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ABOUT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Ranked by *U.S. News and World Report* as a top-tier institution, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota is dedicated to advancing the educational and career goals of today's students. Saint Mary's has about 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 92-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 Professional Programs is one of the largest graduate schools in Minnesota. A pioneer in outreach education since 1984, the school creates communities of learning when and where they are needed, serving both adult learners and the educational needs of society.

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Deb Nahrgang
Saint Mary's
Magazine editor

Partially I'm at the office late because, I admit, I'll never be a morning person; I don't jump out of bed with a smile on my

face and energy in my step. For starters, I'm more likely to fall out of bed. And my energy doesn't surface until I've had several caffeinated beverages.

I'm also here past suppertime because I'm trying to keep up with the flurry of events occurring on this active Winona campus. There seems to be a never-ending list of worthy activities, programs, events and people to promote. It's a PR-person's dream.

One of this year's biggest events at the university, of course, is the retirement of Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D. It's been an almost overwhelming task to try to capture — on only a few pages — Brother Louis' successful 21-year presidency as well as his larger-than-life persona. With the aid of friends and colleagues, we hope to provide you with a glimpse of his life and his career. On his last day, May 31, he'll box up his corner office, shake a few hands and walk through the doors of Saint Mary's Hall for the last time as president.

But his legacy will continue at this university — not only in terms of the physical changes, but also through the strong Lasallian spirit he has fostered.

On June 1, 2005, we'll welcome (and welcome back) Saint Mary's 12th president, Brother Craig Franz, FSC, Ph.D. From 1994 to 1997, he served at Saint Mary's University as executive assistant to the president and dean of the school of mathematics and science. He had extensive responsibility for administration and SMU's international programs in London, Mexico City, Italy and Nairobi, Kenya. He also taught marine ecology and coached the swim team.

Brother Craig served as president of Saint Mary's College of California from 1997-2004.

It'll certainly be an event-filled year. News continues to happen all around us. One of our alums, Gov. Mike Johanns '71 of Nebraska, was named U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; our capstone class students gathered petition signatures to make a stretch of Highway 14 near the college safer; one of our inspiring students — who happens to be blind — has done a remarkable web design ...

It's an issue that's jam-packed with information that we hope you'll enjoy. Faculty and staff are spreading the educational mission of this university; students are working hard to make the world around them a better place; and alums are making a difference in their careers and their communities.

If you've got a news tip or personal news you would like to share in this magazine, please let us know!

And don't ever worry that you're calling too late.



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Article doesn't do justice to memory of Basil O'Leary

I was saddened by reading the alumni note of the death of Basil O'Leary (Brother K. Basil) in the fall issue of "Saint Mary's Magazine." Saddened both by reading of his death, and by the cursory treatment given one of SMC's truly legendary figures. "By 1959, records show he was chairman of the Economics Department." A simple Google search would have given the writer material for an obituary far more fitting an intellectual giant who passionately pursued peace through scholarship and activism.

Briefly: an M.A. from Loyola and a Ph.D. from Notre Dame. A renowned expert on Gandhi. The originator of a program on non-violence at the University of Notre Dame, a program which grew into the now world-renowned Joan B. Kroc Program for International Peace Studies.

At SMC, a legend rumored to exist on two hours of sleep each night, totally dedicated to scholarship. Respected and feared for his searching econ exams which consisted of a simple graph or two, or a simple statement, followed by "If so, why so; if not, why not?"

The man would be a great subject for a book, but until it is written, a suitable article in "Saint Mary's Magazine" on the man we called "special K" would be a fitting tribute. Perhaps in the winter issue?

— Keith Hanzel '59

Editor's note: A group of alumni will gather at SMU on April 21 to honor the memory of their teacher, Basil O'Leary '42, who died last year at the age of 83. He taught at Saint Mary's as a Christian Brother from 1950 through 1969. In the afternoon, Dr. Michael Salemi '68, a professor of economics at the University of North Carolina, will lead a faculty workshop titled "Inquiry

as Teaching: Following in the Footsteps of Basil O'Leary." In the evening, a panel of alumni will discuss the impact that Brother Basil's teaching had on them. For further information, contact Dr. Greg Gaut '69, at (507) 457-6944.

Article about friends rekindles memories

I want to tell you how much I enjoyed reading the feature "Friends for Life." Some of the anecdotes mentioned — the creativity of hooking up a T.V. cable made me smile, but the response of Brother Francis also indicated the level of satisfaction of he and other educators at Saint Mary's. They are so aware of the university environment, and I respect them.

I think also of some of the fun "stuff" I experienced as a student — wonderful memories.

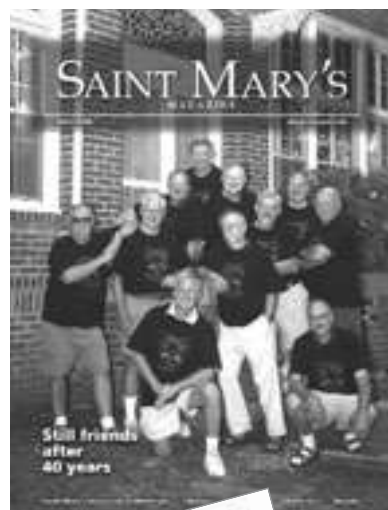
Thank you for the feature.

— Randy Niedzielski '68

Chorus president sheds some light on 'Looking Back'

The subject photo was taken in fall 1959 as a publicity photo for the calendar year 1959-60 concert tours of the Midwest. The music director was Brother Paul Turner, FSC.

— Jim Williams '60
Col. USMC (Ret.), president of Saint Mary's Concert Chorus in 1960



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.

News and Views

Brother Craig Franz named 12th president of SMU

The Saint Mary's University of Minnesota Board of Trustees announced Thursday, Dec. 9, 2004, that Brother Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D., has been named the 12th president of the university. Brother Craig will begin his term of office on June 1, 2005.

Brother Craig, 51, will succeed Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., who has led Saint Mary's University for 21 years — more than three times the average national tenure for college presidents. Brother Louis will retire his presidency May 31.

"Brother Craig's knowledge of our university, coupled with his experience, talent and passion for Catholic higher education will allow Saint Mary's to continue the forward-thinking leadership it has enjoyed under Brother Louis for the past two decades," said John Ehlert '67, chairman of the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees.

Brother Craig said he is "excited to work with the talented faculty and dedicated staff of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota as they energetically advance its mission. Saint Mary's is nationally recognized for its vibrant Lasallian heritage and strong commitment to quality instruction. It will be both an honor and a privilege to lead such a distinguished university, which has made remarkable progress under Brother Louis' capable leadership."

Brother Craig brings with him extensive experience in higher education. In January, he completed his leadership role at Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga, where he served as president since 1997. Brother Craig distinguished himself by personifying Saint Mary's



Brother Craig J. Franz, FSC, Ph.D.

College's commitment as a Catholic, Lasallian, liberal arts learning community which is student-centered and focused on life-long education.

His seven and a half years of service at Saint Mary's in Moraga saw the implementation of a bold strategic plan, tripling of the college's endowment, construction of seven new campus facilities, enhancement of academic programs, implementation of service learning, opening of additional campuses, and the enrichment of technological resources.

From 1994 to 1997, Brother Craig served at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota as executive assistant

to the president and dean of the school of mathematics and science. He had extensive responsibility for administration and SMU's international programs in London, Mexico City, Italy and Nairobi, Kenya. He also taught marine ecology and coached the swim team. For nearly eight years, he has served on the SMU Board of Trustees.

Fluent in Spanish, Brother Craig was a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Venezuela in 1994, teaching marine ecology and conducting research on mollusks. He began his career as a high school biology and environmental science teacher in Philadelphia, graduating to increasingly significant educational and administrative roles at the University of Rhode Island, La Salle University in Philadelphia and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota.

Brother Craig earned a bachelor's degree in biology from Bucknell University in 1975, a master's degree in environmental studies from Drexel University in 1977, and a doctorate in biology/marine ecology in 1988 from the University of Rhode Island.

Brother Louis said he enthusiastically supports the board's election of Brother Craig Franz. "I have had the privilege of working closely with Brother Craig and can attest to his strong character and leadership qualities. I am confident that, in the spirit of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, Brother Craig will advance the educational mission of Saint Mary's University to empower learners to ethical lives of service and leadership."

An inauguration date has been set for Sept. 30 on the Winona campus. Go to www.smumn.edu/president for up-to-date details about the event.

Chinese delegation visits SMU campus

A delegation from Northwest University, Xi'an, China, visited the Winona and Twin Cities campuses of Saint Mary's University Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. Jay Skranka M'97 (left), director of the Master of International Business program at Saint Mary's, gave a tour of the Winona campus to (from right): Sun Yong, president of Northwest University; Ren Zhong Zhe, assistant to the president; and Li Changan, dean of international programs. The universities are discussing a partnership that could result in the development of a new, western-style institution in China. Saint Mary's University representatives made presentations, focusing on the western model of higher education and uses of technology in and out of the classroom. Pending approval by the Chinese Ministry of Education, the universities will continue working toward a possible joint venture.



Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women holds receptions

In celebration of its fall opening, the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota held a reception and concert on Oct. 20, at Saint Cecilia Hall on the Saint Teresa campus of Saint Mary's. Current students at the institute shared information about the program, and Minnesota singer, songwriter and guitarist Ann Reed performed. A similar reception was held in Chicago in February.

The Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women is a new program for undergraduate women at Saint Mary's. The institute prepares women to be effective, service-oriented leaders by helping them develop professional and personal skills, shape their leadership styles, and prepare for both a career and a lifetime of learning and service. For more information, contact Barbara Vaughan, executive director of the institute, at bvaughan@smumn.edu or (507) 457-6651, or click on the institute's website at www.smumn.edu/womenleaders.

Saint Mary's named 'top tier' by 'U.S. News & World Report'

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has once again been recognized as a top tier institution according to "U.S. News & World Report" magazine's new "America's Best Colleges" rankings for 2005. The annual listing of more than 1,400 schools is available online at www.usnews.com.

Saint Mary's was ranked 31st overall in the top tier of the "Midwestern colleges and universities with master degree programs" category.

The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and region, and data is gathered from each institution on indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to measure academic excellence fall into seven categories: peer assessment, retention, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, graduation rate performance and alumni giving rate. The indicators include both input measures (which reflect the quality of students, faculty, and other resources used in education) and outcome measures (which capture the results of the education an individual receives).



Attending the first reunion of Hendrickson Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship alumni were, from left: Mike Richtman '97, Dr. Joseph McCormick '93, Keith Searls '94, William G. '39 and Jean Hendrickson, Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., Jennifer Peel '96, Krista Austinson '03, Jill Patzner '98 and Tim Burchill '68, executive director of the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership.

Tomorrow's Leaders alumni, benefactors reunite

A few alumni didn't make the first Hendrickson Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship reunion. But they had pretty good excuses.

Heidi Reetz, the 2001 recipient, wasn't able to attend; she returned in August from her work in China with the Peace Corps and was starting medical school at Johns Hopkins. Dan Murray, the 2000 recipient, also sent his regrets; as central operations officer for an electronic design company, he was presenting at an international conference in Dubai.

However, the reunion, held Sept. 25-26 on the Winona campus, included presentations by notable recipients including: the first Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship recipient, Joe McCormick, who graduated from SMU in 1993 and is now an orthopaedic surgeon at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital in Appleton, Wis.; Mike Richtman '97, who teaches and coaches at Lewiston-Altura High School; and Jennifer Peel '96, who is a process development scientist for Monsanto, in St. Louis, Mo.

The scholarship's objective is to graduate from the program individuals who will serve as ethical role models in society and will be among tomorrow's leaders.

Special guests were scholarship benefactors William G. Hendrickson '39, Ph.D., and his wife, Jean.

William G. Hendrickson served as senior executive for Ayerst Laboratories and American Home Products Corporation. He is chairman emeritus of St. Jude Medical, Inc.

The Hendricksons, who now reside in Florida, gave Saint Mary's University of Minnesota a \$3 million gift — one of its largest donations ever — to fund student scholarships and support the Hendrickson Institute for Ethical Leadership in February 2004.

Approximately 10 years ago the Hendricksons also made a \$3 million gift to Saint Mary's.

In 1988, Hendrickson created the Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship program at Saint Mary's, with an initial gift of \$100,000. Eligibility requirements for the scholarship include above-average academic performance, evidence of leadership skills, and a history of ethical and moral behavior.

In 1990, Hendrickson challenged and encouraged Saint Mary's to find other benefactors who understood the merits of the Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship concept and who would be willing to establish named and endowed Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarships of their own. Altogether, the Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarships at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

now include 16 named and endowed funds, valued at more than \$9 million.

Thirty-nine current students have Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarships; seven of these are Hendrickson scholars.

Following is a portion of the remarks made by McCormick during the reunion.

. . .

"The Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship changed my life. I grew up the oldest of five boys in a Catholic family from Marshfield, Wisconsin. My father and mother did not attend college. They could hardly afford my Catholic high school let alone the costs associated with further education. I worked-off tuition in high school by helping with school maintenance, and I held down a part-time job at McDonald's in the summer. I played football, basketball, baseball, and track. My brothers were students in school with me and we were a tight-knit group: five boys in seven years. (Yes, my mother was a saint.)

"On the day I became a Tomorrow's Leaders Scholar I knew I was getting an opportunity. Bill Hendrickson told me he had seen unethical, selfish, and immoral behavior

in his life. He had seen it in business associates, on television, and in public life. One would only need to look so far as a weeknight television show such as 'The Apprentice' or review the news about Kobe Bryant or Michael Jackson to see that Bill was right. In his own way, Bill Hendrickson knew he wanted to make a positive difference, beginning on the Saint Mary's campus. The creation of my scholarship was the first step in that direction and I feel his decision will forever add to the success of our school and its students.

"I knew I was getting an opportunity to do more in life, so I wanted to make the most of it. At Saint Mary's, I was a Lasallian honors student and valedictorian. I played baseball and batted lead-off on an MIAC championship team. I was only thrown out stealing once in my career at Saint Mary's (and I swear he missed the tag). Life continued to look up when I was accepted to medical school in Milwaukee. I married my high school sweetheart and moved on to orthopaedic surgical training in Denver. I volunteered in Cambodia helping landmine victims (and others) with orthopaedic injuries. I assisted in the surgical care of the surviving Columbine victims while working in Denver. I have many teachers to thank for the years of training and opportunities I've been given, but as I mentioned at the start, I knew I was getting an opportunity to do more in life: I was a Tomorrow's Leaders Scholar from Saint Mary's.

"Henry David Thoreau once said: 'Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it.' There was a certain truth in these words for me. While attending med school, I served on the American Medical Student Association as vice president. I remained active with student administrative duties for med school admissions interviews. I published several studies while in school and continued to do so in residency training. I've presented my own orthopaedic trauma research at national meetings. While in Cambodia, I saw a 27-year-old with a bone tumor in his femur. I knew in the U.S. what the

treatment would have been: pre-operative chemotherapy, surgical resection, radiation, and a limb salvage procedure to afford such a young person the best possible function in the future. The surgery is challenging and the recovery can be a long process but as I mentioned, for a young patient with a malignancy, the risks are worth it. The tumor was growing through his skin by the time his family brought him in, and they didn't even flinch when the staff surgeon told them he'd need an amputation. In a Third World country with limited resources, the doctors use their best judgment to provide care to as many as possible. The amputation was the quickest road to success and likely guaranteed us the ability to save the man's life. Through many of these experiences I've matured and changed as a person, and I'm convinced I was entirely too busy to be looking for anything at all.

"My career brought me back to Wisconsin three years ago at Saint Elizabeth's Hospital where I am a staff orthopaedic surgeon and the chief of surgery. Between knee replacements,

wrist fractures and Packer games, I love living in Appleton with my wife and two daughters. I enjoy the challenge of my practice and I'm proud to work at a Catholic institution: abortions are not allowed in our hospital; we have an explicit mission to serve the poor in our community; and each and every meeting I attend while at work begins with a prayer.

"I'd like to send some advice to our present Saint Mary's students and to our Tomorrow's Leaders Scholars: life is sure to throw you curveballs, so set your course by the moral compass given to you by parents, mentors, teachers and friends. Keep in mind, 'If God is your copilot, switch seats.'

"I don't have nearly enough gray hair yet to give profound advice. I would like our students to remember that their actions will greatly affect the young people who come after them. For Bill Hendrickson, I'd like to remind him that his actions are still affecting me. Thank you for your attention, and thank you Dr. Hendrickson and Saint Mary's, for giving me my opportunity."

Pro tennis duo raise money for AniMenagerie on Saint Mary's courts

AniMenagerie, a no-kill animal hospice in Winona that offers quality living for displaced animals, held its second annual benefit and tennis event at SMU this summer. Tennis pros Luke and Murphy Jensen, 1993 French Open doubles tennis champions, made their second appearance. Luke has provided color commentary at the French Open, and the two remain familiar faces at national tournaments.

The duo hosted clinics for Winona-area youth and adult clinics at the SMU Tennis Center



Tennis pros Luke and Murphy Jensen took to Saint Mary's University indoor and outdoor courts this summer to raise money for AniMenagerie, a no-kill animal hospice in Winona.

outdoor courts on the Saint Teresa campus. An exhibition — during which the brothers were challenged by other tennis pros, followed by an "audience challenge" — was held at SMU's Gostomski Fieldhouse.

Students petition for lower speed on Highway 14

Saint Mary's University capstone class members received two very valuable lessons first semester: one, that pens freeze in low-digit temperatures, and two, for democracy to truly work, everyone must participate.

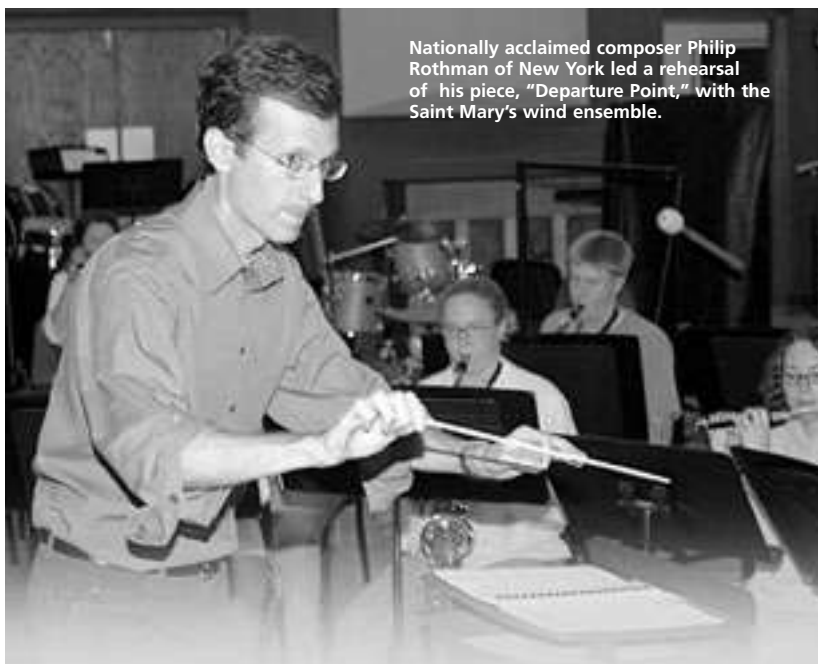
Braving freezing temperatures in early December, capstone students taught by Dr. Mary Fox '75 circulated a petition calling for a reduction of the speed limit on Highway 14 near the Winona campus and the surrounding residential areas. Dressed in neon green shirts, the class collected 1,358 signatures during early morning traffic hours at various intersections along this stretch of Highway 14.

The petition stated, "We ... urgently request that the speed limit on Highway 14 from Old Goodview Road proceeding west up Stockton Hill be reduced from 45 miles per hour to 35 miles per hour for safety reasons. We further request the existing 55 miles per hour speed limit sign be moved further up the hill, safely past the residential and church entrances and exits."

The capstone class is a course that, in part, focuses on the importance of civic involvement. Students chose this project because they did not believe the current MN-DOT plan for re-striping this section of Highway 14 will adequately reduce the dangers of this stretch of highway; several motor vehicle accidents, including a fatality, occurred this year.

"Essentially (Alexis De Toqueville) said the only way to survive in a democracy is if we look out for each other," said Aaron Nielsen, a senior English major involved in the capstone project.

After presenting the signatures to the Winona City Council, Mayor Jerry Miller passed the petition on to State Department of Transportation officials as well as legislators, who are discussing the issue.



Nationally acclaimed composer Philip Rothman of New York led a rehearsal of his piece, "Departure Point," with the Saint Mary's wind ensemble.

Commissioned piece by Rothman premiered at Saint Mary's

"Departure Point" — the 2004 Kaplan Foundation commissioned work for piano and wind ensemble by nationally acclaimed composer Philip Rothman — had its world premiere Oct. 2 at Saint Mary's University.

The Saint Mary's Concert Band and Wind Ensemble performed a joint concert with the Concert Choir Chamber Singers and the Women's Choir. The band portion of the concert featured "Departure Point," conducted by the composer and written for solo piano (featuring Danuta Szlubowska) and a wind ensemble of 20 players.

Rothman wrote in his website, "When Saint Mary's University in Minnesota, a Catholic university, commissioned this work for piano based on Jewish musical material, I knew it was a rare opportunity to realize how one musical tradition relates to another."

"I do not present the theme in a 'traditional' Jewish way, but rather in a broader sense — much like traditional blessings traverse time and place, remaining constant yet nonetheless evolving by context."

Rothman's compositions have been performed by the Utah Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, National Philharmonic of Lithuania, Juilliard Orchestra, New York Youth Symphony, United States Military Academy Band, and numerous other ensembles.

His music has been heard at major venues including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and it has been broadcast on more than 200 radio stations in America on NPR's "Performance Today," on the syndicated radio program Indianapolis on-the-Air, and the McGraw Hill Companies' Young Artists Showcase. His work has been featured at prominent conferences, including the New York State School Music Association Conference and an international symposium at the New England Conservatory.

Rothman resides in New York City and was the recipient of SMU's third commission for new music for wind band, made possible through a gift to the university by the Sam and Helen Kaplan Foundation.

Brother Stephen Rusyn named VP for student development

Brother Stephen Rusyn, FSC, professor of English and associate dean at Saint Mary's, took over the position of vice president for Student Development on Jan. 1. Brother Stephen came to Saint



Brother Stephen Rusyn, FSC
Vice president for Student Development

Mary's in 1988 from Newport, R.I., where he was assistant professor of English for six years. During the first three years here, he served as executive assistant to the president, the first dean of business, computer science and mass communication, as well as an associate professor of English. He was also the hall director of the Ek Family Village his first year at

SMU and then the first director of Gilmore Creek Hall.

He then left Saint Mary's to return to Rhode Island in 1991 and relocated to California in the mid-90s. The year after he returned to SMU in 1997, in addition to his duties teaching English, he became the associate dean of humanities, a position he held for the past six years.

Brother Stephen's position was vacated by Brother Pat Conway '75, FSC, who left Saint Mary's this winter to assume the role of director of vocations and formations for the Midwest District of the Christian Brothers. Brother Pat served the Saint Mary's community for 12 years.

Saint Mary's University reports enrollment for 2004-05

Official 10th-day-of-class statistics at the Saint Mary's University Winona campus showed a total undergraduate enrollment of 1,332.

That number includes 1,261

full-time Winona-campus undergraduates and 71 part-time and non-degree-seeking students. New entering freshmen number 361; with transfers and readmitted students added, the total number of new degree-seeking students is 423.

Enrollment in the Saint Mary's University Graduate and Professional Programs at all campuses and centers is 3,650, bringing the overall Saint Mary's enrollment to about 5,000.

Skemp steps down after 14 years with SMU athletics

Longtime cross country running and skiing coach John Skemp stepped down Jan. 31 after 14 years as a member of the Saint Mary's athletic department.

For Skemp, 14 years — and 36 seasons — was enough.

"This was by far one of the



John Skemp

toughest decisions I've ever had to make," said Skemp. "It's been a great 14 years, but it's time for me to move on. I've worked with some great people and

made a ton of great friends here at Saint Mary's, and I'm going to miss them all.

Along with being the head cross country coach, Skemp also spent 10 seasons as the school's nordic ski coach, and 12 years — two as head coach and 10 as an assistant — with the SMU track and field program.

"John has been an inspiration to so many people, myself included," said SMU athletic director Chris Kendall '79, who noted that assistant coach Ward Berndt has been named as Skemp's cross country successor. "He has given so much to Saint Mary's, and we are going to miss him greatly."



Catch Cardinal games online

The Saint Mary's University athletic department is proud to announce that all home men's and women's basketball; men's and women's hockey; and baseball and basketball games will be webcast live on the Internet.

To listen, go to sports.smumn.edu/general/webcasts.html and click on the "Listen" link for the game of your choice. All games will begin broadcast approximately 10 minutes prior to game time. You can also access the live webcast link by going to the respective sports, clicking on the schedule and the appropriate "Listen" link.

All live and archived events can be heard via QuickTime. If you don't already have QuickTime on your computer, you can download the free player from the above link.

"We are very excited about this new service," said SMU athletic director Chris Kendall '79. "Webcasting Cardinal games allows alums, parents, friends and fellow students who are not able to attend the events in person the chance to follow all the action."



The SMU Kidz, the Saint Mary's University paintball team, is one of the top paintball teams in the nation.

Captain Brendan Barcelo '05 (front left) poses with teammate Dan Ploskonka '05.

Saint Mary's paintball club, SMU Kidz, ranked 5th in nation

Players mentor young Winona-area paintball enthusiasts

By mid-season, the SMU Kidz, Saint Mary's University's paintball club, ranked fifth in the nation. The Division A X-Ball team heads into the National College Paintball Association (NCPA) National Championships in April 2005, aiming to move up in their ranking; last year, they placed third at national championships and fifth for the season.

The NCPA is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization created by college players to promote paintball. The NCPA and its member clubs organize recruitment drives, informational meetings, recreational club outings, scenario and big games, charity events, intrascholastic events for other university organizations and the national intercollegiate tournament league. NCPA members play a vital role in presenting paintball to the public in a positive manner through various volunteer and legislative efforts.

In recognition of their achievements, the SMU Kidz team is currently sponsored by one of the largest paintball companies in the world, Dye Precision Inc.

And they're always glad to help rookie paintball enthusiasts. The SMU Kidz work with the Winona Senior High School team, the Evolution Kids, which is comprised of students from both the Winona and Rochester areas. The Evolution Kids, in turn, serve as the pit crew for the SMU Kidz.

Coach Robert "Rosie" Rose has volunteered to work with the SMU team at no cost; he also coaches New York Xtreme of the national X-ball league, and he is a Paintball Sports Promotions ultimate referee. The position of ultimate referee is one of the top three positions in the PSP organization.

Members of the 2004-05 SMU Kidz paintball team are: Brendan Barcelo '05 (captain), Brian Barnish '05, Aaron Tholey '05, Nick Morse '05, Peter Skonieczny '05, Dan Ploskonka '05, Alex Thao '08, Adrian Perez '08, Grant Barthel '07, Collin Resch '07, Paul Dahlby '05 and Joshua Linn '07.

For more information, visit www.college-paintball.com.

University co-sponsors first community MLK event

Saint Mary's was a major sponsor in a first-of-its kind community celebration to honor and celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as well as the cultural and artistic heritage of African-Americans. A wide array of events was held Jan. 15-16 in Winona and Jan. 17 in La Crosse, Wis. — each of which held historical and cultural significance for the African-American community.

Saint Mary's hosted the bulk of the events at the Valência Arts Center. Other events were held at the Barb Bischel Memorial Gym at Cotter High School — all on SMU's Saint Teresa campus.



Participants of all ages competed in three-on-three basketball, five-on-five volleyball, dominoes, spades and billiards. A white male privilege workshop was held, and dancers grooved to the beat of hip hop during a community dance. Others tested their culinary skills during a cookoff or honed their artistic skills during dance lessons. Many people enjoyed lessons in Double Dutch and hairstyling, performances by a gospel choir and the closing celebration and awards presentation.

Cecil Adams, organizer of the event stressed the purpose of the weekend was "not just to entertain" but to "educate."

Saint Mary's program tutors juveniles at correctional facility

The Lasallian Honors Program has received funding to serve as a major community partner in a "Twentieth Century Community Service Learning Center" grant — awarded to Maginnis High School, the education unit of the Minnesota Correctional Facility at Red Wing.

The grant helps 75 adolescent male juvenile offenders from across the state improve school attendance, increase reading and math skills, and engage in community service and arts/enrichment activities.

Saint Mary's students in the honors program are providing mentoring and tutoring for the accelerated reading and math and driver education programs for inmates at the correctional facility.

Dr. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, director of the Lasallian Honors Program and professor of philosophy, began sending SMU students to the Red Wing facility to

assist with tutoring five years ago. This grant increases time slots and opportunities and will pay for students' travel and training expenses.

While in graduate school, Rodeheffer spent three years volunteering in the state prison for women in Nashville, Tenn. "People in prison need a connection with people outside of prison, and vice versa," she said.

"They need advocates, and we need to learn their stories in order to become more educated about issues of social justice within our own communities. This work is also an important part of our mission as a Lasallian university. Through service and guided reflection on that service in the classroom, we hope to broaden students' understanding of the human condition while also giving them the concrete skills needed to reach out to those who are economically and socially disadvantaged."

Forty-eight percent of the young men at the Red Wing Correctional facility are minorities; 45 percent are economically

disadvantaged. These youth, from across the state of Minnesota, are from areas where poor school attendance and performance, poverty and crime are characteristic. The typical student is three grade levels behind in reading and more than three grade levels behind in math.

This tutoring program also serves as an incentive; inmates can earn a spot in a driver education program by participating. The goal of the incentive program is to help these youth foster independence and make finding and retaining employment beyond high school possible.

The hope is that these men will catch up with students their age in reading and math, realize the value of increased school attendance, and gain exposure to art, music and other enrichment areas they would not otherwise access. Youth will experience empathy and caring through community service and gain independence by securing their driver's licenses. They will learn the skills and resources to be successful in life.

SMU Family Weekend



The new Cardinal mascot made its debut during this fall's Family Weekend. Activities — which drew more than 1,000 visitors to the Winona campus — included a golf outing, music and theatre events, and other games and sporting events.



Despite the cold temperatures, 436 people participated in the 16th Fall Frolic fun run/walk Oct. 2 at Saint Mary's University. The event, held annually as part of SMU's Family Weekend, is for students, faculty and staff, but is open to the community as well.

New staff named in Development and Alumni Relations

In October, **Diana Miller** was named executive director for Development and Alumni Relations. Miller serves as the grant officer for the university and is the primary point of contact within the department for corporate, foundation and government grants.

Miller previously served as executive director of the Women's Resource Center of Winona for the past three and a half years. She also served as an adjunct lecturer at Saint Mary's.



Diana Miller
Executive director
for Development and
Alumni Relations

In February, **Susan Omoto** was named director of Development and Alumni Relations for Graduate and Professional Programs.

Omoto will strengthen the relationship between the university and its alumni of graduate and professional programs from all campuses through alumni events and philanthropic initiatives to support the mission of the university. Her office will be located on the Twin Cities campus.

Nationally recognized for her nonprofit development skills and creative fundraising events, Omoto has 20 years of experience in fundraising, marketing and communications with Twin Cities firms in both profit and nonprofit sectors. A champion of various neighborhood and environmental



Susan Omoto
Director of
Development and
Alumni Relations
for Graduate and
Professional Programs

causes, she also has worked closely with diverse ethnic populations. An author, Omoto has published a book titled, "Hmong Milestones in America" along with articles on topics ranging

from eastern healing to marketing and publicity.

Omoto is currently studying for her Master of Arts in Public Safety Administration at SMU.

A fond farewell
to a 2005 retiree

Mary Kaye Perrin



YEARS AT SAINT

MARY'S Seventeen years of continuous service with the Center for International Students and the De La Salle Language Institute, starting in August 1988.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES Served as director of academics and programming for the De La Salle Language Institute and summer language camps; developed curriculum for the institute; and supervised staff.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED Winona State University, Mankato State University, and St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans. She earned a master's degree in English and bachelor's degrees in elementary education and English education.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT International festivals on campus and in the community, a multi-cultural program for freshman orientation, and field trips with

international students. She also represented SMU in the community through local schools.

CAREER HIGH POINT Last year, nine Christian Brothers from Colombia arrived on campus to learn more English and secure a Master's in Educational Administration. They were all directors, principals and experienced teachers in schools throughout Colombia. "I was 'chosen' to be their godmother, helper, teacher, tutor and general friend," she said. "Through this wonderful relationship as their 'madrina,' and through the help I gave them, they enriched my life, and I now know I have many friends in Colombia. This connection, I am sure will last for a long time. They are truly my brothers."

MOST PROMINENT MEMORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Every year she has been lucky enough to have met students from all over the world. "I have invited them to my house for an apple pie party every October; traveled with them to Chicago, Minneapolis, South Dakota and other places; listened to their problems; and of course, taught them English," she said. "I have friends from all over the world, and I am sure I will visit many of them in my retirement."

PLANS FOR RETIREMENT She and her husband plan to visit many countries, spend time on their houseboat on the Mississippi River and teach part time. "I am sure I will return to Colombia, visit Peru to see my daughter-in-law's family, and spend some time in Ireland. And, of course, we will spend time with our grandchildren," she said. "In Spanish, retirement is 'jubilacion' and I intend to be jubilant."

Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns '71 is named U.S. Secretary of Agriculture



Mike Johanns

Johanns is Saint Mary's University's 2004 Distinguished Alumnus

In January 2005, Nebraska Gov. Mike Johanns was named secretary of agriculture to oversee the nation's farm and food programs.

Johanns succeeded Ann M. Veneman in the president's 15-member Cabinet.

Johanns is a 1971 graduate of Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. Last June, Johanns was honored by Saint Mary's with its Distinguished Alumnus Award during Homecoming.

Born in Iowa and raised on a dairy farm, Johanns, 54, became a lawyer and served in county and city government before becoming mayor of Lincoln, Neb., in 1991. He was reelected mayor in 1995.

He won the Nebraska governor's office in 1998, and in 2002 became the first Republican to win re-election in more than four decades.

As governor, Johanns promoted an agenda of tax relief, less government, building the economy, protecting families, and ensuring the health, safety and success of Nebraska's children. He also led a delegation of Nebraska farm and business leaders on a trade mission to Japan, Taiwan, China, Singapore and several other countries.

Alums in office

The November elections brought much anticipation for several Saint Mary's University alumni.

Congratulations go to Mike Charron '79 who was elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives for District 56A.

Congratulations to all SMU alums who hold or have held an elected position — whether it be national, state, city, county, township or school board. We also salute the courage and passion of our alums who ran a good race, but lost their bids. Many of our alums are working hard for a better tomorrow.

If you are an alum who was elected this year, let us know; e-mail alumni@smumn.edu.

SMU undergoing two-year self study

The coffee is being poured, pencils are being sharpened, photocopies are being made, and thoughts and ideas are flowing. The Saint Mary's community is now engaged in an intensive two-year process of self-study.

Saint Mary's is required by its regional accreditor, The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, to undertake a process of self-evaluation for reaccreditation, the purpose of which is to assure quality and continuous improvement.

All accredited institutions participate in this process, usually every 10 years; the Saint Mary's process began this fall and will culminate with a visit in fall 2006 by a review team of consultant evaluators trained by The Higher Learning Commission.

The university must evaluate itself against standards called the

criteria for accreditation, which are provided by The Higher Learning Commission. The criteria areas are: mission and integrity; preparing for the future; student learning and effective teaching; acquisition, discovery and application of knowledge; and engagement and service.



Nearly 100 faculty, staff and students are serving on committees for the self-study. Dr. Jeffrey Highland, university provost, is chairing the self-study steering committee, and Tracy Lehnertz M'97, assistant to the provost and associate dean of off-campus programs, is serving as the self-study coordinator.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees has charged the self-study steering committee to create a process that:

- clearly demonstrates the university's qualification for continued accreditation;
- redefines the university's relationship with the Higher

Learning Commission;

- encourages active and honest participation by the university community; and
- allows the information collected to be used for continued institutional improvement.

Dr. Valerie Edwards Robeson, assistant professor of social science and coordinator of the human services program, is co-chairing one of the self-study criterion committees. "A self-study is really about knowing, and sharing, our collective story," she said. "It provides a rare opportunity to look thoughtfully at our past, with deep awareness of our present state, and with purpose toward our future. I am especially excited about our opportunity to write an important chapter of the Saint Mary's story together."

For more information on the institution's self-study, visit the self-study website by going to www2.smumn.edu and click on the self-study icon.





**After 21 years,
Brother President Louis
DeThomasis has positioned Saint Mary's
to prosper in the 21st century.**

a lasting legacy

A dynamo

According to the 1984 summer edition of the Saint Mary's University alumni magazine, Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., "launched his administration with a flurry of activity."

Offices and officers changed; carpenters, plasterers and painters hummed; and the administrative team expanded. No cobwebs formed on the Saint Mary's campus during Brother Louis' first weeks as president.

"When I first came here, I was 'Louie the Easterner.' When I came to the Midwest, it was a culture shock for me, and I think it was more of a culture shock for all of the faculty and staff who had to put up with me at the time," Brother Louis said. "I guess I came in as a dynamo, ready to move."

A dreamer

Dr. Daniel Maloney, a close friend of 40 years, served Saint Mary's from 1985-1994 and 1997-2000 in a variety of administrative roles. In all honesty, Dr. Maloney said, he would describe Brother Louis as "discouraged" during his first years in office.

"His first and second year were very, very difficult; there was a lot of resistance to him as an outsider," he said, putting the mid-'80s into perspective.

Catholic colleges were closing, many others were struggling, and Saint Mary's had gone through a very challenging period. Putting Saint Mary's on the map was something that truly needed a dreamer, he said.

Visionary, visionary, visionary

Brother Louis moved forward in his vision to adapt the campus, the programs and the locations to meet the changing needs of Saint Mary's learners. Others saw the vision and joined his mission.

Gradually, Brother Louis said, not only did his colleagues and coworkers change, but he changed as well.

"I'm still never referred to or described as mild-mannered, calm and absolutely process-oriented," Brother Louis said with a smile. "But I did learn a great deal from faculty, staff and colleagues here. I believe SMU today is so much more relevant and vibrant because we responded to the times and we all changed, and that's part of the life cycle."

Renovator and builder and a force

The change Saint Mary's has seen during Brother Louis' 21-year tenure has been substantial.

- **Finance:** Under his leadership, the annual operating budget of the university has grown from \$11 million to \$53 million, and the endowment increased from \$2.8 million to \$47.7 million.

- **Growth:** Brother Louis expanded non-traditional education, particularly through graduate programs. During his tenure, total enrollment climbed from

1,445 (with 286 graduate students) to 5,000 students (with 3,650 graduate students).

- **Global expansion:** He's helped SMU become a university with a global presence — with campuses in Winona, the Twin Cities and Nairobi, Kenya, centers in Rochester and Apple Valley and study abroad programs in London, Florence and Mexico City (as well as possible future educational ventures in China and Jamaica).

- **Facilities:** The face of SMU changed with the addition of new buildings and

extensive remodeling on both the Winona and Twin Cities campuses, as well as the acquisition of the former College of Saint Teresa campus.

- And **spiritually** he has focused faculty, staff and students with a strong sense of Lasallian mission and direction.

"We invested in buildings ... but also people," Brother Louis said. "That is why our Lasallian education is so important, because it doesn't stop at teaching minds, it has the faith and the zeal to touch hearts, and if you don't touch hearts, you don't educate people."

"What clearly began as a difficult situation became a love affair with Saint Mary's," Dr. Maloney said. "He fell in love with that institution and truly believes in his heart that it is a unique place. That is his gift to Saint Mary's University. He turned it into a jewel."

The young scholar

Louis DeThomasis grew up the youngest of three sons in a Catholic family. His father, Gus, was an immigrant laborer from Italy who dug New York subway tunnels in the 1920s and came to own a booming ready-mix concrete business on Long

Island after World War II.

DeThomasis attended the Christian Brothers-led La Salle Military Academy. And, choosing a Catholic university instead of using his Harvard scholarship, he attended Georgetown University, where he majored in foreign service,



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Brother Louis shared his

culinary barbecuing skills with men at Saint Mary's this fall. ■ It has been said Brother Louis is a great comedian. His sense of humor came into play during the 2004 Founder's Day celebration. ■ During a 2000 visit to China with the Minnesota Private College Council, Brother Louis posed with Yao Yuecan, father of a SMU student, at the Great Wall.

TIMELINE: Brother President Louis DeThomasis, FSC, Ph.D., and highlights of his tenure at Saint Mary's University

1940 Born in New York City on Oct. 6	1963 Earned a bachelor's degree in Foreign Service from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.	1968-69 Joined the Christian Brothers; studied at De La Salle College, Washington, D.C., and Sangre de Cristo Center for Religious Studies in Santa Fe, N.M.	1969 Began consulting in the areas of investments, financial management, leadership, education and general organization dynamics	1969-73 Taught at Catholic high schools in New York and Rhode Island	1973-76 Named chief financial officer of the Christian Brothers, Rhode Island	1982 Earned a doctorate in financial management from the Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio
1961 Studied philosophy, Spanish culture and geopolitics at the University of Madrid, Spain	1964-68 Served as president of MetroGraphics in Washington, D.C.			1973 Completed graduate study in theology at Providence College, Rhode Island	1976-84 Served as president of La Salle Military Academy in Long Island, New York	

reportedly because it was the only major that didn't require math.

This, according to Dr. Maloney, is where things truly become "interesting."

The kid who swept the floor

"Louis was working as a student (a senior in college) for a printing company (MetroGraphics) and was sweeping floors by the printing presses," he said. "At one point, he heard the place was going bankrupt. He was 20 years old and the errand boy, and he asked his father for a loan. Then the kid who swept the floor bought the business and turned it around."

MetroGraphics, he said, became an enormous success. DeThomasis invested in new offset printing technology and earned multimillion-dollar contracts with the U.S. Patent Office. He began working with President Lyndon B. Johnson and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and became president of the Young Democrats in Washington, D.C.

"He is extremely intelligent," Dr. Maloney said. "That giftedness was evident to anyone. When the kid who sweeps the floor saves the business, that's a very unusual kid."

Between 1964 and 1968, money came easily; his business flourished; and DeThomasis traveled in affluent circles.

Spiritual

But DeThomasis knew something was missing in his life, and in 1968, he joined the De La Salle Christian

Brothers, citing the Brothers who educated him as a young man as his inspiration.

Dr. Maloney suggested he knew — perhaps most of his life — that he would enter the brotherhood.

His father, it is rumored, told Louis

years in Christian Brothers schools and served as headmaster at his alma mater, La Salle Military Academy, and as treasurer for the order. He earned a doctorate in financial management and, in 1982, he founded Christian Brothers Investment Services, an investment

advisor that now manages \$3.5 billion on behalf of Catholic organizations. He also has served on the board for nearly 20 years at Galaxy Funds, a multibillion-dollar family of mutual funds, now owned by the Bank of America.

It's a strange mix, the combination of faith and finance. Minnesota State Sen. Bob Kierlin, longtime associate

and friend, said, "I think he's a perfect combination of an effective financial administrator and a believer of Lasallian philosophy, and that's probably pretty rare."

Through the years, Brother Louis has become an internationally known speaker and writer on issues of business ethics, faith and finance.

Financial wizard

It's because of this mixture of faith and finance that Brother Louis got his first taste of Saint Mary's University as a trustee in 1976.

Brother Peter Clifford, FSC, Ed.D, president of Saint Mary's from 1976 to 1984, said Brother Louis was a master



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Brother Louis posed with possibly the first member of the Saint Mary's class of 2017, Finbar Flanery Boyle, son of Jennifer (Smith '91) and Neil Boyle '91. The photo was taken in 2000. ■ Brother Louis "did time" to raise money for a Jail-and-Bail fundraiser for the Winona County Chapter of the American Cancer Society in 1985. ■ Brother Louis broke ground on many building projects during his 21-year tenure at Saint Mary's.



he could join the Christian Brothers after he made his first million. And the ending to that story is: "So he did."

After his father died, DeThomasis passed the printing business to his brother.

"The story I've heard is that he called his brother after his father died and said, 'Here's the business, and I'm not even going to pack up my apartment.' He was certainly determined," Dr. Maloney said.

Brother Louis then taught for 15

1982
Founded and was the first president of Christian Brothers Investment Services, Inc., an investment advisory company registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, which invests \$3.5 billion on behalf of Catholic institutions

1976
Named to Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (then Saint Mary's College) Board of Trustees

1984
Elected president of Saint Mary's

1984
Saint Mary's graduate programs begin in the Twin Cities

1986
Named to board of directors of Galaxy Funds, Boston

1986
Named a Bush Fellow at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

1988
The Saint Mary's Redmen become the Saint Mary's Cardinals

1995
Saint Mary's changes from a college to a university

1996
The Twin Cities campus expands and is renamed

1995
Nairobi campus founded

2002
Saint Teresa campus purchased

2005
Brother Louis retires as president of Saint Mary's on May 31

of managing money.

"He's a great fund-raiser, but an even better businessman," he said. "And he's a good friend."

"His ability to seize the moment is uncanny," said Bernie Wagnild, who served as a trustee from 1980 to 2002. "He has this ability to grasp a difficult situation, sort it out and make it simple, make it possible."

When the search for Brother Peter's successor got underway, an inquiry was sent to 200 Brothers around the world about the position; there was no response.

Brother Peter knew he could convince Brother Louis to take the job. "I told him he had done all the things he was going to at a secondary school; it was time for him to step up into the world of college and take over Saint Mary's. He thought about it and said yes."

In 1984, Brother Louis became the 11th president of Saint Mary's.

Real

To students, Brother Louis has been a friend as well as a mentor. "I always feel like he knows who I am," said senior Pam Trainor.

To faculty and staff, he's a mixture of "down to business" with a side order of downright hilarious.

"Not only is he very bright and intelligent — a master in financial arts — he's a great comic," said Brother Peter.

A profound connector and a people person

"I always say it seems to me that his energy can't be contained in a room; his spirit is so much bigger," said Dr. Mary Fox '75, professor of interdisciplinary

that make you comfortable with him."

Often Brother Louis' humor revolves around his profile, undoubtedly a direct result of his passion for cooking gourmet Italian food. Sen. Kierlin has tasted some of — and paid top-dollar at Winona's Cotter High School auction for — Brother Louis' cooking. "He makes a lobster mousse that's to die for," he said.

One favorite Brother Louis story is set in Ho Chi Minh City a couple of years ago. As Brother Louis walked with an interpreter and a small group, he noticed the locals smiled at him and patted him affectionately on the stomach.

Brother Louis turned to his translator and asked why they touched him; they didn't pat the others in his party.

The translator explained that they believe Buddha will one day become human. They also believe, he continued, that the physical similarities between Brother

Louis and Buddha were evident and that touching Brother Louis — just in case he was Buddha — would bring them luck and success.

Master of the one-liner and charismatic

Until that time, Brother Louis had never thought of himself as Buddha. However, he has frequently called himself Robert Redford, Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt, Ashton Kutcher (insert the hunk of the month).



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Former Philippines president Corazon

Aquino met with Brother Louis at her residence in March 2004. ■ Louis DeThomasis, left, and his brother, Chick, right, shook hands with Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. ■ Former First Lady Barbara Bush spoke to the Winona-area community about literacy and family values in November 1999 at Saint Mary's University. She chatted with Brother Louis at a reception prior to her speech, which was part of Winona's Celebrate 2000 event.

studies and former vice president for university relations. "He's a profound connector. He's self-effacing in ways



Conversing during a charity function are, from left: Brother Joseph Finnegan, headmaster at La Salle Military Academy; Chick DeThomasis; Herb Klein, Nixon White House communications director; and Louis DeThomasis.



Louis DeThomasis, right, his brother Chick, left, and Chick's wife, the late Janet DeThomasis, middle left, met with Linda Boggs, wife of Congressman Hale Boggs of Louisiana. When Linda's husband was lost in an Alaskan plane crash, Linda succeeded him as a U.S. Representative of Louisiana's 2nd Congressional District.



Louis DeThomasis, right, Chick DeThomasis, middle left, and Chick's wife, the late Janet DeThomasis, left, spoke with renowned bandleader Barnee Breeskin, who wrote the song, "Hail to the Redskins."

His humor has eased tensions, made outsiders feel comfortable and caused the walls at Saint Mary's to bulge with laughter.

"(Humor) sure helps get over the rough spots," Sen. Kierlin said, describing Brother Louis as a combination of Warren Buffet and Johnny Carson, mixed with a world-renowned educator.

"I've always described him as a Jackie Gleason kind of a guy," Dr. Fox said. "He can say nothing, and look at you from across the room, and you know exactly what he's thinking."

But in many ways, Brother Louis remains an enigma.

helping others quietly behind the scenes. She remembered how, during a crisis on campus or when members of the SMU community or their families have been in need, Brother Louis made heartfelt comments, showed visible emotions and acted generously.

And, Dr. Fox added, Brother Louis is humble, especially about his biggest achievements. His answer to what he believes are his greatest achievements at Saint Mary's is usually "It's up to others to decide."

Kierlin said Brother Louis will be remembered for the growth and financial stability of the university. "That stands out, given that many private

education, to reach for those stars, we will be successful."

What his future entails, no one — not even Brother Louis — is quite sure. For the next year, he plans to accept the board's offer to serve as chancellor of Saint Mary's. He will work from the Twin Cities campus.

"I have no doubt that he will accomplish new projects and new great things," Dr. Maloney said. "He believes in what he does, and he gets people to go with him on that journey. When people become part of his vision, they can accomplish anything."

Wagnild agrees. "Knowing Brother, he still has many things to contribute in

"Knowing Brother, he still has many things to contribute in life. He's not done. I look upon Saint Mary's as a wonderful chapter in the book of his life, but certainly far from the last chapter."

An introvert and a hard worker

"He's really an introvert, despite what people think," Dr. Maloney said. "He's very self-disciplined, with a strong work ethic, very introspective and scholarly. He's a thinker, and I think people often mistake his showmanship for someone who's a natural clown and entertainer, and that's not who he is."

But, Dr. Maloney admitted, "The moment people come into his presence, he is engaged with them."

Charming, genuine and humble

Dr. Fox added that Brother Louis is emotional and has a huge heart, often

liberal arts colleges are really struggling. He knows how to make programs viable by holding costs and promoting the programs that make money for the university."

Passionate and dedicated

In May 2005, Brother Louis will leave the university after 21 years, three times the average national university president's tenure.

"Saint Mary's University has reached for the stars. We haven't grasped them yet, but we're still reaching and that's what important," Brother Louis said. "I believe if we continue to have the faith and the zeal to accomplish that Lasallian mission of

life. He's not done. I look upon Saint Mary's as a wonderful chapter in the book of his life, but certainly far from the last chapter."

Brother

The only way to end this story is the way most gatherings on campus have begun since Brother Louis became president, with a prayer.

Many years ago Brother Louis began reciting this traditional prayer at Saint Mary's: "Saint John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us. Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever."

As Wagnild said, Brother Louis, as well as all of the Christian Brothers who have worked to shape Saint Mary's, will truly live in our hearts — forever.



Louis, left, and Chick DeThomasis, right, shared a laugh with Congressman Lester Wolf of New York.



Louis, left, and Chick DeThomasis greeted actress Jane Russell at a benefit for orphanages.



Barnee Breeskin, seated, played the piano for Louis, left, and Chick DeThomasis, right, and Necdet Evliyagil of Ajans-Turk, a printing company in Turkey, which was in partnership with MetroGraphics.

Saint Mary's senior Sue Ann Rodriguez interned last summer at IBM. And, she says with a sly smile, she was paid well.

This year, she chose a different direction — unpaid, community service work as a web designer with Winona's Women's Resource Center.

These are typical aspirations for a young college student, who will graduate next fall from SMU with a major in E-business technology. But Rodriguez isn't typical. She is blind.

A little something extra

Blind student flourishes in computer science major

Yet, she's the first person to tell you that just because a person has a disability, they are no different than anyone else. "It just takes a little something extra," she said.

Rodriguez's tuition was paid through the Computer Science Accessibility for Students with Visual Disabilities Project, a joint initiative between Saint Mary's and Winona State University, primarily funded by the National Science Foundation. Co-facilitators are Ann Smith, chair of the computer science department at SMU, and Joan Francioni, computer science professor at WSU.

The NSF grant enabled eight visually impaired students at both universities to attend school in the past four years.

The three-year grant was extended for a year, but ended in 2004. Its goal was to provide a means for qualified students with visual disabilities to successfully complete a computer science major. A long-range goal of the project was to provide a model for other programs to significantly increase the number of people with visual disabilities who work as computer scientists.

"Its purpose was research and

education, to work to make the computer science curriculum more accessible to students with visual disabilities," Smith said.

One valuable outcome was the creation of JavaSpeak, a programming tool that uses aural output instead of visual output and facilitates keystroke-based navigation. JavaSpeak is now part of the IBM Eclipse platform. This is a venue that creates software that is adaptable to a variety of operating systems; anyone can use the software and make modifications, allowing an ongoing development of the software.

Rodriguez received tuition, room, board, supplies and equipment through the grant in exchange for her assistance in developing tools and modifying curriculum.

"Sue Ann was instrumental in getting (JavaSpeak) developed and suffered through every revision with great patience," Smith said. "It has gone through many versions."

Smith said she and Francioni hope to help visually impaired students get to an even level with seeing students in terms of computer programming.

Rodriguez has proven she has no disability in her chosen field. For one of her classes she was required to take apart a computer and put it back together — a feat not easy for those able to see — yet Rodriguez "aced" the test.

And, the Women's Resource Center is thankful for her expertise as well.

Diana Miller, former director for the Women's Resource Center (and now executive director of development and alumni relations at SMU), said she had been searching for someone who could do computing and technical work, but she couldn't find anyone willing to donate their time and talent.

Francioni, who is a co-chair of the WRC board, knew Rodriguez was just the person to assist the Women's

Resource Center.

Over the summer, Rodriguez estimates she put in more than 300 hours on the new website, which went live in February and can be seen at www.wrcowinona.org.

Miller said the goal in updating the website was to make it catchier, to have more options and links available for users, and to be more interactive yet easy to use.

"Learning the web programming code was very time-consuming,"

Rodriguez said.

Miller said there were times where she served as Rodriguez's eyes. "She would call me over and ask, 'Is this the color red you want?' or 'Is the box on top of or beside the other box?' Miller would in turn tell Rodriguez how far away the boxes were, Rodriguez would input code, and the box would move to the spot she

wanted.

Beyond her work on the website, Rodriguez assisted the center with other computer-related work and research.

"I wanted to get some job experience," Rodriguez said. "Because the job market is tight, it is even more important to have volunteer work experience as well."

"This is an exemplary model of experiential service learning," Smith said. "Sue Ann was able to bring her skills to the table but also take away an understanding of how the WRC operates. It's our goal to have students use their education for social change and to help organizations (like the Women's Resource Center) and at the same time grow and gain experience outside of the classroom."

"It's helped me to see (no pun intended) the other possibilities," Rodriguez said. "It's helped me to see that the skills I have can help somebody out."



Saint Mary's senior Sue Ann Rodriguez, left, works with Ann Smith, right, chair of the Department of Computer Science.

Who, what, when, where, how

A year of website statistics and what they tell us

End-of-the-year lists are common to many publications; from “Time” magazine’s best/worst to David Letterman’s top 10, it seems that our society loves to make lists.



A. Eric Heukeshoven
Website manager

Using a program called “Urchin,” we can analyze every detail about our website.

So, in keeping with our love for lists, we present a glimpse into the who, what, when, where and how of visits to the SMU website in 2004.

BY THE NUMBERS

Each time a visitor accesses our site we call it a “hit*.” We had 36,137,833 hits in 2004! A more reliable indicator of traffic is the “pageview” – or a request to the web server by a visitor’s browser for any web page. In 2004 the number of pageviews to the SMU website was 7,674,928. As data passes from our server to you, we also record how information was sent. We transferred 166.36 gigabytes of data in 2004. (That’s about 35 DVDs or 238 CDs worth of information!) We also look at the overall time a visitor spends on the site before leaving our site. We see that, on average, visitors viewed seven pages over a period of around 20 minutes per session.

FAVORITE PAGES AND DOWNLOADS

The SMU website was designed with three primary audiences in mind: prospective students and parents, alumni and friends, and others looking for general information about the university. So



it comes as no surprise that the list of “most viewed” pages includes information about admission, academic programs, alumni services and contact/location pages.

In 2004, we created a section of the website to track the university’s search for a new president. The pages located at www.smumn.edu/president featured a timeline that was updated throughout the year, as well as biographies and letters from the three finalists once they were selected. On days when new information was posted, there was a significant increase in traffic to these pages.

In addition to the most visited pages we also track which files were downloaded from the website. Leading the way in 2004 was the School of Graduate and Professional Programs whose winter schedule was downloaded nearly 1,400 times! Almost 500 copies of the undergraduate catalog were requested as well as many admission applications, presidential candidate résumés and other documents.

One other interesting fact is that the website also receives many “hits” to a page designed to serve as a departure point for various services for current students, faculty and staff. The “Inside SMU” page (www.smumn.edu/sitepages/pid603.php) was ranked in the top 10 pages visited in 2004 with nearly 250,000 pageviews.

BROWSERS AND ROBOTS

Close to 75 percent of visitors to the SMU website in 2004 used a

version of Microsoft’s Internet Explorer browser. For many web surfers, “IE” is the only browser they’ve ever used. However, recent development of newer browser software, spurred on by security concerns, has begun to give Explorer users some very attractive alternatives. Our statistics for 2004 tell us that Firefox, Safari and Opera – relative newcomers in the browser world – have begun to make a dent in Explorer’s dominance of the market. If you’re interested in trying out a different browser on your computer, here are links to the most popular new packages:

Firefox (Mac, Windows, Linux, etc.)
www.mozilla.org

Opera (Mac, Windows, Linux, etc.)
www.opera.com/products/desktop

Safari (Mac OS X only)
www.apple.com/safari

Another routine type of “visitor” is a “robot” searching and indexing our site for various Internet search engines. With names like “Googlebot,” “Gigabot,” and “WebVac,” each robot (also known as spiders or crawlers) logs the data from our website to populate search engines across the web. “Googlebot” alone accounted for nearly 20 percent of the robot traffic to our website in 2004.

KEEP ON CLICKIN’

Statistics such as these give us a better understanding of how we serve our various audiences. But the best statistic by far is feedback from you. Please keep your comments and suggestions coming to us in 2005. Let us know what would make the SMU website a better place and how we can best serve you. Contact me at webmaster@smumn.edu.

* Hits come from both inside and outside the university.

Sports News



MEN'S SOCCER

CONFERENCE: 2-7-1

OVERALL: 3-10-3

BRIEFLY: Senior Brian

Reddish (Crystal Lake, Ill.) was named First-Team All-MIAC for the second straight year, while sophomore Mike Schmitt (Woodridge, Ill.) was an honorable-mention selection. ... Schmitt's five goals and 11 points were team highs. ... SMU's season-ending win vs. Hamline snapped a two-game losing streak and a season-high five-game winless streak (0-4-1). ... All three of the Cardinals' wins were by shutout, while two of SMU's three ties were also shutouts. ... After scoring nine goals through their first 13 games, the Cardinals scored six in their final three.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/m_soccer



WOMEN'S SOCCER

CONFERENCE: 4-7-0

OVERALL: 7-10-1

BRIEFLY: The Cardinals' 2-1, season-ending win vs. Hamline was their seventh of the season, the most wins by the Cardinals since they went 7-9-2 during the 2000 season. ... Freshman Amy Cory (Crystal Lake, Ill.) finished with a team-leading 14 goals and 28 points, and was named First-Team All-MIAC ... Sophomore Jennifer Johnson (Racine, Wis.), an honorable-mention All-MIAC pick, finished with a 1.72 goals-against-average and an .854 save percentage in her first year as SMU's goalkeeper. ... Ten of SMU's 18 games were decided by one goal. ... The Cardinals were 4-4-1 on their home field.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/w_soccer



VOLLEYBALL

CONFERENCE: 7-4

OVERALL: 21-11

BRIEFLY: Ashley Dingels

(Gibbon, Minn.) and Tessa Stranik (Eatonville, Wash.), two of SMU's six graduating seniors, were First-Team All-MIAC picks, while Stranik was also named CoSIDA Second Team Academic All District V. ... Dingels finished as the MIAC's leader in kills (4.51 kpg) and attack percentage (.353), while Stranik was the conference's leader in assists (12.15 apg). ... SMU's 21 wins equaled its win total of a year ago and is the most since the Cardinals went 27-8 and qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2000. ... Eight of the Cardinals' 10 losses came against teams ranked in the AVCA Top 25.

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



CROSS COUNTRY

CONFERENCE:

Men 11th, Women 9th

REGIONAL: Men 21st, Women 17th

BRIEFLY: The Cardinal women's ninth-place effort at the MIAC Championships equaled their

highest conference finish since 1997, when they placed seventh. ... Juniors Andy Boisjolie (Austin, Minn.) and Ellen Koranda (Blue Earth, Minn.) were the Cardinals' top runners all season. Boisjolie turned in his fastest eight-kilometer time (28:25) at the WSU Invitational, while Koranda went 19:59 at the WSU Invite and added a 20:37 at the MIAC Championships. ... After 14 years as the Cardinals' head coach, John Skemp stepped down following the 2004 season.

ONLINE: http://sports.smumn.edu/cross_country



GOLF

CONFERENCE: Men 6th, Women 6th

BRIEFLY: Junior Andrea

Hanke (Janesville, Wis.) missed her second straight All-MIAC honor by one stroke, shooting rounds of 85-91 for a 176 total and a 12th-place individual finish at the MIAC. ... Hanke was the women's top golfer all season, averaging 83.0. ... Hanke fired a school-record, two-over par 74 to earn individual medallist honors at the Luther Invitational. Hanke also helped the Cardinals set 18-hole (348) and 36-hole (726) school records. ... Freshman Jesse Polk (Hastings, Minn.) led the way for the SMU men, earning SMU's first-ever All-MIAC honors with a third-place individual finish (76-75-151) at the MIAC. ... Polk averaged a team-leading 79.1 in his first year as a Cardinal.

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



To hear Cardinal sports events via webcast, go to <http://sports.smumn.edu/general/webcasts.html>

MORE SPORTS





2004 Hall of Fame Inductees

SMU alums inducted into the 2004 Sports Hall of Fame during Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend Sept. 11-12, were (from left): Tricia (Rasmussen '93) Markwardt, women's basketball; Stephanie (Voss '92) McGuinness, women's soccer; Anna (Thibault '97) Meyer, volleyball and track and field; Chris Valicevic '93, men's hockey; Michael Shuett '72, men's hockey; and Jerry Hoffmann '76, baseball and men's basketball.

Next Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend to recognize all SMU conference team champions

In 2000, the Saint Mary's University fastpitch softball team became the school's first-ever team national champion, sweeping through the regional and the eight-team NCAA Division III national championship field.

In 2005, having not played another game, that same fastpitch softball team is making SMU history again, as the Cardinal team of 2000 will become the first-ever team inducted into the SMU Sports Hall of Fame as part of the Cardinal 'M' Club weekend, Sept. 17-18, 2005.

The format for this year's event will be similar to last year. A golf outing will kick things off on Saturday afternoon at Cedar Valley Golf Course, followed by an awards

The early September weather during last year's Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend was near-perfect. Cardinal 'M' Club director Don Olson is hoping this year's third annual event, scheduled for Sept. 17, will be even bigger and better.



banquet that evening in the SMU gym – during which the 2000 national championship fastpitch softball team, headed by coach John Tschida '90, will be inducted into the hall of fame.

Along with the induction of the fastpitch softball team into the hall of fame, the Cardinal 'M' Club has also invited back members of, and will recognize, all 38 Saint Mary's teams that have captured Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships, turning this year's Cardinal 'M' Club weekend into a true weekend of champions.

"We're very excited about this year's event," said Cardinal 'M' Club director Don Olson. "We are very proud of what the 2000 fastpitch softball team accomplished – being SMU's first-ever national team champion is quite an

Cardinal
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accomplishment, and it is our privilege to make them the first team ever inducted into our sports hall of fame.

"But to me, what is going to make this year's event extra-special is the recognition of all our conference (team) champions," continued Olson. "The (national champion) softball team reached the pinnacle in Division III athletics, but to win a conference championship in the extremely competitive MIAC is also very special, and we're looking forward to recognizing them as well."



More than 90 alumni and friends gathered at the Cedar Valley Golf Course for the second annual Cardinal 'M' Club Weekend golf outing.

CARDINAL 'M' CLUB

WEEKEND OF *Champions*

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

Golf Outing
10:30 a.m. (shotgun start)

Golf Outing Dinner
4 p.m.

**Hall of Fame
Awards Ceremony**
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

Alumni Games
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Picnic
12:30 to 2 p.m.

Saint Mary's Conference Champions

- **BASEBALL**
1941, 1953, 1954, 1957, 1958, 1964, 1966, 1968, 1970, 1972, 1981, 1990, 1993
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL**
1938-39, 1939-40
- **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**
1984-85, 1985-86
- **FASTPITCH SOFTBALL**
1997, 1998, 1999, 2001
- **FOOTBALL**
1928
- **MEN'S HOCKEY**
1928-29, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1987-88
- **WOMEN'S HOCKEY**
1998-99, 1999-00
- **WOMEN'S SOCCER**
1985, 1986, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991
- **VOLLEYBALL**
2000

Edge and Yankowski named SMU's Outstanding Athletes

Amy Edge (Mineral Point, Wis.) and Todd Yankowski (Chicago, Ill.) were named SMU's Outstanding Female and Male Athletes during the 2004 Cardinal 'M' Club Awards Banquet.

Edge, a junior catcher, enjoyed a career year in 2004. Edge started all 36 games in leading the Cardinals to a 23-15 overall record — SMU's 11th straight season with 20 or more wins. She led Saint Mary's in virtually every offensive category — boasting a team-best .416 batting average (42-for-101), while also leading the team in doubles (14), home runs (3), RBIs (32), walks (14) and on-base percentage (.483). She was a first-team All-Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, and was also named to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Midwest Region Second Team. A biology/physical therapy major who boasts a 3.97 GPA, Edge was also named to the prestigious CoSIDA Academic All-



America First Team.

Yankowski made his senior season in 2004 his best yet, as the track and field standout became the Cardinals' first-ever MIAC decathlon champion, totaling 6,033 points — shattering the school record by more than 400 points. Yankowski, who also broke the school record in the 110 hurdles during the conference championship, also became SMU's first-ever male NCAA national qualifier, placing 16th. Yankowski also earned All-MIAC honors for his third-place finish in the heptathlon during the indoor track and field season. Along with his track exploits, Yankowski was also a regular on the Cardinal men's basketball team, where he appeared in all 25 games, averaging 4.3 points-per-game and 2.0 rebounds-per-game.

An exciting time to be a part of SMU

What a great time to be a Saint Mary's alum! This is a tremendously exciting time in the history of the university. Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC, is about to complete his long and incredibly

successful tenure as university president. We look forward to welcoming Brother Craig Franz, FSC, as he assumes the presidency later this year. The alumni



Dr. John Forrette '74
President of the
SMU Alumni Board

association anticipates a productive and lively relationship with Brother Craig, and we hope to expand our role in the university's community in the years to come.

Congratulations to both of these magnificent men of faith; their visions have brought and will continue to bring success to our alma mater.

There are so many activities and plans for the alumni of Saint Mary's University in the near future.

I would like to highlight a few of them here. First and foremost, please plan to attend SMU Homecoming June 17-19. If you have not been to campus recently, this is a wonderful time of year to visit the area, reacquaint with old classmates, and participate in the events that are planned. Further information on Homecoming will be mailed, but you can always keep updated by visiting the Saint Mary's website at www.smumn.edu/alumni.

There are plans, also, to publish a Saint Mary's University alumni e-newsletter. This will allow

alums to access the latest calendar of events and learn of the current campus activities to stay connected to the university. This, along with the website, will serve as a great instrument for alums to "see" how the university is progressing and maturing.

The alumni association is spearheading the drive to fund and construct the Saint Mary's University Military Service Memorial. This will be dedicated to all past and present students and graduates who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Many of the SMU community may not know that we lost 38 students or alumni during World War II, and this memorial will also help to commemorate their sacrifice. Please offer us your prayers and support as we move to complete this poignant monument.

Hopefully, I will see many of you at Homecoming. To all of you, I offer my wishes that your 2005 is filled with joy, health and peace.



Dr. John Forrette '74, Colonel, USAR, alumni board president; **John Mollison,** military historian and aviation artist; **Lloyd Lunde, 1SG, SDNG (Ret.);** and **David Nordlund, Colonel, USMCR (Ret.)** are dedicated to bringing the military service memorial to life on the campus at Terrace Heights.



Lest we forget

By the end of 1945, 38 Saint Mary's students and alumni ventured everything they had — their promise, their youth, their future — in service to our country, and they gave their lives in doing so. Though this number is small in comparison to the millions who lost their lives worldwide, they are our university's connection to the idea that "sacrifice is a foundation of service."

In this spirit, the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association has chosen to honor all those who have made that sacrifice of service in our country's armed forces. Our shared vision is a unique memorial that will occupy an especially honored place on campus and remember all who have served in the military, or are currently in military service.

The funding required to complete this project will be raised through charitable gifts to Saint Mary's University. Based upon current estimates, the memorial will require contributions totaling \$90,000. It is the goal of the alumni association to seek private gifts, as well as support from corporations and foundations, to carry out this mission of recognition and remembrance.

We know that many people, especially those among us who have worn the uniform, understand the importance and timeliness of this memorial project. Veterans of World War II alone are dying at the rate of over 1,000 per day in this country right now. The alumni association, along with many alumni and friends of Saint Mary's, are eager to begin the process of bringing the military service memorial to life on the campus at Terrace Heights. We must honor these courageous men and women, and recognize their gift of freedom to us and our country.

If you would like to make a donation, call Meg (Lever '97) Richtman, director of Alumni Relations, at (507) 457-1618.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

- JUNE 17-19** **Winona, Minn.**
Homecoming 2005
- JULY 8-9** **Minneapolis, Minn.**
Basilica Block Party
- JULY 15** **Chicago, Ill.**
Chicago Cubs
Alumni Outing
Wrigley Field
- AUG. 7** **St. Paul, Minn.**
St. Paul Saints
Alumni Outing
- SEPT. 17-18** **Winona, Minn.**
Cardinal 'M' Club
Weekend
- SEPT. 23** **Darien, Ill.**
Chicago Alumni
Golf Outing

For more updates on future events and new programming for our alumni, please continue checking: www.smumn.edu/alumni

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

SMU alumni association wants you!

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association is looking for energetic alumni to join alumni chapters. These chapters work with the alumni office and alumni board of directors in establishing and executing local alumni events and programs, as well as assist the efforts of the alumni board. If you are interested in volunteering with the Twin Cities or Chicago alumni chapters, contact Meg (Leuer '97) Richtman, director of Alumni Relations at 1-800-635-5987, Ext. 1499, or e-mail mrichtma@smumn.edu.



Brother Louis Events

Sept. 18 and Sept. 24
Chicago, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn.

ABOVE: Rob Figliulo '76; Brother Louis DeThomasis, FSC; Kim (Febel CST '76) Figliulo; and Peg (Dunn CST '48) Figliulo attended a celebration dinner for Brother Louis on Sept. 18, 2004, at the DuPage Club in Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. INSET: Bernie Wagnild, SMU trustee emeritus, and Jan Wagnild greeted Brother Louis during a Twin Cities celebration dinner for Brother Louis Sept. 24 at the Minikahda Club in Minneapolis. For more photos of this event, go to www.smumn.edu/alumni.



Family Weekend – Parent Golf Outing

Oct. 1 – Winona, Minn.

The second annual Parent Golf Outing was held during the 2004 Saint Mary's University Family Weekend and brought just over a dozen SMU parents and friends of the university to the Winona Country Club on Friday, Oct. 1. This small but resilient group enjoyed getting to know other SMU parents, playing golf on a beautiful course, as well as finding unique ways to dodge the inclement weather. Participants included, (from left): Judi Radish, Walter Flynn, Matt Radish, Kathy Flynn, Kevin O'Reilly, Jeremy Wells (SMU staff), Dennis McCormick, Sharon Zimmer, Thomas D'Onofrio, Chuck Zimmer, Xavier Wilson '98 (SMU staff) and Frank Pacenza.

San Francisco-area Alumni Reception

Oct. 15
San Francisco, Calif.

This past October, three alumni events were hosted in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, Calif. These events gave the alumni who attended an opportunity to meet other SMU alumni in their areas and to receive a personal welcome and university update from the president. Rosa Kadera-Redmond '03 and Dan Keegan '55 enjoyed looking at campus photos of their alma mater together.



South Dakota Alumni Reception

Aug. 12 – Sioux Falls, S.D.

Alums attending the South Dakota Alumni reception in Sioux Falls included (from left): Larry '70 and Kay Wagner and Larry Hayden '72.



Chicago Alumni Golf Outing

Oct. 1 – Chicago

This year's Chicago Alumni Golf Outing was played at the Green Meadows Country Club in Darien, Ill. More than 100 alumni and friends turned out for a round of golf, cocktail party, dinner and awards ceremony. Alumni who attended ranged from class years of '02 to '57. LEFT: Goofing around on the course were (from left): Dan Bertagna '85, Tom Kuhn '85, Bill Swanson '85, Mike Phillips '85, Edward McMahon '85, Kevin Kellogg '85, Marty Dolan '85 and Joe Harmening '85. INSET: Getting together were (from left): Tracy (Quinn '83) Brooker, Erin (O'Neill '80) Hearne, Margaret (McElroy '80) Horvath and Susan (Metzger '80) Lyons. INSET: Golfers (from left): Terry Barton, Mike Cannon '73, Kevin Keane '74 and John Michels '73 took time out for a photo.



Twin Cities Community Outreach Day

Oct. 23 – Minneapolis / Saint Paul, Minn.

This year's sixth annual Twin Cities Community Outreach day coincided with the "Make a Difference Day, A National Day of Doing Good."

The day provided fun and rewarding service opportunities for our alumni, their family and friends, and current students and staff from SMU.



CONVENTION RECAP



Saint Mary's University packed up and hit the road this past November — again.

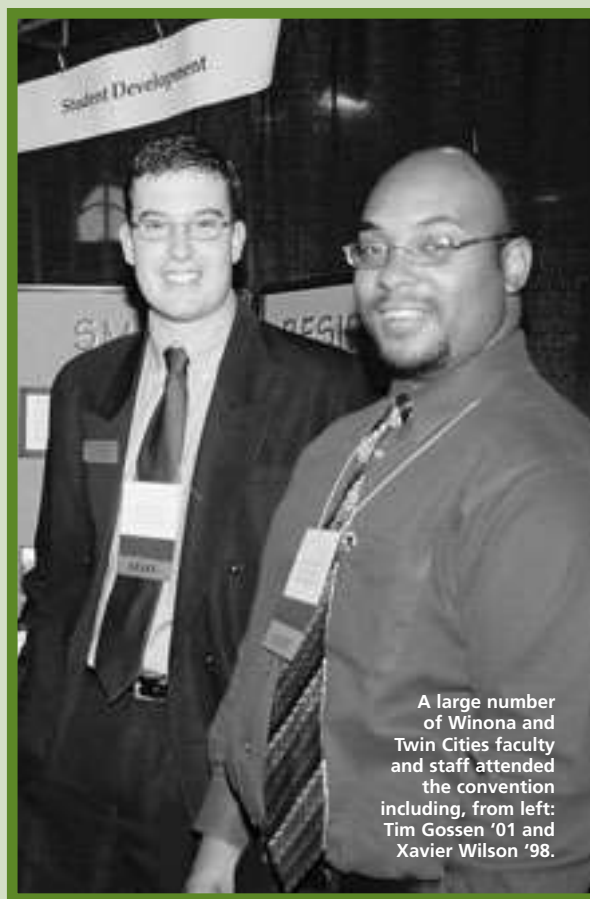
Like the Chicago convention in 2003, Saint Mary's Convention – Twin Cities provided a unique opportunity to showcase all that Saint Mary's has to offer to potential students, a way for alums to reconnect with their alma mater, and a venue for everyone to network their SMU connections.

More than 100 faculty, staff and students from the Winona campus and more than 50 faculty and staff from the Twin Cities campus teamed up for a full weekend of activities at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center on Nov. 12-13, 2004.

Alumni and prospective students were treated to demonstrations and activities, lunch and a keynote speaker. They also visited information booths that showcased the entire university as well as alumni-owned businesses. Convention attendees browsed more than 60 displays; met with faculty and program directors, coaches and admission staff; sampled a variety of refreshments; enjoyed live entertainment; and took their chances with games and giveaways.



Welcoming the convention keynote speaker, Dr. Eric J. Jolly, president of the Science Museum of Minnesota (middle right) were, from left: Colleen Winters, director of communication and marketing for the Twin Cities campus; Dr. Jeff Highland, university provost; and Jim Bedtke, associate provost for Graduate and Professional Programs.



A large number of Winona and Twin Cities faculty and staff attended the convention including, from left: Tim Gossen '01 and Xavier Wilson '98.

Special thanks to our sponsors

- Premier Bank, Don Regan '51
- Valley Automotive Group, Bernie Wagnild, trustee emeritus
- Production Plus Technologies, Inc., Bruce Sirus '73
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- Totino-Grace High School, Brother Milton Barker, FSC '71
- Science Museum of Minnesota
- Chartwells Food Service
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Here we go again!

Plans are underway for another Saint Mary's Convention – Chicago in March of 2006. Mark your calendars; we hope you will be able to join us for this celebration. We're excited to once again bring SMU to you!



Students of the Saint Teresa Leadership and Service Institute for Women including Sarah Smith and Rachel Sheffer, presented materials to visitors of the convention.



Convention participants learned the culture and art behind Chinese calligraphy from Dr. Jane Kelley Rodeheffer, associate dean, honors and core studies.



Jo (Langenberg CST '55) and Bill Heer '53 met up with Dr. Joe Benigni '57 during a special reception for alumni, parents and friends.



The convention reception was a time to reminisce. Attendees included, from left: Bruna Bucciarelli '76; Brian Vetter '86; Brother Jerome Rademacher '58, FSC, chair of the physics department; and Karen Oaster '77.



A performance by the Oldie Moldies, made up of Phi Mu Alpha brothers, was enjoyed by all. Members included, from left: Dr. Patrick O'Shea, chair of the music department; Steve Arenz '07, John Clementz '06, Liam O'Farrell '05 and Lincoln Scully '06.



The convention gave attendees an opportunity to learn about all aspects of Saint Mary's University. Talking with guests about programs on the Twin Cities campus are Dr. Steven Peltier, director for the graduate certificate and M.A. in marriage and family therapy programs, and Tom Healey, associate program director and a core assistant professor of the nurse anesthesia program.

**Plan to come back
June 17-19 for**

2005

Homecoming

The Saint Mary's University Office of Alumni Relations 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 majestic bluffs of Winona to reminisce about the past, share the present and look to the future.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY JUNE 17

Golf Outing

Join fellow SMU alumni for the 11th annual Homecoming Golf Outing at the Winona Country Club.

50+ Anniversary Dinner

A special dinner for the golden anniversary class of 1955 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 18

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, **Patrick Salvi '75**; Religious Service, **Brother Dominic Ehrmantraut '67, FSC**; and Alumni Appreciation, **Tom Callen '70**.

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 19

Mass and Reunion Vows

Join us for Mass in Chapel of Saint Mary of the Angels at SMU's Saint Teresa campus.

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, special class gatherings and other important information for Homecoming 2005.

HELP US HONOR DISTINGUISHED SAINT MARY'S ALUMNI

Nominate deserving alums for Homecoming 2006 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 National Alumni Association of Saint Mary's University bestows awards upon deserving alumni. We are now accepting nominees for Homecoming 2006 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, 2005.**

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, National 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.
- Up to five selectees may be named in one year.

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.

2006 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.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Alumnus/a | <input type="checkbox"/> Alumni Appreciation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports Hall of Fame | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Service |

Name of nominee

Class year

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (home)

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

Name of nominator

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

Telephone (daytime)

Telephone (home)

To nominate a candidate for an award, complete this form and return by **Oct. 1, 2005.** 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...

1955

Cyril Athans, Fresno, Calif., retired from the U.S. Government Department of Defense in June 2004.

Edward Shetka, Fifty Lakes, Minn., retired in 1989. He served as a city councilperson for 14 years and as a school board member for 11 years. In his free time he is an early-morning fisherman.

1956

Brother Edward Gill, SJ, Omaha, Neb., took the position of business manager of religious for the Creighton Prep Jesuits.

Morrie Reel, Hubbard Lake, Mich., retired, has six daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1957

Joseph Logelin, Pinckney, Mich., is the owner of Campus Electronics.

Father Charles Quinn, Sherburn, Minn., became a member of the Senior Priests after 43 years of ministry in 15 different parishes in southern Minnesota.

1958

Keith Inman, Trempealeau, Wis., retired in 2004 from his general building contractor business.

1960

James Ayersman, Fort Worth, Texas, is a regional manager for Lyon Workspace Products.

Thomas Heber, Scottsdale, Ariz., retired as of October 2003.

Tom Podl, Sammamish, Wash., assembled a collection of art by Polish artists, which has been displayed in eight museums in Poland. View the collection at www.podlcollection.org.

1961

Richard Hobson, Woodland Hills, Calif., is the owner of Hobson Association, Inc., a bicycle seat manufacturer.

Thomas Smitko, Sunrise Beach, Mo., has retired.

1962

John Baltutis, San Diego, Calif., a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Navy, has now retired.

Robert Bock, Carmichael, Calif., retired in May 2004 from Mercy Hospital after 18 years of service.

Daniel Calloway, West Palm Beach, Fla., works as a paralegal and investigator for a law firm in West Palm Beach.

Jim Dillon, Riverside, Calif., is a professor of education at the University of California, Riverside. He completed writing a book titled "Musonius Rufus and Education in the Good Life" in the fall of 2004.

David Hiestand, Langley, Wash., retired in September 2004 after working 32 years for Boeing Aerospace Company, where he was a senior principal consultant. He and his wife, Mary Jo (CST '63), sold their Seattle home and moved to Whidbey Island in Puget Sound.

Arthur Kusler, Chicago, is the owner/president of First Real Estate Services, Ltd.

Father Melvin Long, Palm Springs, Calif., retired in 2003. He now fills in for priests throughout the United States so they can take sabbaticals.

Dr. David Madland, Los Alamos, N.M., is a scientist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He became a Fellow of the American Physical Society in November 2003.

1963

Dr. David Knutson, Chestertown, Md., is self-employed as a consulting nephrologist. He spends his free time sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

1964

Mike Casey, Cicero, Ill., teaches music at Guitar Fun, a music store in Oak Park, and is also a member of the Sag Valley Boys, a bluegrass band.

Bruce Hartert, Spring Valley, Minn., retired as executive director of SEMCAC community action agency on Oct. 1, 2004.

William McShane, CCP, Rockville Center, N.Y., was honored by the Council on Hospitality and Themed Entertainment of ASIS International with the 2004 Raymond C. Ellis Jr., Award. This is the fifth year the council has given the award, which recognizes excellence in hotel security management.

Dr. Roman Motyka, Juneau, Alaska, is employed at the Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, as a research associate professor.

David Rivers, Willmar, Minn., is working at Rice Memorial Hospital as the grief center coordinator.

1965

Robert Gussman, Hendersonville, N.C., retired in 2000 from P. H. Glatfelter Company. He is traveling throughout North America and enjoying it.

Reverend Richard Kukowski, Silver Springs, Md., is the rector/pastor of Transfiguration Episcopal/Anglican Church.

Bruce Sorensen, Plymouth, Minn., retired from Northwest Airlines in January 2003, completing a 37-year flying career.



Kim Rodr '03 (left), admission counselor at Saint Mary's University, "ran into" fellow alums Abby Ludwig-Weinandt '02 and Nate Weinandt '02 during the Lakeshore Marathon May 31, 2004, in Chicago. In the 13.1 half-marathon, Rodr finished 16th out of 94 in her age division (20- to 24-year-olds), and Ludwig-Weinandt finished 14th in the same division. Rodr also succeeded in raising \$1,001 for the American Diabetes Association in honor of her dad.

John "Wally" Ulrich, Sioux Falls, S.D., was presented the 2004 Commissioner's Partnership Award for promoting the federal prosecution of child support cases by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in September. Ulrich is an assistant U.S. Attorney.

John Voss, New Fairfield, Conn., retired June 2004 after 37 years in the education field. He now is a part-time teacher and consultant. He has three children and two grandchildren.

Alumnus named titular archbishop, pope's representative to Caribbean republics

In October and December, Pope John Paul II appointed Msgr. Thomas E. Gullickson '72 as a papal representative to Caribbean republics — as well as an archbishop of the church.



Gullickson, 54, titular archbishop of Bomarzo (Polymartium), was ordained Nov. 11 in his home parish, St. Joseph Cathedral in Sioux Falls, S.D.

His appointment means he is the lead

diplomat or representative — called an apostolic nuncio — from the Vatican. He is only the second U.S. priest currently in such a position.

His post covers the following countries: Trinidad and Tobago, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, the Commonwealth of Dominica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica and Suriname.

Gullickson, ordained a priest for the Diocese of Sioux Falls in 1976, served the diocese in a variety of ministries before earning a doctorate in Canon Law and entering the Vatican diplomatic service in 1985. He has been posted in Rwanda (1985-87), Austria (1987-90), Czech Republic and Slovakia (1990-93), Jerusalem, Cyprus and Israel (1993-96) and Germany (1996-2004).

After attending Saint Mary's College (Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary), he attended the North American College in Rome. He entered the diplomatic service of the Holy See in 1985. In 1986, he was named a chaplain of His Holiness, and he received the title of Honorary Prelate on Dec. 30, 1997. He has been serving as counselor of the Apostolic Nuncio in Germany since 1996.

** Much of this information is taken from "The Bishop's Bulletin" of the Catholic Diocese of Sioux Falls.*

1966

William Goodrich, Tsaille, Ariz., is a seventh- and eighth-grade social studies teacher with the Tsaille Public Schools.

Brother Stephen Markham, FSC, Holly Cross, Iowa, is the pastoral administrator of St. LaSalle Pastorate, which consists of five parishes in northeast Iowa.

John Shobe, Olalla, Wash., became a licensed marriage and family therapist. He is the owner of A Better Path counseling services.

Merle Wilberding, Dayton, Ohio, authored the book, "150 Years of Cool Law," published by High View Library.

Martin Woerter, Elmwood Park, Ill., retired from Maine East High School. He enjoys being with his grandchildren, traveling and working around the home.

1967

Paul Warren, Lakeville, Mass., retired on July 1, 2003.

1968

Dave Nigon, Fridley, Minn., was inducted into the Minnesota Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2003. In his 30 years at Totino-Grace High School, his teams won 13 conference championships and two state titles.

1969

Walter Day, Houston, Texas, is the educational director for Universal College of Aley.

Ralston Dubois, Brainerd, Minn., is the owner of Eagle's Wing Woodworks, a furniture design and repair business.

G. Michael Stinson, Alexandria, Va., has a new position with the American Red Cross National Headquarters as senior director.

1970

James Corte, Homer Glen, Ill., is vice president and controller for Super Electric Construction Company.

Lawrence Goslawski, Western Springs, Ill., is medical director of psychiatry at Resurrection Medical Center, Chicago.

Robert Roberts, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a sales representative for Galkos Construction.

Robert Wicklander, Lisle, Ill., is retired.

1971

Thomas Gudaitis, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is a production test supervisor at Minntech Corporation. He and his wife Sandy have two children, Christina, 10, and Joseph, 6.

Brother Lawrence Zeman, FSC, Minneapolis, has a new position with De La Salle High School as an English teacher and campus minister.

1972

Alvin Bakun, Crete, Ill., after retiring from the U.S. Navy after 20 years, joined Trinity Hospital ACL Laboratories in October 2003 as the night coordinator. He and his wife Barbara celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in 2004.

Robert Cern, Arlington, Va., joined Cardinal Financial Corporation and Cardinal Bank, N.A. as executive vice president and chief financial officer.

John Ganey, Mankato, Minn., has been employed for 30 years at the Harry Meyering Center as assistant director. For fun, he helps organize the Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter, Minn.

Joe Lynde, Madison, Wis., retired as owner/general manager from Auto Finders, LLC in January 2004. He is now a managing partner with Qual-Vec Investments, LLP.

William Mahler, Ft. Salonga, N.Y., is a visual effects designer for IslandFX.

Father Philip Schotzko, St. Peter, Minn., is pastor at the Church of St. Peter.

Neil Sharpe, Collierville, Tenn., sells specialty steel bar products for defense and transportation components. He and his wife Lona celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in March 2003.

John Varys, North Plainfield, N.J., is the vice president for development at Coastal Outdoor Advertising, Inc.

1973

Brother Kevin Berntson, PCA, Oakdale, Minn., became president at Holy Cross College Preparatory.

Michael Gohr, Pickerington, Ohio, has semi-retired as a program analyst and started "The Tutor Center" where he is chief executive officer.

1975

Dr. John Barnes, Hilo, Hawaii, works at Mauna Loa Observatory in Hawaii. The observatory is located at 11,141 feet and measures atmospheric climate changes such as greenhouse gases and ozone depletion.

Bill Bialk, Elk Grove Village, Ill., is the owner of Albar Products, Inc., a home improvement business. He and his wife Pam have three daughters, Brandi, 24; Jessica, 22; and Rachel, 16.

Mary Dempsey, Chicago, was honored with the seventh annual Brigid Award in February 2005. The award is presented to women who demonstrate compassion, justice and generosity.

Maggie (Wagener) Hood, Ventura, Calif., formed the "Aloha Surf Safety Alliance" following a January 2004 surfing accident that left her daughter with a serious concussion. Her daughter has recovered and is surfing again.

Jim Mangini, Carlsbad, Calif., is the western division manager with BNA, Inc. He and his wife Cindy have been married for 25 years and they have three children, Josh, 24; Luke, 11; and Kirby, 16.

Dr. Timothy Walsh, Berwyn, Ill., was elected president of the Midwest Society of Periodontology. The Midwest Society represents periodontists in 11 mid-western states and the Canadian provinces of Ontario and Manitoba.

1976

Patricia Ray, Deerfield Beach, Fla., is working as a flight attendant with United Airlines.

Dr. Jerry Workman, Brookline, Mass., graduated from Columbia University, Graduate School of Business, in July 2004. He also has a new position as director of research and technology development with Thermo Electron Corporation.

1977

Katherine Beer, Lawai, Hawaii, is the owner and producer/director of Kt Productions.

1978

Dr. Sally Fuerstenberg, Woodland, Calif., is a senior research scientist at Anawah, Inc.

Father J. Joseph Holzhauser, Huron, S.D., is the senior Catholic priest in Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan. He is also pastor of Holy Trinity Parish.

1979

Father John Berg, Cuba City, Wis., is coordinator of public services for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He was awarded the 2004 Academic Staff Award for Excellence for his work at the university.

Gentile named president of Research Corporation

Dr. James M. Gentile '68 has been appointed the eighth president of Research Corporation in Tucson, Ariz.

Research Corporation is a private foundation, established in 1912, that aids basic research in the physical sciences (astronomy, chemistry and physics) at U.S. and Canadian colleges and universities.



Through its five grant programs, Research Corporation supports ideas independently proposed by college and university faculty members and carries on activities related to science advancement.

Dr. Gentile currently serves as the dean for Natural Sciences and the

Kenneth G. Herrick Professor of Biology at Hope College (Holland, Mich.). He has been a member of the Hope College faculty since 1976 and assumed the role of dean in 1988.

"Research Corporation has been, and continues to be, one of the nation's leading private foundations for the development of scientific research for faculty at colleges and universities," Dr. Gentile said. "Indeed, numerous individuals currently recognized internationally for their exceptional contributions to science, including more than 30 Nobel Prize winners, trace their origins of 'first grant funding' to Research Corporation."

Dr. Gentile is an internationally recognized scientist in the area of chemical mutagenesis and risk assessment. Work he started while at the Yale University School of Medicine helped show how chemicals, such as some pollutants and agrochemicals, can react with plants in a way that is harmful to the humans who might later eat them. More recently, he has been examining how certain parasitic infections can increase susceptibility to the development of tumors, and how such tumors might be prevented. He has authored or co-authored more than 160 scientific publications since 1974.

He received his bachelor's degree in biology/chemistry from SMU and his master's and doctorate degrees from Illinois State University (Normal, Ill.) in 1970 and 1974. He completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Human Genetics at Yale University's School of Medicine in 1976.



Getting together for a weekend of golf and waterskiing in July were 1982 Saint Mary's alums including, from left: Tom Stark, Chuck Eddy, John Kaminski, Tom Rice, Kevin Buron, Walt Enright and Mark Ayotte.

1980

Michael Bedessem, Gays Mills, Wis., is the chief financial officer at CROPP Cooperation/Organic.

Therese (Kanabrocki) Copher, Glendale Heights, Ill., is a financial secretary for the University of Illinois.

1982

Angela (Buehler) Dreis, Lake Elmo, Minn., is a Six Sigma Leader in marketing for 3M Company.

Sharon (Falkiner) Fernandez, Aurora, Ill., works part-time as a counselor in an adult behavioral health unit at Good Samaritan Hospital. In her spare time, she teaches religion classes, is a co-leader for the Girl Scouts, and takes care of her two children, Christopher, 11, and Caitlin, 8.

Mary Jo (Kaufman) Malecha, New Brighton, Minn., is vice president and managing research director of Harris Interactive. She has been a member of the Harris Interactive President's Club for outstanding sales for the past two years. She and her husband, Martin, have two sons, Matthew and Patrick.

1983

Meredith (Stubbs) Chambers, Chicago, won the Kohl/McCormick Teaching Award. The award honors early childhood educators who work with children from infancy through 8 years of age. She works for Chinese American Service League as head teacher and language literacy specialist.

Steve Grego Sr., Burnsville, Minn., is president of Spectra Financial, Inc.

Cathy (Reardon) Grego, Burnsville, Minn., works for Trans Union Corporation as a sales manager. She and her husband Steve have one child, Stephen Jr., 10.

Mark Steinke, Chicago, Ill., opened Revival, a gallery featuring rare artifacts for the home in Chicago's South Loop Neighborhood in July 2004.

Sheila Stocks-Smith, Springfield, Ill., accepted a position with the City of Springfield as an education liaison in November 2003.

1984

Becky (Smith) Kuck, Edina, Minn., has relocated to Minnesota after living in Geneva, Switzerland for three years. She and husband Mark have two children, Sawyer, 10, and Kayley, 5.

1985

William Bishop, Orlando, Fla., is the owner/president of Green Consortium, a landscape design company.

Kristin (Mooney) Heywood, Los Angeles, Calif., released her second album in June 2004.

Douglas Kelly, Wenatchee, Wash., is president of Douglas G. Kelly and Associates, a chemical water treatment consulting firm. He and his wife Lyn have three children, Sean, 7; Andrew, 4; and Ryan, 4.

1987

Richard Dickman, Sparta, Wis., is a pastoral care consultant for Torkelson Page-Smith Funeral Home.

Raymond Tavarez, Menlo Park, Calif., is the owner/manager of Tavarez Orthodontics. He has two children, Kaitlin, 7, and R.J., 4.

Joe Tiffany, Oswego, Ill., has a new job with Residential Exteriors as operations manager.

1989

Sister Janet LeDuc, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was named Chaplain at Mercy Medical Center on June 28, 2004.

Terri Lee (Hustad) Paulsen, Waconia, Minn., became the Internet/intranet content editor for Ridgeview Medical Center.

1990

Kimberly (Thome) Hand, Glenview, Ill., received her master's degree in human services from National Louis University. She is the

coordinator of senior services for the Village of Glenview and the supervisor of the Private Geriatric Care Management Program at North Shore Senior Center.

Christine (O'Brien) Shuflit, Westchester, Ill., obtained a master of science degree in early childhood education and is working for the Archdiocese of Chicago as a preschool teacher. She has two children Sarah, 5, and Nicholas, 3.

Angela (Thoemke) van der Puije recently relocated back to Minnesota after living in Ghana for 14 years.

1991

Jennifer Baechler, St. Paul, Minn., is enrolled as a graduate student at the University of Minnesota.

Sarah Dandelet, South Range, Mich., is a teacher at Calumet High School. She will be taking a sabbatical in Latin America in 2004.

Jennifer Olmstead, Buffalo Grove, Ill., is the director of human resources at Siemens Building Technologies.

1992

Edward Andersen III, Saint Charles, Ill., started a new position with Computer Science Corporation as the U.S. billing manager for the Zurich Financial account based in Schaumburg, Ill.

Patrick Dempsey, St. Paul, Minn., has been accepted as a Policy Fellow for 2004-2005 to the Humphrey Institute Policy Forum at the University of Minnesota. The forum is a public affairs education program that promotes informed discussion and debate on local and national policy issues.

Michael Kelly, St. Paul, Minn., is a pilot for Mesaba Airlines.

Mike Lehman, Mount Prospect, Ill., was promoted to vice president of marketing at Con-Tech Lighting.

Chris Radecki, Woodbury, Minn., has been a pediatric nurse with Children's Hospital for five years. He also is a director for Camp Connect, which is a retreat at the hospital for children who have experienced a death in the family.

Mike Ruhland works with business development/partner alliances for Acme Packet. He and his wife, Julie, have a son, Max, 1.

Asta Tijunelis, Chicago, Ill., has a new position with J.

Walter Thompson as an assistant talent manager. She also successfully completed two half-marathons in Chicago during the summer of 2004.

Becky Weisenberger, Arcadia, Wis., is pursuing an education in dentistry. She has one daughter, Alyssa, 13.

1993

Sean Cantorna, Indian Head Park, Ill., took a new position as a sales representative with TTS Granite.

Alumnus benefits music department with life estate reserved gift

Last fall, an alumnus from the 1950s (who prefers anonymity) chose a unique way to give something back to the university that gave him his life's dream — music.

Dr. Patrick O'Shea, chair of the music department, said when he was notified that this alumnus had made a life estate reserved gift — valued at more than six figures — to the music department, he was "delighted, surprised and very, very grateful."



Dr. Patrick O'Shea
Music department chair

The gift was designated to advance and promote music at the university.

According to Dr. O'Shea, the extraordinary and generous deferred gift

will lend considerable momentum to a vibrant and rapidly-growing academic department. "It sends a clear message that the work we do and the experiences we provide for Saint Mary's students are deeply valued by our alumni," he said.

This is the first life estate reserved gift to be received by the university. With this type of gift, the donor continues to enjoy full use of the property during his or her lifetime and also has the immediate benefit of a current income tax deduction, plus savings in both probate costs and estate taxes after death.

To learn more about life estate reserved gifts and other planned giving options, call Holly McDonough, director of gift planning, at 1-800-635-5987, Ext. 1785 or e-mail hmcdonou@smumn.edu.

Rich Curran, Appleton, Wis., was hired by the Diocese of Green Bay as the consultant for youth and young adult ministry.

Tom Larson, Goffstown, N.H., was awarded tenure at St. Anselm College where he is an assistant professor of philosophy. He and his wife **Sherri (Schiller '95) Larson** are certified natural family planning teachers for the Couple-to-Couple League International. They have two boys Ben, 6, and Anders, 2.

Daniel Sheridan, Lawton, Okla., is an assistant professor at Cameron University.

1994

Michael Arends, Chula Vista, Calif., works for The Scripps Research Institute as a research assistant IV. He also is the assistant editor for the *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior Science Journal*.

Kimberly Cassidy, Woodbury, Minn., was promoted to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army. She and her husband, Luke, have two children, Christopher, 5, and Brendan, 1.

Nicholas Christian Hoogheem, Minneapolis, teaches chemistry at Patrick Henry High School. He and his wife, Heather, have two daughters, Lauren Adele, 3, and Isabella Holmes, 7.

Shawn McMahon, Holmen, Wis., has a new position at the Diocese of La Crosse as director of family life services.

Brian Woodcock, Colorado Springs, Colo., has a new position as an account manager with Grainger.

1995

Jennifer (Leffler) Christianson, Cottage Grove, Wis., has a new position with Briggs & Stratton Power Products as marketing communications manager. She and her husband **Eric '92** have two children, George, 5, and Grace, 1.

Jacob Colby, Minneapolis, has a new position with Eschelon Telecom as customer

care manager in the national accounts division.

Linda (Anderson) Conniff, Waconia, Minn., is employed by Best Buy Company as an e-business analyst.

Michael Fielding, Palos Heights, Ill., has a new position as a staff writer for *Marketing News*.

Rev. John Heille, Stewartville, Minn., is the new associate pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church.

Father Steven Kropp, Detroit, Mich., was ordained a priest on June 19, 2004, at Saint Lawrence Seminary in Mount Calvary, Wis.

Dr. Jennifer Langowski, Livonia, Mich., completed a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship with emphasis on congenital heart defects. She is a pediatric anesthesiologist at William Beaumont Hospital.

Tom McCormick, Lake Elmo, Minn., started a new job with Opus corporation as a senior business analyst.

Marc Moore, Cadillac, Mich., is in his ninth year as a Michigan State Police trooper. He was appointed as the Cadillac State Police Post Community Service Officer. He educates and communicates with the area schools and businesses on crime prevention and education.

Dave Odlaug, St. Paul, Minn., has been a police officer in St. Paul for five years.

Shawn Weick, Byron, Minn., started working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a geographic information systems specialist in August 2004.

1996

Adam Fink, Grand Marais, Minn., received his bachelor of science degree in forestry management from the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point in December 2003. He was hired as a forester for the Grand Portage Reservation in August 2004.

Rachell (Maras) Horbenko, Chicago, started her own law practice in 2003, serving clients in the areas of real estate law, corporate and business planning and estate planning. She and her husband, **Pete '97**, spent a week touring Paris and London with **Tony '95** and **Kim (McLellan '97) Zielinski** in November 2003.

Camas (Dimond) Maroney, Burnsville, Minn., is a homemaker, raising two children, Annabelle, 2, and Aiden, 6 months.

Patty (Harvey) Odlaug, St. Paul, Minn., works for the Minnesota Social Security Disability Office as a disability specialist.

1997

Jennifer (Philips) Alessia, Sherman, Ill., is a high school science teacher for Ball-Chatham School District #5.

Laura (O'Connor) Bowman, Sioux Falls, S.D., received the United Way of America's Future Leader Award at the Great Rivers Conference.

Heather Furlong, Twentynine Palms, Calif., is a teacher and the summer school principal with Morongo Unified School District.

Steven Grillo, Edgerton, Wis., has a new position with Millis Transfer, Inc. as a truck driver.

Pete Horbenko, Chicago, Ill., has been promoted to chief technologist of the nuclear medicine department at Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Glenbrook Hospital.

Cheryl Jandrich, Eagan, Minn., received her master's degree in education from Saint Mary's in June 2003.

Dr. Denise Klinkner, Greenfield, Wis., is in the general surgery residency program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

John LeClair, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., joined LeClair Insurance — a family-owned business since 1932 — as marketing director in 2002.

Brian Lepel, Rochester, Minn., obtained his pilot license and a plane in 2003.

Anna (Thibault) Meyer, Sylvania, Ohio, was inducted into both the Faribault (Minn.) Sports Hall of Fame and Saint Mary's University's Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Katherine (Crawford) Oeftger, Monona, Wis., was promoted to director of adaptive programs for the YMCA of Dane County in November 2003.

Joe Piscitiello, Winona, Minn., is director of catering for Chartwells Dining Service at Saint Mary's University.

Nels Popp, Louisville, Ky., is the sports information director at Bellarmine University.

Mike Taylor, St. Paul, Minn., works as a renewable energy policy and program analyst for the Minnesota Department of Commerce. He was instrumental in securing funding for programs that will produce enough renewable electricity to offset more than \$2,000 in average Minnesota homes electricity use.

Casey (Collette) Tessler, Lombard, Ill., received her teaching certificate and is working on her master's degree in elementary education at Roosevelt University.

1998

Bryan Achbach, Rapid City, S.D., has worked for Pennington County Housing and Redevelopment

Commission for six years. He was promoted to supervisor and director of public housing in September 2004.

Angie (Welsh) Bower, Iowa City, Iowa, works part-time at home as an instructional designer.

Jennifer (Quigley) Dresel, Chicago City, Minn., is a stay-at-home mom. She is busy raising two children, ages 2 and 5 months.

Angela (Napier) Frisinger, Minneapolis, works in the human resource department at Wachovia.

Carrie Grace, Waterbury, Vt., received certification as a personal trainer/fitness counselor from the Aerobic and Fitness Association of America. She manages/



Donated furniture helps fulfill Oprah viewer's wildest dreams

Walter E. Smithe Furniture of Chicago — run by (from left) Walter E. Smithe III '81, Tim Smithe '85 and Mark Smithe '86 — assisted Oprah Winfrey in making dreams come true for a single mom of nine. On the Nov. 30, 2004 "Wildest Dream Bus" episode of "Oprah," one lucky viewer, Bernadette Robinson, received a surprise visit by the famous talkshow host. Robinson was struggling to support her large family on a small coffee-shop income but a lot of love. Besides her three children, Robinson also has custody of her six nieces and nephews; she didn't want them to be split in foster homes after her brother and sister-in-law became addicted to heroin.

Christmas presents and individual beds were little more than a dream for this family who had been living in a small three-bedroom apartment. Oprah began fulfilling their dreams with a shopping spree at Toys "R" Us, ensuring a wonderful Christmas in 2004 for Robinson's children. And, much to the surprise of a tearful Robinson, the family also received a house, full of new appliances (donated by Sears) and furnishings. The new living room and bedroom furniture (including 12 beds) was donated by Walter E. Smithe Furniture.

coaches and plays for the "Custom Covers" in the Vermont women's soccer league and teaches private French lessons.

Jennifer Klinkner, Brooklyn Park, Minn., is a middle school teacher at Pope John Paul II Catholic School.

Michael Linden, St. Paul, Minn., received his doctorate in philosophy from the University of Minnesota microbiology, immunology and cancer biology graduate program in June 2004.

Tracy (Hewitt) Mashak, Rochester, Minn., is the public affairs coordinator for the \$232 million Minnesota Highway 52 expansion project.

Allison Miller, East Islip, N.Y., is a mental health administrator for Suffolk County Department of Mental Hygiene.

Angela Noll, St. Anthony, Minn., started working with the Columbia Heights School District #13 as a sixth-grade teacher in August 2004.

Daniel Olsen, Evergreen Park, Ill., received a master's degree in theology in May 2004. He is an adjunct faculty member in the Lewis University Theology Department.

1999

Catherine Christensen, San Francisco, Calif., received her master of science degree in nursing from the University of San Francisco in December 2004.

Katherine Corcoran, Holmen, Wis., is the office manager at Ancora Coffee Roasters, a supporter of the Rwanda Bufcafe women.

Brian Doll, Tulsa, Okla., is enrolled in graduate school at Oral Roberts University to obtain a master of divinity degree.

Jessica (Bauer '99) Hennen, Brooklyn Park, is teaching K-8 physical education at St. John's Catholic School.

Carolyn Fox, Minneapolis, is a production coordinator at

Park Nicollet Health Innovations.

Karen (Lachowicz) Hartke, Wood Lake, Minn., received her master of science degree in educational leadership from Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minn., in May 2004.

Tim Jay, New Hope, Minn., joined the North American 10th anniversary tour of "Riverdance" in January 2005. The current leg of the tour will run through June 26, with a stop at Radio City Music Hall, New York, March 10-17.

Paul LaManna, West St. Paul, Minn., is working for Full Spectrum Lending, Inc. as an account executive.

Amy Mueller, Severn, Md., was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, Feb. 1, 2004 and was named the 741st Military Intelligence Battalion Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2004.

Erin (Frederick) Polis, Lake in the Hills, Ill., completed her master's degree in public relations and advertising at DePaul University.

Holly Richard, Vermillion, S.D., is teaching composition and literature at the University of South Dakota while working on her master's degree in English.

Thomas Sturgis, Chatfield, Minn., is the deputy sheriff for Wabasha County.

2000

Mark Bloster, Mantorville, Minn., completed the Twin Cities Marathon, a 26.2 mile course, in 2 hours, 37 minutes and 6 seconds. He was the 37th male and 42nd overall to finish, out of more than 7,000 runners that finished the race.

Lisa (Zwiener) Bruns, Blooming Prairie, Minn., started a new teaching position with Blooming Prairie Elementary School in June 2004.

Anthony DeMars, St. Paul, Minn., is a senior sales

professional for Sanofi Synthelabo, Inc.

Kelly Gleason, Rockford, Ill., has a new position as a health services coordinator at Life Line Screening.

Kathryne Goggin, Plymouth, Minn., has a new position as a staff accountant with Kanne, Kasch and Gooley, CPA.

Kristen Kozlowski, Chicago, graduated from John Marshall Law School with a Juris Doctor degree in January 2004. She accepted a position at Steven Gertler and Associates, a personal injury firm.

Andrea (LaMere) Mangan, South St. Paul, Minn., is pastoral associate for middle school faith formation and youth ministry at St. John Neumann Church.

Angela Schimek, Hopkins, Minn., was promoted to underwriting specialist with American Hardware Insurance Company in 2003. She has returned to England twice since her international semester at Saint Mary's, the latest trip in spring of 2004.

Laura (Carpenter) Sufka, Bloomington, Minn., received her master of arts degree in education from Saint Mary's University in June 2004.

Maria Tuschall, Downers Grove, Ill., finished her undergraduate degree in 2000 from the University of Oregon and completed her master's degree in 2002 at Chaminade University.

Kara Wener, Dodge, Wis., was promoted to project assistant in the office of the assistant to the provost at Saint Mary's University.

2001

Katie Boller, Rochester, Minn., received her master's degree in systematic theology from Saint John's University.

Anne (Wooden) Bremer, Red Wing, Minn., is a preschool teacher.

Megan Connolly, Scottsdale, Ariz., relocated to Arizona in summer 2004 and is working

for Good Samaritan Hospital as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit.

Tina Egland, Bilbao, Spain, is teaching math at American School of Bilbao. She teaches grades nine through 12.

Libby (Hrdlicka) Fink, Darien, Ill., is employed as a case manager at Maryville Academy, where she works with young men, wards of the state who have psychological issues.

Melissa Hemquist, Minneapolis, Minn., has a new position at Fairview University Medical Center as a psychologist associate.

Sarah Larson, Minnetonka, Minn., is working for a public relations company, ARA Content, while completing her master's degree in counseling and psychological services at the Twin Cities campus of Saint Mary's University.

Sandi Schaffer, Marion, Iowa, accepted a transfer with Senior Housing Consultants and Management as a marketing and sales consultant.

Rachel Thorson, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a first-year law student at Hamline University School of Law.

Darrell Vitullo, Eagan, Minn., accepted a position with FindLaw as a content writer.

2002

Kasey (DeVries) Baker, Willmar, Minn., has a new position as the branch manager at Co-op Credit Union.

Kevin Collins, Chicago, works for Clear Channel Outdoor as a marketing manager.

Bill Daniel, Ottawa, Ontario, is studying canon law at St. Paul's University in Ottawa.

Jennifer Ender, Wabasha, Minn., has a new position at University of Iowa in the hygienic lab as a limnologist.

Brooke (Larsen) Persoon, Vancouver, British Columbia,

is enrolled in the Vancouver Film School.

Curtis Mangan, South St. Paul, Minn., is a family service manager for CCP Family Services.

Andrew Persoon, Vancouver, British Columbia, is a professional actor with the Liz Bell Agency.

Frances Piazza, Virginia Beach, Va., is a recruiting and special events assistant at Regent University School of Education. She also is enrolled as a student in the master's of education program at Regent.

John Popke, Oshkosh, Wis., accepted a position as director of choral activities and vocal music with Lourdes High School and Saint John Neuman Middle School.

Joshua Schmidt, Mount Horeb, Wis., is a graduate student in pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Molly Schoff, Cottage Grove, Minn., started teaching second grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in July 2003.

Kathleen Sherman, Winona, started working for the Houston Public Schools in August 2004 as a K-12 vocal music teacher.

Jennifer Skappel, Winona, works at DCM Tech Corporation as a controller.

Elizabeth Swoboda, Park Ridge, Ill., is pursuing a master's degree in psychology at Western Illinois University.

Kimberly Warp, Pewaukee, Wis., provides in-home applied behavioral analysis with autistic children in their intensive stage. She also attends Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology, where she is working toward a doctorate in psychology.

Laura Wyness, East Tawas, Mich., is serving in the U.S. Coast Guard. She is undergoing officers training in New London, Conn., and will attend flight school in Pensacola, Fla., in 2005.

2003

Reyanna Klein, Portsmouth, R.I., is the head gymnastics coach for Middletown High School.

Colleen (McGovern) Streefland, Sleepy Eye, Minn., teaches English to 11th- and 12th-graders at St. Mary's School. She also co-advises the school's National Honor Society.

2004

Melissa Fye, Northbrook, Ill., was accepted to the Gaiety School of Acting in Dublin, Ireland, where she is beginning a two-year graduate acting program.

Emily Lambaere, North St. Paul, Minn., is a religion teacher at St. Peter's School.

Jennifer (Dietrich) MacAskill, Winona, is working as an administrative assistant with the Lewiston-Aitona School District.

Terrie Moeckly, Walker, Minn., is a caregiver at Stille Havn Hus, a residential home for persons with chronic and persistent mental illness.

Nathan Semsch, St. Louis Park, Minn., is a project manager for J.C. Sullivan Construction, Inc.

Sarah Siebenaler, Rochester, Minn., is employed by Rochester Independent School District 535 as a graphic designer for Community Education enrichment programs.



Anthony Piscitiello '00 of Winona and **Susana Moran** of Lima, Peru, were married Dec. 4, 2004, in New York City and had their photo taken at the tree in front of Rockefeller Center. Anthony is the son of Tony '69 and Kathy (Ordahl, CST '70) Piscitiello.

WEDDINGS

Deb Frese '83 to Kevin Dolan, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on May 23, 2003.

Timothy Davis '01 to Clara Jeannette Rodriguez, Bensenville, Ill., on Feb. 22, 2004.

Matthew McDonough '92 to Sarah Terwilliger, Bristol, R.I., in June 2003.

Amy Jo Patterson '92 to James Maruschak, Fairhaven, Mass., on Jan. 17, 2004.
Kimberly (Roseman) '92 Jacobs was matron of honor. Saint Mary's alumni in attendance were **Tina (North '92) Dolack**, **Chris Dolack '92** and **Asta Tijunelis '92**.

Anne Dawson '96 to Lieutenant Clint Powell, Savannah, Ga., on July 3, 2004.

Katherine Crawford '97 to Justin Oeftger, Monona, Wis., in May 2003.

Jennifer Philips '97 to Mark Alessia, Sherman, Ill., on July 6, 2004.



Sarah Wensmann '04 and **Cole Petroske** were married Sept. 11, 2004 in Becker, Minn. Attending were several SMU alumni including, from left: **Tricia Kohner '04**, **Renee Willkom '04**, **Jessica Boll '04**, **Emily Lambaere '04**, **Amanda (Wensmann '01) Nienow**, **Aaron Nienow '01**, **Beth Larson '04**, and **Nicki Kadlec '04**.

Casey Collette '97 to Will Tessler, Lombard, Ill., on Jan. 2, 2004.

Carrie Drazkowski '99 to Mike Jones, Tampa, Fla., on July 17, 2004.

Kristin Hofrichter '99 to Gregory Kentra, Chicago, on May 15, 2004. Saint Mary's alumni in the wedding party were **Melissa (Dvorak '99) Cyranek**, **Molly Kjesbo '99** and **Melissa Johnson '99**.

Holly Steenberg '99 to **Mike Engstrom '00**, Golden Valley, Minn., on Oct. 23, 2004.

Jean Goff '00 to Todd Herbst, Hastings, Minn., on June 26, 2004.

Lindsay Allen '00 to **Jason Bergmann '00**, Bowlus, Minn., on June 7, 2003.

Andrea LaMere '00 to **Curtis Mangan '02**, South St. Paul, Minn., on June 5, 2004.

Samuel Matzek '00 to Kari Beierman, Rochester, Minn., on Aug. 30, 2003.

Libby Hrdlicka '01 to **James Fink '01**, Darien, Ill., on Sept. 18, 2004.

Anne Wooden '01 to James Bremer, Red Wing, Minn., on Aug. 21, 2004.

Stacy Cormican '02 to Brady Headington, Onalaska, Wis., on July 31, 2004.

Emily Hrdlicka '02 to **Paul Hable '02**, Eden Prairie, Minn., on Dec. 6, 2003.

Abby Ludwig '02 to **Nathan Weinandt '02**, Milwaukee, Wis., on Aug. 23, 2003.

Crystal Mitchell '02 to **Jeffrey Pope '01**, Schaumburg, Ill., on April 26, 2003.

Meredith Riewe '02 to **William Daniel '02**, Ottawa, Ontario, on June 19, 2004.

Joshua Schmidt '02, to Lori Draxton, Mount Horeb, Wis., in June 2004.

Brittany Witek '02 to Grant Ecker, St. Louis Park, Minn., on Feb. 14, 2004.

Colleen McGovern '03 and **Bryan Streefland '04**, Sleepy Eye, Minn., on July 3, 2004.

BIRTHS & ADOPTIONS

Darcy and **Jim Dillon '62**, Riverside, Calif., a son, James Michael in fall of 2004.

Lauze and **David Volk '76**, Peoria, Ill., a son, Noah Ian, on Dec. 2, 2004. They adopted their niece, Pascale Moise, age 12, in September 2004.

Michael and **Linda (Boersma '80) Wade**, Carol Stream, Ill., adopted a daughter, Kelly, a 3-year-old from Russia, in July 2004.

Laura and **Bill Robinson '84**, Elmhurst, Ill., a son, John Thomas, on Aug. 4, 2004. He joins Christopher, 13, and Jack, 11.

Lou Anne Tighe '84, Minneapolis, has adopted two children from China, Yousha Grace in October 2000, and Xiao Chao Louie in May 2001.

Linda and **Tom Williams '84**, Winona, a daughter, Allyssa Marie, on July 29, 2004.

Aaron and **Mary Anne (Hanlon '87) Newman**, Chicago, Ill., a daughter, Catherine Joan, on Nov. 7, 2003.

Brian and **Cynthia (Engesser '88) Jones**, Valley Lee, Md., a son, Kenneth Lyle, on Dec. 28, 2004. He joins Andy, 8.

Spiro Lempesis '88, Montgomery, Ill., a daughter, Amber Mae, on Sept. 19, 2004.

Bob and **Terri Lee (Hustad '89) Paulsen**, Waconia, Minn., a daughter, Logan Mae, on Oct. 11, 2004. She joins Sydney DeLaine, 2.

Kevin and **Kimberly (Thome '90) Hand**, Glenview, Ill., twins, Liam and Ciara, on Jan. 9, 2004. They join Moira, 4.

Neil '91 and **Jennifer (Lavan '91) Boyle**, Westchester, Ill., a daughter, Bridget Eileen, on Dec. 23, 2004.

John and **Mary (Martin '91) Pulte**, Libertyville, Ill., a son, John August Jr., on June 11, 2004. He joins Charlotte Ann, 3.

Vissi and **Edward Andersen '92**, Saint Charles, Ill., a son, Edward James IV, on Aug. 15, 2004. He joins Linda.

Amy and **Dennis Kunkel '92**, Rochester, Minn., adopted a son, Joey, in 2001, and daughter, Jessica, in 2003.

Matt and **Jennifer (Pulford '92) MacRitchie**, Northbrook, Ill., a son, Aiden Donald, on Oct. 6, 2004. He joins Paige.

Dawn and **Chris Radecki '92**, Woodbury, Minn., a daughter, Alyssa, in March 2004. She joins Kaitlyn.

Julie and **Mike Ruhland '92**, North Andover, Mass., a son, Max, in June 2003.

Chad and **Christy (Miller '92) Dombroski**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Jake Robert, on Sept. 8, 2002.

Paul and **Kristine (Martin '93) Huiet**, Loveland, Ohio, a son, Jeremy Michael, on Oct. 11, 2003.

Rebecca (Ries '93) and **Stephen Simondet (C '00)**, Farmington, Minn., daughters, Nora Elizabeth, on Jan. 4, 2003, and Elsie Anne-Marie, on April 12, 2004.

Jason and **Donna (Vescera '94) Duckworth**, Cranston, R.I., a daughter, Gianna Angelina, on March 24, 2004.

Gina and **Anthony Iori '94**, Bloomingdale, Ill., a daughter, Sofia Anna, on Aug. 1, 2004.

Shawn '94 and **Rachelle (Kubicek '94) McMahon**, Holmen, Wis., a daughter, Caeli Rose, on Nov. 22, 2003.

Shawn and **Amy (Korkowski '94) Oxentenko**, Rochester, Minn., a son, Isaac Roman, on July 6, 2004. He joins Evan Cordell.

Kris and **Kevin Selander '94**, Centerville, Minn., twins, son, Sammy, and daughter, Luci, on Dec. 23, 2003.



Peter Weingart '57 and **Patricia (Branley CST '57) O'Neill**, (center) were married Oct. 2, 2004, in Silver Spring, Md. With the couple are, from left: front, **Mona (Branley CST '48) Price**, **Sharon (Hand CST '63) O'Brien**, **Bob Hand '64**; back row, **Brenden Branley**, **Margie Joyce**; the Rev. **Paul Nelson '57** of the Diocese of Winona; **Roger Daly** and **Fran (Joyce CST '57) Daly**.



Nathan Semsch '04 and Emily Pribyl '03 were married Aug. 14, 2004 in Owatonna, Minn. Many SMU alumni were in attendance including, from left: front, Thomas Barrett '42; middle row, Jessica de la Rosa '04, Emily Lambaere '04, John Popke '02, Katie Peterson '03, Jay Rainville '03, Rebecca Shand '03, Krista Austinson '03, Brooke Johnson '03, Julia Rossi '03, Dee Bernhardt, Colleen (McGovern '03) Streefland; back row, Sarah Carew '01, Beth Larson '04, Joe Lentino '03, Tony Gruenke '04, Bryan Streefland '04, John Pribyl '73, Mike Semsch '71 and Jennifer Lawrence '04. Alumni in the wedding party were: Mike Semsch '71, father of the groom; Judy Semsch (CST '71), mother of the groom; Jennifer Lawrence '04; John Popke '02; and Jay Rainville '03. Katie Peterson '03 was a soloist.

Brian '95 and Courtney (Hill '95) Haggerty, Middleton, Wis., a daughter, Shea Elizabeth, in February 2004.

Dale and **Lisa (Hawkins) Hengel '95**, Minneapolis, a daughter, Juliana Hope, in April 2003. She joins Victoria Claire, 6, and Aiden James, 5.

Jennifer and **Tom McCormick '95**, Lake Elmo, Minn., a son, Connor, on Feb. 8, 2004. He joins Logan, 3.

Nichole and **Marc Moore '95**, Cadillac, Mich., a son, Fisher, on Nov. 3, 2003. He joins Nathan, 2; Dane, 9; Lauren, 14; and Dylan, 12.

Colleen and **Matthew Regan '95**, Bloomington, Minn., a son, Riley Michael, on Sept. 17, 2004.

Dave '95 and Patty (Harvey '96) Odlaug, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Kevin, on Feb. 26, 2004. He joins Danny, 8.

Jacob and **Diane (Fleckenstein '95) Ping**, Glendale, Wis., a son, August Sawyer, on March 17, 2004.

Joseph and **Karen (Neidhardt '95) Winkelmann**, Rockford, Ill., a son, John Paul, on Sept. 2, 2004. He joins Teresa Marie, 3.

Barb and **Derek Hemmer '96**, Sartell, Minn., a son, Brandon Ladd, on Aug. 12, 2004.

Patrick and **Shelly (Thompson '96) Hesch**, Minnesota City, Minn., twin sons, Ryan Patrick and Ethan John, on April 24, 2004. They join Alexa Rae, 4.

Daron and **Jacqueline (Olson '97) Dulac**, Webster, Minn., a son, Quentin Allen, in July 2004.

Steve and **Shannon (Lietz '97) Guimond**, St. Peter, Minn., a daughter, Elise Nicole, on March 18, 2004.

Adam '97 and **Susan (Hinesh '98) Marshall**, Maple Grove, Minn., a daughter, Alyson Noelle, on June 30, 2004.

Debi (M'04) and Joseph Piscitiello '97, Winona, a son, Salvatore Donato, on March 12, 2004.

Brent and **Jennifer (Skala '97) Doerhoefer**, Red Wing, Minn., a daughter, Emily, in May 2004. She joins Abigail, 4, and Logan, 3.

Chris and **Colleen (Haggerty '97) Olechowski**, Gilberts, Ill., a daughter, Helen Margaret, on July 21, 2004.

Todd and **Kelly (King '97) Stinson**, Rushville, Ill., a daughter, Elliott Joleen, on March 29, 2004. He joins Briar, 3.

David and **Angie (Welsh '98) Bower**, Iowa City, Iowa, a son, William David, on Oct. 16, 2004.

Jason and **Colleen (Hogan '98) Rech**, Evergreen Park, Ill., a daughter, Cathleen Clare, on Dec. 29, 2003.

Bill and **Adriana (Baio '98) Savarino**, Orland Park, Ill., a daughter, Gianna Maria, on Aug. 31, 2004.

Angie and **Paul LaManna '99**, West St. Paul, Minn., a son, Izaak Carlo, on June 10, 2004.

Jim and **Kelly (Cox '99) O'Brien**, River Forest, Ill., a daughter, Grace, on July 10, 2004.

Kurt and **Sherree (Burg '00) Cavanaugh**, Caledonia, Minn., a son, Kaleb Michael, on May 10, 2004.

Joe '99 and Julia (Guhin '01) Yach, Roseville, Minn., a son, Tyler, on Dec. 5, 2004.

Jeremy and **Amy (Wolf '03) Blaz**, Lakeville, Minn., a daughter, Alison Louise, on Aug. 25, 2004. She joins Jasmine, 5.

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF DEATHS

Wilfred "Bill" Henning, carpenter, 1965-1991, Winona, Jan. 26, 2005.

Rod McMillan, professor of computer science, 1975-1987, Peoria, Ariz., Jan. 29, 2005.

DEATHS

Horatio H. Krause Jr. '39, Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 5, 2004.

James W. Duane '42, Shawnee Mission, Kan., on Dec. 5, 2003.

Thomas J. O'Keefe Jr. '43, Arlington Heights, Ill., Dec. 19, 2004.

Mark J. Stanton '44, Stuart, Fla., on Jan. 20, 2005.

Dr. John G. Frisch '45, Glendale, Wis., on Oct. 9, 2004.

Brother Edward Doody '46, Memphis, Tenn., on Sept. 4, 2004.

Dr. Raymond K. Voet '47, Madison, Wis., in April 2000.

Robert E. Riley '48, Wabasha, Minn., on Oct. 12, 2004.

John R. Kassel '50, Orland Park, Ill.

Donald W. Rausch '51, Hardy, Ariz., on July 30, 2003.

Father Louis G. Cook '54, Plainview, Minn., on Nov. 26, 2004.

Eugene L. Sexton '54, Waseca, Minn., on Dec. 14, 2004.

Dr. Joseph Nigro '58, Wheaton, Ill., on Oct. 1, 2004.

Thomas J. Lee '60, Glenview, Ill., in January 2005.

Thomas Pelland '66, Goleta, Calif., on June 16, 2004.

Alexander P. Matug '68, Palos Park, Ill., on Sept. 3, 2004.

Kenneth A. Piker '68, Johnsbury, Ill., on Sept. 10, 2004.

Thomas E. Smith '71, Las Vegas, Nev., on July 8, 2004.

Vicky A. Pieper '74, Maple Grove, Minn., on Jan. 5, 2005.

Patricia Schramski '75, San Antonio, Texas, on Oct. 23, 2004.

Richard A. Setter '75, Thorp, Wis., on May 17, 2004.

Chad P. Goering '94, Red Wing, Minn., on Nov. 18, 2004.

SYMPATHY TO

Joe Graf '32, on the death of his wife, Mildred, in January 2004.

Eugene O'Keefe '49, Robert O'Keefe '50, Dr. Thomas O'Keefe III '68, Michael O'Keefe '73, Randy Skrypek '71 and James Kegler '74, on the death of

their brother, father and father-in-law, **Thomas J. O'Keefe Jr. '43**, on Dec. 19, 2004.

George Frisch '50 and John Frisch '71, on the death of their brother and father, **Dr. John G. Frisch '45**, on Oct. 9, 2004.

Francis Pelland '55, on the death of his brother, **Thomas Pelland '66**, on June 16, 2004.

Dr. Charles Skemp '54 and Dr. Archie Skemp '81, on the death of their wife and mother, **Patricia Skemp**, on Dec. 26, 2004.

Thomas Shannon '65, John Shannon '71, Molly (McGowan '94) O'Connor and Timothy Shannon '02, on the death of their mother and grandmother, **Cecilia Shannon**, on Jan. 1, 2005.

Robert Frie '68 and John Frie '68, on the death of their

father, **George Frie**, in November 2004.

Rudolph R. Kopischke '69, William Kopischke '71, Richard Kopischke '72, Father Harry Jewison '50, Francis Sheeran '62, Joseph Groh '69, Tom Byron '74, John Kopischke '99, Kate Kopischke '03 and Michael Kopischke '07, on the death of their father, brother-in-law, uncle and grandfather, **Rudolph A. Kopischke**, on July 16, 2004.

Dominic Nigro '71, on the death of his father, **Dr. Joseph Nigro '58**, on Oct. 1, 2004.

Michael Mullins '74, Edward Mullins '75, Jeanne (Mullins '77) and James Gannon '77, Judy (Mullins '83) and John Lucas '84, Joan (Cox '88) and Thomas Mullins '88, Kathryn (Mullins '89) and John Burke '89 and Shannon (Mullins '93) and Brian

Longtime SMU director of buildings and grounds dies in car accident

Roger Connaughty, 67 (right) of Goodview, died as a result of a car accident Jan. 11, 2005. Connaughty served as a boiler engineer at Saint Mary's from 1962 to 1969, and was the friendly "can-do" director of buildings and grounds from 1980 until his retirement in 2000. He continued working with the university on special projects.

The Kulas-Connaughty Power Plant was named in his honor in August 2000. During his tenure, Saint Mary's went through an extensive remodeling and construction period including the Performance Center, the ice arena, the Gostomski Field House and the Recreation and Athletic Center, additions to the library, science building and Saint Mary's Hall, several pedestrian plazas, two residence halls, the Christian Brothers residence and an academic building. The university also upgraded and renovated almost all of its existing structures and landscaping and became "wired" for the explosion in computer usage.



Smith '92, on the death of their father and father-in-law, John Mullins, on Oct. 15, 2004.

Angela (Scully '76) Steger, on the death of her father, Larry Scully, on Jan. 11, 2005.

James '77 and Jeanne (Mullins '77) Gannon and Lawrence Gannon '87, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Therese Gannon, on Nov. 3, 2004.

Jerome Graske '80, Richard '81 and Mary (Goedderz '81) Graske, on the death of their father and father-in-law, Joseph Graske, on Dec. 2, 2004.

Robert Riley '81, on the death of his father, **Robert E. Riley '48**, on Oct. 12, 2004.

Michael Kiesner '83, Alex Matug '99 and Thomas Matug '99, on the death of their uncle and father, **Alexander Matug '68**, on Sept 3, 2004.

Marjorie (Morawiecki '87) Piechowski, on the death of her father, Frank Morawiecki, on Oct. 19, 2004.

Jeffrey Henning '89 and Kelly (Henning '94) Moga, on the death of their father, Bill Henning, on Jan. 26, 2005.

Tracy (Gansemer '96) Anderson, Dubuque, Iowa, on the death of her daughter, Cassandra Lynn, born and died on Aug. 15, 2004.

Joe '99 and Julia (Guhin '01) Yach, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Yach, on Dec. 7, 2004.

Jason '01 and Jessica (Meyer '00) Boll, and Jessica Boll '04, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Patty Boll, on Jan. 7, 2005.

Deborah White '01, on the death of her mother, Jean Lukitsch, on Dec. 8, 2004.

Roger Connaughty II '02, on the death of his father, Roger H. Connaughty, on Jan. 11, 2005.

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Holly McDonough
*Director of
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WINONA CAMPUS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2005

6-7	Final Examinations
9-10	Final Examinations
14	Commencement

June 2005

11	New Student Orientation
15	New Student Orientation
16	New Student Orientation
17-19	Homecoming

August 2005

24-25	Faculty / Staff Workshop
27	New Students Arrive
30	Semester I Classes Begin

September 2005

5	Classes in Session
	University Holiday (some offices closed)
6	President's Convocation
30	Sept. 30 - Oct. 2 Family Weekend President's Inauguration

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looking*back*

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



We haven't lost a football game in
50 years ... but then we haven't played
a football game in 50 years, either.

This photo is of the last football team of 1954 at Saint Mary's College. Fall of 2005 will mark the 50th anniversary of the decision to drop football at Saint Mary's, a decision that still sparks debate to this day. Saint Mary's collected one Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference title in its 34 years as a member of the MIAC, compiling a 6-1 overall record and sharing the conference's top spot with Augsburg in 1928.

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

2005 *Homecoming*

**You're welcome back
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Q: In the fall issue of *Saint Mary's Magazine*, we asked alums where the strangest place was that they'd run into another Saint Mary's alum. Here is one response:

A: Upon graduating in the spring of 1970, I promptly lost my student deferment, was assigned 1A draft status, and faced a dismal immediate future with a low lottery number. By 1971, I was in the army and stationed in Vietnam. After a few months "in-country," I managed to get a weekend pass to Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City). While walking at mid-day on a busy downtown boulevard in military uniform — some 12,000 miles and a few months from Winona, I was astonished to see a familiar face walking towards me. After living with hundreds of other men dressed exactly like me, I found it odd this person was dressed in civilian clothes. The familiar person turned out, as I vaguely recall, to be Bob "Kup" Kupski, class of 1970. Bob was by then a civilian contractor buying asphalt for a large road construction company like Brown & Root. After a brief SMU alumni reunion in the street, Bob and I set off to "paint the town." We had a good time that weekend. When it ended, I returned to my unit. The war continued to wind down, my unit was withdrawn, and I never saw Bob again.

— John Behan '70, Southlake, Texas

P.S.: The fuzziest part of that story is the name of my classmate. To jog my memory, I reviewed photos in the 1970 yearbook. I'm fairly confident it was Bob, but my memory could be playing a trick. If I'm wrong about him, there certainly is another SMU alum with Asian asphalt buying experience on his résumé.



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