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## Saint Mary's University summer sports camps

Saint Mary's University offers a variety of athletic camps during the summer months. The Cardinal men's hockey staff, led by head coach Don Olson, conducts six, one-week hockey camps for boys and girls ages 9-17, while SMU men's basketball coach Mark Lovelace and women's basketball coach Dan Messmann also spend quality summer time on the SMU campus directing youth camps.

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

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The faces of heroes grace the cover of this issue of *Saint Mary's Magazine*. These are individuals — SMU students, alumni and faculty — who are striving to make the world a better place for all of us.

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# defining a hero

**W**hen others were basting turkeys or glued to televised football games over holiday break, I began working on this magazine. I started by pouring over words written by two SMU alums – a soldier stationed in Iraq and a Holocaust survivor.

Though their experiences are worlds and decades apart, they share an ironic commonality in the horrors they have seen.

Their experiences left me humbled. Their reflections haunted me, but their stories have inspired me.

Because of them, as my family gathered through the holidays, I wanted to hug my daughter a little tighter, and I felt compelled to continue praying silently after the standard Lord's Prayer at our dinner table.

I accepted the position of director of communication on the Winona campus at Saint Mary's in October. (Bob Conover, former magazine editor, has been named vice president for communication and marketing and is focusing on raising the university's overall public visibility.) One of my first major realizations was that the Saint Mary's community is filled with countless heroes. Some are obvious, the ones who make headlines. Others blend into their surroundings, quietly working behind the scenes. Some have dedicated their lives; others have given a spare hour or two.

I was asked last fall to calculate the number of volunteer hours on this campus and soon discovered the impossibility of this task. Hundreds of students, alumni, faculty and staff are striving to make the world a better place. And they don't count hours.

Whether they're protecting our country, helping feed our area's needy families, holding blood drives and clothing drives, tutoring area children, or building houses for Habitat for Humanity, they're all heroes.

I believe they're all proof that at Saint Mary's we're teaching minds and touching hearts.

In this magazine, we present many heroes.

■ The word "athlete" doesn't begin to describe **Matt Guzik '81** and **Joe Guenther '98**. Both men participated in Ironman Hawaii, the world's most grueling triathlon, on Oct. 18.

In addition, Guzik competes to raise money for charity. His efforts have raised nearly \$500,000 for Montana charities. One of his causes is the Greater Ravalli Foundation, which provides financial assistance for children and the community. During Ironman Hawaii, he set his sights on \$1,000 per Ironman mile.

■ Saint Mary's University freshman hockey goalie **Justin Simmons '06** has been deaf since the age of 18 months, when spinal meningitis cost him his hearing. But the obstacle hasn't kept him from making a name for himself at the collegiate – and world – level.

■ **Sgt. Ryan Patrick Hinton '00**, chaplain assistant for the 101st Airborne Division, has kept detailed journals of his experiences in Iraq, which he openly shares with us in this edition. His duties take him to mass gravesites – one of the hardest things he has had to face as a soldier.

He writes: "I hope when people read my entries they get a truer sense of what happened here; the news is tainted as am I, but blended together maybe, just maybe, they will see what is happening over here."

■ **George Levy Mueller '53** recounts his memories of the Holocaust in the book, "Lucie's Hope," which begins with a heartbreaking memory of his mother putting her two children, George, then 8, and Ursula, then 3, on a train out of Germany during World War II. They would never see her again as she died in a concentration camp shortly before its liberation. By the ages of 8 and 15, George and Ursula were in the midst of the worst horrors of the concentration camp Bergen-Belsen. Two survivors of the war, they still faced a lifetime of psychological challenges. Mueller's son calls him an American success story. His daughters call him a hero. 🦸



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## Great job on Fall magazine

Hey, great job on this most recent *Saint Mary's Magazine*! I especially liked the articles on San Miguel School and on Shane Whaley ... good photos, good layout, good everything! I read it, honestly, from cover to cover. It only saddens me that I find my own class way, way down the list from the most recent classes — and that I sometimes need my glasses to get through all that fine print!

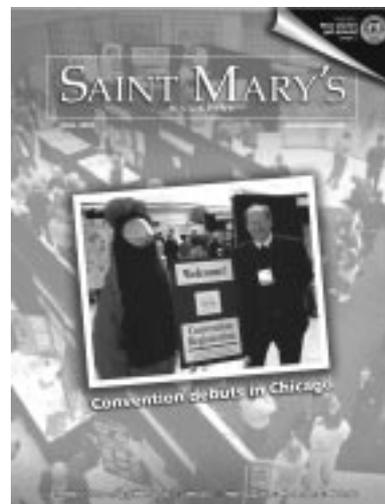
— *Brother Robert Smith, FSC, '76*

## Mother grateful for compassion shown at SMU

I am sending you this note because I would be remiss if I didn't. I believe it is so important for you to know about the experience that my family has encountered over the last several weeks and months. It involves members of the SMU community and I am so proud to be able to say ... "I am a part of that community."

Last June my husband and I were asked to be a part of the "Parent Panel" during the summer orientation of new students and their parents. Since we have two students on campus, Rob, a senior, and Aubrey, a sophomore, we decided that we had enough experience and could give some practical advice to these families. As I was listening to various key people speak during the orientation sessions, I remember hearing about how interested and "vested" the entire faculty was in our children. I didn't doubt it then ... and I never could now.

In late August my mom was diagnosed with cancer of the liver. The news was devastating to us and the most difficult part was going to be telling our "college-bound" kids ... who had incidentally just moved back to campus days before. They, of course, took the news very hard and were trying to balance between the rigors of a new semester and



the desire to spend time with their grandma.

I sent two e-mails to people who I thought were significant to my children, dean Julie Thornton and coach Nick Whaley. I simply asked for them to keep an "eye" on Rob and Aubrey ... it would be out-of-character for them to miss classes or other campus related activities, and I would be concerned if they started to do just that.

Within hours of my sending those two e-mails, my children were at their grandmother's hospital bedside. They were told that "family" was important, that they should be with them whenever they could. They were told that it wasn't just about missing classes and deadlines, it was about being where they needed to be.

Because of the reassurance that Julie and Nick gave to my kids, they felt very comfortable in their decisions to spend time with their grandma in the last few weeks of her life.

My mom took the hand of Christ on Thursday, Oct. 16, and she was enveloped in love by her family including her grandchildren ... it could not have been more perfect. They had the opportunity to spend quality time and speak to her from their hearts.

— *Teresa Hollnagel*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: See Hollnagel's complete letter online at [www.smumn.edu/magazine](http://www.smumn.edu/magazine).*

## 'Looking Back' photo stirs memories

What a surprise I got as I turned to page 35 of the current Saint Mary's alumni magazine. The photo was taken in July of 1959 at Lake Itasca, Minn. It is one of 30 or so photos I have, recording the events that took place on an extended field trip organized by Brother Charles. What a great time we had. Thirteen brothers, all biology teachers from the various Christian Brother schools, met for a week of instruction and planning on the SMC campus. We then followed the Mississippi River up to the Twin Cities, and on to central Minnesota, Itasca, Ely, Duluth, Superior, Escanaba, and back to campus.

We camped and stayed in cheap motels, brought all our dip nets, waders, binoculars, microscopes etc. We had a great time studying local flora and fauna, investigating lakes and streams and bogs and prairies. Brother Bernard LoCoco and I were the youngest on the field trip. We had one year of teaching under our belts, and were eager to learn from the more experienced Brothers, as well as from Charlie and George. It was the trip of a lifetime for us.

– Robert E. (Bob) Farrell '58

*EDITOR'S NOTE: See Farrell's complete letter and photos he has shared at [www.smumn.edu/magazine](http://www.smumn.edu/magazine).*

## Identifying the picture in 'Looking Back'

Today the *Saint Mary's Magazine* for Fall 2003 arrived. On page 35, you asked for some information regarding a picture in "Looking Back."

I am Clement J. Caponi, class of 1953. At the time of the picture, I was a Christian Brother with the name of Brother Hermeus Michael. The picture was taken July-August 1959. Brother Charles Severin organized an NSF Grant for a

group of Brothers who taught biology in the Brothers' schools. The course took us up to Ely, Minn., and the headwaters of the Mississippi in Itasca State Park.

In the picture on page 35, the person you identified as Brother Charles is really another biologist whom you should know; namely, Brother George Pahl. Moving to the right are myself and Brother James Bernard, who is now ex-Brother, Bernard Dansart, class of 1955. The two Brothers who are squatting are Brother John Pahl (but I do not know his status right now) and Brother Thomas Powers who is still a Brother and lives in the Chicago area. To the far right, you have correctly identified Brother Bernard LoCoco of the class of 1958.

As usual, my wife and I enjoyed reading the magazine and learning more about Saint Mary's.

– Mike Caponi '53

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Caponi also shared two additional photos. View them and his comments at [www.smumn.edu/magazine](http://www.smumn.edu/magazine).*

## Husband had fond memories of Brother Charles

Thank you for sending me the fall issue of *Saint Mary's Magazine*. The picture of Brother Charles brought back memories of my husband, Alvin Diming '41, and his admiration for Brother Charles under whom he studied biology. Al died in May 1998, but he often spoke of his years at Saint Mary's and, especially, his biology classes.



I am sending you Brother Charles' biology textbook. It is the only textbook Al ever saved, and I always hesitated to get rid of it. Maybe you can add it to your archives.

I especially like the explanation of the butterfly symbol on the page facing the table of contents. It is worth repeating in some future article on Brother Charles. I had no idea the butterfly was emblematic of the human soul or that the Greeks called the human soul and the butterfly by the same name, psyche. Note also Brother Charles' summary of his book on page 379. Here was a teacher who combined his Christianity and his scholarship seamlessly.

– Ellen Mercer Diming

*EDITOR'S NOTE: For Diming's complete letter – as well as an excerpt from the biology textbook, authored by Brother H. Charles Severin, FSC – go online at [www.smumn.edu/magazine](http://www.smumn.edu/magazine).*

## 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](mailto:dnahrgan@smumn.edu).

# News and Views

## SMU helps local families in need

### SMU, other partners, assist more than 1,400 families through Gifts for Winona

More than 423 families – totaling 1,465 people – had a happier holiday season through the Gifts for Winona program this year.

Gifts for Winona, which provides gifts for less fortunate Winona-area families, was developed last year by a committee of Saint Mary's faculty and staff, as an opportunity for the university to meet a need in the community.

Saint Mary's University was joined again by Winona Volunteer Services and United Way of the Greater Winona Area in sponsoring the program. They additionally welcomed two new sponsors this year, Wells Fargo Bank and Winona Radio.

An abundance of SMU faculty and staff volunteered to make the program run smoothly. Letters were sent to sponsoring organizations, a database was kept of all families in need, cards detailing gift ideas were placed on giving trees, gifts were transported and wrapped, additional gifts were purchased from donations, and all presents were distributed in time for the holidays.

According to Cindy Marek, vice president for financial affairs, "Many volunteers at Saint Mary's University have once again provided time, talent and funding to assist their neighbors in need through Gifts for Winona. This year almost 1,500 people had a brighter

holiday through the program. Gifts for Winona is a true reflection of Saint Mary's Lasallian tradition and I'm proud to be a part of it. Thank you to all the Saint Mary's employees who participated."

Students held several other campus fundraisers this year, with proceeds benefiting the community. Penny was raised money for Habitat for Humanity, and a Common Threads clothing drive raised money for Winona Volunteer Services and the Salvation Army.

### SMU assists with 'free store' website

Dr. Chad Kjorlien, director of instructional technology at Saint Mary's, has been working with the Winona Area Poverty Roundtable web sub-committee over the past year to help the group communicate with the public.

The Free Store, a virtual warehouse, has been set up for Winona-area residents to exchange reusable home, garden or garage items, at [www.winonashares.org](http://www.winonashares.org). The site also hosts a directory of area local human service agencies and related news, such as Gifts for Winona.

The site is a way to pair those who want to give items with those in need. And, as there are no facilities in Winona able to showcase larger items, like furniture, it fills a need that hasn't been met. In October, the average visits to the website daily numbered 150, and in November, it received 355 visits per day. A large percentage of the items that have been listed have been exchanged.

The project was made a reality by the work of the SMU Informational Technology Department. SMU hosts the site on its server. A number of community leaders have played a crucial role in the website development as well.

### Saint Mary's Student Senate makes donation for food baskets

The student senate at Saint Mary's University did its part to help less fortunate families celebrate a happy Thanksgiving.

The student senate donated a check for \$1,500 to Winona Volunteer Services to be used for its Thanksgiving basket preparation.

The money was gathered through donation canisters and laundry machines on the Saint Mary's campus. According to Sandra Burke '81, executive director of Winona Volunteer Services, the money was used to purchase additional food for the holiday, beyond what is handed out at the food shelf. An average of 431 families per month use the food shelf service.

Burke said in years past, approximately 100-150 meal baskets were prepared for families during Thanksgiving. "Last year we made 175, so we're really doubling the output, trying to give those on the food shelf some additional food for the holiday."

She ordered 400 turkeys, 400 pumpkin pies as well as green beans, french fried onions and soup, mandarin oranges and orange Jello-O™ and potatoes.

The baskets went out to area families on Nov. 20. The money from Saint Mary's Student Senate, she said, was used to help cover the food expenses not covered by the Channel One Food Bank of Minnesota.



# Graduate and special programs

Total Saint Mary's enrollment recently inched over the 5,000 mark, mainly due to the growth of the university's graduate and special programs.

About 1,360 students are enrolled in the undergraduate College at the Winona campus, while the university now counts more than 3,650 adult learners in the School of Graduate and Special Programs.

The history of the School of Graduate and Special Programs parallels the dynamic growth experienced by the university

While many universities are just beginning to invest in similar programs for adult learners, Saint Mary's celebrates nearly 20 years on its Twin Cities campus and 60 years providing master's-level programs.

The School of Graduate and Special Programs offers delivery sites and times convenient for adult learners. There are campuses and centers in Minneapolis, Apple Valley, Rochester, Winona and in Nairobi, Kenya. Courses are delivered at more than 50 schools

and corporate locations in the metropolitan area, greater Minnesota and Wisconsin. Night and weekend courses are commonly available to accommodate the many students who also work full-time.

In addition to bachelor's and master's programs, Saint Mary's also offers pre-bachelor's, post-master's and certificate programs, and in 1997, the university

introduced its first doctoral program, the Doctor of Education in Leadership.

Saint Mary's University has long played a vital role in higher education in the state of Minnesota. With a strong undergraduate foundation, the university was able to expand its offerings to meet a more diverse population with new educational goals. According to Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, "Our expanded programming for adult learners is a logical extension of our Lasallian mission — we bring education to the people, when and where they need it. The programs also have a significant positive impact on the university's finances."

The university remains dedicated to its mission of advancing the educational and career goals of today's students. And it is now carrying out that mission by serving the needs of more than 5,000 students.

*For more information about Saint Mary's School of Graduate and Special Programs in the Twin Cities, call (866) 437-2788, Ext. 207, e-mail [s clever@smumn.edu](mailto:s clever@smumn.edu), or go to [www.smumn.edu/gradspecial](http://www.smumn.edu/gradspecial). For Winona-based programs, call (800) 635-5987, Ext. 1700.*

## Open houses are planned for:

- **Twin Cities campus**  
April 7, July 14 and Aug. 11 — 5 to 8 p.m.
- **Rochester center**  
March 23 — 5 to 7 p.m.
- **Apple Valley center**  
March 16 and April 20 — 5 to 8 p.m.

## TWIN CITIES CAMPUS

### Bachelor Completion Programs

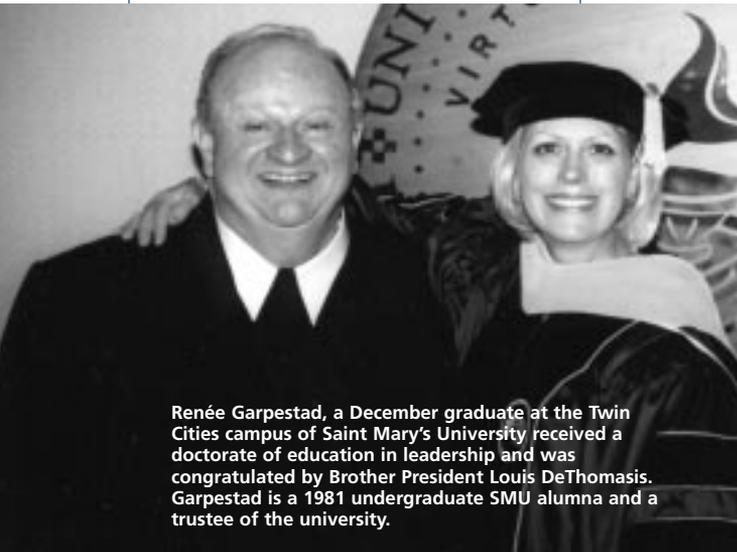
B.S. Business  
B.S. Human Resource Management  
B.S. Human Services  
B.S. Industrial Technology  
B.S. Information Technology  
B.S. Marketing  
B.S. Police Science  
B.S. Sales & Marketing

### Master Degree Programs

M.A. Arts Administration  
M.A. Counseling & Psychological Services  
M.A. Developmental Disabilities  
M.A. Education  
M.A. Education (Catholic School Leadership)  
M.A. Education (Wisconsin)  
M.A. Educational Administration  
M.S. Geographic Information Science  
M.A. Health & Human Services Administration  
M.A. Human Development  
M.A. Human Resource Management  
M.A. Instruction  
M.A. International Business  
M.A. Management  
M.S. Nurse Anesthesia  
M.S. Project Management  
M.S. Telecommunications

### Teacher Licensure Programs

5-12 Early Adolescence/Young Adult Teaching Licensure  
K-8 Childhood/Early Adolescence Teaching Licensure



Renée Garpestad, a December graduate at the Twin Cities campus of Saint Mary's University received a doctorate of education in leadership and was congratulated by Brother President Louis DeThomasis. Garpestad is a 1981 undergraduate SMU alumna and a trustee of the university.

during the 1980s. From 1950 to 1980, the graduate program consisted primarily of summer institute offerings in psychology, education, mathematics, biology and human development. In 1984, Saint Mary's offered graduate programs in the Twin Cities area on a larger basis, and opened a facility in Minneapolis the following year. Programs in Counseling and Psychological Services, Education, Health and Human Services Administration, Human Development, Management and Project Management were among the first in this expansion.

With these expansions, the university pioneered the development of outreach education.

# fuel growth of Saint Mary's

## Introducing the 'MBA reinvented' in the Twin Cities

There's a new MBA program on the horizon, and it will be different from any MBA program currently offered in the Twin Cities metro area.

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota plans to begin offering a new MBA program in September of 2004 (pending review and registration by the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office). SMU's "PowerTrak MBA" will offer an innovative program design which integrates business ethics, international opportunities and real-world experience.

The PowerTrak design will allow students to personalize the MBA curriculum to fit their

particular educational needs. Once the business core of coursework is completed, students will customize their learning experience by choosing from three options to complete the PowerTrak MBA program.

The "Specialist PowerTrak" will provide specialization in disciplines such as marketing or finance. The "Custom PowerTrak" will allow students to choose courses from other SMU business-related programs or MBA electives of professional interest. And the "Executive PowerTrak" will provide intense professional development in an executive-style cohort experience combining faculty-led and student-designed learning.

"We believe that we have reinvented the MBA, due to the PowerTrak's unique design and curricular focus," said John Pyle, Ed.D., associate vice president of Saint Mary's School of Graduate and Special Programs.

"If students need to retool, but are unable to commit to the entire MBA program, they will be able to choose our certificate options which are comprised of MBA courses," Pyle said. "This is our way of providing just-in-time education to students working in an ever-changing business environment."

Karen Gulliver, Ph.D., associate dean of international initiatives at Saint Mary's, is program director and helped develop the PowerTrak MBA. Gulliver has more than 15 years of experience in higher education in the areas of finance, economics and international business. She also served for more than 10 years as an economist for Land O' Lakes.

"We've designed this MBA program with opportunities for global experience in a real product development situation with a Fortune 500 company," Gulliver said, adding that SMU's program will be the only internationalized MBA offered in the Twin Cities metro area. Students will have an option to travel internationally as

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— John Pyle

part of an actual project team for one of the nation's premier business organizations. Flexible scheduling will also make the MBA program at SMU appealing to working adults. Part-time and full-time alternatives with day, evening and weekend courses will be available.

The PowerTrak MBA, the newest addition to the variety of educational opportunities at Saint Mary's University, will provide relevant theory and practice for modern business, Pyle said. "We're pleased to bring this reinvented MBA to the Twin Cities and greater metro area," he concluded. "It will provide an exciting new option for business professionals, one with exceptional academic value."

### MBA open houses are planned at the Twin Cities campus on:

- April 19 – 5 to 8 p.m.
- May 4 – Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- May 19 – 5 to 8 p.m.
- June 3 – Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- June 14 – 5 to 8 p.m.
- June 28 – Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- July 14 – 5 to 8 p.m.
- July 26 – Noon to 1:30 p.m.
- Aug. 3 – 5 to 8 p.m.
- Aug. 18 – Noon to 1:30 p.m.

To confirm these dates or for more information about the status of the PowerTrak MBA program, call (866) 437-2788, Ext. 142, e-mail [MBA@smumn.edu](mailto:MBA@smumn.edu), or go to [www.smumn.edu/gradspecial/MBA](http://www.smumn.edu/gradspecial/MBA).

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Ed.D. Leadership

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#### APPLE VALLEY CENTER

##### Bachelor Completion Programs

##### Master Degree Programs

M.A. Health & Human Services Administration

M.A. Management

M.S. Project Management

## SMU gets second NEH grant to host seminar on Russian literature

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded SMU a \$76,400 grant to repeat a summer seminar for high school teachers from June 27-29, 2004. Dr. Greg Gaut '69 (history) will lead the seminar, "Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Solovyov: Literature and Religion in Pre-Revolutionary Russia."

Several visiting scholars will contribute to the summer session including Dr. Carolyn Ayers (English), a Russian literature specialist who teaches world literature at SMU.

Full-time teachers in all American K-12 schools are eligible to apply. Fifteen teachers will be chosen.

## Cooperation in education forming in China, Taiwan

An announcement was made of global educational initiatives, following November trips to Xian, China, and Taipei, Taiwan, by Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D.

Brother Louis announced in November that Saint Mary's University may be partnering with universities in both countries.

In the past, because of rigid cultural norms and strict national education laws in China, U.S. educational institutions of higher learning experienced difficulty in their efforts to form alliances. In July 2003, the national education laws changed, making it possible for foreign universities to legally enter into joint partnerships with Chinese public universities.

Northwest University, a prominent institution in North China with approximately 25,000 students, has expressed an interest in partnering with SMU to offer joint degree programs at a new campus in Hienman, China. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the university.

Brother Louis also visited Taipei, Taiwan. A Memorandum of Understanding was reached here as well to pursue new cooperative programs at Tamkang University, a prestigious and successful private university in Taiwan.

All developments are pending approval from university and governmental authorities.

## Remick Fellowship supports teachers in Catholic schools

The Remick Fellowship Program, in its fifth year at SMU, provides support for potential and current teachers in Catholic schools. Six recipients this year are obtaining Master of Arts in Instruction or Master of Education program degrees, funded through this program.

The fellowship program in the **Master of Arts in Instruction** is offered to encourage teachers to work in Catholic schools. Remick Fellows are expected to teach in the Catholic schools for at least two years upon completion of their master's degrees. The Fellows for 2003-2004 are: Megan Coyle '03 of Norwood, Minn.; Colleen McGovern '03 of La Crosse, Wis.; and Janet Willis '03 of Rochester, Minn.

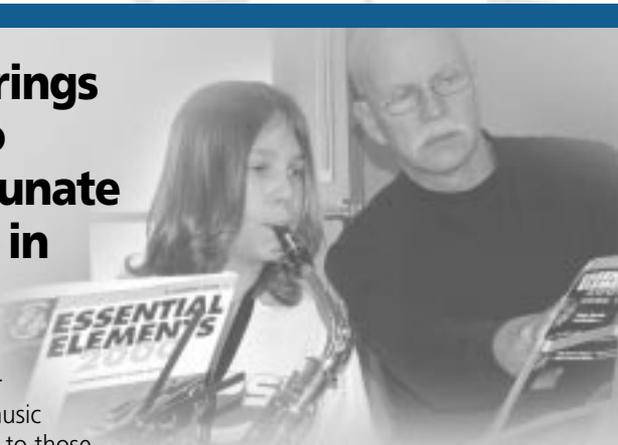
The fellowship program in the **Master of Education** encourages advancement for those currently teaching in the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Winona. This two-year program is for certified teachers who earn the master's degree while continuing regular employment as teachers. Fellows agree to continue teaching in the Catholic schools upon completion of the program. The Fellows for

## MAFA brings music to less-fortunate children in Winona

Through MAFA (Music Access for All), the gift of music is made available to those who could not otherwise afford it. MAFA was organized last December by Dr. John Paulson, professor of music at Saint Mary's University, with the assistance of William Doerer of the Winona Housing and Development Authority, which serves as a home for the program. The SMU music department serves as a co-sponsor of the organization.

The purpose of the program is to provide instrumental music lessons, instruments, and sheet music to students ages 10-18 in need of financial assistance. Professional musicians from the community volunteer their time to provide instruction in piano and beginning band. Teachers in the program include program director, Paulson, band; A. Eric Heukeshoven, SMU website manager and music instructor, band; and community member Vicki Herron, piano. Students from various departments at SMU also provide assistance.

The MAFA program depends on contributions from the community to cover operating expenses, which include instrument rental, various accessories, the piano and maintenance.



2003-2004 are: LeAnn Dahle, Morristown, Minn.; Trent Robertson, Austin, Minn.; and Pamela (Cox '84) Bagniewski, Rochester, Minn.

Both programs are endowed by Mary Ann and Jack Remick of Rochester. Throughout their lives, as students in Catholic educational systems at all levels, and as parents of five children who have benefited from Catholic education, the Remicks have been moved to support the future of Catholic education.

"We want to make a positive difference in the future of the Catholic school system," Jack Remick said, "Our goal in establishing the Remick Fellows Program is to provide a vehicle to continue the excellence of teaching in the Catholic schools – by providing new teachers and encouraging those already working in our Catholic schools."

## SMU receives grant to host visiting Muslim scholar

Saint Mary's was honored to host a Fulbright visiting scholar this spring thanks to a grant from Fulbright's Direct Access to the Muslim World program, administered by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

The purpose of the program is to enrich understanding and knowledge of Islamic, Middle Eastern and South Asian societies and cultures, and grants were specifically targeted to liberal arts colleges with limited or no current programs on the Muslim world.

Dr. Mohamed Mostafa, associate professor of political science, Cairo University in Egypt, was on campus March 4-19. He was a guest lecturer in several classes and presented on the following topics: the relationship between Islam and democracy; women in Islam; politics in Islam; peace; and the relationship of the Muslim nation with the U.S. He also made a public presentation to the Winona-area community.



A total of 487 people participated in the 16th Fall Frolic Run/Walk Oct. 4 at Saint Mary's University.

## Family Weekend full of fun events

Family Weekend, held in October, was action-packed. Events included a hall vs. hall tug-of-war, the 16th annual Fall Frolic Fun Run/Walk, a parent golf outing, and musical and theatrical performances (including the play, "The House of Bernarda Alba;" Jazz Ensemble Combos; and a Concert Choir, Chamber Singers and Concert Band performance). At a community reception, students had the opportunity to introduce their families to the professors. Attendees were asked to join Brother President Louis DeThomasis and talk about life at Saint Mary's. And, to round out the weekend, a comedian/magician performed on campus, and students ran, jostled and bounced around in inflatable games.

## Moody's upgrade is sign of strength

Moody's Investors Service, an international investment rating organization, has completed an extensive examination of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota – and upgraded its bond rating.

Moody's now rates Saint Mary's as "Baa1," up one level from "Baa2." Moody's report on Saint Mary's finances and overall outlook highlighted its strong operating performance, both now and into the future.

The upgrade "was most welcome and a significant objective endorsement of Saint Mary's University," according to Brother Louis DeThomasis, president.

"The university is on solid financial ground and is a good investment," Brother Louis said. "The Moody's rating shows their confidence in our soundness and viability."

Brother Louis said "what is so heartening is that we, like all higher education institutions, are financially challenged by the economy and tight budgets at the state and federal levels. In these more difficult times," Brother Louis added, "the decisions we made in the past are being rewarded by our current financial strength."

An upgraded bond rating means the university can issue bonds through the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority (MHEFA) at a reduced interest rate, resulting in potential savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

On behalf of Saint Mary's University, MHEFA will issue \$11 million in Revenue Bonds Series Five-U. The bonds will refund prior bonds issued at a higher interest rate that were used to pay for past building projects and campus renovations.

The reasons cited by Moody's for the bond rating upgrade include:

- ongoing positive operating margins, driven by stable enrollment in the university's core program offerings and revenues from non-traditional educational endeavors;
- healthy debt coverage by financial resources, resulting from modest leverage, adequate financial reserves, and healthy gift revenues;
- continued strong management, which should allow for a smooth transition between presidents in 2005.

Moody's also reported that Saint Mary's has no deferred maintenance expenses, and noted that a healthy, entrepreneurial attitude permeates the culture of the university. 



# A SOLDIER OF SOULS

## Hinton journaled his experiences in Iraq while serving as division chaplain assistant

**A**s far back as he can remember, **Ryan Hinton '00** has always wanted to be a soldier. He recalls, as a young boy, dumping out his box of G.I. Joes™ onto the living room floor and aligning them, ready for battle. But serving in the war on Iraq is a long way from playing childhood games.

Sgt. Hinton, who served as chaplain assistant of the 101st Airborne Division, kept a journal of his experiences in Iraq during the past year. Now back in the United States, there are memories Hinton admits he may not want to remember. Yet he believes it is important to share details of war, as seen through a soldier's eyes.

"I hope when people read my entries they get a truer sense of what happened here; the news is tainted as am I, but blended together maybe, just maybe, they will see what is happening over here," he said.

Hinton, a Rhode Island native, responded openly — via e-mail from Iraq last fall and phone once he returned to the United States in December. He answered questions regarding his faith, his duties and the difficulties he has faced. He also responded to those who feel U.S. presence in Iraq is not justified.

### **Why did you decide to join the Army and when?**

I decided to join the Army in the summer between my junior and senior years at Saint Mary's. That summer I was living in community with the Christian Brothers and

wondering what I was going to do with my life when a thought of my father and his father serving in the military jumped in and stayed in my head. My parents and the Brothers have always instilled service in me, so to me there was no greater mission than service to my country.

### **What was the hardest adjustment for you while serving in Iraq?**

The hardest adjustment has been dealing not only with the deaths of my fellow soldiers but also with the mass gravesites throughout this country. Hatred has such destructive power and it creates the deepest scars. The media back home has been so hung up on finding weapons of mass destruction, they have forgotten that thousands of innocent women and children were killed by this madman, and his foot soldiers are still taking aim at our troops as we attempt to raise the oppressed.

### **How do you deal with the mixed feelings both here and in Iraq about America's presence?**

I have mixed feelings ... but I will say that we and I needed to be here no matter the cost; humanity — even on foreign soil — needs to be protected. We have done that and, in return, maybe we have altered the life of one potential terrorist.

*It has been said that without proof that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction that this war will be proven unjust ... I do not have the luxury of pontificating that which justifies war, rather I go where and when I am asked and deal with the situations that present themselves.  
R.H.*



Hinton was positioned outside the building where Saddam's two sons were located in Mosul, Northern Iraq.

Part of Hinton's duties brought him to suspected mass gravesites. At one site, he found 19 bodies of adult females and three identifiable babies. Kurdish women and children Hinton discovered were killed on Saddam's command.

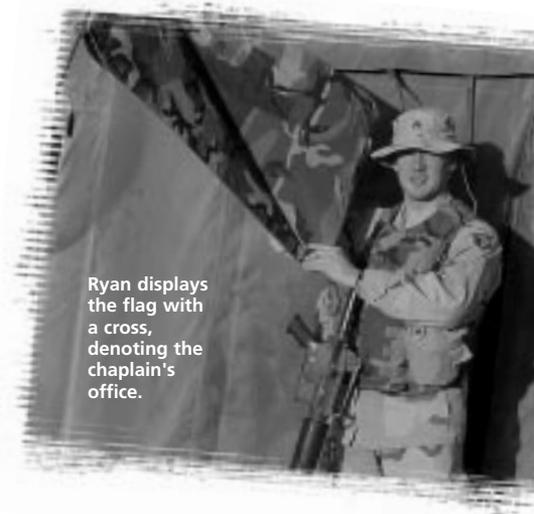
*You want a weapon of mass destruction? Look no further than the man that we overthrew for power in Iraq. Saddam Hussein raped, tortured and killed thousands — if not hundreds of thousands — within his own borders. The people of this country may want us gone; they may shoot and kill us; the people of my country ... may want us gone, but there is no doubt in my mind that we did the right and just thing by coming here. There is no doubt in my mind that we stopped mass destruction, even if its methods may never appease the politicians. R.H.*

**Why have you kept a journal?**

I kept a journal to remember the emotions of my experience. Powerful experiences need to be remembered. They are what shape our future.

**What were your duties as chaplain assistant?**

My duty, as the division chaplain assistant in wartime, is primarily one of security, making sure the chaplain is able to move on the battlefield without getting injured or killed. On the battlefield we are really one person; the chaplain does not carry a weapon and I do. I also direct tactical convoys and support religious activities, with set-up and over-watch security. The chaplain and assistant make up a team for spiritual support of soldiers; we pray with them and sometimes just offer a caring shoulder to lean on in times of difficulty.



Ryan displays the flag with a cross, denoting the chaplain's office.

*Realize that my reflections help me deal with that which I have seen, but sometimes in life we would just like to forget ... R.H.*

As a chaplain assistant, we are soldiers but we do not have offensive abilities.

In my mission of protection I cannot risk leaving my chaplain to go after the enemy, which is hard when the bullets are flying and your friends are fighting back. Soldiers are truly a band of brothers and not being directly involved in the fighting is sometimes hard. But rest assured that the fight

often comes to us and we are ready and have done our duty.

**Did you expect to be in a position where those close to you, perhaps yourself, face the real possibility of death?**

Death is a part of life. I knew when I signed on in the Army before September 11 that evil can strike anywhere. I also knew that, as a soldier, we are at a higher risk of losing our lives, but knowing that does not always help. It is hard to have friends die and feeling like it should have been you.



Sgt. Ryan Patrick Hinton poses with area children at a first-aid site in Baghdad. Hinton was assisting with delivering humanitarian aid supplies.

**After 9 months overseas, how did it feel to come home, and what are your plans for the future?**

It was hard being back, a lot harder than I thought it would be. With the ongoing information coming in (of injuries and death within the 101st Airborne Division),

and knowing I can't control any of it anymore.

I wanted to be a high school religion teacher when I left college and now I am planning to continue that goal.

**What are your hopes now for the future of Iraq?**

We've done some good things over there, and (Saddam's capture) is really the icing on the cake.

The hope is for (the people of Iraq) to experience a free government ... It helps our cause, but actually getting Saddam Hussein in custody helps the Iraqi people. In talking to people still over there via e-mail, Iraqi nationals are really excited and see this as the life blood of their new government.

**Did you ever question God's plan in times of crisis, pain and suffering?**

My faith in God has carried me through these experiences, most of which would have been too hard to go through alone. Of course I question God's plan but I never question that God has me on the right path; pain and suffering is part of humanity. Even the Perfection of Christ felt these things and He, in the garden, questioned. But I have found that by submitting to the Lord I have found the light in the darkness. 

*Today I do not have the gift of words to express the tremendous loss that I feel in my heart for these soldiers, some of whom I had known and some that I was there when they returned to our heavenly Father. I do know this fact though: I will always see their faces in the folds of our flag. — R.H.*

*And so I return to the routine, that which gives solace to this humble servant at this time. R.H.*

## Also served:

### Thilges helped Afghans recover

Sgt. Jason C. Thilges  
Fairmont, Minn.  
SMU graduate: 2003

*U.S. Army Civil Affairs Specialist with 407th Civil Affairs Battalion (until February) stationed in Afghanistan. His duties included refurbishing and rebuilding schools, clinics, roads, wells and government buildings; sponsoring clinics; distributing donations to the impoverished; and security assistance.*



### Miller's company fueled U.S. efforts

Ssg. Teresa M. Miller  
Forest Lake, Minn.  
SMU graduate: 2000

*Miller's 353rd Army Reserve Transportation Company was responsible for the transport of bulk fuel (over a million gallons) which was hauled mainly from south-central Iraq to Baghdad.*



**Know of an SMU alum currently serving in the armed forces overseas?** Let us know. We'll put a list of names and contact information online at [www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni).

### Veterans memorial planned

The alumni board of directors would like to announce approval to create a veterans memorial on the Winona campus. Initial plans have just begun for this memorial, which will commemorate and honor all current students and alumni from the Saint Mary's community who have served and who are currently serving in the armed forces. More information will be communicated as it becomes available.

■ For more information, contact Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman at [mrictma@smumn.edu](mailto:mrictma@smumn.edu).

This photograph of Georg and Ursula Levy is on the cover of "Lucie's Hope — Memoirs of the Holocaust" by George Levy Mueller '53 with Roslyn Z. Weedman.

# Continuing, Lucie's Hope

**A**s George Levy Mueller '53 speaks, only an occasional word or two hints at his heritage. After all these years, there isn't much left of his German or Dutch accents, but he'd likely prefer it that way.

He came to America as a teenager, putting a horrific and painful past behind him, vowing to start fresh in this new country. For many years, he lied to others about his past, wanting no one to know he was a concentration camp survivor. It wasn't until he proposed to his wife at Lake Winona that he even admitted to her that he was Jewish.

Levy Mueller said he only wanted to feel normal.

He hadn't felt normal since he was 8 years old in 1939.

*"The last time I saw my mother was a cold, gray February morning in 1939, at a German railway station, I'm not even sure which one, possibly Lippstadt, my home town, or possibly Bielefeld, a neighboring town. My mother had helped my three-year-old sister, Ursula, and me pack a bag that morning as though we were going off on a little vacation to visit relatives in Holland.*

*"Many children waited for the train accompanied mostly by their mothers. The scene was somber, but not hysterical by any means. All these Jewish mothers were there to put their children on what came to be known*

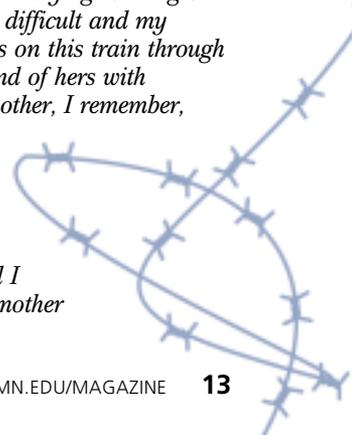
*as the Kindertransport, which would take a train load of children west to Rotterdam. The plan, of course, for us and I'm sure for all the kids, called for us to meet up with our mothers whenever they could take care of last-minute business and make their way to Holland.*

*"At the age of eight, however, I had seen some things already. I had seen our family home and businesses taken away. And I had seen my father and uncle Ludwig die after being detained for several weeks by SS soldiers. So, although I believed my mother when she said she would see us soon, I was also worried. And I had my little sister to be responsible for. I remember crying. Getting out of Germany was by now difficult and my mother was able to get us on this train through the intervention of a friend of hers with political influence. My mother, I remember, was crying and said to us, "Don't worry. I'm coming soon. Take care of your little sister."*

*"Ursula and I took our seat on the train and I waved and watched my mother*

George  
Levy Mueller  
details life as  
a Holocaust  
survivor

Lucie Hope  
Levy, George  
Levy Mueller's  
mother. (circa  
1935)





This picture of Georg and Ursula Levy was taken in Amsterdam around 1940 at his aunt (Tante) Sofie's house before she disappeared and before Georg and Ursula were sent to the concentration camps.



*as the train pulled away and she grew smaller and smaller, finally disappearing altogether. I never saw her again. Now, more than sixty years later, not a day goes by that I don't think of this, one of the great sad days of my life.*

*"Her name was Lucie Hope Levy." (Levy Mueller and Weedman p. 1-2)*

This is the beginning of "Lucie's Hope," Levy Mueller's memoirs of the Holocaust, written with Roslyn Z. Weedman and published in 2003 by InfinityPublishing.com.

As a young child, Georg (the birth spelling of his name) Levy's family lived a successful and happy life, surrounded by friends. Then, like a bad dream, friends slowly turned their backs on Georg and his family as a

hateful and successful smear campaign was waged against the Jewish people. Suddenly Georg's father was no longer welcome in the local pub. Though young, Georg knew something was wrong.

In 1939, Georg's father and uncle were taken to "an organized harassment that preceded actual policies of extermination." (Levy Mueller and Weedman pg. 9) They died shortly after being released.

Georg's mother knew she had to try to save herself and her children.

After Georg and Ursula were separated from her, they spent several years on the move, always in hiding. In 1943, they were taken from their home at a Catholic convent in Holland, St. Jacobus, to

concentration camps called Vught, Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen.

George's book captures the sights and sounds of a young boy who should be starting to think about girls, playing ball with neighbors after school and dreading homework. Instead, he was faced with starvation, disease, lice, filth, torture and death.

"Dying was no big deal," he wrote. "Everybody died." (p. 53) It was enough to turn a 15-year-old boy's hair gray.

In March of 1945, 18,000 people died in four weeks at Bergen-Belsen.

Lucie Hope Levy died in a concentration camp, one month prior to its liberation by the Americans.

Yet, in the midst of all of this horror, George (as his name is now spelled) recalls finding good in people and in his surroundings, a trait his mother was known for.

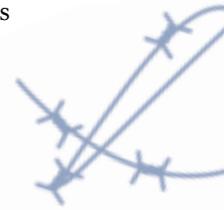
"You have to survive, and you can't survive if you give up," he said. "If people gave up they died."

George and Ursula were eventually put on a train – called the Lost Transport – which was liberated by Russian soldiers in 1945. Once George and Ursula's uncle and aunt learned they were alive, they sent for the two children to come and live with them in America.

"I wanted to forget everything and start over," George said. "That's why I changed my name. I didn't want anything to do with the past. Another reason was I didn't want to be known as a Jew anymore, that's why I took my uncle's name, Mueller, so I could assimilate as a regular American, without that hanging over my head. ... Also people didn't want to hear about it for many years ... After the war everyone wanted to forget."

George came to Saint Mary's College around 1950.

"I must say I'm glad I went there because, for the first time since I was 8 years old, I felt like a normal person at Saint Mary's," he said. It was during this time he met his now wife of 48 years,



**"You have to survive, and you can't survive if you give up. If people gave up they died."**

A family portrait of, from left: Lucie, Ursula, Max and Georg Levy. (circa 1936)



Katie, whose family lived in Winona at the time.

Their five children grew up not knowing details of their father's history as well. Occasionally phrases like, "You don't know what hunger is" would slip out in conversation with their father.

Yet watching his children grow, George couldn't help but compare his life to theirs. "I do that with my grandkids too. Every time somebody is 8, or whatever age, I would think, 'I was here' or 'I was there.' I think, and

George and Ursula on the steps of St. Jacobus, a Catholic convent in Earsel, Holland, where they lived prior to being taken to the concentration camps.



I wonder how they would do."

It wasn't until after a 50th anniversary trip to Trobitz, commemorating the anniversary of the Lost Transport survivors, that George was able to open up.

"My family insisted that I go on this trip," he said. "I didn't want to go, but they told me I should because it would be good. (After the trip) I felt real good about everything. These very people were at the same place that I was at the same time ... I felt at home, and they were people I could talk to. And it was like kind of like a rock off my chest."

By reading "Lucie's Hope," readers feel as though George is an old friend, one they've known for years. It's a response he gets from many people, he said, "because I laid it all open and wrote it just the way I talk."

George said the book was originally meant only for his family. "It just got out of hand," he said, his

humor coming through. "They kept bugging me, and bugging me and bugging me, especially my son ... So I finally did it."

The goal of "Lucie's Hope" is simple: "So that basically they get some understanding of what happened to people," George said. "The futility of it. There's no reason for this to have happened. It's absolutely 100 percent wrong for someone to come in and break up your family and everyone else's family and kill everybody off and take all your property ... There's no reason for it."

George now shares memories of the Holocaust with schools and other organizations. "But I'm no philosopher. I don't philosophize nothing. I just tell what happened. I think it's enough." (p. 86)

But George is more than a "Holocaust survivor;" he's a veteran, husband, father of five, grandfather of 15, pilot, musician and pharmacist, living in Glen Ellyn, Ill.

His children, in their own chapters of "Lucie's Hope," also call him a hero.

His son, Joe, writes, "I think the best part of his story is that he has kept moving forward, moving on in a positive direction."

"My dad came to this country with nothing. Now he has a profession, a beautiful house, a 45-year marriage to a good woman, five children – all professionals, all successfully married, no divorces – each child with three children of their own. Not bad for an orphan. My dad is an American success story." (qtd. In Levy Mueller and Weedman p. 106 and 109) 📖



This is a recent photograph of Ursula and George, two survivors of the Holocaust.

... for the first time since I was 8 years old, I felt like a normal person ...



George and Ursula posed before flying to the United States. This trip on a DC3 was the first leg of their trip from Eindhoven to Amsterdam.

Joe Guenther '98 was one of two SMU alums who participated in the Ironman World Championship, Oct. 18, 2003.



# IRONMEN HAVE SOFT SPOTS

Two SMU alums participate in Ironman World Championships

Only 3 percent of the competitors are good enough, fast enough, and tough enough to be chosen.

Despite the fierce competition and the seemingly insurmountable odds, two Saint Mary's alums, Matt Guzik '81 and Joe Guenther '98, competed in the 25th Ironman World Championships Oct. 18, 2003, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

Each year, more than 50,000 triathletes world-wide attempt to qualify for the championship event, but the field is limited to only 1,500 athletes.

Despite what the increased media attention of triathlons and adventure races would lead you to believe, only a very small percentage of people in the world have completed a full-length Ironman race – a 2.5 mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile marathon.

**JOE GUENTHER** started dreaming of triathlons at the age of 10. He participated in many sports during his childhood in southeastern Minnesota, and he ran track and cross country while attending Saint Mary's. He still holds two track and field records as a member of the distance medley and 1,600 meter relay teams.

While completing his master's degree in Saint Mary's Resource Analysis program, he bought his first bike in Fountain City, Wis., and began riding with a group there. At that time, he was focused on biking and running, but claims he was a terrible swimmer. In fact, he did not really learn swimming technique until he was 25, when he trained with a youth group at the University of Minnesota.

Matt Guzik '81 used the competition to raise money for charities.



His favorite and strongest portion of the triathlon is running, but he looks at swimming and biking as part of the challenge.

Last summer, Guenther completed Ironman Canada in 10 hours 5 minutes in order to qualify for one of the five slots available in the 25- to 29-year-old age group at the World Championships. He then had only seven weeks to both recover from Ironman Canada and prepare for Ironman Hawaii. Plus, he came down with bronchitis during this short period.

Guenther is one of about 100 athletes on the Degree® Ironman Team, sponsored by Degree® Antiperspirant. He also competes with Team Purple Haze, a co-ed adventure racing team. His love for the outdoors and adventure may have begun in Winona; he is rumored to have solo-canoeed the Mississippi River from the headwaters through Minnesota in 11 days.

He says it was helpful to have a competitive running background and thanks current cross country coach, John Skemp, for being flexible with his schedule while he was in school.

Skemp describes Guenther as “interesting and entertaining to talk to.

“He’s a super-motivated and hard-working guy who gets out there and gets after it,” Skemp said.

**MATT GUZIK** Unlike Guenther, Matt Guzik was not involved in collegiate athletics. He spent most of his college days working toward his business degree, putting in work-study hours in the development office, and serving as a DJ for KSMR.

Guzik, now known as “Marathon Matt” in Montana, began competing in order to raise funds for the Bitterroot Valley Region where he lives. In 2000, Guzik ran 13

marathons in 13 months, raising more than \$1,000 per race for 36 area charities.

He knew he was onto something. He petitioned Ironman to allow him to run by “lottery selection” rather than qualifying times so that he could raise funds for The Greater Ravalli Foundation, which assists children in the Bitterroot Valley Region with financial assistance for basic educational needs, essential capital improvements, lunches, clothing, and extracurricular activities. Guzik’s goal was to raise \$1,000 per Ironman mile (\$140,600) for the Foundation. He put all his energy into training and raising funds, and it paid off.

Donations exceeded his goal, reaching \$262,850, plus an additional \$5,000 for being the second-highest fundraiser in the Janus Charity Challenge (sponsored by the Janus investment firm). In the past five years, Guzik has raised just less than a half million dollars for charities in rural Montana.

According to the Greater Ravalli Foundation, “Guzik is a fun, generous, magnetic, and highly principled individual who just likes to help. He has changed our community measurably, visibly, and irreversibly for the better.” The *Ravalli Republic News* coined Guzik “a saint.”



## THE ATHLETES

Both athletes live and train out west – Guenther in Boise, Idaho, and Guzik in Hamilton, Mont. They particularly love the outdoorsy-feel of these towns and the training groups they are involved in.

Both men completed the World Championship race well-under the allotted time. The two finished the grueling race within an hour of each other.

Both commented on the difficulty of the swim, especially without the use of wetsuits. In other races, the wetsuit served as protection against other swimmers and provided some buoyancy. The heat was also a factor, especially for the bike and the run portions which took place on black lava paths or black pavement in 80 degree temperatures.

But Guenther and Guzik agree it was all worth the incredible feeling they experienced as they turned down Alii Drive and were greeted by the noise, the music, and the crowds as they crossed the finish line. Finishing pictures of Guzik show him wearing a white cowboy hat, a big grin, and running alongside his 16-year-old son who was there supporting him. Guenther said, “To be a part of the 25th anniversary was wonderful – they gave us extra anniversary gear and treated us just great. Seeing the crowds and my family at the finish was amazing.”

# A brief history of the web

(at SMU)

It is difficult for many of us to imagine a world without the World Wide Web. However, the roots of the Web date back little more than 10 years.

In 1990, physicist-turned-programmer Tim Berners-Lee and colleague Robert Cailliau at the

European Laboratory for Particle Physics (CERN) in Switzerland began to collaborate on something that eventually opened the floodgates to mass use by turning the Internet into an

ocean navigable by anyone able to point and click a mouse.

On Dec. 12, 1991, the first Web server in America was installed on an IBM mainframe computer at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC).

The development of Saint Mary's website might best be viewed by the contributions of each of the "webmasters."

## Dr. Wes Miller (1995-1996)

In spring of 1995, Dr. Wes Miller (sociology department) was granted a quarter-time release to bring the first Saint Mary's website into existence with the assistance of then public information director, Bob Conover. (Fig. 1) Dr. Miller and

a student assistant loaded the college catalog and fact sheet onto a webserver. Later, admission materials, a campus map, alumni connections, athletic schedules and college newsletters were added.

## Brother Richard Lemberg, FSC (1997-1998) and Mike Campbell (1998-1999)

As the first website continued to evolve, plans were outlined to reflect the institution's image, philosophy, quality and some of the atmosphere visitors might experience if visiting the campus. In the fall of 1998, the redesigned website went "live" – offering information on academic programs, activities and athletics, facilities, faculty and staff, admission, alumni and general information. (Fig. 2) Included in the new design was a common graphic theme and a greater use of photos. Visitors to the new website could – for the first time – apply for admission online via an electronic form.

Brother Richard Lemberg, FSC, who oversaw much of the implementation of this new site, became the director of SMU's Fitzgerald Library, and Mike Campbell stepped into the webmaster position. Under Campbell's direction the website continued to grow, adding many useful services such as an alumni e-mail directory and many more forms for applying to everything from sports camps to alumni events.

## A. Eric Heukeshoven (1999-present)

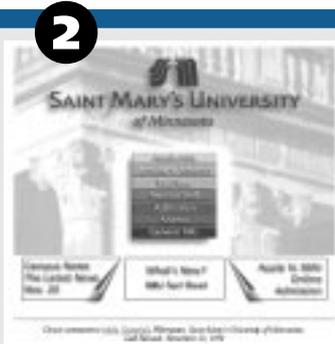
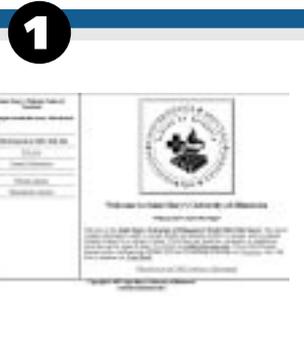
One of my first tasks as webmaster was to figure out a way to represent Saint Mary's exploding growth in the School of Graduate and Special Programs at our Twin Cities campus and Rochester Center. A look at the SMU home page in 2002 (Fig. 3) shows how the site was adapted to include much more of the entire SMU community. But the look and structure were still based on the 1998 foundation.

I can recall discussing a third redesign of the website as early as 2001. Over time and many meetings later, a new site design did emerge accommodating the design wishes of many departments. The current website celebrated its first anniversary in February 2004. (Fig. 4) Today's website offers options that were not possible with its predecessors: the ability to pay online (e-commerce); a much greater use of graphics; and a means for our faculty and staff to easily update information using just their Web browser.

The World Wide Web and Saint Mary's University have changed and expanded dramatically in the last decade. No one knows what exactly is to come, but I for one am excited to be a part of our continuing history. 🌐



A. Eric Heukeshoven  
website manager



# Sports News



## MEN'S SOCCER

**CONFERENCE:** 3-5-2

**OVERALL:** 4-10-2

**BRIEFLY:** Sophomore

Brian Reddish was named to the All-MIAC First Team, while seniors Jason Grinnell and Mike Lackey were honorable-mention selections. ... After opening the season with seven straight losses, the Cardinals went 4-3-2 in their final nine games. ... Reddish finished as the team's offensive leader in goals (5) and points (12). ... Reddish and freshman Brady Knudsen shared the team lead in assists with two. ... Ten of SMU's 16 goals were scored in the second half. ... The Cardinals were outscored 16-5 in the first half. ... Both of SMU's ties ended in a 0-0 score. ... The 0-0 ties were just two of the three double-overtime games SMU played – the Cardinals also beat Carleton 3-2 in two overtimes.

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/m\\_soccer](http://sports.smumn.edu/m_soccer)



## WOMEN'S SOCCER

**CONFERENCE:** 2-8-1

**OVERALL:** 3-14-1

**BRIEFLY:** Sophomores Diane Schirmers and Kelli Krmpotich were honorable-mention All-MIAC selections. ... Schirmers finished as the Cardinals' offensive leader with 5 goals and 12 points. ... SMU scored 10 of its 13 goals in the second half. ... In its final two games of the season, SMU outshot St. Catherine and Hamline by a combined 36-14, but failed to score, falling to St. Catherine 1-0 and tying Hamline 0-0. ... Senior Emily Strom finished as SMU's goaltending leader with a 2.42 goals-against-average and a .791

save percentage. She also picked up two of SMU's three wins – including her first career shutout in a 3-0 win over Bethel on Oct. 11. ... On Jan. 12, 2004, Coach Dan Blank retired after a successful 23-year career with the team.

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/w\\_soccer](http://sports.smumn.edu/w_soccer)



## VOLLEYBALL

**CONFERENCE:** 7-4

**OVERALL:** 21-11

**BRIEFLY:** Junior Tracy

Koertgen and senior Tessa Stranik were both named to the All-MIAC First Team. ... For the season, Koertgen finished with a team-leading 392 kills (3.70 kills-per-game), while also leading the team in aces (71) and blocks (75). ... Stranik set an SMU single-season record with 1,433 assists. ... SMU, which set a school record with a perfect 10-0 record on its home floor, had winning streaks of nine and six matches, and did not lose more than two matches in a row all season. ... SMU's 21 wins are the most since 2000, when the Cardinals went 27-8 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

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



## CROSS COUNTRY

**CONFERENCE:** Men 11th, Women 9th

**REGIONAL:** Men 18th, Women 15th  
**BRIEFLY:** The Cardinal women's ninth-place effort at the MIAC Championships was their highest conference finish since 1997, when they placed seventh. ... Sophomore Ellen Koranda earned All-MIAC honorable-mention honors after placing 20th with a season-best 5K

time of 19:30. She also just missed All-Region honors, placing 38th at the NCAA Midwest Regional with a 6K time of 23:28 ... Senior Renee Willkom also ran a sub-20-minute 5K at the conference meet, coming in 34th in 19:56. ... Senior Keith Pieschek led the SMU men's team to its 11th-place MIAC effort, placing 43rd overall with an 8K time of 27:41. ... Pieschek was also SMU's top finisher at the regional meet, placing 28th with an 8K time of 26:56. ... It was the fifth-straight meet that Pieschek was the first Cardinal across the finish line.

**ONLINE:** [http://sports.smumn.edu/cross\\_country](http://sports.smumn.edu/cross_country)



## GOLF

**CONFERENCE:** Men 6th, Women 6th

**BRIEFLY:** Sophomore

Andrea Hanke became just the second SMU women's golfer to earn All-MIAC honors, after shooting rounds of 82-85–167 to finish fourth overall at the MIAC Championships. ... The SMU women's sixth-place team finish was its highest finish ever at the conference meet. ... Hanke's 87.1 scoring average was the team's best. ... The Cardinal men's team's sixth-place team finish at the conference championships was its highest since they placed sixth in 1997. ... Freshman Mark Miller led SMU at the MIAC, shooting an 82-76–158 to place 17th overall. ... Senior Eric Thom led SMU in scoring all season with a 77.2 average.

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

**MORE SPORTS**

# Cardinal pride shines at first 'M' Club weekend

When it was first decided that the newly formed Saint Mary's University Cardinal 'M' Club would sponsor a special weekend — one that would include an alumni golf outing and a special program to induct the year's SMU Hall of Fame honorees, among other things — there were all kinds of questions.

And very few answers.

When the dust finally settled following the two-day event in late September, however, the only question left unanswered was ... what do we do for an encore?

"Anytime you do something for the first time, you want to make sure that it's special, and that it's something that you can build on for years to come," said SMU athletic director Chris Kendall '79, who, along with Cardinal 'M' Club director Don Olson and SMU director of alumni relations Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman spearheaded the venture. "We were starting out from scratch, so we really had no idea what to expect."

The event kicked off with a golf outing on Saturday, Sept. 20. More than 90 golfers took part in the 18-hole scramble event, which included a buffet dinner and awards ceremony. From there, it was back to campus, as the Cardinal 'M' Club hosted an awards ceremony that not only included the induction of six new members into the SMU Sports Hall of Fame, but also recognized the outstanding achievements of SMU's current student-athletes.

"It was exciting to formally recognize the outstanding achievements of our student athletes," said Kendall, noting that the Cardinal 'M' Club was created in 2002 to recognize the athletic accomplishments of both past and present Saint Mary's student athletes. The Cardinal 'M' Club's mission is to promote and



1) Enjoying a day of golfing during the Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend are, from left: Dusty Verhey '00, Randy Gallatin '99, Tony Headrick '02, Scott Kronebusch '00 and Tim Simpkins.

2) Lee and Kathleen Bushman, parents of Ben Bushman '99 and Elizabeth Bushman '02, tested their skills on the course.

3) All-conference student athletes were recognized.

4) SMU women's basketball teammates including, from left: Beth Walch, Jamie Rattunde, Alissa Banttarl, Angie Arrington, Libby Kiedrowksi and Ashley Luehmann gather before the ceremony.

5) Former track and field coach, Paul Thornton presents Ashley Dingels '05 with her All-American award.

6) Phil Sukul '89, Brad Mattson '89, Steve Miller '87, Greg Mattson '88 and Matthew Montgomery '89 pose for a photo during the awards ceremony.

support SMU's current athletic programs. "Athletics is an integral part of many people's collegiate experience. Their accomplishments on the playing fields, and in the classroom, deserve to be recognized."

Men's hockey players Brad Mattson '89 and Matthew Montgomery '89, along with Lisa (Janikowski '87) Schlosser (women's basketball), Tim Piechowski '88 (baseball, basketball), Amy Cichanowski '92 (nordic skiing, cross country) and Kristen (Kluge '93) Steensland (women's soccer) made up the SMU Sports Hall of Fame Class of 2003, while senior Al Schumacher '04 (men's hockey) and junior Ashley Dingels '05 (volleyball, track and field) were named SMU's Outstanding Male and Female Athletes from 2002-03.

"We've said it from the beginning — one of the missions of the Cardinal 'M' Club is to help link the past with the present — and we did that with this type of weekend celebration," said Olson, adding that, along with the Saturday festivities, there were also five different alumni games that took place the following day. "The golf outing was a huge success — we had great weather, a lot of fun on the course, and a nice dinner/awards ceremony afterwards.

"It was just a wonderful weekend."

Richtman agreed. "There's no question the event was a huge success," she said, adding that plans for next year's event — to be held Sept. 11 and 12 — are already underway. "This (Cardinal 'M' Club weekend) gives the alumni association an opportunity to recognize our annual Sports Hall of Fame inductees in front of our student-athletes, faculty and staff, as well as the many other former SMU athletes who attended the festivities.

"Having the ceremony and the many other Cardinal 'M' Club events on a weekend when the campus is alive with many sporting events, alumni games and student activities, gives our alumni a real sense of Cardinal pride." 📷

## Sports Hall of Fame Inductees



**Amy Cichanowski '92** • Cichanowski was the best nordic skier ever to compete at Saint Mary's, earning all-conference and all-region honors in both the freestyle and classic races during her senior season. A team captain, Cardinal Award-winner and an Academic All-Region and All-American, Cichanowski won the school's first-ever regional freestyle individual championship and competed in the national meet during the 1991-1992 season.



**Brad Mattson '89** • Mattson lettered all three hockey seasons he was at Saint Mary's, earning All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in both his junior and senior seasons. A second-team All-American in 1988, Mattson earned first-team All-American honors in his final season, while also being named Co-MIAC Player of the Year with teammate Matthew Montgomery — the first and only time in the history of the award that teammates have shared player of the year honors. A forward and team captain his senior year, Mattson helped guide Saint Mary's to an MIAC regular-season title in 1987-88 and an MIAC playoff title — and an NCAA Division III national tournament berth — in 1988-89. Mattson holds the top two single-season scoring records, boasting 79 points during his senior season, seven more than his point total the year earlier. His 49 and 45 assists during the 1988-89 and 1987-88 seasons are also the two best performances in Cardinal history. Despite playing only three seasons, Mattson's 184 career points rank him fourth all-time — just three points behind No. 2 Nate DeMars. His 105 career assists are third all-time, while his 79 career goals rank him No. 6. Mattson was the MIAC's scoring champion in both his junior and senior seasons, and was a two-time MIAC Academic All-Conference selection.



**Matthew Montgomery '89** • A four-year letterwinner in hockey, Montgomery earned All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in both his junior and senior seasons. A second-team All-American in 1988, Montgomery earned first-team All-American honors in his final season, while also being named Co-MIAC Player of the Year with teammate Brad Mattson — the first and only time in the history of the award that teammates have shared player of the year honors. Tabbed the best defenseman in the MIAC, Montgomery helped guide Saint Mary's to an MIAC regular-season title in 1987-88 and an MIAC playoff title — and an NCAA Division III national tournament berth — in 1988-89. In his senior season, Montgomery scored 20 goals, which ranks him No. 1 all-time for defensemen at SMU.



**Tim Piechowski '88** • A three-year letterwinner in baseball and a two-year letterwinner in basketball, Piechowski earned all-conference baseball honors in each of his three seasons at Saint Mary's. A Max Molock Award winner, Piechowski was named the MIAC's MVP his senior season and was selected by the Montreal Expos in the 17th round of the major league baseball draft. He spent three years in the minor leagues before pursuing other opportunities.



**Lisa (Janikowski '87) Schlosser** • A four-year letterwinner in basketball, Janikowski ranks first in school history in assists in a game (14), season (126) and career (215). The two-year captain and two-time All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection — and a member of Saint Mary's 1985-86 conference champions and NCAA Division III national tournament participants — also ranks fifth in career field goals made (419), sixth in steals in a season (66, 1985-86) and seventh in career scoring (904 points). Janikowski was also a four-year letterwinner in cross country.



**Kristen (Kluge '93) Steensland** • A four-year letterwinner in soccer, Kluge was twice an All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference performer, earning MIAC Player of the Year honors in 1991, while garnering team MVP honors in 1992. Kluge helped guide the Cardinals to three straight conference championships and three consecutive NCAA Division III National Tournament appearances from 1989-1991. A second-team All-West Region pick as a freshman in 1989, Kluge earned first-team All-West Region honors in both her junior and senior years, and was also a first-team All-American in both of those seasons. Her 30 career goals and 101 career points rank her fifth all-time, while her 25 career assists are No. 6 all-time.

# Just one of the guys

**SMU goalie Justin Simmons doesn't let deafness keep him off the ice**

Saint Mary's University freshman goalie Justin Simmons has been deaf since the age of 18 months, when spinal meningitis cost him his hearing. The obstacle, however, hasn't kept him from making a name for himself at the collegiate — and world — level.

**T**hey line up across the goal line for the player introductions.

"Starting in goal for the Cardinals, a freshman from Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, number 31, **Justin Simmons** ..."

Fellow goalie Ryne Ess taps Simmons on the pads, prompting Simmons to skate out to the blue line, amidst a thunderous ovation from the Saint Mary's University faithful.

It's an experience every college hockey player cherishes — to hear those cheers, to feel that rush of adrenaline as hordes of people stand and cheer as your name is announced.

The feeling is indescribable.

It's also impossible for Simmons.

He's deaf.

"It's not as complicated as people might think," said Simmons, who has been deaf since the age of 18 months, when spinal meningitis cost him his hearing. "What most people have a hard time understanding is that, other than the fact that I can't hear, I'm just like everyone else."

On the ice, however, he's no ordinary Joe — not by a long shot.

Simmons grew up playing youth hockey in his hometown of Wolfeboro, N.H., switching between goalie and forward until the age of 12, when he decided it was time to stick to one or the other. Thanks to some fancy new equipment purchased by his father, Simmons chose goalie.

"My dad has had a big influence on my hockey career," said Simmons, noting that his father was his coach — and interpreter — all the way up to high school. "He was always there for me, every day in practice, signing for me so that I could understand what was going on."

An all-state selection and the team's MVP as a senior at Kingswood High School, Simmons also played junior hockey for the Exeter Junior Seawolves and the Boston Junior Bulldogs.

Unlike many of his current SMU teammates, however, Simmons didn't make the step from junior hockey to the collegiate level — he made one more stop in between.

The Olympics.

Simmons was one of three goalies on the U.S. Deaf National Olympic Team roster, and helped the team win a bronze medal during the 2003 Games in Sweden.

"Justin is a special kid," said Jeff Sauer, former coach of the NCAA Division I Wisconsin Badgers and the current U.S. Deaf National coach. "We're excited about the opportunity to have Justin back for the 2007 Olympics in Salt Lake City. He's proven to be not only an outstanding goalie, but also an outstanding individual."

"I was playing for the New Hampshire Select team (as a 15-year-old). One of the University of New Hampshire assistant coaches saw me play, made a call to the people at the American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (AHIHA) and told them they wanted me for the next Olympic team," explained Simmons, who spent four straight summers training at the USA Hockey training facilities in Colorado Springs, Colo., in preparation for the Olympic Games. "It was an awesome experience."

Playing for the U.S. national team, however, was slightly different than what Simmons would encounter when he arrived on the Saint Mary's University campus. After all, while playing for the U.S. team, Simmons was playing on an equal playing field — all the competitors were hearing impaired.

At Saint Mary's, he's the only one.

To which Simmons just shrugged his shoulders and said, "Big deal."

"I have been deaf my whole life — it's something I have had to deal with since I was very, very young, so it's really not that big of a deal," said Simmons, who has no

trouble speaking clearly and reads lips to converse with teammates, friends and instructors. It is probably a bigger adjustment for everyone else — they've never played with a deaf goalie before.

"Justin is a great kid — he works hard every day and always has such a positive attitude," said SMU coach Don Olson. "I think Justin has been a great asset to our team this season — both on the ice and off. On the ice, he has made a solid contribution as a freshman goaltender (tying high-powered Lake Forest 5-5 in his collegiate opener, then picking up his first win

with a 6-5 win over UW-Stout). Off the ice, he has fit in nicely with the rest of the team — he's just one of the guys."

"People need to realize that I am no different — I just can't hear," said Simmons. "My teammates here have

been great, they are always asking me questions about things — like how do I wake up in the morning if I can't hear the alarm clock? Or how do I take notes in class if I have to watch the instructor (or the interpreter) to read their lips?"

Just how does Simmons get up in the morning? He has a device that goes from his alarm clock to his bed. When the alarm goes off, it vibrates the bed. As for in the classroom, Simmons' classmates help out by allowing him to borrow their class notes.

"I can't take my own notes, because I can't look down to write," said Simmons, explaining that in order for him to read lips, or understand the interpreter's signing, he needs to see them, and looking down to write defeats that purpose.

"Being able to see people's faces is very important for me. People don't need to speak any different than they normally do. They don't need to talk slower — or louder. They just need to be themselves."

Which is exactly what Simmons does — be himself.

And his teammates and friends are quickly learning that there's another side to Simmons, a rather comedic side.

"I was talking to Justin the other day and I couldn't quite understand what he was saying, so I kept saying, 'What? What?'" explained fellow goalie Curtis Nosal. "And Justin finally looks at me and says, 'What's your problem, are you deaf?'"

"I am very comfortable with (being deaf)," explained Simmons, who joked at a team Christmas party, after getting a DVD as a present — "This is no good to me, it doesn't have captions!"

"It's one of those things, you can either sit back and feel sorry for yourself, or you can get on with your life and not let it affect you."

Simmons chose the latter.

"Every one of the kids who attend our (training camp) is a special individual — Justin included," said Sauer, who expects Simmons to be one of his top two goalies at the 2007 Olympics. "Being deaf, or hearing impaired, does not have to be a handicap. They may not be able to hear like other people, but they can also do things that another person, with all of their senses, cannot."

Olson agreed.

"Justin's not about to use his deafness as an excuse or a crutch," Olson said. "The world is filled with individuals who have overcome disabilities to achieve great things — I think having Justin as a teammate has helped the rest of the team understand and appreciate that that much more."

"Never underestimate anybody," Simmons philosophized. "I've always believed that if you work as hard as you can, you can accomplish anything." 



***"People need to realize that I am no different — I just can't hear."***

# Saint Mary's Alumni Association keeps our alumni connected

I am honored to be serving as president of the Saint Mary's University Alumni Board of Directors this year. I have many fond memories of my experiences while a student at Saint Mary's, of the faculty and staff, and of course, my fellow students. The education and

life skills I received from Saint Mary's, as I'm sure many of you can agree, have enabled me to aspire to higher achievements and have guided me through difficult times, as well.

The goal of the alumni association is to advance the mission of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota by establishing ongoing and mutually beneficial relationships between the university and its alumni. Each year the alumni board works very hard to fulfill this mission. This year is no

exception. I am fortunate to have a wonderful group of alums – spanning graduation years from 1954 to 1998 – working with me. I am thankful for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to Saint Mary's and the alumni association.

One of the new tasks the board has committed to is to construct a veterans memorial on campus to honor all current students and alumni who serve – and who have served – in the armed forces. The board created a subcommittee that is currently soliciting ideas from artists for the design of the memorial. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress with this monument.

With input from the board of directors' Admissions/Communications Committee, the new SMU website rolled out in February 2003. Through the website, there are many easy ways to connect with the university, see what is happening on campus, find information, register for upcoming alumni events, make a gift to your alma mater, and access e-mail addresses of fellow alums to rekindle friendships. You can also communicate with the alumni office and sign up for our many alumni volunteer opportunities. Check it out today at [www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni).

Our Awards Committee joined forces with the new Cardinal 'M' Club and assisted them in nominating and inducting six alumni into the Sports Hall of Fame at the inaugural awards program, held on Sept. 20, 2003. Approximately 350 people were in attendance for the ceremony, which also honored current student-athletes

for their many academic and athletic accomplishments.

Our Events Committee continues to look for ways to enhance Homecoming weekend. One of our improvements for Homecoming 2004 will be joining the annual alumni awards ceremony with the Homecoming dinner. This change will give our alumni more time in the evening for other social opportunities and to plan special class gatherings. In addition, the committee continues to work with the alumni office to execute the next Saint Mary's Convention, which will be held in the Twin Cities on Nov. 12-13. The convention will take the university (faculty, staff and students) out to our alumni, parents and prospective students, and will highlight cutting-edge programs, inform others about new educational opportunities, and include many events for socializing and networking.

Our University Relations Committee continues to enhance our annual "Life after Saint Mary's" event. This event brings a variety of alumni on campus to meet with our current students about career options, networking skills, interviewing advice, and résumé-writing expertise. The event took place on Friday, March 5. If you are interested in coming back to campus to talk with students about your career and life after Saint Mary's, please contact the alumni office at (800) 635-5987, Ext. 1499.

The Twin Cities and Chicago Alumni Chapters continue to plan and host events allowing opportunities for alumni to reconnect with one another. In the Twin Cities, some of the recent events have included: Community Outreach Day, Basilica Block Party alumni tent, St. Paul Saints baseball game, a Guthrie Theater event, Minnesota Wild vs. Chicago Blackhawks NHL outing, and our annual SMU vs. St. Thomas hockey game and reception. In Chicago, they had another successful golf outing this past summer, an annual Chicago Cubs outing and events for young alumni. In addition to Twin Cities and Chicago, alumni gatherings are being planned this year in Winona, Missouri, Florida, Colorado and Washington, D.C. If you are interested in any of these events or would like to volunteer, contact the alumni office at [alumni@smumn.edu](mailto:alumni@smumn.edu).

There are a number of opportunities to stay connected with the university, whether it is by attending an event, connecting with current students, or offering your time and talents. I encourage you to become involved with SMU. If you have any comments, feedback, or ideas, we would love to hear from you today! 



**Mari Beth (Utke '89)  
Ross, president,  
SMU Alumni Board  
of Directors**

## SMU ALUMNI DIRECTORY COMING SOON!

Saint Mary's University Alumni Office is pleased to announce the partnership with Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company to produce our upcoming 2005 Alumni Directory. You will be contacted soon about updating your information.

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

- 4/14** *Castle Rock, Colo.*  
Alumni Gathering  
Home of Don '53 and Eileen (CST '53) Gass
- 5/22** *Apple Valley, Minn.*  
Minnesota Zoo Outing
- 5/23** *Chicago, Ill.*  
Chicago Cubs Game  
Wrigley Field
- 6/5** *Chicago, Ill.*  
Young Alumni Gathering  
"Life's too short ...  
Slow Down"
- 6/18-20** *Winona, Minn.*  
Homecoming 2004
- 7/9-10** *Minneapolis, Minn.*  
Basilica Block Party  
Basilica of Saint Mary's
- 7/16** *St. Paul, Minn.*  
St. Paul Saints Game  
Midway Stadium
- 9/11-12** *Winona, Minn.*  
Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend
- 10/1** *Darien, Ill.*  
Chicago Alumni Golf Outing  
Carriage Greens Golf Course
- 10/15** *San Francisco, Calif.*  
Alumni Gathering
- 10/16** *Los Angeles, Calif.*  
Alumni Gathering
- 10/17** *San Diego, Calif.*  
Alumni Gathering
- 11/12-13** *Twin Cities, Minn.*  
Saint Mary's Convention  
Earle Brown Center  
Brooklyn Center

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

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

Or, call the alumni office at  
**1-800-635-5987, Ext. 1499**



"Hit me Sammy!"

### Chicago Cubs vs. Chicago White Sox June 20, 2003 – Chicago, Ill.

Successful seasons for both the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox made this annual event even more of a prized ticket. More than 100 SMU alumni and friends were greeted with perfect weather, great camaraderie and the priceless atmosphere of the historic Wrigley Field, otherwise known as the "Friendly Confines."



Mark Soder '87,  
Joe Tiffany '87  
and John  
Weber '87  
enjoyed the  
game and a  
day off work.



Our alumni made the local media!  
A version of this picture was  
published in the Chicago  
Tribune sports section  
the following day.



**St. Paul Saints Game**  
Aug. 29, 2003 – St. Paul, Minn.

On Aug. 10, nearly 100 alumni and friends turned out for the annual St. Paul Saints alumni baseball game at Midway Stadium in St. Paul including, from left: Merle and Heidi (Voth '97) Gaedy, Marie Johnson '97 and Jon Kosbab '97.



Lou Guillou '59 enjoyed the opportunity to spend a night at the ballpark with his granddaughter, Marissa, daughter of Michael '90 and Anne (Marschall '89) Guillou.



**Chicago Golf Outing**  
Sept. 12, 2003  
Oak Brook, Ill.

More than 115 golfers hit the links at the Oak Brook Hills Resort in the afternoon with an additional 20 alumni and friends who joined the group for dinner that evening.

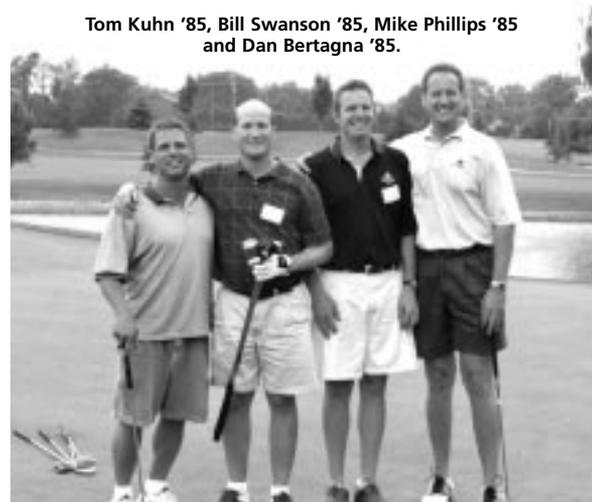
Among those in attendance were (pictured above) Mike Mullins '74, Mike Kelly '74, Bob McCabe '74 and Don Figliulo '74.



Dan Simon '72, Walter Carbonneau '72 and Joseph O'Malley '72.



Judy (Mullins '83) Lucas, Linda Mullins, Patty Mullins and Donna Schuster Hrebec '83.



Tom Kuhn '85, Bill Swanson '85, Mike Phillips '85 and Dan Bertagna '85.



**Parent Golf Outing**  
Oct. 3, 2003 – Winona Country Club

The first-ever Saint Mary's Parent Golf Outing was held the Friday of Family Weekend. The outing gave parents an opportunity to get to know other parents while having a little fun. Among those in attendance were (pictured above) Matthew Lick, Herb Lick, Brad Livingston and Judy Stevenson.



Other parents who enjoyed the day were Sharon Zimmer, Deborah Bauernfeind, Matt Radish and Jerry Evans.



**Twin Cities Community Outreach Day**  
Oct. 25, 2003 – Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn.

More than 40 SMU alumni, friends, current students and staff shared their time and talents with those in need in Minneapolis and St. Paul during the fifth annual Twin Cities Alumni Community Outreach Day held Oct. 25. The alumni met at the Twin Cities campus on Park Avenue and then divided to lend a helping hand to service agencies across the metro area. Organizations included the Ascension House, San Miguel Middle School, Salvation Army and Mission OK Ministry.

The San Miguel Middle School crew took a moment to pose for a picture at the end of a full day of cleaning their new building located in south Minneapolis. Helping were, back, from left: Jennifer (Sidor '95) Szopa, Kelly Gleason '00, Matt Banyai, John Rogers '94 and Bob Fisher '97; front, Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman, Luke Bunkers '00, Mari Beth (Utke '89) Ross (alumni board president) and a San Miguel staff member.

PLAN TO COME BACK  
JUNE 18-20 FOR

# 20 Homecoming 4

The Saint Mary's University Office of Alumni and the alumni association invite you back to your alma mater for a fun, memory-filled weekend.

These three days will reunite hundreds of alumni and their families in the beautiful bluffs of Winona to reminisce about the past, share the present and look to the future.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY JUNE 18

#### **Golf Outing**

Join fellow SMU alumni for the ninth annual Homecoming golf outing at the Winona Country Club.

#### **SMU Preview Day**

Prospective students are invited to visit campus and meet with admission staff, deans and coaches to learn more about Saint Mary's University.

#### **50+ Anniversary Dinner**

A special dinner for the golden anniversary class and earlier class years is planned.

#### **Alumni Social**

Connect with those classmates who have arrived early and meet alumni board members. Refreshments and music will be provided.

### SATURDAY JUNE 19

#### **"Sustaining the Moving Spirit for Planned Giving"**

Attend a breakfast and seminar.

#### **Gilmore Gallop**

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

#### **Distinguished Faculty Series**

Relive the college classroom experience with some of SMU's distinguished faculty.

#### **Family Picnic**

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

#### **Alumni Mass**

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

#### **Alumni Reception**

An hors d'oeuvres reception will follow Mass.

#### **Homecoming Dinner & Award Ceremony**

SMU's annual alumni awards will be presented immediately following the Homecoming dinner. This year's award recipients are: Distinguished Alumnus, Michael Johanns '71; Religious Service, Stephen Judd '53, and Alumni Appreciation, Roger Laven '54.

#### **Piano Sing-Along**

Join your classmates and other SMU alums for rousing versions of songs from yesteryears.

### Reunion Party

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

### SUNDAY JUNE 20

#### **Mass and Reunion Vows**

Join us for Mass in Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels at SMU's Saint Teresa campus and renew your wedding vows with your spouse.

#### **Alumni Brunch**

Cap off the weekend with a yummy brunch.

#### **Other activities:**

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

*Watch your mail for a special invitation that will include your registration form, specific times for activities, residence and meal prices, and other important information for Homecoming 2004.*

# HELP US HONOR DISTINGUISHED SAINT MARY'S ALUMNI

## Nominate deserving alums for Homecoming 2005 awards

Do you know an SMU alum who has made outstanding achievements in his/her career? Or, someone who has given significant time and commitment to the community or Saint Mary's University? Does someone stand out in your memory you believe is deserving of an alumni award? Can you remember an athlete or coach whose accomplishments brought honor to him/herself and Saint Mary's University?

Each year, the Alumni Association of Saint Mary's University bestows awards upon deserving alumni. We are now accepting nominees for Homecoming 2005 for Distinguished Alumnus/a, Alumni Appreciation, Sports Hall of Fame, and Religious Service Awards. All nominations must come from alumni, or employees of Saint Mary's University. Award nominations must be received by the Office of Alumni Relations **no later than Oct. 1, 2004.**

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A AWARD CRITERIA

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

### ALUMNI APPRECIATION AWARD CRITERIA

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

### SPORTS HALL OF FAME CRITERIA

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

### RELIGIOUS SERVICE AWARD CRITERIA

- This award honors an alumnus/a for outstanding contributions to the spiritual and religious lives of the people the individual serves.

## 2005 Alumni Award Nomination Form ~ Preliminary Information

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

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

Name of nominee

Class year

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (home)

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

Name of nominator

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

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (home)

E-mail:

To nominate a candidate for an award, complete this form and return by Oct. 1, 2004. Saint Mary's Alumni Relations staff will follow-up with you as necessary. Send to: Alumni Relations, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #21, Winona, MN 55987-1399. FAX: (507) 457-6697

# Who's where, doing what...

1949

**Robert Skemp**, La Crosse, Wis., is working part time as a lawyer and farmer. He is the proud grandparent of 28 grandchildren.

1956

**Jordan Phillips**, Plymouth, Vt., has a new position at Salt Ash Inn as proprietor.

1957

**Father Paul Nelson**, Rochester, Minn., has retired from the priesthood and is now working as a parochial vicar for St. Pius X Catholic Church in Rochester.

1959

**Father Donald Lovas**, Wabasha, Minn., celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on July 12, 2003.

1960

**James Barnett, OP**, West Lafayette, Ind., after 35 years, has returned to campus ministry at Purdue University.

1961

**Cornelius Fitzmaurice**, Lowell, Ind., retired in May 2002. He relocated to Lowell to be near children and grandchildren.

**Dennis Robb**, Skokie, Ill., is semi-retired; he works part time as a freelance arbitrator.

**Father Donald Schmitz**, Harmony, Minn., was appointed as pastor to Nativity Catholic Church.

1962

**Jerry Kulasik**, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., is working for Hospice of Palm Beach County as an internal auditor.

1963

**Father Thomas Lewinski**, Riverside, Calif., is the associate director of St. Andrew's Newman Center.

1964

**Father David Arnoldt**, Fort Riley, Kan., is serving as a Catholic chaplain in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Riley.

**Robert Mitchell**, Waukesha, Wis., spent most of July 2003 in Trinidad, West Indies, studying the music and culture. He teaches courses in global studies and cultural awareness at Waukesha County Technical College.

**Edward Philpott**, Indiantown, Fla., retired from Michelin Tire after 33 years. He spends five months of the year in Middletown, R.I.

**Ron Wietecha**, Park Ridge, Ill., resigned as mayor of Park Ridge after 12 years in office.

1967

**Thomas Harvick**, Glenview, Ill., announces his partnership with Kominiaiek, Bresler,

Harvick and Gudmundson, LLC.

1968

**Lawrence Borowiecki**, Mount Pleasant, S.C., retired from the legal department of Fannie Mae, Chicago Division, where he had been employed for 29 years. He and his wife Nancy are now enjoying life in South Carolina.

**Father Joseph Keefe**, Rochester, Minn., is the new pastor at Pax Christi Parish in the Diocese of Winona.

**Ron Thiewes**, Kansas City, Mo., presented a paper at a symposium of the Missouri Bar on the management, financial and professional liability implications of practicing law.

1969

**Ted Andrysiak**, Whitewater, Wis., has retired after 34 years of teaching English and special education.

**Dennis McNicholas**, Lombard, Ill., graduated from the University of Notre Dame Law School and has been practicing law for 29 years. He and his wife Karin, have three

children, Bridget, 26, Matthew, 25, and Meghan, 23.

**Dr. Paul Oliaro**, Clovis, Calif., received the Excellence in Practice Award from the American College Personnel Association, which is presented to practitioners whose program implementations and services are based on the best national practices in student affairs and who have been responsible for achievements that impact a campus for a sustained period of time. He is vice president for student development at West Chester University, West Chester, Pa.

**Dr. Timothy Scheurer**, Westerville, Ohio, was named to the board of the Ohio Humanities Council.

1970

**William Kisler**, Galesburg, Ill., has a new position as a corporate relations representative for the National Association for Exchange of Industrial Resources.

1971

**Rocky Ammerman**, Thief River Falls, Minn., was named the 2003 Employee of the Year at Northland Community and Technical College on May 12, 2003.

1972

**Bob Strickland**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, retired from United Parcel Services.

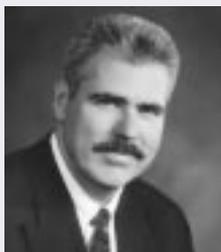
1975

**Brother Patrick Conway, FSC**, Winona, is participating in an educational program at the Christian Brothers Generalate in Rome from October 2003 through March 2004.

**Jeff and Linda (Lorenzini) Leoni**, Cambridge, Wis., are the innkeepers of the Cambridge House Bed and Breakfast.



Four Saint Mary's alums including, from left: Tom '64 and Lodi Mula; Bob '64 and Mary Mallon; Joe '64 and Kay ('64 CST) Caruso and Bill '64 and Chris Hughes met up this summer at a restaurant in Arlington Heights, Ill., for some reminiscing. All four alums were "Barracks" roommates for two years on campus. The "Barracks," a nickname for Ditter and Rooney Halls, were torn down in the '70s and were located where Saint Mary's Press now stands. The halls were formerly World War II Navy program barracks.



Phil Corcoran '76

## Two alumni honored as technology leaders

When fraternity brothers **Phil Corcoran '76** and **Chuck Wolande '76** founded Comark in 1977, their dream was little more than an outline on a cocktail napkin. Twenty-five years later, under their leadership, the company has grown into a billion-dollar corporation that was rated six times by Inc. Magazine as one of the top 500 fastest-growing, privately held companies in the United States. The company, based in Bloomington, Ill., continues to provide comprehensive technology solutions to medium and large enterprises and the public sector – only now under a different name. In April 2002, Insight Enterprises acquired Comark, Inc., and Corcoran and Wolande were named vice chairmen.



Chuck Wolande '76

At the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, on Nov. 17, 2003, Corcoran and Wolande, along with seven other technology leaders, were inducted into the Industry Hall of Fame. Co-hosted by COMDEX Las Vegas 2003 and the Computer History Museum, and headlined by comedian

Bill Cosby, the seventh annual Industry Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony recognized individuals who have transformed the technology industry with new ideas, revolutionary concepts and ingenious technology.

Established in 1997, the Industry Hall of Fame is the most anticipated event in the high-tech industry for identifying pioneers and honoring innovators, entrepreneurs and leaders who are pivotal figures in evolving the most dynamic industry in the world. The 68-member Industry Hall of Fame includes legendary leaders such as Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Vint Cerf and Tim Berners-Lee.

Active within their communities, Corcoran and Wolande are members of various boards and generous supporters of many local and national charities. Recent business ventures include their roles as executive directors of HD Ready, a high-definition video production company responsible for producing programming such as Soundstage and Farm Aid for PBS, Bravo and CMT television networks.

**Cheryl Erickson**, Boulder City, Nev., is the owner of a business named Charli's Treasures. Cheryl and her husband, Charles O'Malley, keep busy with their three children and two grandchildren.

**Marita (Craven) Foy**, Brussels, Belgium, and her husband, Michael, and two children are living in their third European city in six years.

**Amy (Tunncliff) Ratican**, Libertyville, Ill., is a substitute teacher for Woodland Schools in Gurnee, Ill. She and her husband, **Steve '81**, have two daughters, Kristine, 13, and Erin, 10.

**Kathy Smalley**, La Crosse, Wis., has accepted a new position with Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation as a research associate in epidemiology and preventive medicine.

### 1984

**Sara (Saubert) Blaser**, Sycamore, Ill., has a new position as coordinator of youth ministry for St. Mary's Church of Sycamore.

**Tom Williams**, Winona, was promoted to chief deputy of investigation for the Winona Police Department.

### 1985

**Cynthia (Richards) Burke**, Chicago, Ill., started working for Fannie Mae as an account manager in September 2003.

**Dr. Joe Caron**, Wausau, Wis., is working as a family practice physician with Family Health Specialists. He and his wife, **Deana (Stoll '84)**, have two children, Rachel, 9, and Luke, 7.

**Dianne (Bari) Heeren**, LCSW, Chicago, is the program manager for Alternative Schools Network.

**Father Russ Scepaniak**, Chatfield, Minn., is the new pastor at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Chatfield. He started his duties with the parish July 1, 2003.

### 1976

**Mike Dougherty**, Burnsville, Minn., was featured in the August issues of *Minnesota Law & Politics*, *Twin Cities Business Monthly*, and *Mpls/St. Paul Magazine*. He was named one of Minnesota's "Super Lawyers." Less than 6 percent of all lawyers in Minnesota have this honor bestowed upon them.

### 1978

**Susan Fuerstenberg**, St. Hercules, Calif., has taken a new position as senior research scientist/group leader at Anawah, Inc.

**Molly (Sullivan) Riley**, Oak Park, Ill., became part-owner of Molly Malone's Restaurant and Pub.

### 1979

**Reverend John Berg**, Cuba City, Wis., has returned from a sabbatical in Italy where he researched the contributions of the Italian Renaissance to Western civilization.

**Emmett McGovern**, Chicago, is a guidance counselor at St. Patrick High School.

### 1980

**Kevin Moriarty**, Columbia, Md., was elected to the board of directors of the Temperomandibular Joint Association, Inc. He is the director of the Population Resource Center in Washington, D.C., and Princeton, N.Y.

**Kathy (Sheridan) Sula**, Winona, was promoted to director of design in the Communication and Marketing Department at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

### 1981

**Stephen Ratican**, Libertyville, Ill., is employed with Allstate Insurance Company as a real estate and construction expense manager.

### 1983

**Father William Becker**, Winona, was assigned as pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Winona on Sept. 2, 2003.

**Keith Elliston**, Skowhegan, Maine, is chief executive officer with Genstruct, Inc.

## Bar association presidents mix business with pleasure

**John Dornik '86** was the one Saint Mary's students went to when they were in trouble — big trouble.

If his dorm mates were in danger of being suspended, they called on Dornik to represent them during disciplinary hearings. It was only natural he decided to change majors from medicine to law.

Dornik admits he was always drawn to social justice issues and



John Dornik '86

enjoyed advocating on behalf of other students, so after graduating from Saint Mary's College, he attended the University of Minnesota Law School.

A practicing lawyer since 1989, he has been a Minneapolis personal injury attorney with Mackenzie & Hallberg since 1996.

Dornik was named head of the Hennepin County Bar Association (HBCA) in Minnesota in July 2003 — during a time of such economic hardship, many lawyers are simply trying to stay afloat. But Dornik is sure he can weather the storm of budget and funding cuts.

His plan is to not only recruit new members to the bar association but more importantly showcase the value of being a member — including what he calls “a great opportunity to make a difference.” HBCA committees, he said, are influential in shaping the direction of court polity and community outreach.

A strong proponent of volunteering, Dornik is active outside the courtroom as well. He volunteers with coaching youth football, basketball and baseball and serves on the school board at his children's school. He said he used to volunteer because he thought he should; now he volunteers because he's hooked.



Robert Truhlar '79

**Robert Truhlar '79** started out studying biology at Saint Mary's. After deciding it was “too messy,” he decided to major in education

instead. The idea to become a lawyer, he said, came later in life — after all, he'd often been told he could argue both sides of any issue.

He and his wife, Doris, practice law together at Truhlar and Truhlar L.L.P., in Littleton, Colo.

Specializing in employment law, employment discrimination law and litigation, Truhlar has been in private practice for 22 years. He became president of the Colorado Bar Association July 1.

During nine regional presidential visits throughout Colorado, Truhlar conducted Bench-Bar Trivia Bowls and strummed his guitar while panels of lawyers were deliberating on questions.

His goal is “to make every lawyer I come in contact with feel good about themselves and the fact they're a lawyer ... I really like lawyers and think we perform an incredible service to society.

“As lawyers, you now have a great opportunity to make a difference. There are so many different ways in which you can use your law degree and license for the benefit of yourself and society.”

Beyond his volunteer involvement in the legal community, Truhlar, too, believes in benefiting society through volunteering as well. He has coached high school mock trial competitions, taught the public how to represent themselves in court, volunteered at church, and coached and refereed youth soccer. He and his wife also answered late night phone calls at a local radio station during a call-a-lawyer radio show.

### 1986

**Tim Malecha** has been named to the board of directors of Second Harvest Heartland, Minnesota's largest hunger-fighting organization. Malecha is a principal with Larson Allen Weishair, specializing in taxation.

**Paul Nedeau**, Nashville, Tenn., has a new position with Dollar General Corporation as a regional trainer.

**Lisa (Brintnall) Stadick**, Eagan, Minn., is a busy stay-at-home mom with three children.

**Terry Stadick**, Eagan, Minn., works for Veritas Software in Roseville, Minn.

### 1987

**Kristin (Klein '87) Bakos**, Arden Hills, Minn., opened an insurance agency, Klein Agency, Inc., in 2001.

**Dr. Mark Buchanan**, Urbandale, Iowa, is an orthopaedic surgeon at the Iowa Clinic in Des Moines. He and his wife Kelly have two children, Patrick, 5, and Bailey, 4.

**Tom Ek**, St. Paul, Minn., has been hired by Leicu North America as a freelance photographer. He is on assignment in South Carolina photographing the nearly extinct ivory-billed woodpecker.

**Karen Pudwill**, Austin, Texas, has a new position as an administrative associate with the Internal Revenue Service.

### 1988

**Michael Stepan**, Hugo, Minn., received his doctorate from William Mitchell College of Law in June 2003. He passed the Minnesota State Bar Examination and was admitted to practice in October. He is working as a judicial law clerk in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, District of Minnesota.

**Theodor Thomas**, northern Virginia, was recently promoted and is now assigned to a position at the Headquarters of the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection in Washington, D.C. He and his wife have been blessed with four children.

## 1990

**Sandy (LeClair '90) Rohrick**, Two Rivers, Wis., received her master's degree in management and organizational behavior. She is working as a human resources manager for Parker Hannifin Corporation.

## 1991

**KariLynn (Shutte) Doffing**, Cottage Grove, Minn., received her Food Management Professional Certification from the National Restaurant Association and was promoted to director of dining services for the Farmington school district.

**Tim Hanlon**, Campbellsport, Wis., is working as a resident director for R&K Support Services.

**Scott Walker**, Winona, was named principal of Winona Area Catholic Schools in June 2003.

**Anne Williams**, Winona, has recently accepted the position of regional membership executive for the Girl Scout Council of River Trails in southeast Minnesota.

## 1992

**Michael Johnson**, North Oaks, Minn., in the August editions of *Minneapolis/St. Paul Magazine*, *Law & Politics*, and *Minnesota Business Monthly*, Michael was named "Super Lawyer" for 2003 by his peers. Less than 6 percent of all lawyers in Minnesota have this honor bestowed upon them.

**Wendy (Lee) Martin**, Pflugerville, Texas, has a new position as an account executive with Eli Lilly & Company.

## 1993

**Michael Cacciabondo**, Chicago, works for J. Walter Thompson, producing and creating national and regional television and radio commercials for Ford Motor Company.

**Michael Farren**, Sylvania, Ohio, has accepted a new position with Kelly Services as city manager.

**Kevin Henthorne**, Phoenix, Ariz., made his 100th career pitching win, tossing five scoreless innings in relief for Leones del Caracas of the Venezuelan league. During his 10-year professional baseball career, he boasts a 100-47 record with five saves and a 3.23 ERA.

**Dr. Joseph McCormick**, Appleton, Wis., was appointed chief of surgery for St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

**William Steber Jr.**, Forest Park, Ill., and his wife, Trish, have two children, Emma, 3, and Will, 2.

## 1994

**Amy Albrecht**, Woodbury, Minn., is a corporate compliance officer for US Bank.

**Alan Armstrong**, Eagan, Minn., is fulfilling an eight-year obligation to the Naval Reserves as an information technology specialist with a rank of E-3.

**Dr. Cheryl (Ernste) Serb**, Waukesha, Wis., has a new position as a family practice physician with Pro Health Care, Inc.

**John Serkland**, Chicago, is a partner in the Law Office of Francisco J. Olavarria and John C. Serkland and is still performing with the music group, Soul Shakedown.

## 1995

**Michael Coleman**, Boulder, Colo., is a senior scientist at Somalogic Pharmaceutical.

**Linda (Anderson) Conniff**, Waconia, Minn., is employed at the Best Buy corporate headquarters in Richfield, Minn., as a technical analyst

in the information services department.

**Sister Maria Grace** (born Molly Erickson), Louisville, Ky., made her final vows with the Little Sisters of the Poor at the Motherhouse in France on Sept. 7, 2003. She has been assigned to serve the elderly poor at the Little Sisters' Home in Louisville.

**Thomas Gibson**, Maplewood, Minn., began working as an independent living skills specialist at Mental Health Resources in September 2003 and will be pursuing a master's degree in social work at Augsburg College in 2004.

## 1997

**Jennifer Lang**, Menomonee Falls, Wis., is a clinical research coordinator at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Maureen Maslinski**, St. Paul, Minn., graduated with a master's in social work from the University of St. Thomas/College of St. Catherine in May 2003 and started working with Catholic Charities as a social worker on July 1, 2003.

**Denise McCabe**, Los Angeles, Calif., graduated from the University of Minnesota's Hubert H.

Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs with a master's degree in public policy, focusing on economic and community development, in May 2003. She is a part-time research associate with the Claremont Information and Technology Institute at Claremont Graduate University.

**Anne Miller**, Bloomington, Minn., is working as a family therapist for Generations, a social service agency serving children and families.

**KimChau Ngo**, Wausau, Wis., was elected president of the Vietnamese Community of Minnesota.

**Kathleen (Bird) Paitich**, Rosemount, Minn., has a new position as a registered nurse with United Hospital.

**Dan Riordan**, Appleton, Wis., is in his fourth year as an English teacher at Xavier High School. In his first year at the school, he was named Outstanding Teacher of the Year and last year was named varsity girls' basketball coach.

## 1998

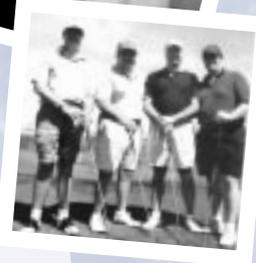
**Erica (Veres) Banas**, Erie, Pa., has a new position as a sales associate with Ritz Camera.



Saint Mary's College graduates from 1975 celebrated their 50th birthdays with their wives in Ireland during October 2003. Pictured are: from left, front, Bob Cerone, Chuck Beck; second row, Cathy Troka Cerone, Patty Mullins, Roseanne Neill, Sally Beck, Rick Mesi; back, Colleen Mesi, Paul Brown, Ed Mullins, Rory Neill, Alex Brown, Dr. Kevin Barrett and Jane Barrett.

## Alumni share their SMU memories

Last spring *The Winona Daily News* asked us to gather advice and perspectives from our alumni, to be used in a preview story before our May 10 graduation. The response was overwhelming — as well as heartfelt and entertaining. Here is just one of many. Click on [www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni) to read more memories from SMU alums.



**NAME (FIRST, MAIDEN, LAST)** Wally Weisenburger

**CLASS YEAR, AGE** 1979, 45

**FAMILY** My immediate family: wife of 19 years, 2 children: 15 and 13. I had 2 brothers who attended SMU, class of 1975 and 1982.

**OCCUPATION** Senior Vice President, Northern Trust Company

**DEGREE(S)** BA – SMU, MBA – DePaul University  
**ADDITIONAL EDUCATION** Graduate Banking Degree (BAI) – School of Banking, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS** I have been fortunate to work for the same company for my entire career. It is a great company that has afforded me the luxury of tremendous variety while working for the same firm. They have given me the opportunity to progress and participate in the progress of the firm. They have also allowed me to balance my career with my family and outside interests.

**FAVORITE SMU MEMORIES** I have a number of favorite memories. Almost of all of them center around the people I met during my 4 years. I have traveled around the country and have done a number of campus recruiting trips for my firm and I have never been in a place like Saint Mary's. Still today, I travel back each and every year with my 4 college roommates to 'relive' our experiences. We spend a weekend telling 'old' stories and sharing the common bond which brought us together. We have done this every year since graduation. In fact, we made a pact during our senior year, to get together every year which includes dinner at Ed Sullivans. Of the 24 years since graduation, three of us have made it every single year.

Each year they add another section onto what they have now termed the "Ode."

"Four of us and sometimes five  
 From Chicago to Winona, we take a drive  
 It is time for our annual blast  
 A time to reminisce about the past

"Friendships and the games make the weekend a sure bet.  
 But it is the memories of SMU that we will never forget.  
 Friends, Wally, Fabio, Duck, Don and Ken  
 Will make the trip to Saint Mary's again."

**NOW VS. THEN** Take your time looking for a job out of school. It is important to find a company that values their employees. Look for companies that value philanthropy as well as one with good benefits. Most young people do not value a company's benefit plan but if you have any intention of staying with a firm, then find one that has great benefits because this will be very important to you as you get older. Remember, starting salary is not the only measure of a good firm.

**ONE THING ...** Continue your education. It is not easy to get this going again. You lose your study skills and you will acquire more distractions with family and work responsibilities as you get older.  
 Also, contribute as much as you can to your company 401k or IRA. The time value of money is so critical that if you start early you will be able to retire comfortably.

**ADDITIONAL ADVICE** Work hard at maintaining your SMU friends. You have a common bond that can never be broken.

**Top: Saint Mary's College alums, from left: Fabio Segreti '79, Brian Montgomery '79, Wally Weisenburger '79, Ken Ryback '79 and Don Spetter '78 pose for a photograph.**

**Bottom: Montgomery, Segreti, Spetter and Weisenburger reunite for an afternoon of golf.**

**Tess (VanDeusen) Barry**, Orlando, Fla., has a new position as a public relations manager with the Ginn Company, a resort and golf community real estate developer.

**Gretchen Baumgardt**, Ann Arbor, Mich., received her master of divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame, Ind. She works as a campus minister for education at St. Mary Student Parish serving Catholic students at the University of Michigan.

**Alyssa (Gostomski) Carter**, Robbinsdale, Minn., graduated from Hamline University of Law in May 2003 and was sworn in as a lawyer by the State Supreme Court on Oct. 31, 2003.

**Nancy (Pahl) Dager**, Shakopee, Minn., has a new teaching position at San Miguel Middle School in Minneapolis.

**Jenny Foster**, Champlin, Minn., works for General Mills as the Wheaties promotion coordinator.

**Kelly Momsen**, Gardnerville, Nev., relocated to the Lake Tahoe area and has taken a position at Douglas County School District as an instructor.

**Adriana (Baio) Savarino**, Orland Park, Ill., is a therapist with the Compsuch Corporation.

**Melanie Smith**, Crystal, Minn., is a fifth-grade teacher at Olson Elementary School.

**Kathryn (Vandenberg) Twenter**, Kansas City, Mo., is in her first year in the internal medicine residency program at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

### 1999

**Cory Brose**, Minnetonka, Minn., has a new position with Fidelity National Information Solutions as a test engineer.

**Jami Davis**, Lombard, Ill., was appointed as sales and service manager for the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, Chicago.



Rhonda Thibault '02 and Jamie Nowaczewski '01 were married Feb. 14, 2003 at Sacred Heart Church in Fairbault, Minn. Many Saint Mary's graduates were on hand for the celebration.

**Domenic and Kelly (Pavlak) DiPietro**, Oakdale, Minn., are the owners of Pure Entertainment D.J. Service.

**Father David Finn**, Saint Charles, Ill., was ordained a priest on May 17, 2003, for the Diocese of Rockford, Ill. He is associate pastor at Saint Patrick's Church.

**Carolyn Fox**, Minneapolis, received her master's degree in arts administration from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

**Randall Frels**, St. Paul, Minn. (his U.S. address), has lived in Japan for three years. He is an English teacher with the Nagasaki Japan Public Schools.

**Brian Maschka**, Astoria, N.Y., directed "The Village Idiot," in New York in November 2003.

**Quiana Perkins**, Minneapolis, is a case manager for Minneapolis Youth Academy, a division of Minneapolis YouthLink. At M.Y. Academy, Quiana partners with teachers, staff and community organizations to provide educational opportunities for at-risk youth in Minneapolis.

**Tony Thole**, Foster City, Calif., is now working with Fisher Investments as an investment manager.

**Annissa Ulbrich**, Madison, Wis., has a new position as an administrator at the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

**Autumn (Hale) Warden**, Shakopee, Minn., started a new position as youth director at Hope Lutheran Church in April 2003.

**Kathryn (Flater) Vadnais**, White Bear Lake, Minn., is an advisor at Century College.

## 2000

**Gabriella Amato**, Chicago, teaches literature at St. Benedict's Middle School.

**Jen Gaul**, Rochester, Minn., completed the Master of Arts in Instruction at Saint Mary's University in June 2003. She teaches reading in the Rochester Public School District.

**Thomas Haynes**, North Providence, R.I., is the director of fine arts at LaSalle Academy in Providence.

## 2001

**Melissa Emley**, Celebration, Fla., is working for Disney Company as a guest services hostess.

**Nicholas Glynn**, Westmont, Ill., is a police officer with the Westmont police department.

**Shelley Haake**, Rochester, Minn., is finishing up her second bachelor's degree in nursing at Rush University Hospital.

**Jason Judge**, Hastings, Minn., has been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after graduation from Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala.

**Shane Malecha**, Burnsville, Minn., works as a physical therapist with Back in Action Rehab, LLP.

**Kelly (DeWane) Pieschek**, Luxemburg, Wis., started a new position with the Boys & Girls Club of Green Bay as the after-school site coordinator in January 2002.

**Sandra Schaffer**, Dubuque, Iowa, is an assistant manager and marketing and public relations coordinator for Sunset Park Place, a retirement community in Dubuque. She is also an assistant coach for the girls' high school basketball team.

**Daniel Sepion**, Buffalo, N.Y., is attending Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y., where he is studying college student personnel administration with a fellowship as hall director in a freshman residence hall.

**Craig Steger**, Ypsilanti, Mich., is a student at Ave Maria School of Law. He was invited to join the Law Review of Ave Maria.

**Erin Vogt**, Elkins Park, Pa., is pursuing her education at Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

## 2002

**Jennifer Gramith**, Champlin, Minn., was a recipient of the Teacher Outstanding Performance Award from the Anoka-Hennepin School District. She is an eighth grade math teacher and a seventh grade volleyball coach at Jackson Middle School.

**Phillip Lichtenwalter**, Lincoln, Ill., works for the State of Illinois, Office of the Controller, in the Department of Voucher Processing. He also finds time to be the choir director at Trinity Episcopal Church.

**Melissa Narum**, Minneapolis, works at RISE Inc. as a community habilitation specialist.

**Meredith Riewe**, Mondovi, Wis., is employed as the youth minister and director of religious education for Tri-Parishes.

**Kari Smith**, Minneapolis, has a new position at Fairview Health Services in the human resources department as a workforce assistant.

**Kimberly Sonnek**, Winona, as of January 2003, is a graphic designer with Saint Mary's Press.

**Emily Theis**, Davie, Fla., is teaching third grade at Village Elementary in Sunrise, Fla.

## 2003

**Christopher Goeden**, Cobb, Wis., has a new position as a help desk analyst for Lands' End.

**Kathryn Peterson**, Detroit, Mich., is a music and extended day teacher at Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School for Girls. She is employed by Mercy Volunteer Corps.

## WEDDINGS

**Lynn (McGann '71) Nankivill**, Winona, to Kenneth McCullough on May 18, 2003.

**Dianne Bari '84**, Chicago, to Johan Heeren in March 2002.

**Todd Guenther '91**, Louisville, Ky., to Geni Klein on March 1, 2003.



During a May 3, 2003 ceremony, Laurie Anderson '00 married Scott Murphy, who attended Saint Mary's as well. The many Saint Mary's alums attending included: from left, back, John Forst '00, John Peterson '00, Corey Anderson '99; middle, Dan Goodnature '00, Catherine Brochu '99, Kevin Carson '00, Joe Flanigan '01, Mike Engstrom '00, Joe Bedor '02, Colin Wright '01, Amy LaMargo '00, Emily Moore '00, Josh Schroeder '02, Holly Steenberg '99, Jessica Morris '00, Bob Galvin '99, Kelly Dietz '00, Amy Engwer '00, Matt Teasdale '00, Paul Fee '00, Katie Bishop '00, Jim Schommer '02, Anthony Armour '00, and Jim Joyce '00. Not pictured are Emily Paulson '00 and Kristine Ditlevson '00.

**Michelle Lacey '91**, New Hope, Minn., to Tom Feiten on Sept. 13, 2003.

**Wendy Lee '92**, Pflugerville, Texas, to Dr. Joseph Martin on May 3, 2003. **Julie (Costa '92) Fredricks** was a bridesmaid.

**Michele Mahoney '94**, Chicago, Ill., to John Jay Keenan on Sept. 7, 2002. The wedding party included Darby Cusick '95, Sherri Mitchell '95 and Stephanie Rice '95.

**Linda Anderson '95**, Waconia, Minn., to Joseph Conniff on Aug. 16, 2003.

**Adriana Baio '98**, Orland Park, Ill., to Bill Savarino on Aug. 10, 2002.

**Andrea Blume '98**, Apple Valley, Minn., to Jeff Tilkes on April 26, 2003. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Deb Schlessler '97**, **Jennifer (Mahowald '98) Kugel**, **Anne Marie (Kruse '97) Proulx**, **Gwen (Fallgren '99) Brooks**, **Rebecca (Schaefer '98) Wolf**, **Jake Kugel '97**, **Jon Kosbab '97** and **Andrew Wolf '98**. **Kerry Medenwald '97** was the soloist.

**Katie Hoagberg '98**, Savage, Minn., to Tom Masog on Sept. 20, 2003.

**Kathryn Vandenberg '98**, Kansas City, Mo., to Brady Twenter on Feb. 15, 2003.

**Erica Veres '98**, Erie, Pa., to Dan Banas on June 21, 2003.

**Colleen Carruthers '99**, St. Paul, Minn., to Juan Carlos Pineda on Aug. 8, 2003.

**Carol Miller '99**, Anoka, Minn., to **Joe Farren '01** on May 3, 2000.

**Jaclyn Knutson '00**, Owatonna, Minn., to Barry Homuth on July 26, 2003.

**Connie Liebsch '00**, Farmington, Minn., to Greg Holker on Aug. 2, 2003.

**Heidi Wagner '00**, Palos, Ill., to **Kevin Mackey '00** on Oct. 4, 2003.



**Adriana Baio '98** married **Bill Savarino** Aug. 10, 2002. The couple live in Orland Park, Ill.

**Joshua Wolfe '00**, Waumandee, Wis., to Marcie Brand on June 14, 2003.

**Christy Ross '01**, Little Canada, Minn., to Jonathan Bishop on Sept. 27, 2003. **Amanda (Wensmann '01) Nienow** was matron of honor and **Jessie Johnston '01** was a bridesmaid.

**Amanda Wensmann '01**, St. Paul, Minn., to **Aaron Nienow '01** on June 28, 2003. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Josh Danke '01**, **Jessie Johnston '01**, **Christy Ross '01** and **Sarah Wensmann '01**. Guests included **Katie (Bedtke '01) Carroll**, **Bobbie (Ptacek '00) Danke**, **Amanda (Edmond '01) Grace**, **Caleb Grace '01**, **Dr. Roger Kugel '70**, Dr. James Vogel, Dr. Paul Weiner and Dr. Janel Schultz.

**Erin Hayden '02**, Rochester, Minn., to **Jason Illg '00** on Sept. 6, 2003.

**Rebecca Jungbauer '02**, Nashville, Tenn., to **Chad O'Leary '02** on Sept. 19, 2003.

**Reyanna Klein '05**, Fullerton, Calif., to **Jeremy Stark '05** on Dec. 25, 2002.

## BIRTHS

Tim and **Maureen (Smyth '85) Daugherty**, Lemont, Ill., a son, Liam Donovan, on Oct. 5, 2003. He joins Sean and Brendan.

**Terry '86** and **Lisa (Brintnall '86) Stadick**, Eagan, Minn., a son, Adam Thomas, on Dec. 31, 2002. He joins Theo and Sammie.

**Karen Pudwill '85**, Austin, Texas, a daughter, Chloe, on May 1, 2002.

David and **Patricia (Breunig '87) Thornton**, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Sean Patrick, on April 29, 2003. He joins Ryan, Maryangela, John, Jane, Anne, Tom and Elena.

**John '88** and **Christiane (Fortman '91) O'Doherty**, Arlington Heights, Ill., a daughter, Lauren Marie, on Feb. 18, 2003. She joins Nicholas and Cullen.

**Mike and Joseph Guillou '89**, Kailua, Hawaii, a son, Joshua Ronald Hidemitsu Morisada, (Three middle names are common in Hawaii.) on Nov. 12, 2003. Proud grandparents are **Maureen** and **Lou Guillou '59**.

Pat and **Colleen (Kelly '90) Jennings**, Chicago, a son, Timmy, in April 2003. He joins John and Paddy.

**Mike and Sandy (LeClair '90) Rohrick**, Two Rivers, Wis., adopted a daughter, Nicole. Nicole was born in December 1999.

**Denise and Jeff Brillowski '91**, Plover, Wis., a daughter, Julia Anne, on April 19, 2003.

**Colin '91** and **Kelly (Shanley '93) Sokolowski**, Lino Lakes, Minn., a daughter, Maeve Kelly, on Oct. 24, 2003. She joins Shanley and Finnegan.

**Eric '92** and **Melissa (Jader '93) Benson**, Prior Lake, Minn., a son, Grant Thomas, on July 17, 2003. He joins Isabel.

**Eric and Jean (Schultz '92) Johnson**, Belle Plaine, Minn., a daughter, Lauren Mary, on Feb. 14, 2003. She joins Nick and Elizabeth.



Christina Schroeffer '02 married Jason Rohr '01 Aug. 9, 2003. SMU alums Kim Sonnek '02 and Laura Novak '02 were in the wedding party.

Jason and **Erin (Mayerle '92) Kusske**, Carver, Minn., a daughter, Isabelle Catherine, on May 20, 2003. She joins Nicholas.

Erik and **Amy (Carlson '92) Larson**, St. Michael, Minn., a daughter, Elsa, in April 2003. She joins Ariel.

Michael and **Laura (Roemer) Rodden '92**, Round Lake, Ill., a daughter, Kate Michaela, on Nov. 6, 2003. She joins Brooke. Kate's godparents are **Mark '93 and Nicole (Gladwin '93) Hroma**.

**Christopher '92 and Tara (Rolling '92) McCarver**, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., a son, Dominic Christopher, on June 22, 2003. He joins Jake, Ethan and Madelynn.

**Jamie '92 and Kathleen (Hartrich '91) McKnight**, Pewaukee, Wis., a son, Morgan John, on Oct. 30, 2003. He joins Bailey, Patrick and Brenden.

Jeffrey and **Heather (Lang '92) White**, Stillwater, Minn., a son, Quinton Elijah, on July 22, 2002. He joins Christian Isiah.

Brian and **Kelly (Wood '93) Ballarini**, Glenview, Ill., a son, Brandon James, on Oct. 13, 2003.

Tim and **Crissy (DeCosse '93) Brumbaugh**, Rochester, Minn., a daughter, Madison Renee, on March 13, 2003.

Dave and **Julie (Giampaolo '93) Daugherty**, New Lenox, Ill., a daughter, Gabrielle Cait, on Aug. 8, 2003. She joins Cameron.

Rebecca and **Michael Farren '93**, Sylvania, Ohio, a daughter, Catherine Alanna, on Oct. 15, 2003. She joins Jonathan and Elizabeth.

Ritch and **Kristi (Hoeffler '93) Johnson**, Rosemount, Minn., a son, Logan James, on Jan. 6, 2003.

Keri and **Dr. Joe McCormick '93**, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Kylie Ann, on March 28, 2003.

**Mark '93 and Angie (Moudry '93) Mahoney**, Eagan, Minn., a daughter, Samantha Anastasia, on March 28, 2003. She joins Michael.

Bill and **Lisa (Fraser '94) Eck**, Orland Park, Ill., a daughter, Grace Lennon, on Oct. 17, 2003. She joins Will and Lauren.

Brian and **Claire (Ruff '94) Ellie**, Waupaca, Wis., a daughter, Grace Marie, on May 15, 2003. She joins Jason and Vincent.

Heather and **Dan Keenan '94**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Case Flanagan, on June 6, 2003. He joins Carter.

William and **Cheryl (Ernst '94) Serb**, Waukesha, Wis., a daughter, Maria Christine, on Aug. 6, 2003. She joins Benjamin.

**Tim '94 and Melissa (Cachor '94) Ulatowski**, Homer Glen, Ill., a son, Thomas James, on Sept. 8, 2003. He joins Matthew.

Richard and **Crista (Baierl '94) Walsh**, Anoka, Minn., a son, Patrick Joseph, on Nov. 29, 2002.

**Michael '95 and Andrea (Atmore '94) Coleman**, Boulder, Colo., a daughter, Audrey Mae, on July 17, 2003.

Don and **Joanne (Coughlin '95) Duffek**, Hartford, Wis., a son, Wade Robert, on Aug. 29, 2003. He joins Dayle, Frankie and Ronnie.

**David '95 and Erin (Hanson '95) Gregoria**, Crystal, Minn., a daughter, Alice Elizabeth, on April 21, 2003.

Michael and **Mary (Coughlin '95) Rothschild**, Watertown, Wis., a son, Caden Chase, on Oct. 1, 2003. He joins Bryce Remington.

Christi and **Marty Wolesky '95**, Austin, Minn., a daughter, Madeline, on Dec. 3, 2002. She joins Patrick. Grandparents are Mary Anne and **Jerome Wolesky '71**.

Jeff and **Jennifer (Thibedeau '96) Redman**, Minneapolis, a son, Daniel James, on July 22, 2003.

Kelly and **Benji Winkelman '96**, McHenry, Ill., a daughter, Jodie Lynn, on Aug. 26, 2003.

**Derrick '96 and Alyssa (Gostomski '98) Carter**, Robbinsdale, Minn., a son, Camden Michael, on Sept. 9, 2003. Grandparents are Joette and **Michael Gostomski '62** (SMU trustee).



## Schneider hopes for gift of life

Though retired, Jack Schneider '55 is an active 70-year-old. With a wife of nearly 50 years, four grown children and seven grandchildren, his life in Lincolnwood, Ill., can't slow down – despite kidney failure.

Schneider's kidneys shut down in October 2002. His wife, Theresa, remembers how close she came to losing her husband that fall. Through dialysis – and certainly love and prayers of his family and friends – Schneider has been able to cope with his medical condition.

But, Schneider is hoping to regain the strength and energy he had a year and a half ago by undergoing a kidney transplant. Though he admits he is not afraid of death, he hopes to watch his grandchildren grow up. And he wants to live the remainder of his life unencumbered by dialysis machines, which filter his blood. He currently must dialyze four hours a day, three times a week.

It is his greatest hope that a donor will come forward with this gift of life. Schneider's blood type is AB, which means that he can accept a kidney from any healthy person, no matter their blood type.

Schneider is retired from marketing and sales at Dudek & Bock Spring Manufacturing Co. His first love was skipping his charter boat on fishing trips across Lake Michigan. He recently sold his charter business due to his current health situation.

Any classmates or friends of the university who could help Schneider are asked to call the Alumni Office at (800) 635-5987, Ext. 1499.

**Michael '97 and Brigette (Menoni '97) Brankin**, Las Vegas, Nev., a daughter, Michal Ann, on June 12, 2003.

**Eric '99 and Laura (Erickson '99) Aschenbrenner**, West New York, N.J., a son, Luke Anthony, on May 21, 2003.

Michael and **Renee (Ekstrom '99) Speziale**, Crystal Lake,

Ill., a son, Michael, in December 2001.

**Craig '01 and Lisa (Eichsteadt '02) Steger**, Ypsilanti, Mich., a son, Andrew Joseph, on May 30, 2003.

**Matt '02 and Cordae (Miller '99) Wright**, Dubuque, Iowa, a daughter, Madeline, on Aug. 4, 2003.

## Plant an endowment at Saint Mary's

Spring is here, and we are paying special attention to the array of flowers blooming brightly in our endowment patch. These perennial plants remind us of the faithful benefactors who provided the resources to establish these endowments. They also cheer us as we see the difference they make in our long-term financial landscape.

Endowments provide encouragement and resources for meeting today's needs and tomorrow's challenges. The funds provide ongoing support for operations, building needs and special projects, such as scholarship and enrichment programs.



**Lawrence Johnson**, Gift Planning Director

Like any garden, it's nice to have annuals like marigolds and geraniums, but it's even more wonderful to have perennials like daffodils and tulips — the "endowment plants."

Would you like to plant an endowment at Saint Mary's that will bloom year after year? Would you like to have a special place in our garden where your "flower" will provide beauty and encouragement for generations?

You can plant an endowment now with a current gift, or arrange for an endowment through your will. Some of our endowment benefactors establish an endowment now and add to it later through their estate plans.

To learn more about creating an endowment fund at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, please contact Lawrence Johnson, director of gift planning toll free at (800) 635-5987, Ext. 1785, or by e-mail at LPJohnso@smumn.edu.



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For two years, Sarah Hamus '02 has volunteered at St. Ann's School on the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation in Belcourt, N.D., where she teaches second-graders. Hamus first visited the reservation when she volunteered through a Serving Others United in Love (S.O.U.L.) mission trip with Campus Ministry over winter break her senior year.

St. Ann's was reopened in 1999 by the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity after being closed for many years. Students are of French and Chippewa descent. Teachers and aides are all volunteers from throughout the United States and beyond. Also, Julie Jewison '03 is teaching and volunteering with first-graders at St. Ann's School.

## DEATHS

**Eugene P. Byron '32**, Rancho Mirage, Calif., on June 14, 2003.

**Edward Renn '36**, Kaukauna, Wis., on March 1, 2003.

**John J. Rifel '37**, Tampa, Fla., on Aug. 21, 2003.

**Brother Mark Wagner, FSC '37**, Westmont, Ill., on Dec. 16, 2003.

**Eugene P. Zannini Sr. '38**, Hayden Lake, Idaho, on June 9, 2003.

**William N. Harris '39**, Glenview, Ill., on March 26, 2003.

**Richard A. Talle '42**, Monroe Township, N.J., on Dec. 2, 2003.

**Harrison B. Nathe '45**, Lake Mary, Fla., on July 26, 2003.

**John Hallock '48**, Niles, Ohio, on June 24, 2003.

**Robert F. Muza '48**, Menomonie, Wis., on July 19, 2002.

**Charles H. Gernes '49**, New London, Minn., on July 4, 2003.

**Edmond M. Shanahan '49**, Naples, Fla., on Sept. 19, 2003.

**James L. Hubert '50**, Evansville, Ind., on April 29, 2003.

**Brother William Rhody, FSC '50**, St. Paul, Minn., on Jan. 1, 2004.

**William F. Walter '51**, Minnetonka, Minn., in November 2003.

**Jerome A. Wilhelm '51**, Scottsdale, Ariz., on May 19, 2003.

**Donald L. Michels '54**, Glenview, Ill., on Sept. 3, 2003.

**Leo V. Mysels '55**, Naples, Fla., on Nov. 2, 2003.

**Anthony J. Spalitto, Sr. '58**, Kansas City, Mo., on Jan. 5, 2004.

**Donald H. Whaley '58**, St. Louis, Mo., on Nov. 10, 2003.

**Dr. Michael P. Roche '59**, Geneva, Ill., on Aug. 20, 2003.

**Dr. Raymon S. Farrar '61**, Northville, Mich., on July 31, 2001.

**Dr. Theodore M. Breu '65**, Duluth, Minn., on Oct. 1, 2003.

**Richard B. Hinterberger '66**, Tyler, Texas, on July 19, 2003.

**Joseph J. Reicher '70**, Burr Ridge, Ill., on May 9, 2003.

**Dale A. Lach '71**, Darien, Ill., on Aug. 27, 2003.

**Anne T. Smyth '72**, Park Ridge, Ill., on Sept. 6, 2003.

**Edward J. Whealan '95**, Chicago, on Jan. 9, 2002.

## SYMPATHY TO

**Charles Zepp '40**, on the death of his wife, Marian Morris-Zepp, on Jan. 11, 2003.

**Dr. Samuel Cascio '48, Joseph Cascio '74, Daniel Cascio '80 and Dr. Michael Cascio '83**, on the death of their wife and mother, Rosemary, in November 2003.

**Lee '51 and Marge Canning (M.A. '85) and Helen (Hunna '80) Canning**, on the death of their daughter and sister, Kathleen Berman, on July 14, 2003.

**Angelo Fantozzi '53**, on the death of his wife, Adrienne Fantozzi, on Sept. 27, 2003.

**Maurice Byron '54**, on the death of his father, **Eugene Byron '32**, on June 14, 2003.

**Brother Jerome Rademacher, FSC '58**, on the death of his brother, Jim Rademacher, on Jan. 7, 2004.

**Joe "Oscar" Comella '59**, on the death of his wife, Judith Comella, on Aug. 18, 2003.

**Robert Cachor '63 and Melissa (Cachor '94) Ulatowski**, on the death of their father and grandfather, Chester Cachor, on July 11, 2003.

**Robert Roche '63**, on the death of his brother, **Michael Roche '59**, on Aug. 20, 2003.

**James Whaley '64, Thomas Whaley '85 and Timothy Whaley '87**, on the death of their brother and father, **Don Whaley '58**, on Nov. 10, 2003.

**Dr. Joseph Spalitto '68**, on the death of his brother, **Anthony J. Spalitto, Sr. '58**, on Jan. 5, 2004.

**Steven Tracy '71**, on the death of his wife, Maureen Tracy, on Nov. 20, 2003.

**Robert M. Muza '73, Stephen Muza '74 and John Muza '79**, on the death of their father, **Robert F. Muza '48**, on July 19, 2002.

## Former Bishop George Speltz leaves behind lengthy legacy

Former Bishop George Speltz '32, who drew international attention in the mid-1980s when he initiated a ban to deny church weddings to couples who live together before they marry, died Feb. 1, 2004. He was 91.

Considered both a liberal (for his stance on rural issues) and a conservative (in regard to issues of doctrine), Speltz served as bishop during turbulent years, both in the United States and in the Church.

Speltz — who served approximately 20 years as the Bishop of St. Cloud — issued a pastoral letter in 1984 directing priests in his diocese not to marry couples who lived together unless they agreed to live apart before their wedding. He called cohabitation before marriage "immoral and a scandal to the community."

In his letter, Speltz said he sought to clarify the church's teachings on courtship and marriage. He said cohabitation "calls into question fundamental moral values that have long been central to the Christian tradition: the sacred character of sex and of the Christian family."

The bishop said he hoped the policy would reduce the likelihood of marriages ending in divorce.

Speltz attended three sessions of the Second Vatican Council in the early 1960s. He was instrumental in activating the Minnesota Catholic Conference and was a nationally recognized expert on rural life.

According to the *St. Cloud Times*, five bishops, including Speltz, spent a half-decade writing a pastoral letter on American economic policies. Many say Speltz was responsible for convincing bishops to include a section on agricultural issues that stresses the

importance of the family farm and urges those in rural areas to join together — thus insuring the Catholic Church would pay attention to rural America.

He was president of the national Rural Life Conference from 1970-1972, celebrated Rural Life Day of Prayer Masses on family farms in the 1980s and wrote the book "Agriculture With a Human Face" in 1995.

Speltz was born on a farm in Altura, Minn., and graduated from Holy Trinity High School, Rollingstone, Minn., and Saint Mary's College. He attended the St. Paul Seminary and was ordained in Winona in 1940. He then earned a Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in 1944.

From 1944 to 1947, he served as vice chancellor of the Diocese of Winona and was the diocese's superintendent of schools from 1945 to 1949. In 1946, he was appointed chaplain and professor at Saint Mary's College and assisted in organizing Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary; he was appointed the seminary's first rector in 1948 and served until 1963.

On March 25, 1963, he was installed as auxiliary bishop for Winona diocese. One month later he was named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Winona, a position he held until his installation as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud in 1966.

He served as bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud from 1968 to 1987, when he retired at the age of 74 due to health concerns.



**Michael Flynn '74 and Stephen Koller '75**, on the death of their wife and sister, Susan (Koller) Flynn (CST '72), on June 4, 2003.

**Phil Reicher '75 and Kathy Reicher '03**, on the death of their brother and uncle, **Joseph Reicher '70**, on May 9, 2003.

**E. Michael Shanahan '75**, on the death of his father, **Edmond M. Shanahan '49**, on Sept. 19, 2003.

**Jane Gibbons '77**, on the death of her mother, M. Jean Gibb, on June 27, 2003.

**Tim Doffing '85**, on the death of his grandmother, MayBelle Doffing, on Dec. 2, 2003.

**Kerry (Whealan) Dowling '90 and Patrick Whealan '92**, on the death of their brother, **Edward Whealan '95** on Jan. 9, 2002.

**Kristi (Hoeffler) Johnson '93**, on the death of her mother, Phyllis Hoeffler, on Jan. 26, 2003.

**Kara Wener '00**, on the death of her grandfather, Dominic Wener, Jan. 8, 2004.

# So, what's new with you?

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

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## WINONA CAMPUS

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April 2004

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

### May 2004

- 1 Final Examinations
- 3-4 Final Examinations
- 8 Commencement



### THEATRE

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

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### SPORTS

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

### June 2004

- 12 New Student Orientation
- 15 New Student Orientation
- 17 New Student Orientation
- 18-20 Homecoming

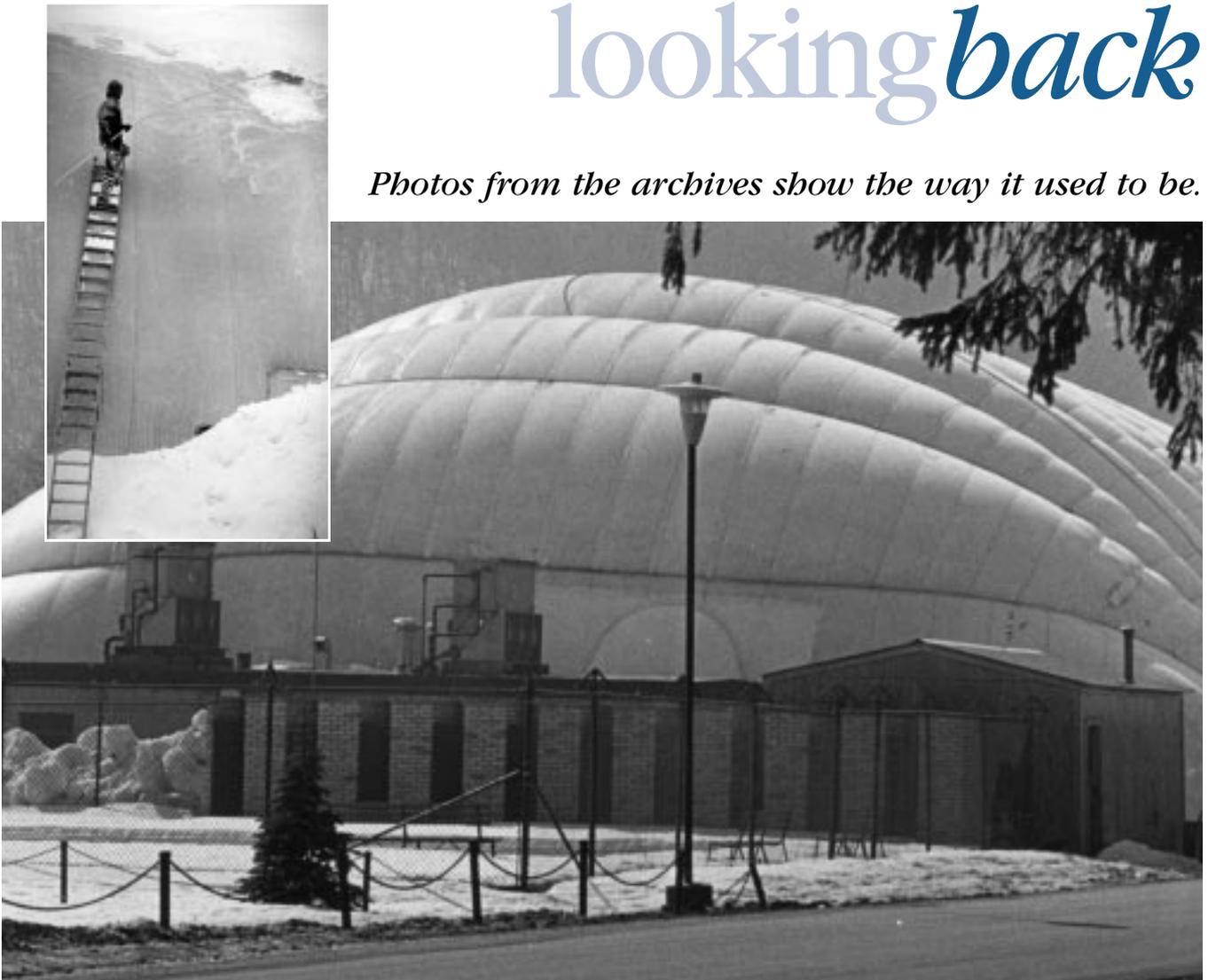
### August 2004

- 25-26 Faculty/Staff Workshops
- 28 New Students Arrive
- 31 Semester I Classes Begin



# looking *back*

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



Saint Mary's hockey began in 1928 on an outdoor rink. In the early '80s, construction plans included a new hockey rink facility. A "temporary" hockey arena (shown above), often referred to as "the bubble," was raised for the '81-'82 season. The bubble continued to be used until 1987, when the current hockey facility was completed. Saint Mary's maintenance staff have many stories about trying to keep the bubble from caving in from snow weight, climbing the precarious ladders to clear the top (see left) and mending 20-foot tears. If you have any stories about the bubble, we would love to hear them.

Anyone with more — or more accurate — information about these photos is welcome to contact *Saint Mary's Magazine* editor, Deb Nahrgang. Mail comments to: *Saint Mary's Magazine*, Saint Mary's University, 700 Terrace Heights #36, Winona, MN 55987. Or, send e-mail to: [dnahrgan@smumn.edu](mailto:dnahrgan@smumn.edu).



# looking *ahead*

At the end of November 2003, the university began construction on a new lobby for the ice arena. Earlier last year, Don '51 and Jean (CST '55) Regan of Saint Paul, Minn., approached the university with a gift restricted to the lobby that would underwrite the \$300,000 construction cost.



## **YOU'RE INVITED!**

**NOVEMBER 12-13, 2004  
EARLE BROWN CENTER  
BROOKLYN CENTER, MINN.**

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

**For more information and updates, go to our website at [www.smumn.edu/alumni](http://www.smumn.edu/alumni).**

## **YOU'RE WELCOME BACK FOR HOMECOMING 2004**

On June 18-20, the place to be is Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona! During these three days, hundreds of alumni and their families will reunite in the beautiful bluffs of Winona to reminisce about the past, share the present and look to the future.

There are many reasons to return to Terrace Heights for Homecoming: the beautiful scenery; a chance to see the new buildings and improvements on campus; and of course, to participate in the wonderful events scheduled for the weekend. The memories and feelings that withstand the test of time suddenly become more vivid when you come back to this scenic campus nestled in the bluffs.

Special activities planned for Homecoming 2004 include: Golf Outing, 50+ Dinner, SMU Preview Day, Alumni Socials, Distinguished Faculty Series, Family Picnic, Piano Sing-Along, Alumni Reunion Party and Alumni Brunch.

**Watch your mail for a special invitation that will include your registration form, specific times for activities, residence and meal prices, and other important information for Homecoming 2004.**



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