schroeder**, Cottage Grove, Minn., a daughter, Isabella Catherine, on Dec. 9, 2006. She joins Kayla, 5, and Jack, 2.

Joe '03 and **Nicole (Spears '04) Drennan**, Stanchfield, Minn., a daughter, Gertie Belle, on Feb. 13, 2007.

Joshua '03 and **Megan (Coyle '03) Simonson**, Chanhassen, Minn., a daughter, Kayla Michelle, on July 7, 2006.

David '04 and **Erin-Jean (Coleman '04) Gilles**, Monmouth, Ore., a daughter, Madison Grace, on Sept. 26, 2006.

Jared and **Rebecca (Ludvigsen '04) Koopal**, Lyle, Minn., a daughter, Kirsten Nicole, on April 18, 2007.

Nathan '04 and **Emily (Pribyl '03) Semsch**, Crystal, Minn., a son, Nolan Joseph, on March 24, 2007.

Brother Urban Lucken '35 1913–2007



Brother (Linus) Urban Lucken, FSC, a Christian Brother who dedicated 76 years of commitment to the Lasallian mission, died Sunday, April 29, at the age of 94.

Descriptions of this lifelong educator — ever dedicated, inspirational, intelligent and clever — come best from students and colleagues:

"A man whose eloquence and command of the English language was awesome to behold," Don Johnson '60.

"A special wry humor sprinkled with a wit that was engaging," Jack Kavanagh '56.

"Intelligence, wit, and a prodigious memory, combined with a love of opera and of baseball: what better recipe for excellence in teaching and mentoring?" Brother Paul Grass, FSC '57, M'62

"The best teacher I ever had," Brother Henry Baldwin, F.S.C.

Brother Urban received his Bachelor of arts degree in English from Saint Mary's College in 1935, and went on to earn his Ph.D. in English from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. During his career, Brother Urban taught at all seven of the U.S. Christian Brothers universities, primarily in Memphis; Romeoville, Ill.; and Winona.

Upon completion of his doctorate, he returned to Saint Mary's in 1940 and taught English, French and German until 1946. He returned to teach at Saint Mary's from 1951 to 1959, during which time he served as chairman of the English department, and again from 1964 to 1967. After spending nine years at Lewis University in Romeoville, Ill., he again returned to Saint Mary's in 1976. One year later, he was named director of alumni programs and special events and organized Homecoming, Parents' Weekend, Candlelight Dinners and graduation. He retired in 1984, but remained in contact with many friends, colleagues and students.

Johnson, who knew Brother Urban since the late 1950s when he was an English major, shared Brother Urban's own thoughts on aging, and a prime example of his ever-present sense of humor: "As I grow older, not only do I become increasingly deaf and frequently dumb (as in stupid), but I am becoming addicted to what might be called valetudinarian procrastination. Most of the time I seem to have enough energy to get in and out of bed for frequent naps." Johnson added, "May we all have his sense of humor and style on our 94th birthdays!"

"I admired Brother Urban and am sure that he is not only teaching in paradise but following his beloved (St. Louis) Cardinals from above," said Brother Michael Kadow '80.

He is survived by a nephew, Jack Lucken, and a niece, Dianne Garavaglia. 🌹

Nathaniel '05 and Holly (Cormican '05) Bremer, Dorchester, Wis., a daughter, Payton Ashlie, on Oct. 4, 2006.

Deaths

Edward F. Winkels '31, Polk, N.C., on Dec. 22, 2006.

Gerald W. Lowe '34, La Mesa, Calif., on Dec. 29, 2006.

George W. Kenning '35, Portland, Ore., spring 2007.

Bernard L. Dalsin '40, Edina, Minn., on Oct. 4, 2006.

Joseph F. Herrick '42, Lanesboro, Minn., on Feb. 20, 2007.

Dr. Aurelius H. Maze '43, Rochester, Minn., on April 17, 2007.

John J. Pembroke '43, Indian Head Park, Ill., on March 4, 2007.

Anthony J. Graham '47, Cypress, Calif., on March 16, 2007.

Brother Justin Lucian, FSC '47, Memphis, Tenn., on April 7, 2007.

William D. Hanagan '48, Mt. Vernon, Ill., on Aug. 16, 2006.

Dr. Frank T. Rafferty '48, Glynn, Ga., on Oct. 1, 2006.

Dr. Hugo C. Pribor '49, Farragut, Tenn., on June 3, 2007.

Donovan P. Stern '50, Rogers, Ark., on March 27, 2007.

Joseph E. Devlin '55, Newburyport, Mass., on Feb. 10, 2007.

John "Jake" Schneider '55, Lincoln Wood, Ill., on Aug. 22, 2007.

Bernard F. Kelly '56, St. Louis, Mo., on April 20, 2007.

Father Daniel R. Dernek '58, Winona, on June 5, 2007.

John E. Breiter '59, Mahtomedi, Minn., on Nov. 13, 2006.

Frank E. Dougherty '59, Golf Shores, Ala., on Feb. 27, 2007.
John "Jay" W. Ostrander '59, Aurora, Ill., on March 17, 2007.

Mark C. Hoffman '65, Saint Paul, Minn., in April 2007.

James H. Bedard '68, Brainerd, Minn., in June 2006.

Bernard F. Butler '68, Chicago, on Feb. 12, 2007.

Ronald W. McCoy '70, Cannon Falls, Minn., on April 17, 2006.

Don J. Nariss '71, Elgin, Ill., on March 17, 2007.

Joseph A. Baker '84, Excelsior, Minn., in July 2006.

Christopher J. Hume '91, on Feb. 16, 2007.

Patrick E. Strand '93, Eau Claire, Wis., on Jan. 21, 2007.

Joshua L. Lunsford '97, West Branch, Iowa, on July 31, 2007.

Louis Landman Sr., (former trustee), Winona, on Feb. 16, 2007.

Sympathy to

Earl Lowe '34, on the death of his brother, **Gerald Lowe '34**, on Dec. 29, 2006.

Ken Wakefield '42, on the death of his wife, Roberta, on Dec. 13, 2006.

Kenneth Bakalars '50, on the death of his wife, Mary, on July 14, 2006.

Dr. Dave Hegg '53, on the death of his wife, Joan, in November 2006.

Joe Wegman '53, on the death of his wife, Suzanne, in November 2006.

Arthur Maze '54, on the death of his brother, **Dr. Aurelius Maze '43**, on April 17, 2007.

Louis Guillou '58, **Joseph Guillou '89**, **Michael '90** and **Anne (Marschall '89) Guillou**, on the death of their mother, grandmother, and grandmother-in-law, Anne, on April 2, 2007.

Don McElmury '58, on the death of his father, Ed, on Feb. 12, 2007.

James Madson '61, on the death of his wife, Mary, in January 2006.

Father Richard Dernek '66, on the death of his brother, **Father Daniel Dernek '58**, on June 5, 2007.

John Bedard '66, on the death of his brother, **James '66**, in June 2006.

Ken Rak '67, on the death of his wife, Myla, in March 2007.

Tony '69 and Kathy (Ordahl CST '70) Piscitiello, **Joe '97 and Debi M'06 Piscitiello**, **John '97 and Sara (Murr '97) Piscitiello**, **Anthony Piscitiello '00**, **Daniel Piscitiello '05**, and **Juliana Piscitiello '06** on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and grandmother-in-law, Mary Luzar Piscitiello, on March 20, 2007.

Tony '69 and Kathy (Ordahl CST '70) Piscitiello, **Nick Ordahl '73**, **Greg '78 and Cynthia (Ordahl '79) Holupchinski**, **Joe '97 and Debi M'05 Piscitiello**, **John '97 and Sara (Murr '97) Piscitiello**, **Anthony Piscitiello '00**, **Daniel Piscitiello '05**, **Greta Holupchinski '05**, **Juliana Piscitiello '06**, **Laura Holupchinski '08** and **Eva Holupchinski '10** on the loss of their mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, grand-mother-in-law, Phyllis Ordahl, on May 14, 2007.

Jim Pohl '70, on the death of his mother, Mary, on Jan. 31, 2007.

Peter Schaefer '71 and Rebecca (Schaefer '98) Wolf, on the death of their father-in-law and grandfather, Dick Ostrom, on Feb. 8, 2007.

Mark Zelinsky '71, and **Michael '71 and Carol (Grannan '74) Zelinsky**, on the death of their father and father-in-law, Michael Zelinsky, on Dec. 20, 2006.

Margaret Walsh '74 and Joseph Walsh '74, on the death of their mother, P. Marie Walsh, on July 3, 2006.

Mary Dempsey '75 and Shelia (Dempsey '77) Ryden, on the death of their father, Donald, on May 28, 2007.

Janice Gorecki '76, on the death of her mother, Lillian, on June 4, 2007.

Michael '79 and Susan (Metzger '80) Lyons, **Collette (Metzger '79) Sommerfeld**, and **Bill '83 and Lisa (Mraz '84) Metzger**, on the death of their son and nephew, Christopher Lyons, on July 25, 2007.

Michelle (O'Brien '80) Swenson, on the deaths of her brother, Daniel O'Brien, on Jan. 21, 2007 and her nephew, Sean O'Brien, on July 30, 2006.

Martin '88 and Kathy (Flynn '89) Nicklay, **Patty (Flynn '90) Huss**, **Jamie (Dalsin '92) Koblas**, and **Joe Burns '96** on the death of their grandfather, **Bernard Dalsin '40**, on Oct. 4, 2006.

Bill Janson '85, on the death of his father, Bernie, on Jan. 1, 2007.

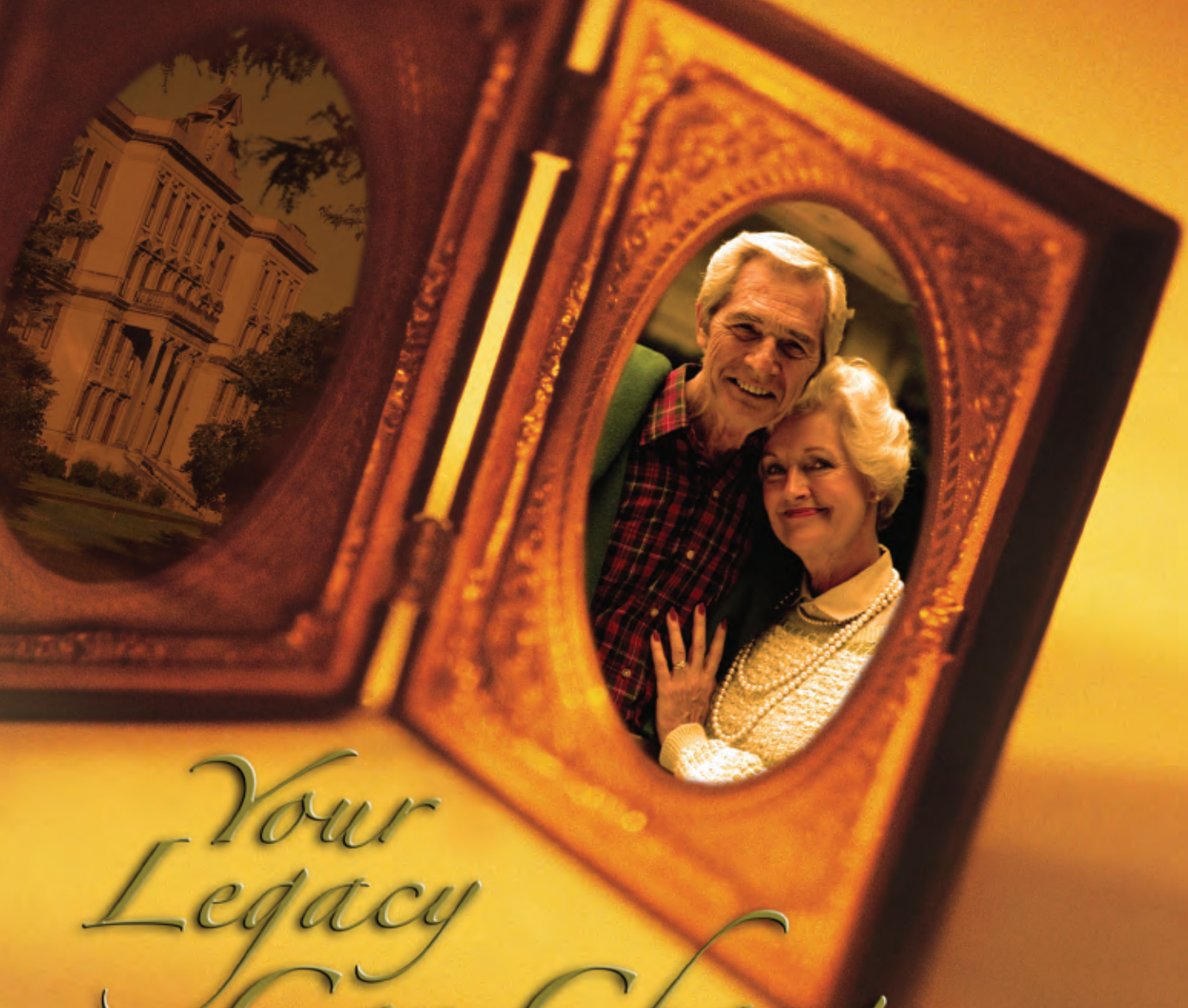
Linda (Hayes '87) Rawa, on the death of her husband, Robert, on July 13, 2007.

Mary (Beaner '92) Hollingshead, on the loss of her brother, Joseph Michael, on Dec. 2, 2006.

Gavin '93 and Stephanie (Teichert '93) Duffy, on the death of their father-in-law and father in August 2006 and loss of two grandmothers, in January and February 2007.

Jon (SMU staff) and Vickie Cada '01 (SMU staff), on the death of their newborn daughter, Lacey Rose, on July 17, 2007.

Joseph Hughes '03, on the death of his father, Francis, on April 29, 2007. 📖



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looking *back*



Lasallian Learning

This picture shows the late Brother George Pahl, FSC '36, Ph.D., as he instructed biology students, likely in the 1960s. Brother Paul started at Saint Mary's in 1942. He also taught philosophy and honors before serving as president from 1969 to 1976. He returned to teaching after his presidency and retired in 1981.

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about this photo is welcome to contact *Saint Mary's Magazine* editor, Deb Nahrgang. Mail comments to: *Saint Mary's Magazine*, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: dnahrgan@smumn.edu.



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