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From the President



For nearly two years, we have proudly proclaimed to the world that St. Bonaventure University students are becoming extraordinary. This brief tagline aims to succinctly characterize the nature of our students' educational experience.

As we celebrate the successful conclusion of *The Anniversary Campaign for St. Bonaventure University* and our 15-month celebration of the University's sesquicentennial, we are also moving forward with a progressive strategic planning process that will ensure St. Bonaventure University, as an institution, is also becoming extraordinary.

As a result of this process, the University community will have identified its key marks and distinctions, thus enabling us to more strategically invest resources in ways that will grow and sustain the University well into the future.

Provost Michael Fischer is the chief architect of our plan: *Becoming Extraordinary 2012*. He has engaged his administrative colleagues, the academic deans, faculty, staff and students in creating three areas of strategic focus that have inspired the development of related strategies with action steps as well as benchmarks and data points to enable assessment.

The areas of strategic focus of *Becoming Extraordinary 2012* are:

- I. Becoming an institution of choice for those seeking an extraordinary, learner-centered education
- II. Significantly increasing and strategi-

cally shaping enrollments, and having continued stable, healthy finances

III. Aligning faculty and staff compensation and evaluation with benchmarks, in recognition of contributions to the fulfillment of the university's mission and realization of its strategic priorities

The University will continue to develop strategies and action steps that flow from these areas of strategic focus. We face daunting challenges due to current national economic trends, but we intend to sustain the momentum we have gained.

The Board of Trustees officially endorsed this plan and process at their meeting

last June, and other friends and alumni of the University are contributing through their service on the National Alumni Association Board, academic program advisory committees, such as the School of Business Advisory Committee, and through their support of our students and faculty through internships, guest lectures on campus, and philanthropic giving.

The aspirations of *Becoming Extraordinary 2012* will become a reality through the work of the Board of Trustees, our faculty, administrators and staff, but the plan will be sustained through the support of our generous alumni and friends.

Thousands have joined with the campus community over the past 15 months to celebrate the tremendous legacy of St. Bonaventure University. You have attended Universal Bonaventure Celebrations across the country, the tremendous Gaudete Awards events in Buffalo and Rochester, and you have attended 150th Anniversary celebrations on campus, including The Anniversary Convocation, The Feast of St. Francis, and The Early Women of Bonaventure.

We now move forward, guided by *Becoming Extraordinary 2012*, to ensure that future generations mark similar milestones on the "good journey" of this great institution.

Pax et Bonum – Peace and Good,
Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.
President of the University

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Editor's Letter

Capturing the Essence of Bonaventure

Beth A. Eberth

Three years ago, a yellowed and worn piece of St. Bonaventure's history found its way back to the University just in time for the anniversary celebration. The relic was a note from John Devereux (founder Nicholas Devereux's son) to an Elmira man, inviting him to attend the laying of the cornerstone of St. Bonaventure's first building on Aug. 20, 1856. The 150-year-old letter was discovered in the basement of a home in Buffalo.

Also discovered that summer was the giant cornerstone for an 1891 addition to the original monastery. The stone was unearthed under about 18 inches of soil at the feet of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary near the west entrance to Hickey Dining Hall during renovations to that building.

As our sesquicentennial celebration drew to a close in May, we learned of another artifact that had surfaced. Amidst his hundreds of photos and art supplies, Bolivar, N.Y., artist Dick Monroe recovered the tarnished metal halo that had once adorned the statue of the Blessed Mother.

Back in '59, Mr. Monroe was refurbishing the Stations of the Cross and portraits of saints in the former Devereux Chapel when Fr. Jim McKee, O.F.M., asked him to restore the halo of the 1887 statue of the Blessed Mother (pictured above).

Mr. Monroe is a retired architectural designer whose mosaics and murals are located around the world. He said he was "mortified to say the least" when he realized he still had the unfinished 12-star halo. How fitting it is that the halo was discovered in May, the same month as



the traditional May crowning, in which an image or likeness of the Blessed Mother is crowned to signify her as the Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God.

Another good story we're happy to report is the overwhelmingly favorable response to the inaugural issue of *Bonaventure* magazine. Thank you for your comments and questions. It didn't take long for reaction to the new magazine to start trailing into our office last October.

The subject line of one of the first e-mails I received was straightforward: WOW!

"I was excited when I saw in the last BonAlumnus that we were finally switching to a magazine, but I never expected it to be so beautiful," wrote one alumna who lives out West.

"I think you and the staff have really captured the essence of what Bonaventure is all about," wrote an alumnus from Buffalo.

Capturing the essence of Bonaventure continues to be our goal. We are proud and excited about the quality of

Bonaventure magazine and hope you are just as proud as you receive each issue. As the Editorial Board maps out each edition, it will focus on regional, national and global issues. The topic of our cover story, "Staying Money Smart in Tough Times," couldn't get more global than the economic crisis. The same can be said about our feature story on the historic inauguration of President Barack Obama.

We've also taken steps to be good stewards of the environment. Concerns were raised about the "greenness" of the magazine and whether we would continue to include the popular Updates section.

Bonaventure magazine is printed on paper that is 50 percent recycled, 25 percent post-consumer waste. The magazine is also published by a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified printer. FSC is a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging the responsible management of the world's forests. FSC sets high standards that ensure forestry is practiced in an environmentally responsible, socially beneficial, and economically viable way.

We know that Class Notes is the section many of our readers turn to first, and it will continue to be a way for you to share your career news and other milestones. In fact, we have a record number of wedding submissions with 23 photos showcasing the newlyweds and their alumni guests in this issue.

To submit a Class Note for the fall/winter edition of the magazine: Use the enclosed envelope, e-mail bonalumnus@sbu.edu, or go to Bona's Online at <http://alumni.sbu.edu>.

(Beth Eberth is director of University Communications. She continues to welcome your feedback at bonalumnus@sbu.edu or beberth@sbu.edu.)



Franciscan Minute

'A Shining Star in the Darkness of Light'

Embracing St. Francis's vision and Gospel values

By Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M.

Pietro Bernardone, the father of Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), was a successful merchant in medieval Assisi at the beginning of the 13th century. He was a shrewd businessman who was part of an emerging "middle class."

His possessions and wealth made him a significant player within a community that aspired to be freed of the waning influence of the feudal lords and nobles that had long dominated the majority of Assisi's citizens.

Pietro seems to have enjoyed living in a world that was increasingly competitive, greedy and caught in endless wars and political conflicts. His success was in large measure due to his ability to benefit from the misfortunes and troubles of others.

This is a glimpse of the world that shaped the consciousness and aspiration of the youthful Francis.

After some failed attempts to live the dreams and follow the aspirations of his age, Francis experienced a profound change. He became more sensitive to the needs of those who were poor. He was led by the spirit of God to show mercy to lepers, the most feared, excluded and despised individuals in Assisi.

Francis also found himself drawn to pray and eventually found in the wisdom of the Gospel a pathway to peace by becoming a brother and servant of all.

After others joined him and many began



Photo by Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M.

The painted wood image depicts Francis and his brothers working among the lepers in the early days of the Franciscan movement. It hangs in the chapel at Greccio, the site where St. Francis recalled for the people of that town the story of Christ's birth in Bethlehem by the creation of a live manger scene.

to seek his advice, Francis invited his followers to embrace a Gospel-centered way of life.

It was a way of life that was characterized by hospitality, humility, gratitude, concern for others, patience in difficulty and trials, service of those who were needy and, above all, love of God, neighbor and all of creation. It was a way of justice (*iustitia*), right relationship (*pietas*) and right loving (*caritas*). It was a way of living in which he and others found great peace and joy.

As his early biographer Thomas of Celano put it, Francis was "like a shining star in the darkness of night and like the morning spread over the darkness." And, not surprisingly, many aspire to embrace his vision and Gospel values.

The story of Francis may seem far removed from the social problems, political conflicts and economic chaos that

characterize our world today. However, if we take a moment to step back and look at the chaos and confusion that surrounds us through the value-centered perspective of Francis, we may begin to find a new way to hold those challenges, to find some creative solutions to our problems and, most importantly, to find the inner strength to show a loving face to all of those whom we meet along the way.

(Br. F. Edward Coughlin, O.F.M., is vice president for the Franciscan Mission at St. Bonaventure. He edited "Writings on the Spiritual Life," published by Franciscan Institute Publications in 2006 as part of the Bonaventure Texts in Translation Series. It is available at www.sbu.edu/franciscaninstitute.)



Campus News



Seniors honored with 150th Anniversary Medals

As part of the University's Sesquicentennial Celebration, members of the Class of 2009 were presented with 150th Anniversary Medals. The graduates wore the special bronzed medallions over their robes during Commencement Exercises on May 17.

The 150th Anniversary Celebration for St. Bonaventure was a 15-month series of events and activities that started in March of 2008 and concluded in May of 2009. The celebration spanned two calendar years because the first building on campus was dedicated in 1858 and the first classes were offered in 1859.

School of Business welcomes Volpe, Paladino

The School of Business sponsored guest speakers Vince Volpe, president and CEO of Dresser-Rand Company, and Carl Paladino, CEO of Buffalo's Ellicott Development Company, during the spring semester.

Volpe, a member of the Board of Trustees, discussed business strategy in the April 15 talk that was part of the School of Business's Visiting Executives Series. Dresser-Rand is among the largest global

suppliers of rotating equipment solutions, designing, manufacturing and servicing a wide range of technologically advanced centrifugal and reciprocating compressors, steam and gas turbines, and other equipment and control systems used in the oil and gas industry.

On May 4, Paladino, '68, presented an overview of his family enterprise with a concentration on strategy and execution. His visit was part of the Entrepreneur in Residence lecture series sponsored by the School of Business.



Carl Paladino



Vince Volpe

Paladino founded Ellicott Development Company in 1973. The property management, leasing and development firm owns Buffalo's Ellicott Square and manages over 4.5 million square feet of office, retail and residential space, making the company the largest private landlord in downtown Buffalo.

Hickey Dining Hall goes trayless; going green on Sustainability Day saves green

Hickey Dining Hall has begun serving up a helping of energy savings and waste reduction with each meal. St. Bonaventure has joined the growing list of campuses nationwide that have eliminated trays in their dining facilities in a move embraced by conservation-conscious students. Dining hall trays contribute significantly to



the waste stream by encouraging diners to take more food than they can eat and adding to the stack of dirty dishes to be washed after each meal.

Aramark Dining Services, a dining provider at 500 campuses including St. Bonaventure, measured food wasted from more than 186,000 meals served at 25 institutions and found that removing dining hall trays reduced the waste generated per person by 25 to 30 percent.

The reduction of trays came on the heels of last fall's Sustainable Bona's Day, a campuswide energy rollback on Oct. 16, 2008.

Electricity usage dropped by 24 percent compared to Oct. 15, thanks to reduced lighting and the idling of unused air conditioning and ventilation equipment. The drop eliminated three tons of carbon dioxide emissions and saved about \$800.

But the biggest savings — about \$3,000 — came because of a 50 percent reduction in natural gas usage.

The drop, which prevented 23 tons of carbon dioxide emissions, was attributed to lower settings on heat, conservation of hot water, and shutting off the central boiler plant for part of the day.

Students and staff were also encouraged to carpool if possible, and to limit how much they drove on campus during the day.



Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., was one of 13 university representatives on the podium Nov. 25, 2008, to ring the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange. Joining her were university trustees, alumni, Cabinet members, and Mark Larry, a senior finance major from Grand Island (fourth from left).

Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2009 announced

Three new members were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame Feb. 14 — Fr. Gerald T. McCaffrey, O.F.M., '54, Jean Pascal Gingras, '98, and Anna Belliveau, '99. A fourth member, Jim Baron, '77, was slated for induction June 6 during Reunion Weekend.

Baron served as both a player and a coach for the men's basketball team, Belliveau was one of the most dominant swimmers in school history, Gingras was a standout tennis player and McCaffrey was a team chaplain and moderator for the athletic department.

"What makes this class so special is their wide range of accomplishments," said Director of Athletics Steve Watson. "Each one of them had an impact in their own way and they helped build St. Bonaventure athletics to where it is today."

The group is the 32nd class to be inducted into the St. Bonaventure Athletics Hall of Fame and will up the membership total to

110. One of the most influential figures in St. Bonaventure basketball history, Baron earned respect with his blue-collar work ethic and winning attitude as a player (1973-1977) and coach.

A two-time Atlantic 10 Most Outstanding Performer, Belliveau helped guide St. Bonaventure to A-10 Women's Swimming and Diving Championships in 1997 and 1998.

A true talent on and off the tennis court, Gingras never lost a match on the Bonnies' home court and was a three-time Scholar Athlete All-American and a three-time All-Conference choice.

A mentor, a calming voice and a friend were just a few of the things that Fr. Gerald was to St. Bonaventure's student-athletes for more than 20 years.

SBU, police officials label emergency drill a success

A massive disaster drill — involving a shooter, hostages and every police agency in the region — shut down campus for

three hours on March 25, but took thousands of man-hours to plan.

"As I've talked about this plan with my peers in higher education, I think we've set the bar pretty high here," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president.

Police agencies, who offered up more than five dozen officers to help conduct the drill, applauded the university's efforts.

"I've overseen a number of drills like this, and I just have to say the level of detail and cooperation shown here was outstanding," said Sgt. Michael Dembrow of the New York State Police.

Olean native named vice provost for Student Life



Rick Trietley, '86, an Olean native, was named vice provost for Student Life at the University Feb. 11. The Office of Student Life includes residence life; housing; the Center for Activities, Recreation and Leadership; Counseling Center; Damietta Center; Campus Safety and Security; and Health Services.

"To add someone of Rick's caliber and integrity to our administration is a windfall for this university," said Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., university president. "He clearly demonstrated in his short time as interim vice provost the capacity to lead and inspire people."

Trietley finished a 22-year career with the Army in May 2008 when he stepped down as the head of St. Bonaventure's ROTC program to become director of security at SBU.

Campus News

'Early Women of Bonaventure' share trailblazing adventures



Alumnae from the '50s and '60s shared their experiences as some of the first resident women on campus during two panel discussions in March in honor of the University's 150th Anniversary and in celebration of Women's History Month.

Above, (from left) classmates and 1962 alumnae Patricia "Pat" Dunn of Boston, Marguerite "Marge" (Ballak) Drake of Allegany, and Donna (Donato) Peppy of Jamestown lead a discussion during the Mary Devereux Luncheon. The alumnae recalled living at

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the Motherhouse, the dating experience of the 1960s, and the "freshman rules" they followed. For example, when the women

arrived on campus in 1958 for their first classes, both the Hickey Dining Hall and Butler Gym were off limits to them and their female classmates.

Rhinos, Bonnies draw a huge crowd for Corning soccer game

Hundreds of soccer fans packed Corning's Memorial Stadium April 9 for an exhibition match between SBU's men's soccer team and the Rochester Rhinos. The Rhinos play in the United Soccer League's First Division. They went 11-10-9 in their 2008 season, finishing in fourth place out of the 11 teams in their league. St. Bonaventure alum and trustee Dan Collins organized the game, which was sponsored by Corning Inc.

University celebrates, rededicates Thomas Merton Center

Paying tribute to its namesake, the Thomas Merton Center at the University was rededicated during a special ceremony April 1. The center is home to the campus ministry team and offices for

Mt. Irenaeus, Bona Buddies, the Warming House, the Franciscan Center for Social Concern, and the Journey Project. Located at the center of campus, it is a place where students gather for relaxing, cooking, socializing, mentoring and spiritual counseling.

In a 1966 letter to a St. Bonaventure alumnus, Thomas Merton noted that, "St. Bonaventure represented one of the happiest times of my life." Merton, considered one of the most distinguished spiritual masters of the 20th century, taught English at what was then St. Bonaventure College in 1940 and 1941. As he revealed in "The Seven Storey Mountain," Merton (1915-1968) discerned his monastic vocation while he worked at St. Bonaventure.

Quick Center for the Arts collection now available as reproductions

William Bliss Baker's 1880s masterpiece "Morning After the Snow" is one of the more popular paintings in the permanent collection at St. Bonaventure University's Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

Perhaps it's because the wintry landscape of bare trees and evergreens throwing shadows on a fresh blanket of snow feels as if it were painted while the artist looked out the university's back door. It's a piece of St. Bonaventure that no doubt many visitors to The Quick Center wish they could take home with them.



William Bliss Baker's 1885 oil on canvas "Morning After the Snow"

www.sbu.edu/quickcenter

Now they can. The Quick Center has teamed up with Rudinec & Associates Photographic Services of Ohio to offer reproductions of some 50 pieces in the museum's permanent collection. In time, most every work in the museum's extensive collection will be available.

Rudinec & Associates has made two visits to The Quick Center to begin photographing the collection. Each painting is photographed under controlled lighting conditions to produce a large-format transparency that allows for high-quality prints of virtually any size.



More than 30 Bonaventure students attended the celebration thanks to the generosity of donors.

Fr. Dan Riley honored with 2009 Gaudete Medal

More than 400 people packed the Country Club of Buffalo on May 1 to celebrate Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., and the 150th anniversary of the University.

The man who dreamed of becoming a doctor — he started as a pre-med student in 1960 — was honored with the Gaudete Medal for bolstering the spiritual health of St. Bonaventure for more than 30 years. Recipients of the Gaudete, which means "Rejoice!" in Latin, have inspired, encouraged and enlightened others through their personal and professional lives.

The guardian of Holy Peace Friary at Mt.



Good friends, alumni and supporters of Mt. Irenaeus, (at left) Les Quick and Ann McCarthy honored Fr. Dan during the program. Committee co-chairs Mark Lawley, Bill Lawley Jr. and Mike Lawley enjoy time with Fr. Dan. (Missing from the photo is co-chair, Kathy Lawley Best.)

Irenaeus, Fr. Dan is often the first friar students meet when they come to St. Bonaventure.

His radiant smile and booming laugh have been omnipresent fixtures on campus since 1971, when he returned to his alma mater and started the University's campus ministry.

The event was an overwhelming success, raising more than \$75,000 for the Bonaventure Scholarship Fund and Community Fund for Mt. Irenaeus. Some 30 corporate sponsors made the event possible. The lead sponsor was Greatbatch, Inc., whose CEO is Tom Hook, '84.

Watch a video tribute to Fr. Dan at www.sbu.edu/bonamag.



SBU Stats

800 fans attended the Northeast Rugby Union game to cheer on the men's team.

560 freshmen proudly began wearing the Brown and White.

520 people participated in Rwandan Holocaust survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza's Left to Tell Charitable Fundraiser, raising \$2,716 for Rwandan orphans.

300 female high schoolers participated in the National Women and Girls in Sports Day on campus.

150 Bona Buddies and their families were treated to a holiday extravaganza at the Annual Festival of Trees.

80 students volunteered more than 2,000 hours for VITA to set new \$750,000 record in tax returns for local taxpayers.

23 tons of carbon dioxide emissions were prevented on Sustainable Bona's Day.

20 couples found their way back to campus on Valentine's Day to celebrate at the place where their hearts were stolen.

14 brown and white bicycles popped up across campus as part of the Bona Re-Cycles bike-share program.

13 SBU representatives rang the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange Nov. 25.

8 Extraordinary Classroom Series events were attended by individuals from campus and local communities.

Off the Shelf

When St. Bonaventure trustee **Ellen E. Grant** was asked to contribute to a treasury of letters written by African-American women to first lady Michelle Obama, she didn't have to think twice. "Absolutely," she proudly stated. "Sign me up."

That treasury of letters was published in January by SUNY Press under the title of "Go, Tell Michelle: African-American Women Write to the New First Lady." Compiled and edited by Barbara A. Seals Nevergold, Ph.D., and Peggy Brooks-Bertram, Ph.D., the book was an experience and opportunity for African-American women from around the world to write to the new first lady. In her letter, Grant thanked her for being strong and following the footsteps of other uncrowned queens before her. And, of course, Grant mentioned her cause.

"President Obama's focus on health care reform is encouraging as I know that you both understand the positive and negative influence of fragmented care in our nation," Grant wrote. "Further, our patients of color must also learn to trust and be confident that they get the care they want and deserve."



A new book by associate professor of history **Phillip G. Payne, Ph.D.**, explores how Warren G. Harding's name became synonymous with corruption, cronyism, and incompetence.

"Dead Last: The Public Memory of Warren G. Harding's Scandalous Legacy," was published by Ohio University Press (January 2009).

Payne traces the history of Harding's image from the election of 1920 to the current debate over George W. Bush's place in history, examining such things as presidential rankings, commemoration and legacy for-

mation, political uses of history and memory, and the role of scandal in popular and political culture.

"Harding is generally considered among the worst of the presidents, typically ranking dead last or as a failure in presidential rankings," said Payne. Ironically, he explained, during the 1920 election the Republican campaign carefully crafted an image of Harding as a small-town civic booster. When Harding died in August 1923 he was widely popular.

"However, it was not an image that would last. The revelations of scandals soon ruined Harding's reputation. Harding would become an icon of presidential failure," said Payne.



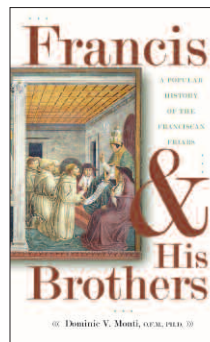
Joel Horowitz, Ph.D., a noted scholar on Argentina and professor of history, has written a new book about Argentina's government in the early 20th century.

"Argentina's Radical Party and Popular Mobilization, 1916-1930" (Penn State University Press, January 2009) examines democracy's first appearance in a country that appeared to satisfy all the criteria that political development theorists of the 1950s and 1960s identified as crucial. This experiment lasted in Argentina from 1916 to 1930, when it ended in a military coup that left a troubled political legacy for decades to come.

"It is intriguing to try to understand how a democracy works or, in fact, fails," Horowitz said. "It is usually assumed in the United States that all you need to do is have elections and there will be a democracy that works. Unfortunately, sometimes it fails and it is important to try to discover why."

Horowitz challenges previous interpretations that emphasize the role of clientelism and

patronage. He argues that they fail to account fully for the Radical Party government's ability to mobilize widespread popular support. He compares the administrations of Hipólito Yrigoyen and Marcelo T. de Alvear, showing how much Yrigoyen depended on the image he managed to create for himself: a secular savior who cared deeply about the less fortunate and the embodiment of the nation.

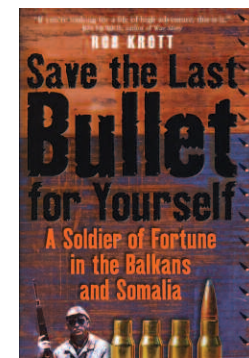


To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the founding of the Franciscan Order, Franciscan scholar and historian **Fr. Dominic V. Monti, O.F.M., Ph.D.**, tells the beautiful and inspirational story of Francis of Assisi and

his followers — the Order of Friars Minor — from the Order's beginnings to current times. Fr. Dominic's book, "Francis and his Brothers: A Popular History of the Franciscan Friars," was published in January by St. Anthony Messenger Press.

This history emphasizes not only the medieval developments of the world's most beloved band of men, but also the internal evolution and mission efforts of the friars during the modern period, from the 16th century to the present. Monti gives particular emphasis to the history of the Order in the English-speaking world: first England and Ireland and then North America and the 20th-century expansion of the order to other English-speaking countries. Monti, '67, is vicar provincial of Holy Name Province and former interim president of SBU (2003-04). Chapter topics include: medieval Christian society; the First Lesser Brothers; expansion and transformation of the Order; the Franciscan mission; internal crisis in the Order; Observants and Conventuals; friars during the Reformation and Baroque eras; mission to the world; the challenges of modernity; Franciscans in the United States, Canada and Australia; rebuilding the Order in Europe; and recovering a charisma.

Former U.S. Army officer **Rob Krott, '85**, left active duty and found adventure in the early days of the wars in Croatia, Bosnia and Somalia. Stripped of the glamour and mystique surrounding the mercenary profession, Krott's memoir, "Save the Last Bullet For Yourself: A Soldier of Fortune in the Balkans and Somalia," is a no-holds barred look at private soldiering in the 1990s, pulling no punches in chronicling the role of modern-day soldiers of fortune in the most violent, bloody, ethnic conflicts of the past decade.

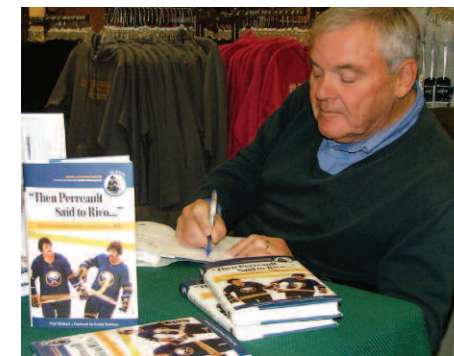


Krott, assigned to special operations, travels to Croatia in early 1992 and joins the Croatian Army as a volunteer in the war against Serbia. He then undertakes a mission in Somalia during Operation

Restore Hope as a contracted consultant to the U.S. Army to supervise Somali speakers recruited in Washington. Krott then returns to the Balkans, this time to Bosnia to command a unit of multinational "volunteers" and serve as a brigade staff major with the Bosnian-Croat Defense Force.

Krott has traveled to more than 60 countries and received military awards and decorations from 10 foreign governments, including Croatia's Zahvalnica for combat missions along the Kupa River, and the Spomenicom Domovinskog Rata medal, personally presented to him by the prime minister of Croatia. He is now working in Iraq as a private security contractor.

"Then Perreault Said to Rico ... The Best Buffalo Sabres Stories Ever Told" delves into some of the most memorable stories about favorite players, coaches and cherished games throughout the Sabres history. The book, written by faculty member **Paul Wieland**, also comes with an exclusive audio CD that features rare play-by-play



action and interviews with Sabres greats.

Wieland, who teaches in the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication, joined the Sabres in the first few months of the new franchise in 1970 and spent more than 25 years there as public relations director, communications director and executive producer of television sports for the Sabres cable network and for a TV station owned by the hockey team. He also served as a practice goalie for many years.

"Then Perreault Said to Rico ..." includes stories such as:

- The story behind Gilbert Perreault's rookie goal-scoring record
- The transition from Memorial Auditorium to HSBC Arena
- The 1999 team that made it to the Stanley Cup finals
- The legend that was Taro Tsujimoto
- Behind the scenes with popular head coach and hockey legend Scotty Bowman

Wieland is now working on a satirical novel about the pro sports business.

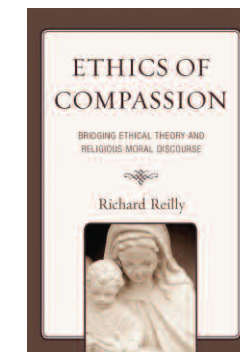
Rich Reilly, Ph.D.'s new book bridges the gap between Buddhism and philosophical ethics with an unforeseen ally — Christianity.

Released by Rowman and Littlefield, Reilly's "Ethics of Compassion" places central themes from Buddhist (primarily) and Christian moral teachings within the conceptual framework of Western normative ethics. The book bridges Eastern and

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Western cultures, philosophical ethics and religious moral discourse, and notions of acting rightly and of being virtuous.

"When I started the project I envisioned writing a book on Buddhist ethics for Western readers, utilizing the conceptual framework of philosophical ethics in the Western intellectual tradition," said Reilly, Board of Trustees Professor of Philosophy. "What was particularly surprising, and really transformed my project as it developed, was my recognition of deep similarities between the fundamental truths of Buddhist ethics and fundamental teachings of Jesus and certain theological interpretations of them.



"My book sheds light, I think, on the meaning of 'The Golden Rule,' the story of the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard, and on a number of points made by well-

known Christian (mainly Catholic) theologians that do not seem to be well-understood today."

Reilly said the book "really is a distillation of my 'teaching-learning' throughout my career at St. Bonaventure. In particular, the work I had been doing in the 1970s on 'freedom of the will' and 'action theory' was resurrected as the final chapter and is very much an important, central piece of it."

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150th Anniversary Campaign

\$95 Million Thank-Yous!

SBU's 150th Anniversary Campaign Exceeds Goal

The largest fundraising campaign in St. Bonaventure's history has surpassed its goal. May 31, 2009, marked a milestone in the University's history as it concluded the *150th Anniversary Campaign*. With an initial goal of \$90 million, the University succeeded in raising more than \$95 million for new buildings, renovations, endowed scholarships, and campus enhancements for years to come.

"This is the most comprehensive campaign the University has undertaken and I want to personally thank all of our alumni, parents and friends who have made a difference and significant impact with our *150th Anniversary Campaign*," said President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D.

She gave special thanks to the current and former Board of Trustees who brought in more than \$30 million collectively for compelling needs on campus.

"The University has not only achieved our fundraising goals, but we have experienced some remarkable milestones with our ancestral founders and our Franciscan tradition during this campaign journey," she said.

Jack McGinley Jr., '65, chair of the Board of Trustees, added, "It took a special leader to take over at the time Sr. Margaret did and she was just that leader. The University has experienced an unprecedented level of support that will profoundly impact and enrich the day-to-day lives of our students."

Under the skillful leadership of campaign chair Leslie C. "Les" Quick III, '75; co-chairs Raymond C. Dee, '64, Arnold J. "Arnie" Eckelman, '66, and Lisa J. (Melillo) Molinaro, '81; honorary co-chairs Robert R. Jones, '58, and John J. Murphy; and numerous regional volunteers, the campaign accomplishments included:

- The William F. Walsh Science Center
- The Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center
- The Bob Lanier Court in the Reilly Center Arena
- The Fred Handler Park at McGraw-Jennings Field
- The Magnano Centre
- Friedsam Memorial Library Rare Books Wing
- Television production trailer
- Nearly 100 newly endowed scholarships

"I hope I can speak for many students in sharing that the capital campaign has dramatically improved both the facilities and programs offered at St. Bonaventure," said Andrew Mantilia, who earned his MBA in May.

"Over the course of my college experience I have had



The gift of a television production trailer from Game Creek Video will give the School of Journalism and Mass Communication a new magnet to attract students. Seniors Jeff Landers and Meghan Rossman check out the new learning laboratory with lecturer Paul Wieland.

opportunities to grow as a student, a leader, and as a person that no other university could offer. Funding for programs such as Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) has enabled me to leave Bona with a wide range of skills and a Franciscan spirit that will set me apart from graduates of other schools."

Mantilia joined SIFE's Embrace it Africa program this summer and will begin employment at KPMG in New York City when he returns.

"We are giving the staff a day off and then we are back at it," said Dr. Emily Sinsabaugh, vice president for University Relations. "Successful fundraising operations don't stop when a campaign ends. We're continuing to reach out to our alumni and friends to share the Bonaventure story. We will continue to build on the wonderful relationships established during this campaign, while also seeking to develop new ones."



An anonymous \$1 million gift will support entrepreneurial service learning. The leadership gift will endow service programs in the School of Business, specifically Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and BonaResponds. Lindsay Pohlman, '09, (at left) is project manager of SIFE's Embrace it Africa program, which implemented a government registered micro-finance program in Bethlehem, Uganda.

Grants Fund Science Projects

Thanks to more than \$250,000 in grants, the SBU science community continues to develop projects involving its PeopleBot robot and hydrology observatory.

A \$125,000 grant from the George I. Alden Trust in Worcester, Mass., funded the PeopleBot, an Artificial Intelligence capstone project involving a human-size robot and its reaction to surroundings.

Dr. Robert Harlan, the grant's co-author and head of the university's Undergraduate Robotic Laboratory, said the project involves three phases: getting the robot to function, giving it problem-solving capabilities and adding a language capability allowing the robot to process and carry out commands given in English.

"Inside the mind of the robot, it should be able to explain to us why it's doing what it's doing because it's acting in our world and it's acting exactly the way we do," he said. "I understand sort of why you do what you do, and you understand sort of why I do what I do, and we want the robot to participate in that common understanding."

A grant from the Margaret L. Wendt Foundation in Buffalo funded a hydrology observatory to monitor weather, geophysical conditions and the Allegheny River's water quality, with data eventually being posted on the University's Web site.



Above, student Laura L'Esperance and Dr. Robert Harlan are pictured with the PeopleBot. At right is the SBU weather station, which measures environmental aspects from the top of the John J. Murphy Professional Building.



Dr. Ted Georgian, the grant's author, said he plans to use the observatory in lectures. "I've selected weather events such as warm fronts and cold fronts and used the data to illustrate these concepts in Clare 102 classes," he said. "I'm also working on class assignments that would have students learn by analyzing weather events."

— Tim Gross, '11

Giving Goes Beyond Dollars for the Cashings

Doug and Betsy Cashing chose St. Bonaventure University for its educational opportunities and to bring their young son closer to their families' hometowns. Twenty-eight years later, their son grown and gone, they still choose to call Bonaventure home.

"It's a wonderful community," says Doug, who holds a full professorship in the Department of Mathematics and has been on staff since 1981. "The faculty care about the students and about other faculty."

Betsy, who taught in the public school system for three decades and is now a lecturer in Bonaventure's School of Education, agrees. "I am very proud of this university,"



she says, adding that she truly appreciates "the faculty, the staff, and the administration. I think we're on a very solid path."

With student traffic in their offices brisk, the Cashings serve St. Bonaventure as mentors and role models, are strong sup-

porters of The Bonaventure Fund, and served as co-chairs of the 2009 Faculty & Staff Campaign.

"My mother always taught us that we are blessed, and because we are blessed it is our responsibility to be a blessing," says Betsy. "Giving goes beyond dollars and cents. It's also found in support and belief in who we are and what we do."

Adds Doug, "In order for the University to do what we really need to do, it's going to take financial resources. Tuition is not going to meet those financial needs. If we're going to continue, and build on the educational programs, we need to have the funds."

— Susan Anderson

150th Anniversary Campaign

Faculty and Staff Contributions Shape Bona's Future



Ann Tenglund knows firsthand how employee contributions help shape the future of the University and directly benefit students: She's a 1982 graduate whose career here spans more than a quarter century.

"Like many students, I didn't realize at the time what an excellent education I received. I didn't find that out until later, when I needed to apply my abilities to my career," says Tenglund, who is coordinator of the University's Library Computer Services, Information Literacy Instruction & Curriculum Center.

Even with two master's degrees to her credit, Tenglund points to the strong foundation of her undergraduate years at St. Bonaventure as being a huge part of her success in life — from the strength of the academics, to the relationships she forged with faculty and staff, to the focus on service to others.

"My St. Bonaventure education has never let me down," says Tenglund, which is why she supports The Bonaventure Fund and served as co-chair of the 2009 Faculty and Staff Campaign.

"I contribute financially to the University because it will help other students achieve the same experiences that I was fortunate to have as a student."

When asked what key message she'd like to share with other faculty and staff members, Tenglund is quick to reply: "Our donations, in whatever amount, demonstrate to private and corporate donors, alumni, parents, friends and current students that those who work here are the first to show their support. That means a lot."

— Susan Anderson

Sketches of Student Success



Bristol Barnes
Class of 2009

- Bachelor's degree in finance, with a minor in economics
- Resident Assistant
- Student Government Vice President
- HEOP summer peer leader
- Judicial Board member
- Student Life Committee member
- Member of Students in Money Management
- Received the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) scholarship

"I was fortunate to receive a scholarship from St. Bonaventure. I come from a family that puts great emphasis on schooling — from my mother, who is a teacher, and from my grandmother, who recently passed away and who was proud of my determination to have an enjoyable career and life. My family is very proud of me for going to college and being active in campus life. This scholarship has meant so much to me. It has also provided me with the opportunity to be an excellent male role model for my younger brother as well. I'd also like to say a very special thanks to HEOP."



Emily Dillon
Class of 2009

- Bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication, with a minor in women's studies
 - Earned a spot on the dean's list every semester
 - Served as a First-Year Experience Program Student Mentor (2006-2007)
 - Member, Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society for First-Year Students
 - Member, Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society in Journalism and Mass Communication
 - Recipient of the 2009 Father Cornelius Welch Award for Achievement in Photography
- Recipient of the following scholarships: Capital Cities Scholarship, Galasso Scholarship Fund, Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M., Scholarship

"I knew I was meant to be a Bonnie from the minute I stepped on campus. The journalism program was top-notch, the extracurricular opportunities were endless and the surrounding community was kind and welcoming. At the time, my family was suffering from some serious financial difficulties, and my parents encouraged me to look into some less expensive schools. Of course, I followed their advice, but my heart was always with Bona's. The scholarships they awarded me were absolutely amazing, and the day my parents told me we'd be able to afford my attendance here was one of the greatest days of my life. I'm so lucky to have been a student here at Bona's, and I can't express the true extent of my gratitude. The education I've received, and the relationships I've forged, have shaped the person I am today — a self-confident, ambitious young woman ready to face what the world has to offer."

Investigating Native American Healers

Faculty fellowship funds Adekson's research on the effect of traditional healers on family, community

As a young girl growing up in Nigeria, Mary Olufunmilayo Adekson, Ph.D., directly experienced the healing arts of Yorùbá traditional healers — and later as an adult researched the interpersonal techniques they used.

Today, a faculty fellowship award has allowed Adekson to study Native American and Canadian healers in her ongoing pursuit of investigating the influence of traditional healers on family and community.

"Traditional healers have unique roles to play in psychotherapy and medicine, within their own ethnic group and without," says Adekson, who spent three days observing, interviewing and audio taping native medicine men, healers, counselors and helpers from around Canada and the United States at the Kanonhkwashterrio health facility on the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation.

Also known as Akwesasne, the reservation is situated on both sides of the U.S.-Canadian border and "covers roughly about six miles wide and three miles high in upstate New York, Quebec and Ontario," says Adekson, adding that the clinic "has a traditional medicine center that serves about 15,000 natives."

Adekson says she is looking at "actual events and situations encountered during consultations. My goal is to help others understand the techniques, style of healing and the dynamics between healers and their Native American clients."

In addition to visiting Akwesasne, Adekson conducted research at the Faithkeeper School in Steamburg, N.Y. To date, she has interviewed nearly a dozen traditional healers, counselors and helpers from the Mohawk Tribe of Akwesasne, the Cayuga Tribe, Six Nations in Ontario, Canada, the Seneca Nation of Indians in upstate New York, the Onondaga Tribe of Ontario, Canada, the Oneida Tribe near London, Ontario, Canada, the Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin, the Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico, and the Lakota Nation of North Dakota.

She plans to compile her research for an upcoming text. Her previous book, "The Yorùbá Traditional Healers of Nigeria," was published by Routledge in 2004.

Born in *Ogbomoso* in *Òyó State* to parents from *Ilesa* in *Osun State* in southwestern Nigeria, Dr. Adekson is an associate professor of counselor education in the School of Education.

The faculty fellowship award is funded through a gift from Leslie C. Quick III, member and past chair of St. Bonaventure University's



Mary Olufunmilayo Adekson, Ph.D., associate professor of counselor education, spent the past summer (2008) interviewing Native American healers. She is shown here in her native Nigerian dress, "which is called *Up and Down*," she says. The blouse, referred to as the "*Up*," is embroidered with silk on the neck fringes. Draped over her arm is an *Iborun*, or scarf.

Board of Trustees and co-chair of the 150th Anniversary Campaign, and his wife, Eileen. In 1999, two \$1 million endowments were named after longtime faculty members, the late Dr. Leo E. Keenan Jr. and Dr. James J. Martine. The annual grants to faculty are funded through the interest generated by the endowments.

— Susan Anderson 15

Staying money smart in Tough Times

By Susan Anderson



Janet Bodnar took over the reins of Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine as editor Jan 1.



When Janet Bodnar, '71, took over as top editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine in January 2009, the steeply plummeting U.S. economy and dire news about an unraveling media industry met her head on.

But Bodnar didn't flinch.

This three-decade veteran of personal finance reporting gathered her team and got down to business — just as she's always done since joining the Kiplinger organization in the late 1970s.

"We have the most experienced staff of any personal finance publication in the country, bar none," she says.

"All of our senior editors have at least 20 years or more experience writing about financial markets. And we also have young blood, people in their 20s and early 30s who give us a whole new perspective on what young people need to know. We have the best insurance coverage, the best tax coverage, the best retirement coverage, the best health coverage — you name it."

It is this experience that *Kiplinger's* readers count on, says Bodnar.

Covering the economic crisis has been "challenging, interesting and exciting," she says, and likens the experience to juggling many balls in the air.

"*Kiplinger's* is a monthly publication that's been around since 1947 giving people practical financial advice. But suddenly we're acting almost like we're a daily newspaper. We are literally remaking the magazine every month, going over all the stories — looking at what's current, what's not, and what we have to add."

And readers are responding. In a recent survey, hundreds of readers shared what they want to find in the pages of *Kiplinger's* and on its Web site. Answers to questions such as: What do I do with my

stock portfolio? My 401(k)? I've lost 40 percent in my retirement plan; do I stick it out? Is this a good time to buy stocks? How do I get my budget under control? I'm buried in credit-card debt; what's the best way to dig my way out?

"We have to run fast to stay ahead and give our readers the kind of information they want and need," says Bodnar.

State of the industry

But the way that information is disseminated is changing, and has been for a while now.

The pinch of the economic crisis has been felt not only in the pockets of consumers worldwide, but also in every pocket of the publishing industry.

The reduction in advertising revenue, the axing of budgets and jobs, and the arrival of the Internet and its avenues are all forcing the media to remake itself. "The buzz word now is integration between the print and online staffs," Bodnar explains.

As a family-owned company, Kiplinger is small in an age of huge media conglomerates. It maintains a lean staff that supplies both print and Web content. As a result, it's able to stay nimble and flexible in meeting the needs of its customers.

As Bodnar proudly points out, "Content is huge on the Web and at *Kiplinger's* we are the Web."

In March, Janet Bodnar returned to her alma mater to deliver the Woman of Promise keynote address. In this online video, Bodnar shares memories of Bona's and mentor Russell J. Jandoli.

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On a weekly basis in their D.C. offices, staff members gather to generate ideas for both the Web and the magazine. Although content can often be similar, presentation can be very different.

On the Web, for example, "we package stories together so that there's a lead story plus other elements that fit in with it. We might ask our writers to pull out the most important elements of a story and then turn them into an online quiz, which our viewers love."

In fact, says Bodnar, "we're a victim of our own success. We're now totally overloading our already overloaded staff because we generate so much new material."

At *Kiplinger's*, which prides itself on its reputation for giving trustworthy advice that readers can act on, writers have "a steep learning curve," says Bodnar. "Here, you can't write from a press release. You have to be the expert on the subject you're covering. If you're going to write about retirement savings, for example, you'd better know how all the retirement plans function, the pluses and minuses of each, and all the tax ramifications."

As one of the few top female editors of a financial magazine in the country, Bodnar believes that young journalists will make themselves more saleable in a tough market if they specialize in a particular area, whether it's finance or something else. She advises students at St. Bonaventure to take advantage of every resource the school has to offer.

Financial independence is key

No matter which career path a person follows, Bodnar says that "your talents are your greatest assets. Just like any other assets, you should cultivate them when you're younger — by taking advantage of employer reimbursement for education and training to hone your skills — so that you can draw on them in the future."

Anationally recognized expert in the field of children's and family finances, and the author of several books, including "Money Smart Women" and "Raising Money Smart Kids," Bodnar is often interviewed by the media and has appeared on "Oprah" and every network morning news show. When asked how families should explain the current economic situation to their children — a hot topic nowadays — she advises being "as honest with them as you can without making them feel guilty or responsible for something they don't have control over."

If you've lost a job, for example, she stresses that what your children are looking for is reassurance. "You don't really have to give them chapter and verse about your finances. That's not what they're looking for. But they are looking for some reassurance that things will be all right."

And if you have a plan about how to find a new job, or even how to cut expenses while you look for work, you should share that with children old enough to understand. Letting your kids be a part of the plan for trimming the household budget — even if it's something as simple as not asking for so much stuff — is also helpful.

Beyond the current financial crisis, parents should help guide their children toward financial independence so they can handle their finances on their own when they're young adults. Knowledge is power, Bodnar says, and knowing how you spend money, what your goals are, and how to take advantage of your assets will help you build, or rebuild, your financial future.

Her mantra might be described as ERA: "Save early, save regularly, save aggressively. And if you haven't begun yet, no matter what your age, start now. It's never too late."



More about Janet Bodnar

Janet Bodnar is editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine.

Surf! Read her "Money-Smart Kids" column at www.kiplinger.com/columns/kids.

Tweet! Follow her real-time updates at <http://twitter.com/JanetBodnar>.

"Money Smart"* Advice

Start small and think big.

Save early, save regularly, save aggressively.

The secret to getting your finances under control isn't necessarily to make more money, but to trick yourself into **spending less** and saving more.

The best way to save money is to have someone else take it right off the top of your paycheck — through either a **retirement plan** at work or some other automatic savings program — before it burns a hole in your pocket.

Merging assets and combining money-management styles that often conflict are among the greatest challenges married couples face, yet they're often ignored.

Regardless of how old your kids are, your ultimate aim is to **turn out independent adults** who know how to manage money and have a healthy regard for what it can, and can't, buy.

Even in this age of consuming passion, you can still teach your kids to be savvy shoppers, super savers and cautious users of credit.

Parents have power.

Estate planning is a fancy term that means distributing your property and planning for your children and other heirs after your death. Don't make the mistake of thinking about it as something only "rich people" have to worry about.

**Text excerpted with permission from "Kiplinger's Money Smart Women" and "Kiplinger's Raising Money Smart Kids" by Janet Bodnar.*

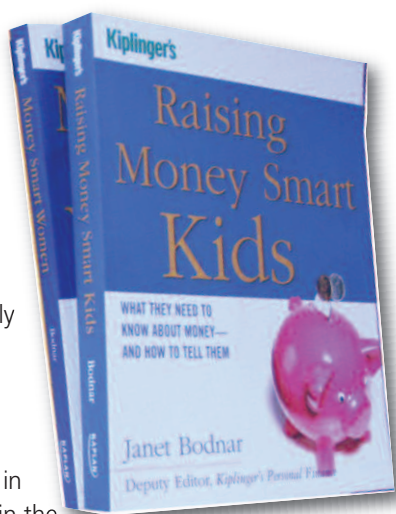
Register online for book giveaway

Would you like to read more "money smart" advice?

Two lucky recipients will receive a free, autographed copy of either "Kiplinger's Money Smart Women" or "Kiplinger's Raising Money Smart Kids" by Janet Bodnar.

To add your name to the drawing, simply send an e-mail to alumni@sbu.edu by July 31, 2009, and register for the giveaway.

Please include your contact information in the body of the e-mail and use BOOKS in the subject line.



In uncertain times, keep building your Bonaventure connection

Connie Whitcomb, director of the University's Career Center, encourages alumni who are in the midst of, or preparing for, a job transition to keep their Bona connections strong.

"Studies show the highest number of job referrals come from networking," Whitcomb said.

"And we also recognize that one of the challenges after a layoff is staying positive. One way to meet that challenge is to surround yourself with a core group of people who can keep you energized," she said.

Whitcomb offers these tips for those who are facing a job transition:

- **This is a perfect time for self-assessment.** Determine if it is time for a change by evaluating your skills, values and interests. Take a step back and reflect on your career goals and financial realities before you go forward.

- **Come to terms with the loss of a job.** Most people will experience anger and fear — and those emotions can derail future career moves if they aren't

accepted and overcome.

- **Networking is key.** A successful job search will take talking to people. Electronic job boards can yield high results, but studies still show that the highest number of job referrals comes from networking. In these economic conditions, networking should be at the heart of your job search.

- **Make yourself stand out.** With more résumés in the funnel, make sure your skills stand out on your résumé and cover letter. Tell an employer immediately how your contributions can add value and have an impact on a company or organization. If your industry is experiencing significant downsizing, clearly articulate your cross-over skills to employers in other industries.

- **Stay relevant.** Read newsletter and trade publications. Stay visible. Attend professional events, conferences, career fairs, etc. Build new relationships through engagement in community activities. If your job search will be extended, reassess your skills and consider supplementing them with short-term training.

At left: Students Sheree Ortiz, '10, and Solimar Hurtado, '12, attend an Etiquette Dinner sponsored by the Career Center.

Above: During Homecoming Weekend, the Career Center hosted two networking events for alumni and current students. Alums (from left) Andy Keenan, '03, Erin Farrell, '08, and Chris Ekimoff, '08, share their stories and offer advice on the transition from college to career.

Visit Bona's Online and Bona Connection for networking links
<http://alumni.sbu.edu>

Visit the Career Center for online job resources and advice
www.sbu.edu/careercenter

Alumni Chapters

Alumni Events

LinkedIn — Join the

St. Bonaventure University Alumni group of more than 1,700 members

Job Search Resources

Upcoming Job Fairs

Career Development Resources

SBU College Central

Witnessing u.s. History with a front row seat

By Tom Donahue

Jennifer Sherman wasn't supposed to get caught up in Obamamania. She is, after all, a registered Republican.

But there she was, a dot in a sea of humanity surrounding the Lincoln Memorial, one of hundreds of thousands of people waiting in toe-numbing cold for President-elect Barack Obama to take the stage at his star-studded preinaugural concert.

"I knew it would get me, but I never expected it would get me the way it did," said Sherman, a political science and journalism major from Williamsville, N.Y., who graduated in May. "It was just so amazing that he could capture that many people from so many walks of life on such a cold day. It was truly inspirational. Even as a Republican, I was just absolutely floored."

Sherman is one of 13 St. Bonaventure University students who went to Washington, D.C., for a 10-day academic seminar leading up to the inauguration of Obama as the 44th president of the United States.

Daniel Volkosh, a junior political science major from Middleport, N.Y., and president of SBU College Democrats, spearheaded efforts to ensure that St. Bonaventure students would be a part of what he called "one of the most historic elections in American history."

Volkosh had worked with Dr. Danette Brickman, professor of political science, to send a Bona's contingent to the Democratic National Convention in Denver in 2008. But the trip fell through.



Thirteen St. Bonaventure students spent 10 January days in Washington, D.C., where they got an in-depth look at the political process and witnessed the inauguration of our new president.

"Things just didn't happen," said Brickman. "But a whole bunch of students who'd been interested in doing that found out about an inauguration program and said, let's go. Dan, especially, was determined to go. We had to have a minimum of 10 students and he was going to get 10 students no matter what."

In the end, 13 students came up with \$2,200 each to participate in The Presidential Inauguration program sponsored by The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars. St. Bonaventure students joined more than 700 college students from across the country for the 10-day, in-depth look at the political process.

Thomas Rosetti, a sophomore political science major from Cortland, N.Y., wanted to be able to say he was part of the historic event. "It was going to be one of those things that 20 years later I'm going to know I was there," he said. "I couldn't miss out on it or sit back and watch it from Cortland."

Some participants, such as Cara Pavlock, a senior political science major from Clarence Center, N.Y., felt they had a personal stake in the election of Obama. Pavlock spent the fall of 2008

working as a volunteer coordinator for the Obama Campaign in Arizona, and she felt Obama gave voice to a disenfranchised generation.

"In the past, people said we're not going to focus on college students and the 18-30 crowd because they don't vote. Well, the other argument could be we don't vote because they don't give us any attention and don't focus on our issues," said Pavlock. "I think the Obama campaign did a really good job of saying, 'We're going to listen to you, and we're going to meet some of your needs.' That's why he was able to bring out so many young voters. It seemed like the first time in a long time that someone was willing to listen. This was very personal for me."

The Washington seminar gave students a crash course in the American political process. Mornings were devoted to small seminars; afternoons to speakers and visits to museums, embassies, news agencies and other sites. Some of the St. Bonaventure students even scored gallery tickets to witness

then-Sens. Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden deliver their farewell addresses on the Senate floor.

"It's one thing to study government, but it's a whole different thing to witness it yourself," said Rosetti. "Actually sitting in on a Senate session and seeing everybody interact, you get a whole different outlook on how things work. I think everybody needs to incorporate that kind of experience into their learning here at St. Bonaventure."

Professor Brickman agrees.

"I think more faculty ought to think about doing something like this. It gives you a totally different perspective on how to teach and a different perspective on the students," she said. "You really get to know the students and I think that's one of the reasons students come to a school like St. Bonaventure. They want that interaction with faculty and want to do more than just sit in the classroom and listen to lectures."

Brickman was the only "chaperone," on the trip, but she winces at the word. There were no midnight bed checks, no tracking down missing students. "They were usually waiting for me when I was two minutes late coming down in the morning," she said with a laugh.

"Our students were never late for anything and there wasn't one problem while we were down there," said Brickman. "We don't often get a chance to sit back and see our students in comparison to other students from around the country. After this experience, I put our students right there at the top."

Most of the SBU students knew each other only casually before the trip, but that changed quickly.

"Our St. Bonaventure culture has programmed us to be sort of tight-knit," said Volkosh. "Some of us didn't know each other in the beginning, but almost immediately we became that group that did everything together."

The Bona's bond was so tight that Pavlock almost did the unthinkable; she almost skipped out on one of the inaugural balls.

Pavlock had secured two tickets to one of the balls through her Arizona campaign connections and asked Sherman to accompany her. It was inauguration night and everyone would be heading out the next day.

"Jen and I went to the ball and I actually said to her at one point, I want to go hang out with our group," said Pavlock. "I didn't know three-quarters of the students on this trip in the beginning, but we became such good friends."



Bocchieri excited to be serving in Washington at start of historic Obama presidency

By Tom Donahue

It should have surprised no one last fall when Democrat John Bocchieri, '92, snatched Ohio's 16th Congressional District seat from Republicans, who had held it for 36 years.

You see, Bocchieri has a thing for larceny. As a junior on SBU's men's baseball team, he stole 43 bases to lead all NCAA Division I schools in the nation.

But Bocchieri's election is more a case of destiny than thievery, said his Bona's roommate, teammate and longtime friend Chris Paglia, now a financial planner for Morgan Stanley in New Jersey.

"Sometimes leaders are just born," said Paglia. And even as a student, his buddy "Bo" could turn a room.

"Bo would be the guy who would literally shift the current," said Paglia. "Everybody would be saying one thing, he'd say, 'I have to disagree with you,' and the next thing you know everybody would be behind Bo."

With the rhetoric comes a resume straight out of a Horatio Alger novel. Bocchieri's grandparents came to the United States from Italy and Slovakia.

"They arrived here with nothing but their clothes in a suitcase and crumbs of food in their pockets," said Bocchieri. His parents, among the first in their families to go to college, made a modest living as teachers at a Catholic school. Bocchieri and his two younger brothers, who shared a bedroom in their northeast Ohio home, helped clean office buildings at night.

A major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Bocchieri made four rotations to Iraq and

Afghanistan as an aircraft commander aboard the C-130 Hercules.

Prior to his election to Congress last fall, he served eight years in the Ohio Legislature and was known as a champion of veterans and working families. He and his wife, Stacey Kennedy Bocchieri, have four children between the ages of 8 years and 10 months.

Opponents were out to stop Bocchieri the year he set the stolen bases mark, but it didn't matter.

"When everybody in the ball park knows you're going to steal and you can steal anyway, you're pretty good," said Sudbrook. "Johnny did that as a junior and as a senior he still put up good stolen bases numbers."

Bocchieri stole 28 bases that year and might have stolen more had he not joined the annual campus snowball fight the winter of his senior year, just a month before the baseball team's winter trip to Florida.

"After the first snowfall we would have a big snowball fight," said Bocchieri. "I made the mistake of hitting Fr. Bob (Stewart) pretty hard, so he came over and tackled me and broke my leg."

Some might have held it against the late Fr. Bob, an associate professor of theology who died of cancer in 2001. For Bocchieri, the incident was "the catalyst for us to become even closer friends." Fr. Bob would later officiate at Bocchieri's wedding.

Bocchieri is excited to be in Washington at the start of the historic Obama presidency. "I have no question that he is the right leader to bring us out of this economic crisis," he said.

He urges new graduates to be patient and keep their vision fixed on what really matters.

"From time to time we have to be reminded of what made this country strong, and it wasn't the attitude that we've seen from some of the folks on Wall Street," he said. "It's more the attitude of people like my grandparents who came here and worked, persevered and gave back to the community."



John Bocchieri, '92, represents Ohio's 16th Congressional District. SBU has had an alum in Congress every year since 1922.

"He's your Mr. All-American kind of guy," said Paglia, but he's quick to add that nothing was handed to Bocchieri. "John's very bright, but he worked hard. He would grind it out every single day – at school and on the baseball field."

Larry Sudbrook, head baseball coach at SBU, said Bocchieri was the type of player who got to the ballpark early and stayed late.

"He was one of the best players on our team, yet he was not the most physically gifted," said Sudbrook. "He didn't have the best bat speed or the best throwing arm, but he was the total package as far as getting the most out of his God-given ability. And he absolutely loved showing up at the park every day and competing."

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Thomas Rosetti
SBU political science major

than people think."

While the future may hold uncertainty for this generation of college students, 13 St. Bonaventure students will never tire of retreating into the past and their ringside seat for the inauguration of America's first African-American president.

"We were physically, literally, in every possible way watching history happen before us," said Sherman. "And it was amazing."



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"We had spent 10 days together and it really saddened me that on our last day together we had to be separated. I really almost left the ball," she said.

The realization that they had participated in a historic event struck members of the SBU contingent at different times. For Sherman, it came at the ball she attended with Pavlock. "It was when they played 'Hail To The Chief,'" said Sherman. "I'm a big political nut, and hearing that and seeing Obama walk out to it, it was like, 'I'm here!'"

Professor Brickman's 'Aha!' moment came at the concert. "First of all, I never thought I would live to see a black man elected president. There was no way," she said. "And when Obama spoke at the concert it was the first time I ever heard him in person, so for me, that's when I went, 'Wow!' It just hit me. I was like, 'Holy cow!'"

The Bona group returned to campus, and over the next few months the euphoria of their 10-day D.C. experience would be eclipsed by the anxiety associated with a faltering economy. A sense of history was replaced by a fear of reality.

"It's not just that you're a new graduate and have to find a job," said Pavlock, "it's that you're a new graduate facing record unemployment and people just aren't hiring anymore. Right now it's not so much finding my path as it is finding anybody who will give me a job. I have to start paying off my loan soon."

Matthew Ingram, a junior political science major from Olean, said no one should have thought that Obama would right things overnight.

"Obama came out initially and said that a lot of his changes are going to take two terms and that fixing the economy could take longer than that," said Ingram. "It's going to take a lot longer

Historic season

By Tom Missel

An emotional career reprieve set the stage for a remarkable women's basketball season.

Belief. Jim Crowley had one. Sitting in his Reilly Center office one winter's day, St. Bonaventure's women's basketball coach was mulling his future as much as that night's opponent, a six-game losing streak hanging around his neck, a sixth straight season of unprecedented losing nearly complete.

"I honestly believed we were done," Crowley said. "I didn't think we'd be back."

Ron Zwierlein had a belief, too — in Jim Crowley.

The St. Bonaventure athletic director invited Crowley into his office that day three years ago and gave him and his new staff a one-year extension. The changes Crowley implemented that season had convinced Zwierlein the program was headed in the right direction.

"You could chart the progress, see the quality of players and people he was bringing in, so I felt Jim deserved to see it through," Zwierlein, now retired, said from his home in Bowling Green, Ohio.

"Athletics are an intrinsic part of the university experience, but our primary job is to educate and turn out kids who are a credit to society. Jim had clearly done that, and continues to do that," he said.

This year's remarkable season was a watershed, but more tears were shed Feb. 24, 2006, than at any point during the team's thrilling postseason run in the 2009 Women's National Invitation Tournament. The affirmation that others had confidence in them was a joyful relief.

Courtney Mattingly was in her first year as an assistant under Crowley.

"When we got word that day we were getting one more year, we were all brought to tears," said Mattingly, class of '03 and the ninth-leading scorer in school history. "And then when we went out and beat Richmond in double overtime that

night, it was just so emotional for Jim and Jesse (Fleming, assistant coach) and me. Knowing we had Dana (Mitchell) and Andy (Doneth) coming in the next year, we knew we were headed in the right direction."

Patience was rewarded. In 2006-07, the Bonnies went 16-15, highlighted by road wins at Michigan and Richmond, when the team rallied from 12 down with seven minutes to play to win in overtime.

"That's when I really knew we were headed in the right direction," Crowley said. "Priscilla (Edwards) hit a really tough shot at the end of regulation to force overtime, and as she's coming into the huddle for us to prepare for overtime, she's yelling, 'Get the ball to Dana, they can't stop her.' And Dana (Mitchell) is a freshman. This kid has just made this great shot, and she's saying get the ball to Dana.

"That's when I realized that these kids got it, that it's about the team, about each other, not about individuals."

The Bonnies' penchant for never quitting had been established. The team won its first Atlantic 10 Tournament game in seven seasons just six weeks later, wiping out a 16-point UMass lead in the second half behind 17 second-half points from Audrey Latendresse. The win tied a school record for Division I victories in a season (16) set by Mary Jane Telford's club in 1991-92 and Marti Whitmore's 1997-98 team.

The record fell the next season — and in dramatic fashion. The Bonnies beat 14th-ranked George Washington for their 17th win, the program's first victory over a nationally ranked team. The record lasted just eight days. A one-point win over Saint Louis was the 18th of the season, a campaign most memorable for a historic string of 10 road games. From Nov. 24 until Jan. 4, the Bonnies never played at the Reilly Center, yet still won seven times.

"That stretch on the road really solidified this group," Crowley said. "We like being

on the road, and it's because our kids really like being around each other."

Sweeping changes after Crowley's fifth season — new assistants, new offense and defense, new demands on time — created a programwide commitment to trust and accountability.

"I thought, if I'm going to be (fired), I'm going to go out the way I want the game to be played," Crowley said. "We went to an offense that got everyone involved, demanded the extra pass. Same with defense, using a system that relies on the person next to you, on trusting in one another. But that only works with players who are willing to buy into that, and they embraced it."

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Former AD Ron Zwierlein

But just as important to the program's resurgence has been recruiting players willing to make that commitment — and finding ones who want to be at St. Bonaventure. Crowley said he realizes Bonaventure might not be for everyone, and he won't recruit talented players who clearly have reservations about coming.

"Figuring out who fits best here is so important," he said.

You have to make sure they can find a happiness level here to allow them to perform. You want kids who say, 'I love it here. I love that I can walk into my professor's office or my coach's office any time and just talk.' And we listen to our kids. That's why Armelia Horton is here. We were pretty set at guard, but Priscilla convinced us that Arm could really help us. And she has."

Horton was instrumental in the dramatic WNIT win March 21 over West Virginia, scoring 13 points and grabbing nine rebounds as the Bonnies rallied from a 14-point halftime deficit to beat a team that had dismantled them by 27 points the year before.

The win was a milestone on so many levels: extending the school record for victories in a season to 22; earning the program's first win in a postseason tournament; and shattering the women's RC record for attendance (2,123).

"It was just overwhelming to see that many people, and to see how into the game they were," said Mary Piccioli, long-time SBU administrator and former guard with the Bonnies (1977-81). She was one of many in the crowd fighting back tears as more than 500 students stormed the court in celebration.

Senior Katelyn Murray was at the center of the mosh pit.

"It was amazing ... no other word," Murray said. "To have the atmosphere like that, to see what the men are used to having, was just remarkable. They were a huge part of the game."

They were twice as huge the following weekend. A third-round escape from another 14-point hole at Wisconsin on

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March 26 — setting off a jubilant celebration in the packed campus Rathskeller, where the game was watched on TV via a Web video feed — set up a quarterfinal game with South Florida three days later at the Reilly Center.

With only a little more than two days to sell tickets, school officials were simply hoping to break the week-old attendance record. That goal was secure by Saturday night, when ticket sales reached 2,900.

"I had sent Jim a note the night before: 'You'll remember tomorrow for the rest of your life,'" said Steve Campbell, associate athletic director for internal operations and the supervisor for women's basketball. He advocated strongly for Crowley when the end seemed near in 2006. "Never in my wildest imagination did I think that kind of crowd was possible."

Still, no one anticipated a ticket line out the door Sunday morning, 60 deep, three hours before tipoff.

Sitting on the bench with his assistants before the game, Crowley split his attention between the impressive size of South Florida during its pregame shootaround and the remarkable scene unfolding around him. Tipoff was still 30 minutes away, and the RC was already half full.

"Jim turned to Sarah (Cartmill, assistant) and me and said, 'Are you kidding me? Are you serious?'" Mattingly recalled. "It absolutely gave us chills."

The final count was 4,133, shattering the school and Western New York record for women's basketball. Crowley, the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year, was dumbfounded.

"I'm a pretty good dreamer, but I never thought it could get to that," he said. "To still be playing that late in March, at home, versus that kind of opponent, in front of that big of a crowd — and that enthusiasm — was so special."

The crowd was loud from the tip, and went ballistic as the Bonnies scored on their first four possessions to jump to a 10-2 lead. South Florida finally gained its footing, but the Bonnies still led midway through the second half before the Bulls, the eventual WNIT champs, pulled away with three minutes left en route to an 80-66 win.

The traditional exodus for the parking lot

Choking back tears, Murray said afterward, "It hit me the last couple of minutes that this was it, and that was sad. But if it had to end anywhere, I'm glad it ended here. It just doesn't get any better than this."

Crowley was happiest for his players.

"When they first introduced the lineup at the West Virginia game and the place just

"What can I say, this is an amazing group. Things didn't look very good for me to stay here, but they stuck by me, and I can never repay them for that," Crowley, halting to gather himself, told the banquet crowd.

Days later, Crowley admitted what he essentially meant: They saved his job.

"That's absolutely fair," he said. "But I don't think that's meaningful enough. I think they saved my confidence in teaching this game. They are just such great people. I don't think I can emphasize that enough."

Great students, too. The team has been on the Women's Basketball Coaches Academic Honor Roll five of the last six seasons, reaching as high as No. 3 in the nation with a 3.54 team GPA in 2006-2007. Murray, a 1,000-point scorer and 4.0 biology major, has been an ESPN Academic All-American the last two seasons.

"That's why I'd like to see more people support them because they are such great kids ... and they're good players, too," Crowley said. "I could go on and on about the things they do behind the scenes, the volunteer work they don't ever tell anyone about."

"Kate goes once a week to read to a local class. What Anna, Priscilla and Ashley have done in the Damietta Center (for multiculturalism) to work with race relations is amazing," Crowley said. "I guarantee you there are more minority students here because of their work. Like Priscilla said at the banquet, there are more black bears here than black people, and yet they did something about it."

"If that doesn't speak volumes about the Bonaventure spirit and Franciscan values, then nothing does."

Crowley isn't naïve. He doesn't expect RC crowds of 4,000 when the season tips off in November. He just hopes his team's efforts haven't been merely a bandwagon moment.

"It's a hard egg to crack," he said. "There is a perception about women's basketball. Hopefully, something special like this will turn people's heads, that people will realize it's just good basketball, period. If we could just get half that many students to come out for our games, it would mean so much. Other teams wouldn't know how to deal with that."

For now, Crowley and his staff will cherish memories of this season, but only when time allows. Attention turns to developing a program he believes has strong roots, one positioned to be successful next year and beyond as touted recruits come on board and returning players inherit the legacy of recent graduates whose leadership and commitment set a bar many thought couldn't be reached.

On the night the Bonnies learned of their WNIT bid, four women sat on the university's Quick Center stage, telling tales of their days as coeds in the late '50s and early '60s when the campus was predominantly male. Pat Dunn, '62, spoke of one of their great accomplishments as pioneer Bona women: going into the president's office in 1959 to demand access to Butler Gym. They succeeded, earning an hour of gym time — per week.

Fifty years later, 14 women demanded, by their actions on and off the court, that people notice them, too.

"I had a chance to meet the Stith brothers — Bona basketball legends Tom and Sam — "at this year's (preseason) gala and I had a chance to ask them, 'What brought you to St. Bonaventure?' said Priscilla Edwards. "They simply said, 'To make history.'"

"I wasn't too sure after my first couple of years because we weren't doing too well, but it worked out in the end. That's what I'd like to leave my teammates: Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something, because as you can see, we made history."



The crowd engulfs Priscilla Edwards following the Bonnies WNIT second-round win over West Virginia.

when the game was in hand never happened. Maybe 50 people left before the final horn. Maybe. As South Florida walked the ball up the court with less than a minute left, the crowd, more than 600 students included, stood and didn't stop cheering until long after the game had ended.

"Your student section was just awesome," said Karen Hall, the WNIT official who worked the game. "If we could get that kind of support during the regular season from students (at all schools), it would just be tremendous for the women's game."

blew up, I had to put my head down to gather myself," Crowley said. "It's been a long haul, and to get to this moment, to know what these kids have done and how much they deserve this, it's tough not to cry."

At the basketball banquet the following night, Crowley again fought his emotions as he said goodbye to his seniors: Murray, Priscilla Edwards, Ashley Edwards, Erica Schiefen and manager Anna Omoregie. He was thrilled for their success, but more gratified about what they meant to the university — and to him.



National Alumni Association

A Message from the National Alumni Association Board President Marv Stocker, '65



Dear fellow alumni and friends,

You know the expression "Time flies when you are having fun." These two years as your alumni board president have sure flown by and they have been a lot of fun. In fact, the goal I announced for the National Alumni Association Board (NAAB) when I was elected in April 2007 was simple: Make a difference and have fun doing it. I believe our dedicated members have made a difference as they have:

- led the annual Bonaventure Fund fundraising effort;
- helped with freshman recruiting through the SHARE Program;
- staffed the Bona's booth at high school college fairs;
- met with current junior and senior students at the "Mix and Mingle" career networking social events; and
- attended local alumni chapter activities and hosted Universal Bonaventure Celebrations in 26 cities (see story page 34).

The NAAB members' dedication is also shown by the fact that they make the "good journey" to our campus three times each year for meetings. This year, they developed our new Strategic Plan, which will be the road map for the future — one that elevates the NAAB from an advisory board to a contributory board. Last October, the NAAB held a joint meeting with our Board of Trustees to review and discuss the new plan. I express my appreciation to all members of the NAAB for their contributions. Now a little review of some of the other fun times:

October 2007: Our fall meeting was held on the weekend that SBU dedicated the new Bob Lanier Court. What a great night. Bob spoke with such passion to our current students about his love of Bona's. He also told a funny story how he went canoeing on Cuba Lake with his teammates. His canoe tipped over and Bob thought he was going to drown. Billy Kalbaugh, already back on shore, yelled out, "Stand up, Bob!" He was in 4 feet of water!

March-April 2008: Bona's began celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a beautiful concert in the Quick Center. It featured world-renowned tenor Kenneth Riegel, who sang with the ensemble Antares in performing the world premier of "The Canticle of Creation," written especially for our anniversary. The Anniversary Convocation paid homage to the University's founders, Nicholas and Mary Devereux and Fr. Pamphilo da Magliano, by welcoming members of their respective families to campus. More than 300 members of the senior class were presented with 150th Anniversary medallions. It was a terrific kickoff to our celebration.

June 2008: The 150th Alumni Reunion Weekend was very special. Members of the Class of 1958, the Centennial Class, were honored.

Their classmate John Meisch received the William P. "Stax" McCarthy Alumnus of the Year award. Also recognized at the banquet were the ladies of the Class of 1968 — true pioneers who were the last female students to reside at St. Elizabeth's Motherhouse. I know everyone had a great time, despite a record heat wave in Olean.

October 2008: Feast of St. Francis weekend. President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., led a candlelight procession to Bonaventure Cemetery where flowers were placed at the graves of all former SBU friars. It was a very moving ceremony remembering Fr. Gervase, Fr. Francis, Fr. Cornelius, Fr. Quentin, Fr. Irenaeus, and many others. Bill Swan was also remembered. Saturday saw a feast of activities and then a creole picnic dinner and New Orleans Jazz Tribute Concert honoring Bona's students, faculty, staff and alumni who contributed to hurricane relief in the Gulf states. The evening concluded with an exciting fireworks display and a trip to the Burton. Need I say more?

February 2009: The NAAB met Homecoming Weekend and was rewarded with a victory by our men's basketball team, a 72-67 win over La Salle. The next day our women's team beat St. Joe's in Philly, 64-52. Congratulations to both teams on successful seasons.



May 1: 150th Anniversary Gaudete Award. What a fantastic celebration honoring one of the greatest Bonaventure friars of all time — your alumni chaplain Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M. Gaudete means rejoice, and everyone REJOICED in Fr. Dan's so very much deserved award.

May 15: 14th Annual Candlelight Induction Ceremony. I was honored to welcome the senior class into the St.

Bonaventure Alumni Association. They were extraordinary students and will make extraordinary alums.

These are just some of the highlights of a wonderful two years as your president. There is so much positive energy at Bona's under the dedicated leadership of Sr. Margaret and Board of Trustees chair Jack McGinley. The campus has been revitalized with many exciting renovations. They have also led the 150th Anniversary Campaign, which has raised more than \$95 million. I offer thanks to all alumni who have contributed to this campaign. During this difficult economic period, it is even more important that you remember your alma mater.

In closing, I would like to welcome new NAAB President Lynda (Goldstein) Wilhelm, '86. Lynda is well qualified as she has served as president of the Charlotte Chapter, co-chair of the Bonaventure Fund, first vice president of the NAAB, and she has led our Strategic Planning effort. I know she will do a terrific job. Thank you for the opportunity to be your president. It has been a privilege and a ton of fun.

BonAlumnus Updates

1952 — Pat Farenga received the Brittany Fellowship Award for a benefit performance he did for Kiwanis "Lyme Disease" project in conjunction with honoring him for a 50-year membership in Kiwanis International Civic Service.

1955 — Richard A. Falls, M.D., retired after 45 years of ophthalmology practice as a founding partner of the Northern Virginia Center for Eye Care and from the clinical faculty at Georgetown University Eye Department. He continues to serve on the Board of the Virginia Lions Eye Institute Foundation and donates time at the Lions clinic at Fairfax Hospital. He and his wife, Joan, recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary.

1956 — Martin T. Gleason retired from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and New York State Insurance Fund. Gleason enjoyed a 30-year career in radio, television and newspapers. He and his wife, Jewell Ann, have four daughters, a son, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

1958 — Robert E. Nesslin received the Brian Shero Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award from Medaille College. This is the highest award given by the college to a member of the full-time teaching faculty. Nesslin is a clinical assistant professor in Medaille's School of Adult and Graduate Education and has taught in the master's and bachelor's business programs for the past five years. He joined the full-time faculty in 2001 and has been chair of Faculty Council for the past five years. He also serves on the Accelerated Learning Program Council, the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and the International Committee. **Max Wickert** retired from the English faculty of the University at Buffalo, where he taught for more than four decades. He continues to be active as a poet and translator, and his verse translation of Torquato Tasso's renaissance epic, "The Liberation of Jerusalem," has been published by Oxford University Press. Long active as a translator of poetry, chiefly of the Austrian expressionist Georg Trakl, Wickert has in recent years increasingly concentrated on Italian literature. He is presently working on Tasso's love poems and preparing the first English translation of Andrea da Barberino's "The Royal House of France" (I Reali di Francia), a 15th century cycle of chivalric prose romances. Wickert's most recent collection of poems, "Pat Sonnets," was released in 2000 by Long Island's Street

Press. Among his other works are a chapbook, "All the Weight of the Still Midnight" (Outriders, 1972), and three self-published collections, "Since When" (1988), "Since When: Second Series" (1990), and "No Cartoons" (2009).



1959 — Dr. Mary A. Hamilton, retired SBU journalism and mass communication associate professor, was awarded "Best Journalism and Mass Communication History Book of 2007" by the American Journalism Historians Association (AJHA). "Rising from the Wilderness: J W. Gitt and

His Legendary Newspaper, The Gazette and Daily of York, Pa." took top prize from 14 submissions. "That's an unusually high number this year," she was told when informed of the award, presented Oct. 4, 2008, at the closing banquet of AJHA's national convention in Seattle. Her book is available at www.yorkheritage.org and www.PAbookstore.com.

Thomas F. Citro was honored as an Exemplary Volunteer of the Lions Club of Springfield, Pa., for his 25 years of community service. His name was among 11 others engraved on a bronze plaque on the Springfield Volunteer Memorial Wall. Citro, administration manager of the Delaware County Office of Employment & Training in Upper Darby, Pa., was also named to "Who's Who for Executives and Professionals."

1960 — Frank E. Steel Jr. retired from practicing law in Akron, Ohio, and retired from serving as a U.S. Army colonel in the JAG (Judge Advocate General's) Corps.

1962 — Dave Hazen retired from the U.S. Army.

1965 — Louis Marquardt retired in August after 41 years with the New Jersey judiciary.

1968 — Carl Paladino, chief executive officer of Ellicott Development Company, was named 2008 Executive of the Year by Buffalo Niagara Sales and Marketing Executives. Known as a lifelong advocate for the city of Buffalo, Paladino was honored for champi-

oning strategic ideas and plans to bring new life to the city and region. The largest private landlord in downtown Buffalo, Paladino's Ellicott Development Co. manages more than 2 million square feet of office space. He also shares his leadership expertise with many organizations, including as a director of Buffalo Place, Inc., a trustee of Bishop Timon/St. Jude High School, and as a member of the Executive Board of the Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

1969 — Elaine (Hruby) Coppola, librarian for government information, political science and international relations in the Social Sciences and Area Studies Department at Syracuse University Library, received the 2008 Syracuse University Library Distinguished Service Award. **Peter White** has been teaching at The University of New Mexico (UNM) since graduate school and has developed a new project, which he is directing at UNM. This project reinvigorates the Franciscan traditions and teaches violin-making to students.

1971 — Dr. Denise Benner-Littlefield is an administrator at the Bureau of Credentialing for the New Hampshire Department of Education in Concord, N.H. **Jim Bonnes** was promoted to a senior level position in the U.S. Army as the deputy director of the Counterintelligence, Human Intelligence and Security Headquarters Department. **Jeanne Annunziato-Simanek** started her own public relations business, Made in the Tetons, in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

1972 — Col. Dan Bolas retired from the U.S. Army after 32 years of active duty, 12 years overseas and 10 years in the Pentagon (surviving 9/11). He and his wife, **Deb (Smith), '75,** have been married for 36 years and have three children and eight grandchildren. **Edward W. McIntyre** was elected president of the Massachusetts Bar Association for the 2008-09 year, beginning on Sept. 1, 2008. He holds a master's degree from Assumption College and earned his law degree from New England School of Law. McIntyre lives in Clinton, Mass., where he is a solo practitioner, concentrating in civil litigation in the areas of spinal cord and brain injury law in state and federal courts. A long-time bar association volunteer and a U.S. Army veteran, McIntyre is committed to the association's many community and public service programs, including an initiative that provides free legal assistance to veterans

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struggling with state or federal benefits appeals.

1974 — During the 2008-09 academic year, **John Stevens**, a visiting professor at St. Bonaventure, taught full time in the School of Business in the Department of Management Sciences. He also owns his own consulting business, JB Stevens Organizational Solutions. **Jim Van Develde** was elected Northeast vice president of the National School Public Relations Association. The association represents more than 1,900 professional school communicators through the United States and Canada. Van Develde is in his 25th year in school communications with the Lakeland Central School District in Shrub Oak, N.Y.

1975 — **Danielle Bergan** heads up Kilakila Employer Services' new Lahaina office in Hawaii. Bergan, formerly the director of sales for the Maui Chamber of Commerce, is a 31-year resident of Maui. She is using her sales and marketing background to expand Kilakila's services into the West Maui area. **Joe Gosiewski** retired to North Myrtle Beach, S.C., after 30 years with National Insurance.



1977 — **Dr. Philip Buckenmeyer** chairs the Kinesiology Department in the School of Professional Studies at the State University of New York College at Cortland. Buckenmeyer, an associate professor of kinesiology, joined the college faculty six years ago. He frequently presents on topics including childhood obesity, cardiac rehabilitation, wellness, exercise and women's health at professional conferences and public forums. During his 31-year teaching, clinical and research career, Buckenmeyer also served SUNY Upstate Medical Center as research director of the Women's Wellness Center and as a faculty member at Syracuse University, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, and the University of Maryland-College Park. **Chuck Larcom** retired after 26 years with the U.S. Army. He works as a business development manager for Rite Solutions, Inc., in Middletown, R.I., where he lives with his wife, **Liz (Toole), '78**.

Upcoming Alumni Events

June 19	Minor League Baseball	Binghamton
June 26	Gringo Open (golf)	Yonkers
June 29	Little Three Golf	Buffalo
June 30	Harbor Cruise	Buffalo

For additional details: Go to Bona's Online, <http://alumni.sbu.edu>, or e-mail alumni@sbu.edu.

1979 — **Dr. Doug Vilella** joined Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity/Pennsylvania, a branch of VOSH/ International in 1995. Since then he has gone on several mission trips but now focuses his energy on the organization's fundraising goals, helping raise \$350,000 thus far.

1980 — **Anne (Haggerty) Schuhle** is managing editor of the Finger Lakes Times newspaper, second vice president of the New York State Associated Press Association Board and a 2008 recipient of Rotary International's Paul Harris Award.

1981 — **Marguerite C. (McDonald) Garrison** has served as the director for protection in Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Combined Joint Operations since August 2008. Her husband, twin sons and daughter are living in Springfield, Va., eagerly awaiting her return. Her e-mail address is marguerite.garrison@us.army.mil. **Elmer Ploetz** is assistant professor in journalism at the State University of New York College at Fredonia, where he's helping start a journalism program in the Department of Communication. He recently left the Buffalo News, where he was a reporter and copy editor for 23 years. He continues to freelance arts reviews and features for the paper. Ploetz also released a CD with his band, the Demo Daddies, in the fall and is near completion of a video history of the early years of Buffalo punk rock. Ploetz, who received his master's in American studies at the University at Buffalo, lives in Eden, N.Y., with his wife, Sandi, and their three daughters. **Sue Rocque**, director of athletic sports medicine at the University at Buffalo, was honored by the Newman Center at UB for outstanding service. **Debbie (Shagla) Webster** earned a master's degree in human services from Capella University. She is a mental health program manager; she develops, implements and monitors services for adults with mental illnesses across North Carolina. She and her

husband, Otis, have three children.

1982 — **Colleen Lester** is the principal of the Jansen Avenue Elementary School in Johnstown, N.Y., after 15 years as a social studies teacher at Clarence (N.Y.) Middle School. She lives in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. **Col. Fran Machina** retired from the U.S. Army after 26 years of service. He and his wife, **Ann Marie (Faiello), '85**, and their four children live in Valrico, Fla. His e-mail address is fam1220@yahoo.com. **David Snyder** is a marketing professor at Canisius College. He spent one week in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, in May 2008 on behalf of the Royal Education at the Saigon Trade Center. Afterward, he spent several days on a Chinese junk in the United Nations World Heritage (Halong Bay). He returned to teach for two weeks at a time in January and May. His wife, **Karen (Kit), '86 (MBA)**, is the pastor of the Brockport United Methodist Church. They live in Brockport, N.Y.



1983 — **Patricia A. (Perryman) Carlson** is director of corporate communications at Swagelok Company in Solon, Ohio. Carlson has more than 20 years of corporate and agency experience in strategic planning, media relations, key message development, product launches, internal communications programs, and external and crisis communications. **Mark Foley** is president and chief executive officer of Soundair Aftermarket Group. The aerospace company supplies airplane products to global airlines and aircraft leasing companies. Foley and his wife, Emily, have moved from Scottsdale, Ariz., to Seattle, Wash. **Annemarie Wess Franczyk** joined the faculty in the Communication Department at Buffalo State College after a 25-year career in newspaper reporting. **Larry Furey, CFRE**, joined with 12 other colleagues to form the consulting firm Partners in Mission (partnersinmission.com), which is focused exclusively on developing excellence in Catholic school advancement and leadership. The schools include Catholic secondary and elementary, special needs schools, diocese and archdioceses and religious congregations in the areas of capital campaigns, annual fund, enrollment management, board development and strategic planning. The firm is based in Westwood, Mass.

Corrine Segovis Notar received her juris doctor degree from Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, R.I., and took the bar exams for both Rhode Island and Massachusetts in February. She lives in Tiverton, R.I. **Len Thomas** made a lateral move from sunny California to the wind-swept plains of Oklahoma, where he runs a research lab for Oklahoma University and enjoys Sooner football.

1984 — **James Morris** is a recruiter for Occupations, Inc., which has served more than 14,000 individuals with disabilities and employs more than 1,200 people in the Hudson Valley.

1985 — **Frank Witzel** is a North American sales manager for the Nuclear Imaging Systems Division of Mirion Technologies. He lives in Horseheads, N.Y., with wife, Chris, and son, Zachary, SBU Class of '11.

1986 — **Susan Leahy** moved to Boston after living in Dublin, Ireland, for three-and-a-half years. She is a lawyer, representing tax-exempt organizations, charities and foundations. **Lt. Col. Mark McCann** reported for duty as the deputy director of public affairs for the United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. He lives in Poquoson, Va., with his wife, Heather, and two children.

Peg Morgan-Northrup of Baldwinsville, N.Y., joined the Office of Special Events at Syracuse University as assistant director of special events.



Morgan-Northrup previously worked at SU as manager of public relations for University College of Syracuse University and as communications manager for the Department of Public Safety. She also previously served as senior communications associate for Crouse Hospital.

1987 — **Tricia Johnston** was appointed to the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Board by the Lake County Commissioners and promoted to display advertising manager at The News-Herald. She lives in Mentor, Ohio, with her teen-age daughter. **John McAuliffe** is a realty specialist with the General Services Administration in Boston. He is

responsible for helping other federal agencies acquire leased office space throughout the New England region.

1988 — **Liz Manning** returned home to the Cleveland area after living in Seattle for 12 years. She is the executive director for the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. **Rita**



Romano is director of environmental services at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center in Syracuse, where she is responsible for the hospital's environment of care initiatives and housekeeping. Romano has served as manager of environmental health and safety for St. Joseph's since 2006. Prior to that, she managed laboratories for the Laboratory Corporation of America and a private OB/GYN practice. St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center (www.sjhsyr.org) is a non-profit, 431-bed hospital and health care network providing services to patients from Onondaga and 15 surrounding counties. **Liisa Sullivan** started Write Away, Inc., www.writeawayplus.com, a marketing and PR firm that also works with an SEO company in New York City. She and her husband, Bryan,



A Super (Bowl) Meeting

You never know where you're going to run into an SBU alum: John Cirando, '63, and his wife, Carol, were at Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 1. They bought lunch and were looking for a place to sit down when they spotted a young couple sitting at a table with two empty chairs. The friendly couple — who invited them to join them — was Kimberly Ross, '08, and Terry Heffernan, '07. In another coincidence, John and Carol are from Syracuse and Kimberly is from Baldwinsville, just outside of Syracuse.

live in Weaverville, N.C.

1989 — **Brian DiFonzo**, after 18½ years in almost all facets of the newspaper industry (editorial, business and management), has taken a position as the director of Printing and Graphics Express Services (PAGES) on the campus of Clarion (Pa.) University. PAGES is a full-service printing and publicity facility, which produces all of Clarion's promotional material, including newsletters, brochures, specialty advertising and recruitment ads. DiFonzo is responsible for ensuring publications for outside campus distribution meet the university's publications policies. DiFonzo supervises four full-time employees and 11 student workers. **Grace Ann Gollnick** has been living and working in Jamestown as a medical billing account representative for the past nine years. **Special Agent Timothy McMahon** was appointed recruitment coordinator for the Drug Enforcement Administration's New Jersey Division.

1990 — **Charles E. Makey III** is senior vice president of Insurance Operations at Merchants Insurance Group of Buffalo. Makey began his career with Merchants in 1996



as director of sales and most recently served as vice president and regional manager of the company's Central States Regional Office in Dublin, Ohio. Mackey and his family live in Orchard Park. **Hank Russell** is public relations director of Public Relations & Marketing Group (PRMG), Inc. in Patchogue, N.Y. He writes press releases, contacts media outlets about upcoming events, writes and edits The Patchogue-Medford News and maintains the Web site www.PatMedNews.com. He previously worked for Suffolk Life Newspapers in Riverhead, N.Y., as a freelance writer for Enterprise Imaging & Therapeutic Radiology Management magazine in King of Prussia, Pa., and as a contributing editor to The North Atlantic Review, a literary magazine in Stony Brook, N.Y.

1991 — **Dean Huya** was promoted to senior vice president of Special Assets and Workout at Northwest Savings Bank. He oversees collections, restruc-

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turing, litigation, and liquidation efforts related to troubled commercial loans and related assets and formulates and implements strategies to reduce and manage risk loss for the bank's portfolio. Huya joined

Northwest Savings Bank in 1986. Prior to his new appointment he was manager of the Special Assets Department. Huya and his wife, Lisa, live in Warren, Pa., with their three children.

1992 — Paul Hartwick was included on PR Week's 2008 "40 under 40" list. Hartwick is senior vice president of Communication & Public Affairs for Chase Card Services, the credit card division of JPMorgan Chase and the nation's largest credit card company.

Carolynn (Burns) Peloquin was promoted to managing director at Corporate Risk Solutions, LLC., in Larchmont, N.Y. **Douglas Miller** is a copy editor at Dow Jones Newswires.

1993 — David Davoli is an entertainment attorney and producer in New York City. The theatre company he co-founded, First Light Theatre Group, produced its first off-Broadway production, "Thirst: A Spell for Christabel," an adaptation of Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Christabel." Davoli's most recent film producing credits include the short films "Tracks of Color," "Brando From The Neck Down," and the mockumentary "Welcome To Collinwood Uncensored," which was sold to Warner Bros. Davoli began his professional career in film working for Alec Baldwin's production company El Dorado Pictures. **Brian Gary** received the 2009 Peter C. Rollins award for best achievement in documentary filmmaking for his project, "Jefferson Davis, An American President." The award is given by the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association and was presented to Gary at the PCA/ACA conference in April. In addition to directing and producing, Gary edited, co-wrote and co-photographed the documentary, which originally aired on PBS in June 2008. "Jefferson Davis" covers the entire life of the Confederate president. SAG Award-winning actor Gerald McRaney narrated; Emmy and Golden Globe Award-nominated Alan Rachins provided voice talent. Among the dozen interviewees in the film is former St. Bonaventure faculty member Dr.



Luongo wins rowing medal

Dr. Fred Luongo, '75, (pictured above in the yellow jersey) won a silver medal in the Canadian National Indoor Rowing Championship's Lightweight 55-59 Division. The event in Toronto featured many of the Canadian gold medal winners from the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics.

Luongo achieved the Million Meters Rowed Club last year. His 30-year running career has been highlighted by the South Buffalo Athletic Club Runner of the Year Award (50-54 year olds) in 2004 and 2005. In 2005, he was inducted into the Quarter Century Club of the YMCA's Turkey Trot, which is America's oldest continuous footrace. He is one of only 63 people in the 110-year history of the race to run it more than 25 times.

Luongo is an associate fellow in the World Laser Institute and operates a solo private dental practice in Buffalo. He and his wife, Melanie, have four children.

Edward Eckert, author of "Fiction Distorting Fact, the Prison Life of Jefferson Davis." Gary is chief executive officer of Flying Chaucer Films in Los Angeles. Next, with Mark Sennet he'll produce the feature film adaptations of Stephen King's "Bag of Bones" and James Ellroy's "Clandestine." **Marsha Ducey** is an assistant professor of journalism in the Communication Department at the State University of New York College at Brockport. In addition to teaching, she advises the college's student newspaper, The Stylus, and writes a blog, journajunkie. She lives in Hamlin, N.Y., with her husband, Bill Archer, and their daughter. **Kelly J. Rohan, Ph.D.**, was promoted to associate professor of psy-

chology at the University of Vermont and received a five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to conduct her research testing treatments for winter depression.

1994 — Kevin Costello, CPA, received a master of science in accounting degree from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, Ill., in August 2008. **Lisa Milbrand** is a freelance writer and editor, and her first book, "The Modern Bride Survival Guide," was published last summer.

1995 — Bob Mavretich lives in Atlanta as an information technology senior security engineer analyst for Delta Airlines and loves flying all over the world. **Patrick McCarthy** is a high school English teacher and is working to chair the Pastoral Department in El Colegio St. Andrew's in Santiago de Chile.

1997 — Marc DelMonico had an article appear in the November 2008 issue of "Ecumenical Trends," a publication of the Greymoor Franciscan Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute. Titled "Their Message Goes Forth to All the Earth" (based on a quotation from Psalm 19), the article presents a social analysis of the global ecological crisis from a Franciscan perspective. DelMonico suggests that an approach to care for creation that is rooted in the spirituality of Francis of Assisi and his theological vision as "companion of creation" can serve to ground involvement of Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted people in the environmental movement. A PDF of the article is available at <http://www.franciscanaction.org>. **Katie Robertson Zinkiewich** was named the 2007 New York State Physical Education Teacher of the Year. The award was presented by the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She teaches physical education at Brockport High School.

1998 — Shannan (Collier) Krasnokutski and **Andrei Krasnokutski, '99**, live in the Albany area, where Shannan practices commercial litigation in a small law firm and Andrei is a commercial credit analyst for a regional bank. **Philip LaBella** completed his master's degree in sport and recreation administration at Temple University in May of 2008. **Brenda Hohensee** continues in her fifth year working in technical support and customer service at the Disabled American Veterans Administration Office in Denver,

Colo. She welcomes e-mail at mcren22@hotmail.com.

1999 — Lawrence Finer works for Consolidated Edison. He and his wife, Michelle, have two sons.

2000 — Michelle Edwards Brown graduated with a master's degree in non-profit management from Eastern University in May 2008. She was promoted to assistant director of development for Devereux, Pa.

2001 — Gabe Osterhout is a night reporter for WBNG-TV Binghamton. In 2001 he worked for WBNG as a producer and returned in 2003 as a reporter. **Pamela Witter** is director of constituent relations and stewardship at Houghton College in the Advancement Office.

2002 — Daniel Lippincott was promoted to tax-sensitive management/municipal analyst with Karpus Investment Management in Pittsford. **Megan Elizabeth Lynch** is moving to Italy after teaching for five years in New York City. She will be teaching second grade at the International School of Triesk.

2003 — Michael R. Polasik was promoted to senior accountant at Lumsden & McCormick, LLP. Polasik serves charter schools and nonprofit organizations concentrating on auditing and accounting services.

2004 — Dave Demarest is a human resources communication specialist for Food Lion, LLC, a grocery store company that



Bonnies celebrate turning 80

Alumni George Robotti, '51, (left) and Leo Gallagher, '50, got together to celebrate their 80th birthdays last summer. "The real significance of this is that we have been the closest of friends since we were in second grade and still are in constant contact," Gallagher writes. Robotti lives in Burlington, Vt., and Gallagher lives in Naples, Fla., and Norwalk, Conn.

Branch honored by governor for business excellence

Laurie Branch, a University trustee and 2004 alumna (M.A.), was among seven women honored in March by New York Gov. David A. Paterson and First Lady Michelle Paige Paterson with New York State Women of Excellence Awards.

Branch was recognized as a business trailblazer. She is chief executive officer and president of The Iroquois Group Inc., one of country's oldest and largest insurance associations that negotiates insurance rates for small businesses. Branch is responsible for The Iroquois Group's financial and organizational management, working to ensure that small businesses have access to high-quality, affordable insurance.

employs 74,000 associates in 11 Southeast and mid-Atlantic states.

2005 — Anna Button is assistant director of the Harvard Law School Fund.

2006 — Colleen (Mayer) Carr is a third-grade teacher in Baltimore County. Her husband, **Patrick Carr, '05**, is a registered client services associate with UBS. **Jeremie Giaccio** received his master of theological studies degree from Harvard Divinity School in June of 2008. He works at the Unitarian Universalist Association in the Youth Ministry office.

2007 — Bridget (Fraize) Querns is a long-term substitute English teacher at Otto-Eldred High School. **Michael Vieyra** began a year-long commitment to service in November with the National Civilian Community Corps, an AmeriCorps program. He is completing a series of six- to eight-week-long service projects as part of a 10- to 12-person team.

2008 — Br. Phillips Robinette, O.F.M., is coordinator for religious education at St. Mary of the Angels Church in the Ninth Ward of New Orleans. **Joseph Panella** is planning a trip to China this summer.

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Holihan's good journey takes her to Peru

The Peruvian Andes are a world away from urban U.S. life, but that suits Debbie Holihan, '05, just fine. Holihan has been living in the steep valley of Pamparomas, Peru, since October 2008, when she arrived for mission work at St. James the Apostle Parish.

Her mission duties include keeping the parish books, helping students prepare for confirmation, and organizing prayer groups in several of the many small farming villages that are part of the parish.

Holihan and her parish colleagues were featured in a Catholic News Service story in December, when she shared how her jour-



Catholic News Service photo by Barbara J. Fraser
Debbie Holihan's mission work has led her to a remote valley in the central Peruvian Andes.

ney from St. Bonaventure took her to Wilmington, Del., as a Franciscan volunteer, then at a community services center before

leading her to Peru. Holihan, who has discovered "a new meaning of being a missionary, and the importance of evangelizing, of getting people to feel welcome," told the Catholic News Service reporter that she worries that the time is short. "We're only here for a year," she said. "How can we build community in such a short time and have strong leaders?"

She finds an answer in her grounding in Franciscan spirituality, and she is learning the power of teaching by example.

"You just have to live your faith, walk your faith and be who you are," she said. "Your actions speak louder than words." Follow Holihan's experiences on her blog, <http://pperu.blogspot.com/>.

UBCs draw together 1,200 alumni and friends



Pictured at the Central Jersey UBC are: Susan McKenzie McElligott, '78, Kathleen Kupris Cogan, '90, Mary Beth Shea Wells, '76, Ellen Mulcahy, '82, and Roberta Sech, '81.

By Jocelyn Thomas

Alumni, friars and friends of the university commemorated St. Bonaventure's 150th anniversary with a hit movie shown for nearly six months in an assortment of venues that included almost every setting except a theater. From October through March, Universal Bonaventure Celebrations (UBC) were held around the country — from New England to California to Texas — offering participants a way to commemorate the university's important milestone.

Though varying in venue, each of the 26

UBCs offered several consistent elements — the showing of a video about the history of the university and an SBU update by a guest from campus.

"Since not all alumni were able to travel to campus for the major anniversary commemorations scheduled during the Feast of St. Francis weekend in October, we decided to bring the celebrations to as many cities as possible," said Marv Stocker, '65, of Maryland, president of the National Alumni Association Board (NAAB).

The Universal Bonaventure Celebrations were developed by the NAAB under a concept suggested by NAAB vice president Jerry Ford. "It was our goal that such events would attract not only the usual loyal supporters, but also others who may have been less inclined to attend the traditional basketball-related events," Ford said.

Though the format of each celebration varied, as did their size (attendance ranged from eight to 158), the UBCs were a success, according to Joe Flanagan, '74, director of Alumni Services, who said more than 1,200 alumni and friends participated in the series.

Ford is hopeful that the UBC program can

serve as a model, perhaps with more emphasis on home-based events. "I would like to see it as something that people look forward to, as an opportunity to get together with others who love SBU, to connect or reconnect, and to get updated as to what is happening at SBU."

"The five UBCs I attended were well-attended, extraordinary events," added Stocker.

Many participants enjoyed perusing the list of 80 "Things you can do to help St. Bonaventure University," produced by the NAAB, and displays of SBU memorabilia. Guests left each celebration with a colorful wall calendar created by the campus Photography Club, a prayer card and a warm feeling about the university. Scenes and facts from the movie are, no doubt, now part of their collective SBU memories.

Plans for a similar series of alumni events are being considered for the future, said Flanagan. "The university wants to continue to capture the enthusiasm of the SBU community."

Jocelyn Thomas is director of communications for Holy Name Province Franciscans.

Alumni deaths

Patrick H. Jones, '32
Mary E. (Fitzpatrick) Hoff, '34
Daniel M. Grega, '40
Thomas A. O'Toole, '40
Paul Donnelly, '41
Adrian L. Monnat, '41
James Magill, '43
Daniel J. Meagher, '44
Joseph Schaffner, '44
Fr. Gilbert Wdzieczny, O.F.M., '46 (MA)
Fr. Evan F. Banks, O.F.M., '47
Henry J. Stachewicz, '47
Charles B. Kenning, '48
Thomas E. Cozzo, '49
James Higgins, '49
Frank A. Holden, '49
John Kempczynski, '49
Vincent J. Mendel, '49
George B. Mulligan, '49
Albert C. Kitlas, '49
Francis W. McGeough, '49
Vernon F. Bonhotal, '50
Joseph Butkowsky, '50
James L. Coyle, '50
Harry E. Davis, '50
Enrico M. Grippo, '50
Paul G. Moran, '50
Albin W. Page, '50
Joseph P. Romanosky, '50
Maynard Timme, '50
Reginald J. Chenard, '51
Fr. Alcuin F. Coyle, O.F.M., '51, '54
Philip B. Favaro, '51
William J. Kane, '51
Robert J. McKay, '51
Kenneth S. Murray, '51
Paul L. Norton, '51
John J. O'Rourke, '51
Gregory Pavone, '51
Raymond J. Pittarelli, '51
Robert L. Shaner, '51
George S. Temprow, '51
Victor R. Bonaldi, '52
Sennen San Fratello, '52
George P. Hanley, '52
James E. Hennessey, '52
Thomas J. Sarnecki, '52
Alexander J. Costa, '53
David J. Scheider, '53
John W. Kirby, '53
Frank E. Newfrock, '53
William J. Dugan, '54
H. R. Martineau, '54
George F. Valenta, '54
Robert M. "Bob" Correale, '55
John E. Dincher, '56
John E. Murphy Jr., '56
James A. Taylor, '56
James J. Kane, '58
Ellis C. Moore, '58
Joseph T. Schaab, '58
Maynard R. Ball, '59
Sr. Francis L. Brown, O.S.F., '59
Dr. James R. Winkler, '59

Roger E. Johnson, '60
James F. Olson, '60
John M. Brairton, '61
Paul D. Burne, '62
George Knute Woerth, '62
Joseph Lapp, '63
Francis L. Mallery, '63
Patrick J. Cannon, '64
Raynald B. Cantin, '64
Robert L. McKenzie, '64
Sr. Karen Burns, O.S.F., '65
Dennis M. Duffy, '65
Kenneth J. Vorrasi, '65
Douglas W. Delp, '66
Joseph B. Sattler, '67
Dean B. Sholl, '67
Barbara M. (Robotti) Murray, '68
Margaret Schlehlein O'Gorman, '68
Robert W. Biehler, '70
Sr. St. Jerome Gribbon, C.S.J., '70
Patrick J. Kearse, '70
Bruce V. Taggart, '70
Nicholas J. Vertalino, '70
Terence M. "Duke" McGuire, '72
Eugene M. Rigaut, '72
Linda G. Clasen, '74
Robert P. Curry, '74
Gerald Duffee, '74 (MSEd)
Catherine M. Maley, '78
Linnae M. (Granger) Nicholas, '78, '83
Francis A. Ryan, '78
Kim L. Genussa Knowles, '81
William C. McVaugh III, '82
Janet E. Bald, '87 (MSEd)

In Memoriam

Dr. Leslie Badanes, a longtime professor of German at the university, died March 24, 2009. Badanes taught at St. Bonaventure from 1968 until 1994 and was active in Olean Community Theater.

Dr. Daniel V. Brislane, a longtime faculty member in the Department of English, died March 6, 2009. Brislane began his employment at St. Bonaventure in the 1960s as an associate professor of English literature with a specialty in 18th Century British Literature. His love of theater led him to take many student groups to plays in the region, and he participated in many ways with the operation of the university swim team.

Gregory Pavone, '51, died April 1, 2009, in Olean. After retiring from Dresser Clark in 1986, he enjoyed working as manager of the St. Bonaventure Golf Course Caddy Shack for more than 20 years.

Cheryl L. Peters, manager of the University's Bona Express office, died Jan. 15, 2009, in Olean. Peters had been employed at St. Bonaventure since 1981.

Fr. Evan Banks, O.F.M.



Fr. Evan Banks, O.F.M., who served for almost 20 years in several roles at St. Bonaventure, died March 21, 2009.

He was received into the Order of Friars Minor in Holy Name Province on Aug. 12, 1944, at St. Bonaventure Friary in Paterson, N.J. He professed his first vows there Aug. 14, 1945, before Fr. Bertrand Campbell, O.F.M.

Upon completion of theological studies, he taught at Bishop Timon High School in Buffalo from 1951 to 1954. He then joined the faculty of St. Bonaventure as instructor of theology. He was also director of student activities from 1958 to 1963. In 1963, he enlisted as chaplain in the United States Air Force. Four years later, he was re-assigned to St. Bonaventure, where he served as guardian of the friary until 1973.

Fr. Evan then began an extensive ministry at the Franciscan parishes in northern New Jersey. He last actively served as parochial vicar at St. Anne's Parish in Fair Lawn from 1991 to 2004. In August 2008, Fr. Evan retired to St. Anthony Friary.

Fr. Alcuin F. Coyle, O.F.M.



Fr. Alcuin F. Coyle, O.F.M., '51, '54, a professed Franciscan for 59 years and a priest for 54, died Dec. 4, 2008. He was prominent in theological education for four decades.

From 1963 to 1970, he was professor of canon law at Christ the King Seminary, the School of Theology of St. Bonaventure University, becoming vice rector in 1964 and academic dean in 1968. From 1965 to 1975, he also chaired the Department of Sacred Science at the university, while serving on the Presidential Advisory Board (1963 to 1970) and the Graduate Council (1965 to 1975).

From 1970 to 1975, he held a number of posts at Washington Theological Union in Silver Spring, Md., before being named in 1981 as president of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

In 1985, he was assigned to St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street in New York City, where he developed the largest adult education program within the Archdiocese of New York. He co-authored "The Church Under Tension" and wrote articles in professional theological journals.

In 2006, he received an honorary degree from St. Bonaventure, in recognition of his contributions to the Franciscan intellectual life. Fr. Alcuin was received into the Order of Friars Minor in Holy Name Province on Aug. 12, 1948, at St. Bonaventure Friary in Paterson, N.J., with the religious name of Alcuin. He professed simple vows there on Aug. 13, 1949, before Fr. Thomas Plassmann, O.F.M.

BonAlumnus Weddings

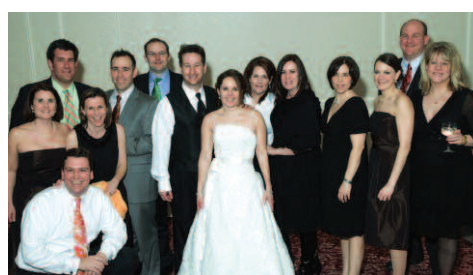
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Susan Leahy, '86, and Pete Kinsella



Colleen Mayer, '06, and Patrick Carr, '05



Maureen Madden, '94, and Lewis Desatnik



Matthew Duso, '03, and Kate Benfante, '04



Kristin Kohl, '05, and Luke McDonald



Sarah Norton, '04, and Adam Hansen



Kieran Conaty, '97, and Savannah Slocombe



Karen Breen, '00, and Brian Mudrak



Hilary Schuler, '01, and Chris Cabodi



Amy McShane, '94, and Kevin Lynch, '92



Katie Hanny, '05, and Tyler Collins, '05



Danielle Lepper, '05, and Andy Schoeneman, '05



David Patt, '04, and Annette Ackley



Shane Liebler, '03, and Taylor Wilson, '04

Additional Wedding Announcements

Brian Carey, '89 and Amy Mizialko
Grace Ann DeMarco, '89, and Charles Gollnick
Mary Moser, '96, and Charles Simms
Amy Burleson, '99, and Michael Sullivan
Raymond Pearles, '00, and Danielle Moreau
Laura Schmalzbauer, '03, and Jonathan Robbins
Maria Costa, '06, and Lane Quinnell
Courtney Lee, '08, and Trevor Lasher
Bridget Fraize, '08, and Alex Querns



Ed Prue, '99, and Carri Gregorski, '04



Brian DeCastro, '98, and Janet Perez

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Amanda Potter, '98, and Andrew Jordan



Jennifer Liebel, '04, and Daniel Cooper



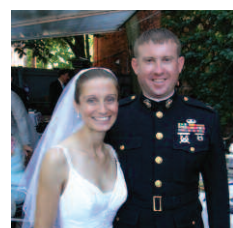
Terry Neidl, '04, and Stephanie Counts



Maureen O'Brien, '07, and David Patello, '07



Colin Fitzpatrick, '05, and Melissa Moore



Capt. Adam McCully, '99, and Capt. Ellen Jackman



Amalie Donius, '08, and Steve Oroho, '08

BonAlumnus Births/Adoptions

Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Christopher Nicholas to Wendy and John "Mark" Lippert, '74

Thomas Richard to Cecelia and Rich Mullin, '81

Liam to Krista and David Donovan, '84

Victoria Rose to Michael and Jacqueline (George) Bollinger, '87

Maximilian Bartholomew to David and Mary Beth (Lynch) Hogan, '88

Asher Gozs to Vincent Alaimo and Susan Lanni, '88

Emily and Sarah to Daniel Lerner and Jennifer Corrou, '89

Shay Katherine and Sidney Ann to Caroline and George J. Triepel, '89

Katherine Mary to John and Margaret (Geussner) Wainwright, '89

Alina Sloan to Deborah Lee and Kevin Gallaher, '90

William Donovan to Kerry (Donovan), '93, and Sean Byrnes, '91

Liam Robert to Carolyn and James Chave, '91

Timothy Ignatius to Suzanne (Meaney), '90, and Joseph Gannon, '91

Lily Grace to Heather and Brian Maher, '91

Benjamin David to Linda (Fawls), '92, and B. David Miyares, '91

Marc Edouard and Michael Victor to Edouard and Karen (Roll) Trabulsi, '91

Casey James to Jennifer and Christopher Kraeger, '92

Henry Cadden to Steve and Carolynn (Burns) Peloquin, '92

Layla Morgan to Fred and Jennifer (Creighton) Stansberry, '92

Luke Thomas and Aidan James to Karen (Becker), '94, and John Hynes, '93

Alexa Delia and Madison Nora to Brett and Christa (Schultz) Karschner, '93

Caroline Rose to Stephanie (Berglund), '96, and John Mordaci, '93

Ryann Mary to Israel and Kellene (Kennedy) Morris, '93

Liam Seamus to Steven Cooley and Kelly Rohan, '93

Henry Teigh to Mark and Jennifer (Palczewski) Bickerstaff, '94

Sophia Grace to Patrick and Christy (Clemente) Condon, '94

Margaret Jean Ying Hui to Lisa Milbrand, '94, and Michael Dabaie, '94

Luke Francis to Julie and Mark Salaman, '94

Daniela Ava to Anthony and Erin Evans DiMartino, '95

Gabriel James to Ariel Pereira and Susan Gaffney, '95

Sarah Rose to Erik and Ann McCauley Johnson, '95

Brady Francis and Colin Joseph to Jennifer (Fleming), '95, and Timothy Londergan, '95

Emmet Charles to Jeff and Heather (Weidner) Stitely, '95

Kalen Teresa to Keith and Monica (Carbo) Zdimal, '95

Joshua James to Kevin and Michele (Roll) Marks, '96

Sydney Anne to John and Tracy (Kilbride) McCulloch, '96

Tavia Kate to Leandra and Joshua Sweet, '96

Liam Maurice to Steve and Donna (Roche) Trainor, '96

Mira Anne to Michael and Katie (Matrone) DeVagno, '97

Cormac Jack to Stacey (Goodspeed), '99, and Tim Denniston, '97

Madeleine Clare to Kimberly (Balthaser), '96, and Francis Kayiwa, '97

Julianna Elizabeth to Susan and Joseph Gonsiorek, '98

Braeden Hunter to Eric and Danielle (Kneller) Kretzer, '98

Madeline Rose to Maureen (Freyer), '98, and Michael Wren, '98

Mary Clare to Gregory and Angela (DePinto) Coogan, '99

Ashley Belle to Nick and Karin (Neumann) Gianforti, '99

Alexander Collier to Shannan (Collier) '98, and Andrei Krasnokutski, '99

Siena Ann to Amy and Joseph Rogalski, '99

Mia Paige to Stephanie (LaMarca), '98, and Jerrod Whelan, '99

Charlotte Bryce to Michael and Michele (Cornish) Alberti, '00

Andrew Edward to Jeremy and Michelle (Edwards) Brown, '00

Lilian Grace to Heather (Lyons), '00, and Jason Fulmines, '00

Gianna Rose to Gina (DeBergalis), '01, and Michael Cimineri, '01

Kaelyn Marie to Eric and Kristin (Miller) Hall, '00, '01

John David to Penny (Soto), '02, and Jonathan Myler, '01

Bailey Anne to Melissa (Bertroli), '02, and David Pietricola, '01

Grace Meredith to Tibor and Kate (Lewis) Torok, '01

Taya Rose to Catherine (Chappell), '03, and Martin DeBock, '02

Nathaniel George to Joy (Knerr), '00, and Lucas Fink, '02

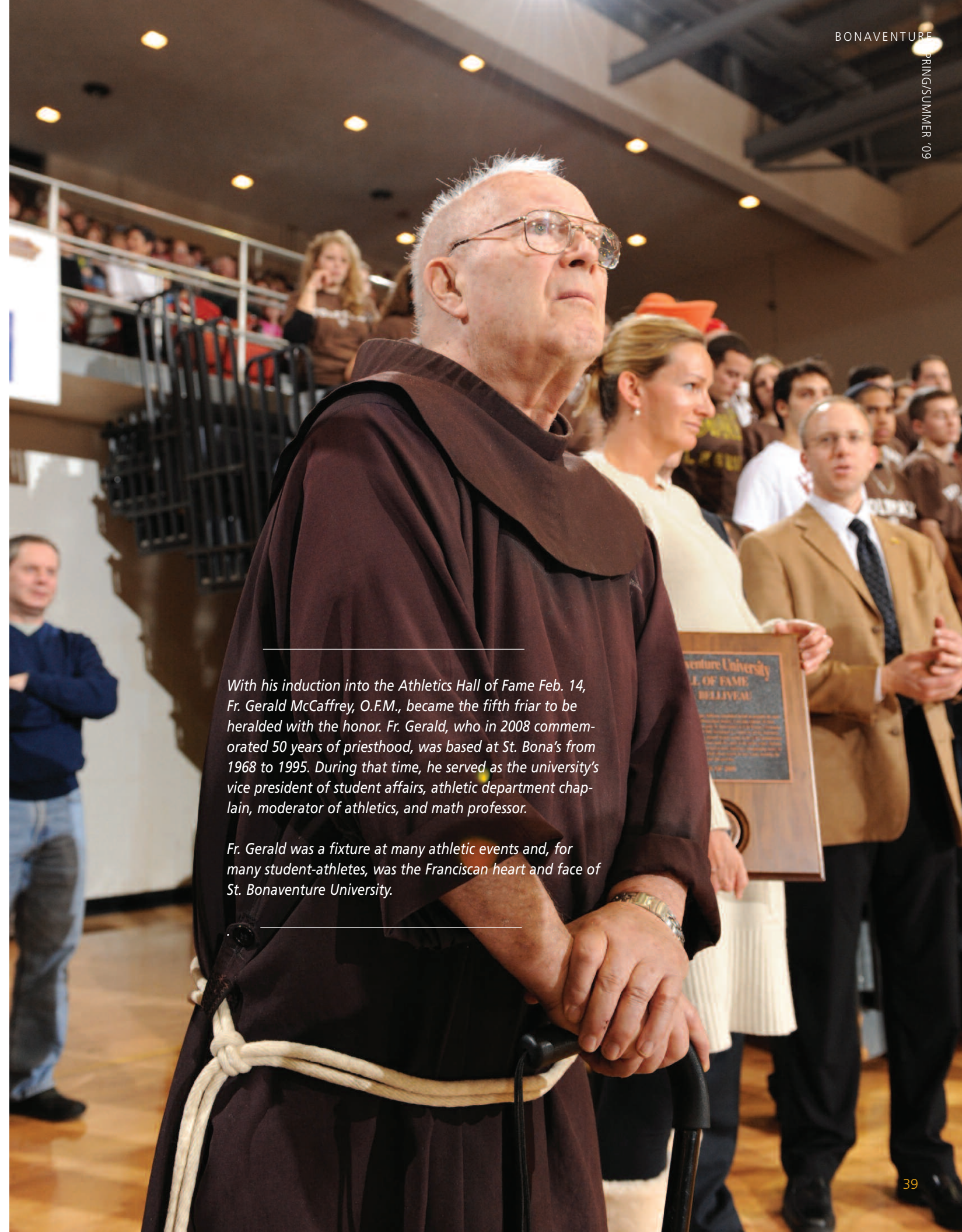
Grant Emerson to Melissa (Keilholz), '02, and Luke LePage, '02

Thomas Fitzpatrick to Kerry (Fitzpatrick), '02, and Ryan Enright, '03

Ashley Marie to Kimberly (Pohlman), '03, and Justin Keller, '02, '03

Avery Alexander and Cameron Ava to Adam Carmody and Sandra Lister, '04

Ashley Marie to Diana (Pollitt), '06, and Bradley Owens, '05, '06



With his induction into the Athletics Hall of Fame Feb. 14, Fr. Gerald McCaffrey, O.F.M., became the fifth friar to be heralded with the honor. Fr. Gerald, who in 2008 commemorated 50 years of priesthood, was based at St. Bona's from 1968 to 1995. During that time, he served as the university's vice president of student affairs, athletic department chaplain, moderator of athletics, and math professor.

Fr. Gerald was a fixture at many athletic events and, for many student-athletes, was the Franciscan heart and face of St. Bonaventure University.



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SBU marks 25th year in Semester in Spain program

This year marks a significant double anniversary for Bona's Semester in Spain program: the 30th anniversary of the Seville program itself and the 25th anniversary of St. Bonaventure's partnership in it. To understand why the Semester in Spain program has flourished here for 25 years, talk to program participants, said Alice Sayegh, director of International Studies.



"My time in Seville was the greatest time of my life," said **Kari Tarnowski, '09** (at left). "I met some of the most interesting people from throughout the United States and the world."

Eileen Snyder Finn, '95, who teaches Spanish at Allegany-Limestone Central School, said her experience in Spain "became the cornerstone of my teaching career. The semester abroad provided more experiences and opportunities than imaginable."



Shane Abrams, an accounting major with minors in Spanish and international business, says "Seville became my second home" this year.

St. Bonaventure has been the portal through which many students in the U.S. have entered the program. Franklinville native **Jane Watson Joy** graduated from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill., and attended the Semester in Spain program through St. Bonaventure. "It was truly the highlight of my college career," she said. "I can remember thinking to myself that all college students who have the opportunity to study abroad should take advantage of it."

The program is offered through the College

Consortium for International Studies (CCIS). St. Bonaventure joined the CCIS in 1984 and became a key cosponsor of the Semester in Spain program, enabling University of Seville courses to be approved by a four-year partner institution.

Sayegh said SBU has one of its largest summer and fall groups studying abroad next semester. "Students have become 'shopper savvy' and with good advisement, we have been able to find great locations that will satisfy students' financial and academic needs," she said. Students will be heading to Japan, China, Czech Republic, Ireland, England, Australia, and Greece in the coming months.

Ready, set, blog

- Two students share their opportunities at <http://bonniesblogabroad.blogspot.com/>. Amelia Diamond, J/MC, just returned from the Gold Coast of Australia at Bond University and Brian Walsh, a history major, is studying in Ireland at the National University of Ireland at Galway.
- Dr. Michael Chiariello blogs about the Franciscan Heritage Program in Perugia, Italy: <http://perugijournal.blogspot.com/>.