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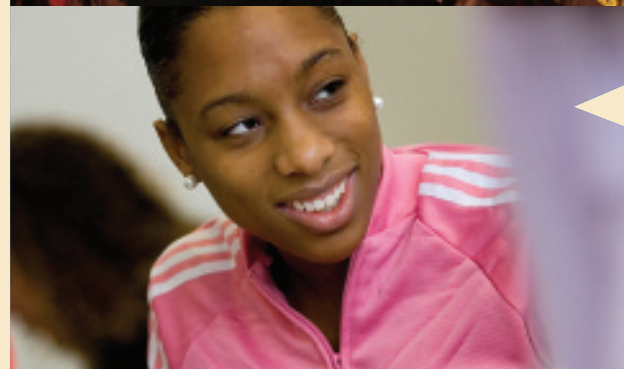
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## From the President

Since March of 2008, we have been celebrating the University’s 150th Anniversary. The occasions during this sesquicentennial have been momentous, from the arrival in March of descendants of the University’s founders who joined us for the 150th Anniversary Convocation and related events, to the presentation of 150th Anniversary Presidential Medals and the opening of the William F. Walsh Science Center, to the celebration of the 150th Feast of St. Francis, we have remembered the past and cherished the present.

As this inaugural edition of *Bonaventure: The Magazine of St. Bonaventure University* went to press, we symbolically signaled a future that is certain to be full of hope.

This publication represents many things for St. Bonaventure. It is part of our integrated marketing and communications plan — a planning effort that was identified as a priority more than five years ago when the University’s strategic plan *The Blueprint for Progress* was created. As such, it represents our commitment to setting goals as an institution, pursuing them, and realizing remarkable outcomes.

It also represents our desire to share the story of St. Bonaventure with a growing audience of constituents who care about this University and are impressed by the accomplish-



ments of our alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends. Perhaps most importantly, this magazine represents our commitment to ensuring that St. Bonaventure University is responsive to its loyal alumni and their ideas and suggestions.

The features in this inaugural edition focus on legacies of several different descriptions. We made this thematic choice in view of the 150th Anniversary year in which the magazine was to be unveiled. Perhaps this theme also challenges each of us to consider the legacy that we leave as we pass through St. Bonaventure — whether we pass through as stu-

dents, faculty, staff, trustees, alumni or friends of this beloved University. As you review the members of the editorial board for this publication, you will see some familiar names, including several alumni who have distinguished themselves in the communications and publications professions. I express appreciation to this dedicated team of advisers and contributors who have carefully designed *Bonaventure* as a vehicle to tell stories and build relationships. I also express appreciation to Latorra, Paul & McCann Advertising whose senior account manager is Ed Prue, a member of our National Alumni Association Board. LP&M’s support of this project and Ed’s leadership of their design efforts went well beyond the call of duty, and we are grateful for their support and expertise. As always, we want to know what you think. Please enjoy *Bonaventure* and help us to ensure that it lives up to its vision: to be recognized within the St. Bonaventure University community, within audiences of Catholic and Franciscan publications, and within the higher education community and beyond as an extraordinary and eagerly anticipated issues-oriented publication.

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## Editor's Letter

### From the Editor

Beth A. Eberth

I felt like I was on a scavenger hunt: one size 22 Converse sneaker, a 100-year-old key, photos of early buildings on campus. Thus began the creation of our inaugural cover for Bonaventure magazine.

Many of the artifacts in the photo are probably familiar — a basketball from the Bonnies' 1971 trip to the NIT, a St. Bonaventure banner, the San Damiano Cross. You may even have worn a beanie reminiscent of the 1943 cap that's perched toward the back, or the 1959 tie worn by alumna and retired J/MC faculty member Dr. Mary Hamilton.

Portraits of two University presidents, Fr. Pamphilo da Magliano (lower) and Fr. Tom Plassmann (center), are separated by only a few inches. Their service to St. Bonaventure was separated by decades, but their legacies live on as each new class of students is welcomed in August.

It was Fr. Pamphilo's faith that drew him to the Franciscan order at 16, and his passion for education that drew him to the United States in 1855 to set up a monastery and school. He served as St. Bonaventure's first president until he was recalled to Rome in 1867.

Fr. Tom came to a small college of 300 as a professor in 1910, and saw it raised to university status in 1950 with a top enrollment of more than 2,000 students. Thomas Merton called Fr. Tom "the picture of benevolence" in his book "Seven Storey Mountain." To Bona students, however, he was "a Bonaventure man." Students created a chant and clap to honor Fr. Tom, whenever he would enter a room:

*"He's a man! Who's a man?  
He's a Bonaventure man!  
Father Tom, Father Tom,  
Father Tom!"*

Each generation of students develops their own Bona traditions, but their core experience of community — the exchange of knowledge, ideas and friendship — has not wavered since the first cornerstone was placed on campus a century and a half ago.

Our students are forever linked in a special Bonaventure bond, whether they were on the 1918-19 Laurel staff (pic-



*Most of the pictured artifacts are from the University's Archives collection, including a decorative brass piece (next to the basketball) that is believed to be from the original church on campus. It was recovered during construction of the Richter Center.*

tured in the upper right) or are penning a contribution for the 2008-09 edition in their Devereux Hall room right now, whether their academic success earned them a medal like the one Philip Sheridan received in 1958 or the honors cords worn by nine members of the class of 2008, whether they ruled the Reilly Center court in 1971 Converse or now scrimmage on Bob Lanier Court.

Chances are your next scrimmage — or scavenger hunt — won't call for a size 22 shoe. But I know where to find one if they do.

*(Beth Eberth is director of University Communications at SBU. She offers heartfelt thanks to Anthony Fratercangelo at Angee's Restaurant for loaning her Bob Lanier's sneaker from Angee's collection of SBU athletics memorabilia.)*



## Franciscan Minute

### The Legacy of our Franciscan Beginnings

By Sr. Daria Mitchell, O.S.F.

It's hard to miss the references to Francis of Assisi and the charm of the Franciscan Order when at St. Bonaventure University. From street names, statuary, building design and ornamentation, stained glass — visual references too numerous to mention here — the faculty, students, and even casual visitors are inundated with the Franciscan ambience of campus.

The University mission statement proclaims: St. Bonaventure is a Catholic university dedicated to educational excellence in the Franciscan tradition.

The values statement begins: As a Catholic university in the Franciscan tradition, we dedicate ourselves to the Core Values and to making them live and thrive at St. Bonaventure.

In defining Franciscan values, again the description includes: ... the greatest truth of all is found in God. But regardless of each individual's beliefs, all of our friars, faculty, students, and alumni share the humble, human values that give St. Bonaventure its Franciscan identity.

Did you ever wonder why the original choice was to found a college with Franciscan values instead of one of the other educational charisms present in the Church of 1858? Searching historic records we learn of Nicholas and Mary Devereux who were engaged by Bishop John Timon's vision of service and co-established a missionary, scientific, charitable society named the St. Francis Missionary and Benevolent Society.

Bishop Timon, his biography reveals, joined the Lazarists upon the death of his intended bride and was ordained a



priest in 1825. Appointed bishop of the new Diocese of Buffalo in 1847, Bishop Timon worked vigorously and with great dedication to provide support for his growing flock of Catholics in Western New York.

The path of the Devereuxes that would eventually cross that of the new bishop began in Ireland. Nicholas, following one of his older brothers to America after the family's misfortunes during the Irish Rebellion of 1798, arrived in the United States in 1806. Moving from Albany to Utica, Nicholas began working with his brother John. The flourishing business enabled Nicholas to marry Mary Dolbear Butler, provide a comfortable life for his family, and pursue his philanthropic interests. He had a vision of establishing a thriving metropolis and purchased 417,970 acres of land in Allegany and Cattaraugus counties.

So it was that these two men met and cooperated in the effort that resulted in the establishment of St. Bonaventure College on land donated by Nicholas and Mary Devereux. On Bishop Timon's visit to Rome in 1854, on the occasion of the declaration of the Dogma of the

Immaculate Conception, he visited the General Minister of the Order of Friars Minor. The happy fruit of this visit was an agreement, signed on Jan. 4, 1855, which included the provision for the introduction of the Franciscan friars to Western New York and the donation of land and money to build a monastery for them.

At this point, the twosome became a trio with the introduction of Pamphilo da Magliano, O.F.M., who, with his three companions, worked to bring about the establishment of a college that would support the growing Catholic community. On Oct. 4, 1858, the formal dedication of the new school was celebrated and named after St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, the patron of Franciscan studies and learning.

Whether it was Nicholas Devereux's early exposure to the friars in his Irish home that prompted the Franciscan choice, Bishop Timon's success on his visit to the General Minister of the Friars Minor that provided the founding community, or Fr. Pamphilo's grounding in the educational heritage of his order, St. Bonaventure University was blessed with these founding members who listened to the urgings of the Spirit and responded with energy and devotion. And St. Bonaventure University continues to be blessed in the Franciscan spirit that enriches the life of students, faculty and alumni.

*(Sr. Daria Mitchell, O.S.F., a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Ind., joined the staff of Franciscan Institute Publications in May 2003. She is editor of The Cord.)*



## Campus News

### University welcomes largest freshman class since 2004

More than 560 freshmen arrived at St. Bonaventure University Aug. 21, marking the second year in a row the University surpassed its enrollment goal.



SBU's incoming freshman class is the largest since fall 2004. The goal for fall 2008-2009 was 550 freshmen.

Both freshmen and returning students will have access for the first time to the new William F. Walsh Science Center, which was formally dedicated Aug. 27.

The new center, a 46,500-square-foot addition to De La Roche Hall, houses state-of-the-art computer science, laboratory and classroom space, biology labs, organic and general chemistry labs, a Natural World lab, a 150-seat indoor amphitheater, and faculty offices integrated with lab space for better student-teacher accessibility.

The completion of the Walsh Center, coupled with significant summer improvements to De La Roche, comes on the heels of Caf  La Verna (opened 2007), major

dining and residence hall upgrades (2006), and the Sandra A. and William L. Richter Center (opened 2004).

### New program partners SBU pre-med students with Olean General medical professionals

Pre-med students at St. Bonaventure will get a healthy dose of reality starting this fall, and the unique experience should be a booster shot for their medical aspirations.

The Experience in Clinical Medicine will provide both traditional pre-med students and those in the Franciscan Health Care dual-admission program with exposure to different medical and surgical services at Olean General Hospital.

The program features weekly three-hour sessions in 14 different hospital departments such as pediatrics, emergency, cardiology, radiology, pharmacy and psychiatry. It's open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"When med school admissions committees are splitting hairs between applicants, an experience like this on someone's r sum  could be a major factor" for traditional



pre-med students, said William Mills, M.D., vice president of medical affairs at Olean General and coordinator of the program.

### SBU offers two new majors — international studies, sport studies

St. Bonaventure is offering students two new undergraduate degrees — international studies and sport studies.

A new bachelor of arts degree in international studies offers students an interdisciplinary and multicultural program that addresses the principal issues confronting today's globalizing world, drawing ideas, faculty and courses from a wide range of disciplines.

Majors choose a regional concentration — Asia, Latin America, Middle East or Transatlantic — that will allow them to apply their theoretical knowledge to a specific region of the globe. To further this knowledge and help develop language skills, students will be encouraged to study and/or engage in service abroad.

"The new major will prepare students for employment in a changing and internationalizing world," said Dr. Joel Horowitz, director of the program.

A new bachelor of science degree in sport studies has been designed for students interested in working in sport and physical activities careers other than teaching.

This non-teaching major offered through the Department of Physical Education will prepare students for careers and/or graduate study in the fields of leisure industries, sports management, sports communication, sport sociology, allied health fields and sports psychology.

Students will have the opportunity to choose from among five cognate tracks — Human Development and Learning, Sport Sociology, Human Movement Sciences, Sports Communications, and Sports Management.

### Franciscan friars tell the story of Holy Name Province in DVD format



Holy Name Province's first-ever DVD on its various ministries, "Holy Name Province: Love at Work," offers a visual description of the province's six important ministries — including St. Bonaventure.

Serving an area from New England to Florida, Holy Name Province is one of seven geographic areas in the U.S. — or provinces — that make up the Order of Friars Minor, which is the largest in the worldwide Franciscan Order.

"Holy Name Province: Love at Work," which is available through the Province's Web site ([www.hnp.org](http://www.hnp.org)), offers a visual description of the Province's six important ministries: service to 31 parishes in 10 states, higher education in the sponsorship of St. Bonaventure University and Siena

College, urban ministry, preaching and spiritual centers, direct service to the poor, and foreign missions.

"Many people who may be familiar with an individual friar in a parish or college setting, are often surprised to learn of the diverse scope and spiritual richness found in all of the ministries of Holy Name Province," said the Rev. John O'Connor, O.F.M., provincial minister.

### Theology professor to publish textbook on religion, literature of ancient Israel

Dr. Chris Stanley, professor of theology, has signed a contract with Augsburg Fortress Publishers to publish a new textbook titled "The Hebrew Bible: A Comparative Approach." The textbook differs from others in using the methods and insights of comparative religion to study the religion and literature of ancient Israel. The 560-page book, which will include full-color images and other cutting-edge pedagogical tools, is the first in a new generation of textbooks to be produced by Augsburg Fortress, one of the largest publishers in the field of religion. The book is scheduled for publication in May 2009.

### SBU president joins other Catholic university leaders for meeting with the Pope

University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., joined the heads of more than 200 American Catholic colleges and universities to meet with Pope Benedict XVI during his April visit to the U.S.

Sr. Margaret, who serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, attended Pope



Benedict's April 17 address at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

During his address on the role of Catholic education, the pope noted that expectations are high for university leaders to impart truth to their students to enable them to live out their faith in the modern world.

"Not just our own ecclesial communities, but society in general has high expectations for Catholic educators," Pope Benedict said. Sr. Margaret was impressed by the Pope's message. "His message was both relevant and inspiring. It was truly an honor to be a part of that audience," she said.

### Anniversary Awards bestowed during Sesquicentennial Celebration

Special 150th Anniversary Medallions are being announced and presented throughout the University's 2008-09 anniversary celebration. The Anniversary Awards honor and, in doing so, document the significant accomplishments, contributions, and milestones of people and organizations who have enabled the success and distinction of the University as it celebrates its anniversary. Go to [www.sbu.edu/anniversary](http://www.sbu.edu/anniversary) to a special Web page honoring recipients.

## Campus News

### Bona Re-Cycles program makes pedal power a community effort

Fourteen brown and white bicycles have begun popping up across campus as part of the Bona Re-Cycles bike share program.

The bikes, creatively and distinctively painted in Bonaventure colors, are parked in University bike racks and are available to any campus community member who wants to pedal instead of hoof it across campus.

Bona Re-Cycles is a "completely grass roots effort," said Dr. Nancy Casey, associate professor of education. "The idea was hatched one day last fall when a bunch of us were riding our bikes. We had some conversations and just decided to try it."

Bike share programs have sprung up on college campuses and in cities across the U.S. The time was right to try it at Bona's.

The call for used bicycles went out to students, faculty and staff. Of the 20 two-wheelers that came in, 14 have been made road worthy while the remainder wait for needed repairs. The bikes were painted by students as a Welcome Days activity at the start of the semester. There has been a dramatic increase in



Danielle Butler, a freshman psychology major from Orangeburg, N.Y., paints one of the bikes being used in the Bona Re-Cycles program.

the number of students with bicycles on campus this year, said Casey, a sign, perhaps, that high gas prices and go-green movements are changing behavior. "I think the time is right for this kind of thing," said Casey. "We've had a terrific response from students and faculty. And with Bona Re-Cycles, students who don't have bikes can get in the riding habit, too."

Participation in the program couldn't be easier. Need a bike? See a bike? Take it. Just remember to park it in a University rack when you're done with it so someone else can use it. There's no fee, no form to fill out — and no guarantee that the bike you borrowed to get to your class in Plassmann Hall on time will be waiting for

you when class is over. "That's the serendipity of it," said Casey. "Hey, what the heck! You have to have a little fun in life."

Do you have a bike in good working condition that you'd like to donate? Login to Bona's online and click on "Bona Re-Cycles." Casey will then contact you to arrange a delivery date and time.

### Visit Bona's Online!

When you're online, don't forget to visit Bona's Online at [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu).

Our alumni community is a valuable tool to keep alumni connected to Bona's and each other. As a member of Bona's Online, you will be able to search the alumni directory online, register online for member-only events, update your address and employment information, and receive a free lifetime SBU e-mail address.

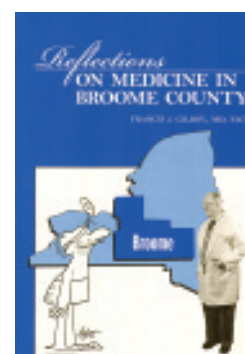
To register or log in, go to [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu), and click on "Bona's Online" in the navigation bar. Then click login or register to begin.

If you have any questions or comments regarding our online community, please contact the Office of Alumni Services at [alumni@sbu.edu](mailto:alumni@sbu.edu).

Pennhills Press has announced the third printing of the national best seller "The Pop Vocabulary Book" by **Nick Camas, '75**. "Many people, such as ardent readers, students or professionals, admire the rich, sharp, powerful verbal proficiency of celebrated novelists, journalists, speechwriters and media personalities who use language at the highest level," said Camas.

"By producing and condensing my own word list, I've developed an easy, efficient way to expand and enrich your vocabulary." The guide contains about 1,900 contemporary, humorous words and phrases arranged in alphabetical order.

Camas selected words from dictionaries, thesauruses, the media and his daily reading over a period of about 10 months.



Written for the bicentennial of the Broome County Medical Society, "Reflections on Medicine in Broome County," by **Dr. Francis J. Gilroy, '53**, explores and

discusses the history of medicine in Broome County, N.Y. The original History of Broome County Medical Society was published in 1958 by Dr. William Hobbs and later appeared in the New York State Journal of Medicine. It began with the first physician on record in Broome County in 1793 and covered medical history up to 1954. After Gilroy was given a copy of Hobbs's pamphlet, he urged several colleagues to bring the story up to date.

"History is vital, and I felt it was important for the society and the medical community to document the changes that have taken place in health care in the last half a century," said Gilroy. Through a combination of amusing anecdotes and sobering facts, Gilroy takes the reader on a 50-year

journey through local and national health care, all from a physician's perspective. Gilroy discusses the beginnings of federal health care, health planning boards and peer review, the effects of malpractice premiums on delivery, the implementation of the Binghamton Clinical Campus, the organization of the United Health Services, health maintenance organizations, and changes in the medical society.

Gilroy, a native of Broome County, is in his 43rd year as a practicing ophthalmologist in Binghamton.

"Reflections on Medicine" is available at Riverow Bookshop in Oswego and at the Broome County Medical Society office and the gift shops at Lourdes, Binghamton General and Wilson hospitals. It can also be purchased directly from the Broome County Medical Society (607-772-8493). The cost is \$25, with proceeds benefiting the medical society scholarship fund for medical students.



The husband and wife team of **Michael Woods and Mary (Boyle) Woods**, both members of the class of 1968, have published their 25th book, "Air Disasters." Published by

Lerner Publications Company, "Air Disasters" shows readers some of the world's worst air disasters up close with dramatic images and firsthand survivor stories. The couple dedicated "Air Disasters" to their alma mater: "To St. Bonaventure University, for our smooth takeoff." Michael Woods is a science and medical journalist in Washington, D.C., who has won many national writing awards. Mary B. Woods has been a librarian in the Fairfax County Public School System in Virginia and the Benjamin Franklin International School in Barcelona, Spain.

## Off the Shelf

Their previous books include the eight-volume Ancient Technology series, as well as the Disasters Up Close titles (including "Avalanches," "Blizzards," "Earthquakes," "Tornadoes" and "Volcanoes." The Woodses have four children. When not writing, reading, or enjoying their two grandchildren, the Woodses travel to gather material for future books.

Alumnus **Mark W. Turner, '89**, has released his first compilation of original poems, titled "Across the Universe," published by Australia-based Mountain Mist Productions. "Across the Universe" represents the culmination of many years of inspiration and insight gained through world travel, personal relationships, and the triumphs and tragedies of everyday life as viewed through the lens of the poet. It endeavors to convey the physical, emotional and spiritual aspects of our world in a three-dimensional expression of astute consciousness.

Although his undergraduate work was in biology, Turner has spent his entire career in information technology consulting. Poetry and travel are passions of his, and he has been writing for 20 years. He has traveled extensively, including to 49 U.S. states and more than 35 countries on six continents. He lives in Ormond (near Melbourne), Australia.

For more information about "Across the Universe," go to [markthepoet.com/NewPoetry.html](http://markthepoet.com/NewPoetry.html).

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# 150th Anniversary Campaign News

## Getting to the Goal

*Building relationships and making history*



One year ago, Mary Driscoll and Matt Tornambe were asked to assume a shared leadership role for the Advancement operation at St. Bonaventure University. In accepting this challenge, they took the reins of the most ambitious fundraising effort in the history of St. Bonaventure University. Now, with just months remaining in the Campaign, they are both optimistic and honored to be a part of this historic endeavor.

"It is rewarding to play a leadership role in taking the fundraising operation of my alma mater to new levels of achievement," says Driscoll, a 1979 Bonaventure graduate and longtime staff member in the Advancement office. "Each day, as I interact with alumni and friends of St. Bonaventure, my passion grows for my work and for this University. The simple fact is gifts to St. Bonaventure are an investment in the future of our nation's economy, our schools, our healthcare systems, our culture — the world."

Tornambe, also a veteran advancement professional with more than two decades of experience, says the Bonaventure promise is what has enabled the success of The Anniversary Campaign. "This Campaign has shown us that St. Bonaventure University has greater potential than we might have imagined," says Tornambe.

"With the leadership of Sr. Margaret Carney and our tremendous Trustees, we have shown our community and the world that St. Bonaventure's legacy is extraordinary. As this final year of the Campaign unfolds, we are eager to not only achieve the \$90 million goal, but to exceed it."

During fiscal year 2008, \$10,359,609 was raised in gifts and pledges toward the Anniversary Campaign, including \$2,390,585 for the unrestricted Bonaventure Fund, completing yet another record-breaking year. In total, some \$89 million has been raised toward that \$90 million goal. In the final year of the Campaign, the Advancement staff is focusing on giving opportunities for the Campaign, including initiatives that are not yet completely funded, including:

- The Community Fund for Mt. Irenaeus;
- The Student Life Program Endowment;
- Faculty and Student Research Endowments; and
- The General Endowment Fund

"We expect that a grand celebration will take place on the St. Bonaventure campus as we successfully conclude this Campaign in May of 2009," says Driscoll. "We have our alumni and friends to thank for our ability to make that prediction. The great thing is it's not too late to join the thousands who are making history through their support of St. Bonaventure."

*The 150th Anniversary Campaign continues through May 31, 2009. Please call the Advancement office at (716) 375-7673 or visit [www.sbu.edu/campaign](http://www.sbu.edu/campaign) to make your gift or pledge today.*

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## Leading the Charge

By Susan Anderson

*For volunteer extraordinaire Robert Crowley, class of 1971, St. Bonaventure University will always be first among the many organizations he supports*

Ask Bob Crowley what matters most to him beyond his family and faith, and not a beat is missed as he answers, "Working with others and trying to help them succeed."

He has been doing exactly that for St. Bonaventure University — and a long list of other organizations — for decades. A recipient of numerous awards for his extensive service, Crowley volunteers not for the accolades but for the positive changes his involvement can bring about.

"I really believe that what is so important today, and has always been important, is developing relationships," Crowley says, noting that the bonds he has built on "love and giving" are the ones in which he has found the greatest joy.

He credits the discipline of his major (mathematics) and the sense of service taught him while a student at St. Bonaventure as important skills that served him well in the business world.

He was employed by Blair Corporation in Warren, Pa., for 34 years, recently retiring as senior vice president of marketing and a member of the board of directors.

Today, he is involved year-round with upwards of a dozen nonprofit organizations. At the top of that list is St. Bonaventure.

"His love and appreciation for the school is evident whenever he mentions it," says fellow alumnus and former roommate Geoff Culkin, '71. He and Crowley met "as freshmen on First Dev" and have remained close friends ever since.

"There is a mixture of pride, concern and dedicated resolve in his voice that indicates his strong feelings for the welfare of our University," Culkin says.

Crowley has served St. Bonaventure in a number of ways through the years, most notably as chair of the successful Kresge Challenge and the Science Advisory Council for The William F. Walsh Science Center, a member of the National Alumni Association Board, president of his alumni chapter, co-chair of the annual Bonaventure Fund, reunion class co-chair, an assistant with student recruitment, and decades of service as a Devereux Society chair. He was named Alumnus of the Year in 2001.

A "model volunteer" is how Mary Driscoll, associate vice president for advancement at the University, describes Crowley. "Bob has the



*Bob Crowley, '71, has spent more than 30 years giving back to his alma mater and his community.*

compassion and drive to engage many of our alumni, parents and friends," she says, adding that his is a "unique talent."

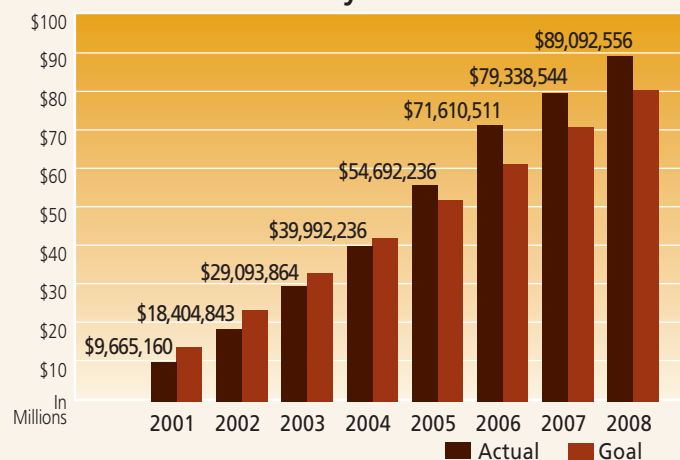
Crowley's devotion to others was learned at an early age. "I really believe I inherited this 'giving gene' from my mother," he says. "She had seven kids and back then didn't have the time to get involved with charitable work, but she instilled in her children a sense of caring for others, especially those most in need."

He has since passed on that sense of giving to his two daughters, both of whom are in the Philadelphia area. The eldest, Gabrielle, devoted a year and a half as a volunteer in Alaska, teaching life skills to children including those from the Native American tribes of Tlingit and Haida, while younger daughter Veronica volunteers for an animal shelter.

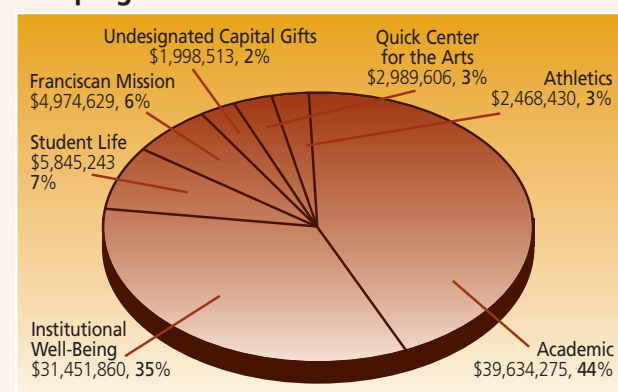
Though Crowley has traveled the world — on business and with his wife, Barbara Jean, and their daughters — he is quick to note that "one of the greatest experiences of my life" was the Franciscan pilgrimage with his Bonaventure family to Assisi in 2005.

It is clear that his bond with St. Bonaventure runs deep. "I've always felt a deep and abiding love for this University," he says. "If I can help in any way, I want to do so."

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### Sketches of Student Success



**Kaitlyn Keidel**

*Class of 2008*

- Earned a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education (magna cum laude)
- Resident Assistant
- Francis E. Kelley Oxford Program participant in summer 2007
- Student member of the Disability Committee
- Dean's list (eight semesters)
- Research assistant for two semesters with a professor in the School of Education

- Attending graduate school at St. Bonaventure (childhood literacy)

"My scholarships allowed me to attend St. Bonaventure for my undergrad degree with less of a financial burden and allowed me to focus on my studies. Attending St. Bonaventure provided many opportunities and experiences while I worked toward my goal of becoming a teacher. I have made many lasting friendships and worked with a number of wonderful professors. I would not have been able to do any of this without the scholarships I was awarded."



**Christopher Novak**

*Class of 2008*

- Earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and mass communication
- Class of 2008 Ideal Bonaventure Man
- Sports editor of The Bona Venture, campus newspaper
- Student co-coordinator of Students for the Mountain (Franciscan retreat group)
- Director of the Teaching and Learning Center's Writing Lab

- Attending graduate school at St. Bonaventure (adolescence education)
- Graduate Assistant in the Teaching and Learning Center

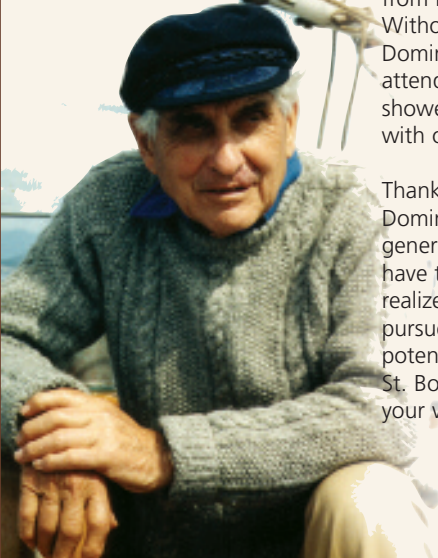
"St. Bonaventure University and the Russell J. Jandoli School of Journalism and Mass Communication awarded me scholarships that allowed me to make my decision to come here easier. The scholarships I received were more than any other school I applied to so the combination of that and the welcoming atmosphere I experienced when visiting here made my decision for me. Looking back, I've had so many great experiences, made lifelong friends and gained an education, which will definitely help me in my career. The professors in the journalism school are well experienced and I learned what it means to be a good writer and communicator in a professional setting."

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### Leaving a Legacy



*Joe DeMaria, class of 1950, shares why he and his wife, Jackie, choose to be members of St. Bonaventure's Seraphim Society*

"I graduated from Bona's in 1950. Jackie and I were married in 1956 and she has been a loyal Bonnies' fan ever since. Our reasons for supporting St. Bonaventure are legion.

After having been a student at the school for four years, I have been infected with the same love for the school that almost all students have, especially after graduation.

After a tour of active duty with the Army, I attended Fordham Law School and graduated in 1955. Attending this great Jesuit institution was rewarding and inspiring.

No comparison, however, can be made between the two schools as far as peace, happiness and genuine joy are concerned.

Fordham Law taught me how to go into the world and do well. St. Bonaventure taught me how to go into the world and do good.

I was fortunate to have been on campus when the great Fr. Tom Plassmann was president. A quotation from one of his talks seems to be apropos: 'The St. Bonaventure spirit; the spirit of unconquerable optimism, of trust in God's wisdom and providence. Such a spirit breeds and fastens ideals that lift us above discouragement, disappointment and disaster.'

Jackie and I support Bona's because we love everything about it. We especially love the spirit of St. Francis, the Franciscan spirit that follows the men and women of St. Bonaventure all of their lives. Being Seraphim Society members is the logical extension of this love."

*The Seraphim Society was established in 1991 to recognize alumni, parents and friends who will continue to give to St. Bonaventure through deferred gifts. Members of the Seraphim Society provide resources in perpetuity allowing students to receive an education grounded in the Franciscan tradition. For more information, visit [www.sbu.edu/plannedgiving](http://www.sbu.edu/plannedgiving).*

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# A Family Tradition: The Great Legacy Debate

By Emily Sinsabaugh

**Legacy** (ləj'ə-ſe) n., pl. -cies. Something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past.



*Sean Cilano, a 2008 art and psychology graduate, followed in the footsteps of his parents and grandfather to Bona's. See his family's story, page 19.*

The definition is quite simple, but the implications for U.S. colleges and universities are sometimes complex and definitely divergent.

Colleges and universities use the word "legacy" in reference to a student or applicant who is a member of the immediate or extended family of an alumnus. The rub usually comes in when a student's legacy status garners special (some say unearned) privileges in the admissions process.

Was George W. Bush admitted to Yale University on his own merit? Should the daughter of Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver be admitted to Boston College (where she was wait-listed) because she is an extended member of the Kennedy family? Experts on college admissions say headliner examples such as these have inaccurately characterized the legacy tradition.

"Simply put, legacy admissions are defensible and, in any event, affect such a tiny portion of the nation's college applicants as to be negligible," say Rice University's Debra Thomas and Terry Shepard in an article they co-authored for the Chronicle of Higher Education.<sup>1</sup> Their sentiments are echoed by others who say that granting preference to legacies in the admissions process is no different than state-owned institutions granting preference to an in-state versus an out-of-state student.

There's another, less highly publicized side to the legacy debate — the side that is relevant to most colleges and universities: legacies as a reflection of loyalty. Clearly, the vast majority of our nation's nearly 15 million college students attend institutions where legacies are not seen as a sticky problem to be solved, but a key audience to cultivate.

## Legacies and Loyalty

"We view legacy applicants as the ultimate compliment," says James DiRisio, '86, director of admissions at St. Bonaventure University. "When we learn that an applicant is the son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter of an alumnus, we see that as a vote of confidence in what the University is doing."

DiRisio says that it is a rare case when alumni attempt to use the legacy connection to get an upper hand in the admissions process. "We rarely see that kind of thing from our alumni. Generally, legacy applicants come to us with good academic backgrounds."

DiRisio's own family is representative of St. Bonaventure's legacy tradition. His wife, Mary, '87, followed in the Bona footsteps of her father, Richard Lapp, '62, making the DiRisios' son, Matt, '10, a third-generation legacy.

*Percentage of freshmen whose parent(s)/legal guardian(s) attended the school the student is now attending	
St. Bonaventure	9.7%
Medium selective Catholic colleges	5.5%
All Catholic colleges	6.2%
All private four-year colleges	6.4%
All four-year colleges	8.7%
All baccalaureate institutions	10.9%

Source: *The American Freshman: National Norms for Fall 2007*, Cooperative Institutional Research Program (CIRP)

According to a 2007 national survey, 10.9 percent of all first-year students at baccalaureate-granting institutions in the U.S. are legacy students.\*

David Black, of the higher education consulting firm Paskill Stapleton & Lord, says that legacies are a key market for most colleges and universities.

"We tell our clients that legacies are an important market because they are an indication of the institution's success and a reflection of the positive experiences that generations have shared. The key marketing advantage is this: Legacies are a readily identifiable audience that already knows you."

Black also suggests that legacies are an important part of the continuation of an institution's history, traditions and mission, which contributes to the reinforcement and strength of a school's identity and distinction in the marketplace.

A 1983 graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Black says he has hopes that his middle-school aged daughters will consider his alma mater. "I don't know if my girls will go to St. Bonaventure, but I would love for them to have the same kinds of experiences that I did there."

## Rolling out the "Brown & White" Carpet

St. Bonaventure University not only welcomes legacy applicants, but the University has started to actively recruit them.

Mary Jane Telford, '75, director of volunteer relations in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at St. Bonaventure, is responsible for programs that focus on attracting legacy applicants.

"We involve current legacy students in the recruitment of future legacies," says Telford, who also coordinates alumni involvement in the overall recruiting process. "Our legacy students are excited to write letters to prospective legacy students to encourage them to consider attending 'today's SBU.' Our current legacies have found that 'today's SBU' combines the important qualities and traditions their parents still cherish with improved facilities and innovative programs that fulfill the students' goals and aspirations."

The results of these and other efforts have paid off. In 2007, 9.7 percent of freshmen at St. Bonaventure were legacies compared to 6.2 percent at all Catholic universities in the nation.

"This tells us that our alumni believe in the St. Bonaventure promise," says Telford. "We are very proud of the loyalty that our alumni feel for Bona's. And, we want to continue to build on that loyalty."

<sup>1</sup> Thomas, D. and Shepard, T. Legacy Admissions Are Defensible, Because the Process Can't Be 'Fair'. <http://chronicle.com>: The Chronicle Review, Volume 49, Issue 27, Page B15.

\*This survey only considered as "legacies" students whose parents or legal guardians attended the school that the student was enrolled in at the time of the survey. The percentage would be higher if the survey definition were expanded to include extended family members.



## Extraordinary Legacies

Not only does St. Bonaventure enroll a comparatively large number of legacy students (169 legacies in 2007 including 42 “double legacies” whose mothers and fathers are both alumni), but many families have made enrollment at St. Bonaventure an integral part of their family traditions. The following stories exemplify the unique, indeed extraordinary, nature of the Bonaventure tradition of legacies.

### A Tale of 21 Keenans

By Beth Eberth

The Keenans have been taking and teaching classes at St. Bonaventure since the mid-1930s, a time when Bona’s was still a college and women had not yet entered the ranks to attend day classes.

Leo E. Keenan Jr., the family patriarch, took a math class at age 15 from Mike Reilly in the summer of 1936. He enrolled as a freshman in the fall of 1938 and was to graduate in 1942, but his college years were interrupted by his service in the Army Air Corps during World War II. Leo’s wife, Ann (Finlay) Keenan, graduated from D’Youville College in 1946 at the age of 18 and completed her master’s degree at SBU the following year.

The late couple’s devotion to their families, their faith and St. Bonaventure spanned more than a third of the University’s 150-year existence. Leo dedicated 52 years as a professor of English, 20 years as a golf coach, and a lifetime as St. Bonaventure’s biggest fan.

As educators, Leo and Ann instilled in their children the importance of education and the value of a St. Bonaventure education. To date, the Keenan family has earned 21

degrees at St. Bonaventure and there are four family members currently enrolled. Leo and Ann’s nine children proudly followed them to Bona’s: Leo E. Keenan III, Kathleen A. (Keenan) Brewer, Judith K. (Keenan) Miller, Robert F. Keenan, Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf, Deirdre M.

She remembers many family dinners where they were joined by friars or members of the men’s basketball team. She also recalls going to the Olean Armory, just down the street from the family’s North Barry Street home, to watch the basketball team arrive in a brown and white bus for practice.

“My brothers Timer (Leo III) and Bobby and I went up and gained admittance into the games (by saying my father teaches at SBU). Of course we flew home after the game to beat my father home,” Kathy said. “As high school students he would enroll us in summer school, which we didn’t know until we were riding to SBU the first day of classes. That was our first encounter with SBU as students and we enjoyed that experience, which led us to the best four years of our lives,” Kathy said. Her siblings knew at an early age they would all attend St. Bonaventure.

Katie Ellis, '10, and her mom, Deirdre (Keenan) Ellis, '77

“I think it’s part of our DNA,” said Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf, a retired brigadier general in the U.S. Army and a University trustee.

“Every Keenan sibling holds Bona’s in highest regard. Our father was devoted to SBU; We always knew he bled brown blood, and once we each attended SBU, we knew why our father bled brown blood,” added Eileen Keenan-Skrobacz.

Today, his grandchildren know, too. Timer and Sharon Keenan’s daughter Caroline graduated in 2002. And Bob’s son Patrick earned his degree in 2001 and married Caroline’s classmate Kristen Clemens.

Judy (Keenan) Miller’s sons Eric and Ryan



Leo “Timer” E. Keenan III, '71, and wife, Sharon (Pelow) Keenan, '72, are pictured with their daughter Caroline (Keenan) Taylor, a 2002 alumna.



Ann and Leo Keenan Jr. (center) are pictured with their nine children in June 1993, when Leo was inducted into the University’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Pictured are (front row, from left) Maureen (Keenan) LeBoeuf, Kathleen (Keenan) Brewer, Ann (Finlay) Keenan, Leo Keenan Jr., Eileen (Keenan) Skrobacz, and Deirdre (Keenan) Ellis, and (back row, from left) Constance (Keenan) Lowry, Kevin Keenan, Leo Keenan III, Robert Keenan and Judith (Keenan) Miller.

(Keenan) Ellis, Constance E. Keenan-Lowry, Eileen Keenan-Skrobacz, and Kevin A. Keenan.

“As we were growing up in Olean we never knew anything different than St. Bonaventure University,” said Kathy (Brewer) Keenan, a retired schoolteacher.

graduated from SBU in 2004 and 2008, respectively. Ryan, a resident director, returned for the five-year MBA program.

“They chose St. Bonaventure for different reasons. For me, my sons were away at SBU, their second home. I never worried. I knew the strong sense of community and Christian values would encompass them on their own ‘good journeys,’” said Judy.

“I love SBU and am so happy to have one of my daughters attending. I can only hope her experience is as wonderful as mine,” said Dee Dee (Keenan) Ellis, who lives in Concord, Mass., and is a technical writer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. Her daughter Katherine A. Ellis transferred to St. Bonaventure her sophomore year.

“I had previously attended a small Catholic college in Worcester, Mass., and after a year I wanted to transfer,” said Katherine.

“I remember the night I came home from a friend’s house and my mom informed me that my cousin Erin would be going to St. Bonaventure. It was then I burst out, ‘I

really don’t like my school! I really want to transfer and I want to go to Bona’s.’”

Katherine, a marketing major, is close to the Keenan side of the family and says having cousins at Bona’s is definitely a bonus.

Paul Nolan, '52, (front row far left) and Bill Kenville (front row, far right), '53, started out on Bona’s campus as teammates and friends. They later would become brothers-in-law.



Richard Miller celebrates his graduation from St. Bonaventure in 1951 with (from left) his sister Violet, his mother, Frances, and sister Eleanore.

“I had always heard that Bona’s was an amazing school with a strong sense of community and kind people. I found that to be true and I am so glad I chose to attend Bona’s,” she said.

Connie (Keenan) Lowry lives in Shanghai, China. Her daughter Erin K. Lowry is a sophomore this year.

“Living on the other side of the world and sending your child to college in the U.S. can be very unsettling. When Erin, our oldest child, decided to attend St. Bonaventure many of our fears were calmed. We knew she would be in a safe and nurturing environment and in close proximity to family. As she begins her

second year at Bona’s we are confident she is where she belongs,” said Connie.

Erin, a theater and mass communication major, has appeared in two theater productions and written features for the campus newspaper. “She has had opportunities at SBU she would not have had as a freshman elsewhere,” said Connie.



## Union of three families lays foundation for 18 SBU legacies

By Carri Gregorski, '04

The Miller family tree is rooted in the 1940s and unites three SBU families within its branches. And, like many Bonaventure stories, it began with love and athletics.

When Paul Nolan and Bill Kenville wore their SBU basketball jerseys for the first time, the thought of becoming relatives probably didn’t occur to them. But that changed when their friend Richard Miller introduced Nolan and Kenville to his younger sisters, Eleanore and Violet Miller.

“Dick” Miller played football, and his sisters would visit campus to attend the games.

KEENAN FAMILY	
Leo E. Keenan Jr.	'47
Ann (Finlay) Keenan	'47
James C. Keenan	'52
Leo “Timer” E. Keenan III	'71
Sharon P. (Pelow) Keenan	'72
Kathleen A. (Keenan) Brewer	'72, '76
Judith K. (Keenan) Miller	'73
Robert F. Keenan	'74
Maureen Keenan-LeBoeuf	'76
Deirdre M. (Keenan) Ellis	'77
Constance E. Keenan-Lowry	'77
Holly (Nevins) Keenan	'79
Eileen Keenan-Skrobacz	'80
Kevin A. Keenan	'82
Patrick M. Keenan	'01
Kristen (Clemens) Keenan	'02, '06, '10
Caroline N. (Keenan) Taylor	'02
Eric J. Miller	'04
Ryan J. Miller	'08, '09
Katherine A. Ellis	'10
Erin K. Lowry	'11

Eleanore and Violet Miller married Nolan and Kenville, respectively, to their brother's genuine satisfaction.

"My Uncle Dick used to talk about how lucky he was to have handpicked his two brothers-in-law," said Mark Kenville, Bill's son and a '78 alumnus. "How many guys can say they've had such an opportunity?"

**NOLAN/MILLER/KENVILLE FAMILY**

Joseph Miller	'40s
Paul F. Nolan	'52
Bill M. Kenville	'53
Richard H. Miller	'51
Tom J. Kenville	'51
Paul F. Nolan Jr.	'76
Mark R. Dudley	'76
Mark F. Kenville	'78
Kathleen M. (Horan) Kenville	'79
Laurie N. (Nolan) Maloney	'80
Michael A. Hickey	'84
Kristeen M. (Kenville) Hickey	'84
Richard H. Miller II	'85
Joseph G. Eels-Miller	'99
Mary Kathleen (Hake) Eels-Miller	'99
Peter F. Eels-Miller	'04
Nicole Balles	'09
Amy Miller	'12

Dick Miller and Bill Kenville also had brothers with ties to SBU. Although not earning a degree, Joseph Miller attended the University in the 1940s and played football during SBU's only bowl appearance: the Tobacco Bowl. Tom Kenville graduated in 1951 and founded SBU's intramural program during his time on campus.

The family's list of accomplishments added up with each SBU graduate. Dick Miller, a Bonaventure Hall of Famer, served on the offensive line protecting Ted Marchibroda — who later became a Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and NFL coach. Dick was drafted by the Steelers and made it to the final round of cuts. He went on to become

a high school teacher, football referee and elected official, serving as a New York State Assemblyman for the 123rd District.

Years before SBU's Final Four appearance, Bill "Clete" Kenville led the SBU basketball team, and the Hall of Famer remains the only Bonaventure alumnus with an NBA championship ring. After graduating, Bill spent seven years in the NBA, playing for the Syracuse Nationals and making two championship appearances. After his basketball career, Bill became director of the Probation Department for Broome County, N.Y.

Paul Nolan, who starred with Bill Kenville on the first SBU team to make the NIT, was a high school teacher and varsity basketball coach before dying unexpectedly at the age of 30.

"He was great with kids. Paul really knew how to relate to them and was an excellent coach," said Bill Kenville.

Tom Kenville became a sports writer for The Associated Press and The New York Times. He went on to manage the boxing publicity department for Madison Square Garden and served as the official scorekeeper for the New York Knicks. Most notably, Tom became public relations manager for boxing legend Muhammad Ali.

The next generation of Nolans, Millers and Kenvilles strengthened the tradition of Bonaventure camaraderie. Paul Nolan Jr. followed in the footsteps of his Uncle Dick, matching his roommate, Mark Dudley, with his sister Kathy Nolan. Paul's other sister, Laurie Nolan, enrolled at SBU and graduated in 1980. Five years later, Richard Miller II graduated.

The family's first Bonaventure couples sprouted, too. Mark Kenville married 1979 alumna Kathleen Horan, and Mark's sister, Kristeen Kenville, married her classmate Michael Hickey.

Nicole Balles, '09, and Amy Miller, '12



Many Bonaventure family members and friends celebrated Bill and Violet Kenville's 50th wedding anniversary in 2003. Seated from left: John Monaco, Dick Miller, Bill Kenville and Don Flanagan; standing from left: Tom Kenville, Rick Miller, John Tangi, Jim Dwyer, Mark Dudley, Paul Nolan Jr., Kris (Kenville) Hickey, Michael Hickey, Mark Kenville and Kathleen (Horan) Kenville.

From the 1990s through 2004 three more relatives earned SBU degrees. Joseph Eels-Miller, great nephew of the first generation Millers, Kenvilles and Nolans, graduated in 1999. He married Mary Kathleen "Katie" Hake Eels-Miller, who also earned her master's from Bonaventure. Joseph's brother, Peter Eels-Miller, graduated in 2004.

"You hear many stories about children attending the same schools as their parents or siblings, but our extended family has had at least one student on campus for 30 of the last 60 years," said Mark Kenville.

The family's presence at SBU continues today, with Nicole Balles, granddaughter of Richard Miller, scheduled to graduate in 2009. And, in April, the family learned of its 18th member to join the Bonaventure community: Amy Miller, granddaughter of Joseph Miller, secured her place in the class of 2012. The Miller family ties may extend across six states and three generations, but Bonaventure remains the place they all call home.

**Three Maginn generations wear their heart for Bona's on their sleeve**

By Beth Eberth

When Lewis J. Maginn went off to college in 1938, he headed to St. Bonaventure with only a small suitcase and the clothes on his back. But whether he was wearing his street clothes or his football uniform as a guard for the Bonnies, Lewis, who graduated in 1941, wore his heart for Bona's on his sleeve.

His deep love for his alma mater was joyfully shared with his wife, children and grandchildren. Three sons and a daughter — Patrick J. Maginn, James L. Maginn, John F. Maginn, and Elizabeth L. (Maginn) Cilano — would follow his path to Bona's. Pat visited St. Bonaventure during January 1960 while a senior at Aquinas Institute in Rochester.



"St. Bona's was on my list of visits for many reasons: my Dad had attended and I was a fan of the basketball team, which received great publicity in our local papers," Pat said.

From left, James Maginn, class of 1968, is pictured with siblings Elizabeth, '81, Mike, and John, '72, on campus in the late 1960s.



Lewis J. Maginn, '41, (at left, back row) is pictured with several classmates in fall 1938 outside what is now Garret Theater.

"We visited for a day and I was impressed with the facilities, students I met, (and) friars. It just seemed like a special place." He got to know his classmates and upperclassmen by following the "freshman rules" — wearing a nametag, hat and brown tie inscribed with his name and class year. Dorm rules required the frosh students to be in their rooms hitting the books between 8 and 10 p.m. (no radios allowed).

"Looking back on those years, I still remember what a close-knit community

we were," said Pat, who is now retired from Eastman Kodak and lives in Geneseo, N.Y.

Free time was spent in town, playing intramurals or hanging out at the café, and there were special social weekends and parties at the clubhouse.

"During basketball season, the focus was on the next game. Back then we all ate lunch and dinner together in Hickey.

**MAGINN/CILANO FAMILY**

Lewis J. Maginn	'41
Patrick J. Maginn	'64
James L. Maginn	'68
John F. Maginn	'72
Elizabeth L. (Maginn) Cilano	'81
Thomas A. Cilano	'81
Colleen M. (Maginn) Wiggs	'89
Wayne G. Wiggs	'90
Scott M. Maginn	'96
Christopher J. Maginn	'03
Brian J. Maginn	'06
Sean M. Cilano	'08
Scott M. Maginn	'10
Kevin P. Cilano	'11

If there was a home game at the Armory, the noise and excitement at the meal was unbelievable," added Pat.

In the 1960s, Pat was "a math major lucky enough to be taught by Prof. King, Dr. Roth and others. I thought in general we had great teachers."

He also thought it was great to have two of his brothers and his sister go to Bona's. Elizabeth was just starting elementary school when big brother Pat headed off to St. Bonaventure. When the Maginns went to visit Pat, the family would make a day of it, stopping at Letchworth State Park on the way from Rochester to Olean.

When she began to search for a college, Elizabeth applied to two schools — Notre Dame and St. Bonaventure.

"We had visited the Notre Dame campus one more time. We were at South Bend (Ind.), and I said, 'this is not the place for me.' Bonaventure just felt exactly right to me," Elizabeth said.

"I had a wonderful experience, made wonderful friends at Bonaventure," Elizabeth said. By the time she attended Bona's, some 20 years after her brother Pat, her father was recently retired. "The blessing/curse of that was they (parents) had a trailer," Elizabeth recalled.

Living in 232 Falconio at the time, she'd be studying or hanging out with friends, when suddenly her floormates with a window view of the Rob-Fal circle would yell out, "Your folks are here!"

"They would park (the camper) behind De La Roche, stay for a couple nights and take us out to dinner," Elizabeth said.

It was at St. Bonaventure that Elizabeth, a biology major, met her classmate and future husband, Thomas A. Cilano, who is now a dentist in Rochester.

The Cilanos' two sons, Sean and Kevin, would make their mark at St. Bonaventure, along with a handful of cousins and a second-cousin, Scott Maginn of the class of 1996.

John, a 1972 grad, is delighted his three sons, Christopher, Brian, and Scott (yes, a second Scott Maginn), all grew Bonaventure roots.

"I am so pleased that my sons have all found what we found. Bona's is home to us," he said.

"Our family has changed so much in the last 50 years: births, deaths, marriages, moves, new jobs, new neighborhoods, etc. Our link to Bona's endures like none other. It was a time of great discovery, great friends and great times."

His brother Jim often referred to



Some 21 members of the Anderson-Cullen St. Bonaventure family are pictured.

Bonaventure as his "other home, a very special place that left a mark on my soul that will always be there."

John, who was an economics major, remembered walking to the post office one day in the fall of '68, his freshman year, with a group of friends.

"It occurred to me that I was no longer missing home and my high school friends. With lots of help from my Bona family, I had learned to let go and move on. Bona's was now my home and these guys were my friends. This was an invaluable lesson that serves to this very day," he said.

Today, John works for Bausch & Lomb in Rochester. His sister Elizabeth is quick to point out that John isn't embarrassed to wear his Bona pride on his sleeve.

"I don't know if he owns clothing that didn't come from the bookstore," she says.

### The Anderson/Cullen Family

Many members of the Anderson-Cullen St. Bonaventure family gathered together during the summer and took the above picture.

To date, there are 29 family members who are proud graduates of St. Bonaventure; some have dual degrees. This wonderful legacy began with Dr. Kenneth Anderson, a professor and administrator at Bona's from 1946 to 1985, and his wife, Agnes.

Anderson served in many roles, including as professor of biology and microbiology, chair of the Department of Biology, dean of Arts and Sciences, dean of the Graduate School, and mentor to many professors and students.

All 11 of the Andersons' children attended St. Bonaventure.

"Our Anderson/Cullen family is a true legacy family," said Ken's daughter Joan (Anderson) Cullen.

"Our dad was affiliated with St. Bonaventure for nearly 50 years and we 11 children stayed true to his passion. Furthermore, we met husbands and wives at Bona's and my four children have graduated from Bona's — with two married to Bona alums."

Joan said her family has benefited greatly from the Bonaventure tradition.

"St. Bonaventure provided a great education for each individual in the many life paths we have chosen. This legacy has been our honor as our lives have been greatly enhanced by that indescribable 'Bonaventure spirit' and 'Bonaventure bond.' We are on this good journey forever. We will always bleed brown and white," Joan said.

### What's Your Legacy?

Please share with us the story of your family's Bonaventure legacy. All legacy stories will be posted on St. Bonaventure University's Alumni Web site — Bona's Online (*see login instructions below*).

We will also compile these stories for the University Archives to ensure that your family's Bonaventure story is recorded for generations to come.

Bona's Online is a valuable tool in helping to keep alumni connected to each other and the University. To register or log in, go to [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu), and click on "Bona's Online" in the navigation bar. Then simply click login or register to begin.

**ALSO ONLINE:** See expanded versions of these Bonaventure magazine features, along with additional photos.

### THE ANDERSON/CULLEN FAMILY\*

Thomas E. Cullen	'55
Kenneth Anderson Jr.	'64
Vincent Anderson	'70, '72
Alfred Rauh	'72
Joan (Anderson) Cullen	'69
Patrick Cullen	'69
Mary (Anderson) Henebry	'70
Kathleen (Anderson) Russell	'73
Dody (Anderson) Karl	'75
Paul Anderson	'77
Patricia Anderson	'77
William Anderson	'78
Robert Karl	'78
Dr. Joseph Anderson	'80
Dr. Robert Vignali	'80
Theresa (Anderson) Vignali	'81
Joseph Cullen	'97
Colleen (Cullen) Young	'96
Dr. Michael Rauh	'95
Pam (Kustich) Rauh	'94
Timothy Cullen	'04, '05
Elizabeth (Rauh) Funigiello	'03
Keith Young	'02
Catherine Zielinski	'02
Tony Funigiello	'01
Thomas J. Cullen	'00
Ian Williams	'00
Michelle (Hoffstaetter) Cullen	'00, '01
Lynn (Hoffstaetter) Williams	'00, '01

\* The list does not include cousins and other relatives who graduated or family members who attended SBU but did not earn a degree.

# A Legacy of Giving

By Susan Anderson

Leslie C. Quick III, '75, and his wife, Eileen, carry on the Quick giving tradition



The day Les Quick graduated from St. Bonaventure University, his father shared more than a handshake with him; he shared the hard fact that the Quick family might have to declare bankruptcy — either that, or dare to go full force into the unfamiliar landscape of the discount brokerage business.

The family chose the latter.

Now, more than three decades later, Quick can say with confidence they made the right decision. What could have been a crisis became a successful family-run business that put its customers and employees first, and a family legacy of philanthropy and service that some say is unparalleled.

Quick & Reilly Group, Inc., became known not only for its accessibility through branch offices that eventually spanned the United States, but also for its people factor. Customers knew they could discuss their investments face-to-face with a broker. Employees knew they were doing more than just toiling away at a job. And outside of the office, the Quick name became known for its constant dedication to education and healthcare.

## Continuing the Vision

Today, Les Quick and his six siblings hold fast to their parents' tenet that people and the personal touch matter most in the course of a day. They also continue to support many of the charities their parents — Leslie C. Quick Jr. and Regina A. (Clarkson) Quick, who passed away in 2001 and 2006 respectively — supported during their life together.

Of the myriad organizations they champion, the most dear may well be Catholic charities. While the list of causes they support is long, of note is their continued commitment to the Inner-City Scholarship Fund in New York City (of which their father was a founding financial backer and trustee).

"Education is the way to help people get ahead," Les says.

"My brothers and sisters and I sponsor two Catholic elementary schools in the South Bronx," he adds, sharing that through the years they have refurbished classrooms and gymnasiums, replaced boilers, and continue to aid in keeping the cost of tuition down.

"Eighty percent of the people sending their children to these schools are living at or below the poverty line," he explains. "They pay anywhere from \$1,800 to \$2,500 to have their child go to school there. You know they are sacrificing."

There is genuine admiration in his voice as he talks about the parents who care about the education of their children and the low incidence of discipline problems among the students. "It is wonderful to support the schools," he adds.

"My father allowed us to take time from the business to serve others."

Les Quick  
Founding partner of Massey, Quick & Co., LLC

## Giving in the Workplace

Les (or "Q3" as he signs his e-mails) is now a founding partner of Massey, Quick & Co., LLC, a wealth management firm in Morristown, N.J. Opened in 2004, the company has more than \$1.5 billion under advisement, one half from foundations and endowments, the other from high-net-worth families and individuals.

He and founding partner Stewart R. Massey invest their money side-by-side with their clients and have developed a framework for evaluating money managers, both quantitatively and qualitatively. They employ a dozen people and operate the way Quick & Reilly did in terms of employee relations.

"The assets walk out the door every night, that's the way I look at employees," says Les. "You have to be passionate about what you are doing, and you have to have fun," he continues. "We have a lot of laughs in the office. We're in a very serious line of work, but I don't think you should take yourself too seriously. We just need to remember that we each have a job to do and no matter what that job is, it should be respected."

That respect and concern creates a culture of giving in the workplace that extends back to the halcyon days of Quick & Reilly.

"My father allowed us to take time from the business to serve others," Les recalls. "He also encouraged us to give to things that interested us."

Ed Garry, SBU class of 1992, shares that "there was never a question" about volunteering during his 13-year employment with Quick & Reilly. Garry, who is now vice president of business intelligence for Bank of New York Mellon, says there was always strong support for the employees — in their roles within the company and with the charities they chose to assist.



Les and Eileen Quick are pictured with their children (from left) Chris, Ryan, Kelsey and Maura.

“As an employee, you just felt you were being looked after,” he says. “The Quick family has the savvy to not only grow a small firm into one of the most profitable brokerage firms on Wall Street, but to recognize where opportunities exist in the ever-changing financial services industry,” Garry continues. “Couple that insight with an awareness of social responsibility, and the combination enhances the lives of so many people.”

### Serving Others

From across the street to around the world the Quicks have turned compassion into service from the earliest moments of their success.

“One of the things that always struck me about Les and his family is their generosity. There is a true desire in this family for the deep health of people and the spiritual growth of individuals,” says Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., class of 1964, who lived two doors apart from Les on “First Dev” as minister-in-residence.

Thirty-plus years later, their friendship is strong, solid. Fr. Dan witnessed Les’s marriage and has been with him “through all the ups and downs” of life.

Guardian and founding member of the friar community at Mt. Irenaeus (where Les made one of the first retreats, which became a prototype for all others), Fr. Dan says he is “blessed to be a part of three generations of the Quick family,” adding that he has “watched them carry and pass on the faith and goodness that Les learned from his parents.”

Les’s younger brother Christopher recently spent 10 days traveling to Ethiopia and Uganda with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in order to see “what all this money does for people so desperate.” Joining him was Sarah, one of his four daughters. A graduate of Boston College where she was a faith, justice and peace major, Sarah plans to return to Africa once she earns her nursing degree.

What father and daughter discovered during their journey is that CRS “is a lean operation,” says Chris, meaning that the bulk of money donated goes to the actual charity.

“The people on the ground doing the work are locals,” he says, which empowers them. “They know the territory and the people.”

Shares Chris, “When you’re in Africa, you can’t focus on the overall problem because if you did you would be overwhelmed with grief and sorrow. Catholic Relief Services aims to help as many people as possible.”

Les’s wife, Eileen, first became involved with Operation Smile, “a worldwide children’s medical charity,” through their son Ryan.

“Operation Smile is one of the few organizations that allow high school students to participate on medical missions,” says Eileen. “The students must attend a leadership conference and mission training before being selected for a mission. They must also belong to a school club that raises awareness and funds for Operation Smile.”

Ryan joined a mission to Vietnam when he was a senior in high school. The experience changed his life. He witnessed how a simple surgical procedure dramatically changed the lives of children who were born with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities, says Eileen. And he got his family involved.

Today, Eileen is a trained student sponsor, has participated in several missions (to Thailand, Honduras and the Philippines), and

“There is a true desire in this family for the deep health of people and the spiritual growth of individuals.”

Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., class of 1964

### Quick Center for the Arts has been a draw for schoolchildren since 1995



One of the most visible ways the Quick Family has supported the University’s mission was with a gift that established The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.

As a regional outlet for culture and expression for Western New York, the Quick Center offers a wide array of educational services to regional school districts. Area schoolchildren can tour the exhibitions, spend time completing hands-on art projects, see an exhibition-related film or watch a school day performance.

The arts center’s education programs are aligned with the standards for arts education established by both the New York State Education Department and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



For those who can’t get to The Quick Center, arts education may come to them. The Quick Center is unveiling the Artmobile this year, a new mobile education program that will bring the museum experience to local schools.

Learn more about the Quick Center’s education program, along with upcoming exhibitions and performances, at [www.sbu.edu/quickcenter](http://www.sbu.edu/quickcenter).

is proud to share that their daughter Maura recently completed mission training and is headed to Senegal later this year.

When asked what moments stand out most in her mind, Eileen shares the story of a 6-year-old boy, Hernan, who had a cleft lip. “He was brought to the hospital by an elderly man and his wife who had raised him after finding him in a garbage can when he

was a baby,” she recalls. “This child was very small for his age, but he had a large personality. It was hard to believe he had been ‘thrown away’ as an infant.”

Eileen says that she feels she has gained more than she has given through her involvement with Operation Smile. “It has been extremely rewarding to be part of a team whose goal is to improve the lives of children around the world,” she says. “Operation Smile truly changes lives, one smile at a time.”

### The Legacy Continues

“I have been blessed in life in a lot of ways,” says Les. “It’s good to share and to give back, and it feels good to know you can do some good in the world.”

This father of four is passing to his children the grace and gratitude learned in his lifetime. “I think that’s your job as a parent, to continue to nurture that,” Les says.

At his alma mater, he has served nearly 20 years on the University’s Board of Trustees, including six years as vice chair and two years as chair. In addition to his board service, he has given of his time to the University’s National Alumni Board, Annual Fund and its first capital campaign. He is presently co-chair of the 150th Anniversary Campaign, where some \$89 million has been raised toward the \$90 million goal. He was an honorary degree recipient in May 2001 and was Alumnus of the Year in 1990.

“The Quick family — and for us at St. Bonaventure, Les and Eileen Quick in particular — provide sterling examples of conscientious stewardship of God’s gifts,” says Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., president of St. Bonaventure.

“By his leadership on our Board, and his availability to a wide variety of our institutional concerns, Les is helping us to forge a path of excellence as we close the 150th Anniversary and commit the University to another century of extraordinary Franciscan education,” Sr. Margaret says.

Perhaps the ultimate testimony to the Quick legacy was delivered by Pope Benedict XVI during his 2008 visit to the U.S. Les’s brother Tom was the first to receive the Eucharist from the pope at the papal Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on April 19 in New York City, and his brother Chris and his wife, Ann, were the last people to bring the gifts to Pope Benedict at the offertory.

“I have always been a believer that the more I give the more that comes back to me,” says Les. “If it were not for the grace of God, we could be back at square one.”



# Reinvigorating a basketball legacy

By Tom Missel

Mark Schmidt makes his mark on the Bonnies by stressing the importance of relationships



**B**ob Lanier scored more points per game than any basketball player in St. Bonaventure history, but on this day, nearly 40 years removed from his All-American career, he was content to dish out a big assist.

At an alumni reception after the Bonnies' 2008 season-ending loss at Fordham, senior guard Tyler Relph grabbed the microphone to express his thanks to the Bonaventure community for their support during his rollercoaster career. One glance at his teammates and coaches left Relph choking on tears.

Relph steeled himself when Lanier offered a comforting pat on the back. Relph was able to finish his heartfelt words, sentiments he couldn't have imagined expressing when the season began in the fall.

Mark Schmidt meant that much — as a game coach, certainly, but perhaps more so as a charismatic leader for the team's embattled players and fans to embrace.

"It was great to have a coach who believed in you, one who was willing to give you a fresh start," said Relph, whose first two years were plagued by nagging injuries, ineffectiveness and fits of immaturity.

"From the first time he called me into his office, I just felt this aura about him. He's got the type of personality that will attract players here, the kind that will bring Bonaventure basketball back."

The obvious numbers from the 2007-2008 season — 8 wins, 22 losses — don't look much different than the numbers the Bonnies mustered since being slapped with NCAA sanctions (since expired) for recruiting violations unearthed in 2003.

But some underlying numbers — nine losses by less than 10 points, only five by more than 15, a 15-point drubbing of upstart Duquesne, and a 20-point win at Saint

Louis — signified a step in the right direction for a program that's been an Atlantic 10 bottom feeder for five years. "This is the first time (since 2003) that we have real hope. As an old friend from Bona's says, 'The alumni are pumped,'" says Charlie Tarulli, class of '62, a longtime booster whose license plate has read BONNIES since 1994.

"To talk to him is to love him," says Tarulli, who attended the post-game reception at Fordham and a New York City fundraiser for basketball in June. "I think Mark's the best X's and O's guy we've had in a long time, and he understands the passion that the community and alumni have for the team. I think he's a perfect fit for Bonaventure."

The feeling, Schmidt says, is mutual.

"Like any job, you never know if you've made the right decision until four or five months have passed," Schmidt says. "After four or five months, I knew this was the place for me. It's just been terrific."

Olean serves as the ideal intersection of Schmidt's career goals and family plans. The 45-year-old native of North Attleboro, Mass., can't imagine a better place for him and his wife, Anita, to raise their three young sons.

"I grew up in a small town just like Olean, maybe a little bigger," he says. "You were born there, raised there, died there. You did an honest day's work and came home to your family. For a family guy, Olean is a perfect situation. I mean, you read the paper ..."

Schmidt pauses for a moment and blurts out what comes so easily to him: laughter.

"You read the court docket and it says, 'Johnny Smith broke into Julie's garage and stole her bicycle.' I love that. That's what Olean is. This isn't a big city with a murder

every night. This is a great place to raise a family."

Schmidt knows too that Bonaventure can be a great place to coach basketball.

"One of the reasons I took the job was because of Bonaventure's tradition," says Schmidt, who played at Boston College in the early 1980s. "And I knew firsthand how passionate the fans were.

"My last year (as an assistant) at Xavier, in 2000 when the Bonnies went to the NCAA tourney, we were nationally ranked and had David West, who missed a shot at the buzzer (in a 65-64 Bona win). We were driving back to Buffalo after the game and I told Skip (Prosser), 'Coach, that's the loudest place I've ever been, and I've played in the Carrier Dome and Madison Square Garden.' That place was unbelievable. When the Bonaventure job opened up, I thought about that game."

**"One of the reasons I took the job was because of Bonaventure's tradition."**

Mark Schmidt

As he was pondering St. Bonaventure's offer last April, a surprising source reminded Schmidt of another game in the RC.

"I was talking to my point guard at Robert Morris, Derek Coleman, and he said, 'Coach, I hear you're thinking about Bonaventure.' I said, 'Yeah, what do you think?' He said, 'Coach, you've got to go.

**D**on't you remember that place? We played up there and lost by two when Marques Green went nuts at the end.

"Derek said, 'Coach, you remember that atmosphere? Robert Morris will never be like that.'"

Good luck finding many coaches who would consult their players for career advice, but that's what Schmidt values: a collaborative leadership style that invites counsel from all corners.

"He's so inclusive, asking our opinions about everything, and he's completely honest with you," says Rhonda Monahan, secretary for men's basketball. "Mark doesn't have any airs about him. He's a wonderful guy to work for."

Schmidt's inclusive nature was a lesson learned from his most cherished mentor, Skip Prosser, who brought Schmidt with him to Xavier after their one-year coaching stint at Loyola (Md.).

"I've been really lucky to have played for two Hall of Fame coaches," says Schmidt, who played at BC for Dr. Tom Davis as a freshman and for current Maryland coach Gary Williams his last three seasons. "But Skip is really the guy who taught me the most."

Prosser's most important lessons didn't come from a dry-erase clipboard.

"Skip was the guy who taught me how to treat people," Schmidt says. "He always said the most important people in the athletic department aren't your athletic director or your assistant coaches. It's the janitor and your secretary. It's those people who can make or break you. You don't treat them any differently than you would treat the college president.

"Skip was all about relationships, about

making sure that the kids that you coached respected you. But they also need to know that you love 'em, and not just because they are basketball players. You become their father in a way. He always used to say, 'You can't endure them, you have to enjoy them.'"

"What Skip does for me ... "

He paused and glanced down at his desk, realizing he needed to be in the past tense.

Schmidt still has a hard time accepting that he can't just pick up the phone anymore to seek the advice of Prosser, the victim of a massive heart attack last July shortly after a morning jog at Wake Forest. Just 56, Prosser was preparing for his seventh year as head coach of the Demon Deacons.

"It was just a tragedy because Skip was such a great guy," Schmidt says. "Everyone in this business will always have some enemies because it's so competitive out there, but Skip didn't have any. He just did everything the right way."

No one will know if the strains of the job conspired to kill Prosser, but Schmidt admits that his close friend's shocking death has led many coaches, burdened by the pressure to win and then win some more, to take stock of their lives.

"Pat Flannery just retired at Bucknell, and one of the reasons was Skip's death. An event like that really puts things in perspective," Schmidt says. "It makes you reflect on what's truly important. You want to be prepared for games, prepared for practice, but there's overkill. There's a fine line between doing your job well and being a dad and a husband.

"Don't get me wrong. You want to work as hard as possible, to make people proud again, but this job can consume you. There are coaches who work 20 hours a day, who sleep in their office. I've told my wife

and my assistants, if I ever start sleeping in my office just come in here and shoot me because I've lost my mind."

One of his assistants, Jeff Massey, not only coached with Schmidt at Robert Morris but played for Prosser and Schmidt at Xavier, where he averaged 19 points a game as a senior.



Mark Schmidt celebrates his first victory on Bob Lanier Court — a 97-80 win over Binghamton — with the Reilly Center student section.

"One of the things I learned from Skip is something I see Mark carrying on with his players, that this is not a four-year relationship but a lifetime friendship," Massey says. "Mark is a guy that you can talk to about anything. ... These aren't just basketball players to him, they are people. They are his family."

That word comes up a lot when people talk about Schmidt.

"You really should see him interact with his kids. They're like magnets," Massey says. Athletic Director Steve Watson can't say enough about the relationships Schmidt has forged in just over a year.

"He's really a family guy. All you have to do is see him around his children to know that," says Watson. "He treats his players

his first year behind the Bonnies' bench. "I can't even imagine what they went through for three years, to have people questioning if you're any good, or just flat out telling you that you stink," Schmidt says. "For them to be able to come back and have the years that they had was incredibly rewarding."

So was watching them flip their tassels at commencement in May.

"You want to have an effect on kids' lives. They come in here as young, innocent boys without a clue and leave here, hopefully, as mature adults who are going to take their place in society," Schmidt says. "When you see them walk across that stage to get their degrees, that's a great feeling. That's what you're in this business for."

Schmidt never planned on being "in this business" at all.

"My freshman year I went to my adviser in arts and sciences who asked me what I wanted to do," Schmidt recalls. "I said I wanted to make money. He said, 'Well, then you need to get into business.' So I switched my major to business.

"Coaching was the furthest thing from my mind. I was tired of basketball when I got out of college."

But after 20 months of selling health and beauty aids, Schmidt says, "I realized how much I missed basketball. Sales is all about you. I missed the locker room and the camaraderie."

Schmidt took a substitute teaching job and coached several JV sports as he pursued his master's in business education, but the incessant clock-watching waiting for the afternoon bell to ring made him realize that he wanted to coach full time.

"I couldn't wait to get out to the practice fields, so I knew I had the bug," he says.

Tim O'Shea, his former roommate at BC and now the head coach at Bryant College, tipped Schmidt off to an assistant's job at St. Michael's in Vermont working for Barry Parkhill, brother of Penn State coach Bruce Parkhill.

Schmidt rode shotgun on a Coke delivery truck in the summer to supplement his \$6,300 salary, and his mom had to pick up the payments on a VW Fox he couldn't even drive off the lot because he hadn't learned yet how to drive a stick.

After two years, Schmidt moved on to Penn State in 1991 before finally hooking up with Prosser at Loyola in 1993. Current Penn State coach Ed DeChellis, a PSU assistant with Schmidt in the early 1990s, was Prosser's best friend and encouraged Prosser to consider Schmidt.

Boston College teammate Mike Sinicki, now a lawyer in Binghamton, says Schmidt was "the last guy" on the team he thought would end up as a coach, but it doesn't surprise him that he's found success at every stop.

"My suspicion is that he's very honest with the people he's recruiting, and he's probably a guy you'd love to play for," Sinicki says. "He might be kicking you in the butt one minute and slapping you on the back the next."

Massey says that's about right.

"When you do something right, Mark is going to let you know. And when you do something wrong, he's definitely going to let you know," Massey says, laughing.

Schmidt certainly hoped more things would go right his first season, but since he only had four players at his first team meeting — and two of them raised their hands when he asked who was considering a transfer — he's fairly satisfied with the results.



Says Schmidt: "They need to know that you love 'em, and not just because they are basketball players."

"The first step," Schmidt says, "was to become credible again, to get us to play hard so that when people left the Reilly Center they could say, 'Those kids might not be very talented, but they worked hard and gave us our money's worth. I think people who played us told others, 'You better prepare for Bonaventure because they'll give you their best shot.'"

Schmidt and his staff will have to brush up on their chemistry lessons first semester as they try to get nine new players to gel in time for the team's Nov. 14 opener.

"It's exciting and scary, but my outlook always has to be positive," Schmidt says. "When I took over it was so negative, and negativity doesn't help anybody. It just brings you down further. The glass has to be half full. Have we arrived? Absolutely not. But we're making progress."

Schmidt scoffs at the notion that coming to Bonaventure might have been career

suicide. "This is not a graveyard. It's been a few years, but they've won in the past and can win again. Programs that have never won have a problem with their infrastructure, not their coaching," Schmidt says.

"The infrastructure here isn't the problem, so why can't we win again? ... Is it going to take some effort? No question. Is it going to take some patience? Some more money? Absolutely. But we're making changes and the only way we can go is up."

Of course, Schmidt says, "If I took the Bonaventure job to win the national title, well then it is career suicide."

Classic Schmidt: brutally honest, brutally funny – often in the same breath.

"Mark's like that all the time. He's so fun-loving," says Watson. "Mark and his staff work very hard, but they're also a lot of fun to be around and that's infectious."

When people are enjoying themselves, people are attracted to that." Sinicki, a former star at Union-Endicott, played golf with Schmidt in June at a charity event in Johnson City.

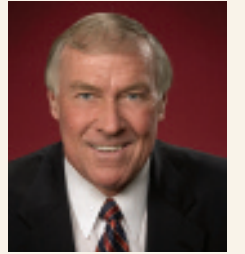
"Mark's just a guy you'd love to play a round of golf with," Sinicki says. "At the tournament, guys were suggesting all these nice restaurants to take him to afterward, but I said, 'You know what? We're going to the Galley Tavern in Endwell, have a pitcher of beer and a pizza, and probably laugh for three straight hours.'

"He's such a bright, personable guy with a great perspective on the game and on life. Who wouldn't want to play for him?"



## National Alumni Association

### A Message from the National Alumni Association Board President



Marv Stocker, '65

Dear fellow alumni and friends,

I'm honored to write the first "Message from the NAAB President" for our new magazine, Bonaventure: The Magazine of St. Bonaventure University. The BonAlumnus served our alumni well since 1953, keeping our 25,000 alums updated with feature stories, news on campus events and improvements, the progress of our capital campaigns, the Bonaventure Fund and freshman recruiting, along with the popular "Alumni Updates." Now, this new magazine format takes Bona's into the 21st century.

In the final (summer) issue of BonAlumnus, Carri Gregorski, '04, wrote an excellent article about the National Alumni Association Board (NAAB). Our 30 members represent all of our alumni. We are an "advisory" board but, in our new Strategic Plan, our goal is to be a more "contributory" board by giving our time and talents to meet the changing needs of our University.

I would like to share some of the highlights of our members' efforts in 2007-2008.

- Bob Crowley, '71, and Charlie Riley, '01, co-chaired the Bonaventure Fund's successful campaign, which raised \$2,390,585, exceeding the goal of \$2.365 million.
- Members made solicitation calls, reminder calls, and sent thank-you notes to Bonaventure Fund donors.
- Members participated in the recruiting program SHARE Bona's by sending letters to accepted freshmen and following up with phone calls to answer their questions. (SHARE stands for Supporters Helping Admissions Recruiting Efforts.)
- We produced and published our first National Alumni Association brochure.
- We honored Fr. Dan Hurley, O.F.M., '40, for his 30 years of service as our NAAB chaplain and chose Fr. Dan Riley, O.F.M., '64, as our new chaplain.
- Led by member Jerry Ford, we developed the idea for a Universal Bonaventure Celebration event.
- We developed our 2008-2009 Strategic Plan, thanks to the great leadership of our First Vice President Lynda Wilhelm, '86. The plan was approved by University President Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., S.T.D., and is being implemented.

Four key needs of the University were chosen in our strategic planning session:

1. Development
2. Recruiting
3. Career mentoring
4. Re-engagement of alumni

I would like to focus on re-engagement of alumni, which I believe begins with communication. One of the disturbing comments I hear from alumni is "I only hear from Bona's when they call me for money."

While it's true that alums receive a phone call every year from Bonathon volunteers, the University communicates with you in many ways. This new magazine will be published twice a year. Our Web site at [www.sbu.edu](http://www.sbu.edu) contains a wealth of information about everything associated with St. Bonaventure, including four banners that run on the home page communicating upcoming activities, events, and news on campus or about alumni. There are dedicated Web pages designed with you in mind: Browse the "Alumni & Friends" pages as well as the new online community, Bona's Online, accessible via [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu). And @SBU, the monthly e-newsletter from the Alumni Office, began in 2001. If you're not one of the 13,000 alumni receiving it, drop the Alumni Office a note at [alumni@sbu.edu](mailto:alumni@sbu.edu).

Alumni also hear directly from Sr. Margaret throughout the year at major University events and her many chapter visits. During the past year, Alumni Services held 75 major events in 27 chapters with 4,697 alumni attendees. Lastly, Reunion 2008 was attended by more than 850 alumni. So alums, in the words of Willie Nelson, "You are always on our mind."



## BonAlumnus Updates

**1942 — Stanley B. Victor**, a World War II veteran and longtime teacher at Akron (N.Y.) Central School, was featured in the Akron Alumni Association's spring newsletter. Victor taught business for 34 years at Akron, where he was also active as a referee for football and track and an umpire for baseball. He now spends his winters house-hopping between Ohio and Maryland, where he visits his children. He also continues to be an active volunteer with the Akron Lions Club, which he has been a member of since 1956.

**1952 —** The following members of the class of 1952 held a mini-reunion in Washington, D.C., in April: **Thomas Ryan, Michael McManus, Joseph Ravener, Norbert Rappl, Frederick Specht, Hubert Donlon** and **John Summers**.

**1955 — Frank Cady** was inducted into the Wellsville High School Hall of Fame class of 2008. Cady has coached softball, boys basketball and boys and girls tennis in a 40-year coaching career. Cady, who came to Wellsville in 1962, also served the district as a teacher and principal. He is best known as a softball coach, compiling a record of 198-39, as well as a New York state record of 58 wins in a row. His softball teams won seven Section V titles, including five straight from 1994-98. The Olean Times Herald has honored Cady by presenting a softball coach each year with the Frank Cady Big 30 Coach of the Year award. Cady is already a member of the Allegany County Hall of Fame (2008) and received the Wellsville Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year award in 1991.

**1956 — The Rev. Anthony Gagliardo** was recognized by Evans Army Community Hospital for his 15 years of service to the Fort Carson (Colo.) facility in March. Fr. Anthony, who retired from the U.S. Army in 1993, marked his 47th year as a Catholic priest in 2008.

**1966 — Frank Higbie** and his wife visited

### Upcoming Alumni Events: More online at [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu)

Oct. 8	Rochester, N.Y.	UBC* Reception	Nov. 21-23	Rutgers, N.J.	Basketball Games and Reception
Oct. 9	New York, N.Y.	Mass and UBC Reception	Nov. 29	Buffalo	Canisius Basketball Reception
Oct. 11	Stamford, Conn.	UBC Reception with SBU President	Dec. 12	Binghamton	UBC Reception with SBU President
Oct. 12	Jacksonville	UBC Reception	Dec. 22	Ypsilanti, Mich.	Eastern Michigan Basketball Reception
Oct. 18	San Diego	UBC Reception	Jan. 7	New York, N.Y.	Fordham U. Basketball Reception
Oct. 18	Fayetteville, N.C.	UBC Reception	Feb. 6-8	Homecoming Weekend	Campus
Oct. 19	Chatham, N.J.	UBC Reception	Feb. 13-14	Hall of Fame Weekend	Campus
Oct. 22	Wellsville, N.Y.	UBC Dinner			
Oct. 25	Philadelphia	UBC Reception			
Oct. 25	Hartford, Conn.	Mountain on the Road			
Oct. 25-26	Burlington, Vt.	Mountain on the Road			
Oct. 26,	Washington, D.C.	Mass and UBC Reception			
Oct. 29	Buffalo, N.Y.	UBC Reception			
Nov. 17	Poughkeepsie	Marist Basketball Reception 1			

\* Universal Bonaventure Celebrations

For additional details: Go to [Bona's Online](http://Bona's Online), [alumni.sbu.edu](http://alumni.sbu.edu), or e-mail [alumni@sbu.edu](mailto:alumni@sbu.edu).

Madrid, Venice, and Slovenia (formerly part of Yugoslavia) last June. They stayed in Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana, for a few days then saw some of the northern country at the Julian Alps. "Venice is a place to certainly see once and the tourist center of Madrid with its late-night restaurants and pubs was a place any Bonaventure grad would enjoy. All countries had interesting historical sites to see," he writes.

**1968 — Gary Parsons** teaches English at Colleton County High School in Walterboro, S.C., and has four grandchildren he loves to visit.

**1969 — Sr. Frances O'Dell, O.S.F.**, is a reference librarian with Monsignor William Barry Memorial Library at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla. Sr. Frances is serving a six-year term as a member of the national executive board of the Catholic Library Association and was newly appointed to serve a four-year term as a member of Barry University's Quality Improvement Planning Committee (QIP). She is also facilitator for the Caregivers (support) Group sponsored by the QIP committee for faculty and staff who provide ongoing care for ill or elderly family members.

**William "Bill" Pfohl** was elected president of the International School Psychology Association (ISPA) and will serve a term

from 2009-11. He began his term as president-elect in Tampere, Finland, at the annual colloquium in July 2007. Pfohl has been a professor of psychology at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Ky., since 1979, training school and clinical psychologists. He also conducts safe schools and crisis response workshops for school psychologists globally. He works closely with crisis response teams from Israel and Germany to train psychologists. His work is in conjunction with ISPA and the European Union. He has led three crisis response teams in the U.S. to school shooting tragedies. Pfohl has held state, national and international school psychology leadership positions for the past 25 years, including serving as president of the National Association of School Psychologists twice. He is an original member (1997) of the National Emergency Assistance Team sponsored by the NASP, which is responsible for training school psychologists and responding to school crises in the U.S. He and his wife of 38 years, **Ginny (Pasko), '71**, are the parents of three adult children.

**1973 — John F.X. Keane** is head of the New York City Division of the Commercial Banking Group at Citibank, which covers all commercial business with revenues up to \$100 million.

**1975 — John Greco** was selected for induction into the Western New York Baseball Hall of Fame. Ceremonies were held on Sept. 17, 2008. Greco played for 14 years during the '70s and '80s for Lockport Bus Lines in the Buffalo News Suburban League and in the early '70s for the Bonnies under Coach Fred Handler. He lives in Lockport with his wife, Christine; they are the parents of four sons.

**1976 — Andrea Barone**, educational coordinator for the School of Franciscan Studies at St. Bonaventure, has been appointed an associate fellow by the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics in Oxford, England. The Centre's associate fellows are academics and researchers of all disciplines with a record of research and publication in the field, or who are currently in the process of making such contributions. Fellows are supported by the Centre in their publication and teaching missions, take part in international conferences and seminars, and have access to the Centre's unique library and databases. The first international academy of its kind, the Centre is dedicated to encouraging academic research into animal ethics, and improving public debate on the subject. **Patrice (Barbato) Jackson** writes that her daughter, Katie Leigh, entered St. Bonaventure as a member of the Class of 2012: "My dream has been fulfilled!" Jackson's niece, **Laura Fronzo**, graduated last May. Laura's mom is **Valerie (Barbato) Fronzo**, class of 1974.

**1977 — Barbara A. Heins** earned a first prize in arts and entertainment writing from the Connecticut Society of Professional Journalists, for the third consecutive year. She is the senior arts writer for Greenwich Time and the antiques columnist for Greenwich Time and its sister paper The Stamford Advocate. **Ron Adams** was selected as a teacher-leader for the Summer Institute 2008 at the Akron Global

Polymer Academy at the University of Akron. Adams, an elementary school teacher, teaches science to third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students at Old Trail, a private school located in Bath, Ohio.

**1978 — J. Dewey Tomlin** celebrated 26 years as a financial adviser in the Garden City (N.Y.) office of Merrill Lynch in December.

**1979 — Dennis J. DeBalso** and members of his local Mensa chapter (Charlotte/Blue Ridge, N.C., chapter) have run a book drive for an elementary school for the past nine years. He writes, "Last year we collected 313 books."

**1980 — Monica Ryberg Balon** graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in physician assistant from D'Youville College on May 17, 2008. Balon was also named Outstanding Adult Learner in the physician assistant program at



### "BONA" Voyage!

Members of the classes of '84 and '85 gathered in late May to say "Bona" voyage to Kathy Diskin, '85. As part of her service with the FBI, Diskin has accepted a one-year assignment as assistant legal attache in Baghdad. The group gave Diskin a St. Bonaventure medal as a symbol of the wonderful bond the group shares. Pictured are (front row, from left) alumnae Missy (Linehan) Maloney, Loretta McCormick, Kathy Diskin, Rita (McCusker) Bacon, and Diane (Gullotta) Mohorter, and (back row, from left) Kathy (Boedicker) Cramer, Linda Ptak, Anne (Barker) Martin, Sheila Doyle and Karen (Jill) Sinning.

D'Youville and was the winner of the program's patient education community project. Balon is working as an emergency room physician assistant. She is married to **Jim Balon, '79**, vice president of finance for Multisorb Technologies. The Balons have three adult children; their oldest is a first lieutenant serving overseas in the Army.

**1981 — Monica (Mills) Wilson** and her husband, Donald, will be re-locating to Schweinfurt, Germany. They have four children, including **Second Lt. Don Mills IV, '07**, who is on assignment in Baghdad, Iraq, and **Chris, '08**.

**1982 — Joseph "Rocky" Colavito** is the Writing Program director at Butler University. He recently moved to Butler after 14 years at Northwestern State University in Louisiana.

**1983 — Tom Dezio** and his wife, **Sue (Bellso), '85**, own and operate two Make and Take Gourmet franchises in the Rochester area.

**1984 — Mary M. Shannon** graduated magna cum laude from D'Youville College, Buffalo, in May with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She is now enrolled in the nursing master's program at D'Youville and is scheduled to graduate in 2009. This complements her nursing home administrator's license attained in 1991 and summa cum laude MBA in health systems management from the University at Buffalo (1988). Shannon lives in East Amherst with her husband, Mike, and three children. She and fellow 1984 classmates **Stephanie (Lehman) States** and **JoAnn DiStefano-Blatner** have a book club that meets monthly.

**1985 — Beth (Dailey) Blauvelt** was recognized as Teacher of the Year for Whiton Elementary School in Branchburg, N.J., where she has been

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teaching for four years after graduating from Ryder University with a Graduate Level Teacher Certification. **Laurie Enright, CPA, PHR**, has joined AP Professionals in Rochester, N.Y., as a placement director in the firm's Financial Placement Division. Enright specializes in permanent and contract recruiting and placement for financial and accounting professionals as well as human resources professionals. She lives in Brighton with her three children. **John P. Murphy** is an audit manager for E\*TRADE Financial Corporation and lives in Smithtown.

**1986 — Leslie (Porter) Easton**, after a 20-year career with Adelphia Cable, is president of Easton Enterprises, Inc. (doing business as Potter County Outfitters) in Coudersport, Pa. Easton manages the operations, finance and marketing end of the business, which she says is quickly becoming the Twin Tiers' preferred sporting goods retailer, carrying outdoor equipment, gear and clothing from top manufacturers in the business ([www.pottercountyoutfitters.com](http://www.pottercountyoutfitters.com)). Easton and her husband, Ed, live in Coudersport with their three daughters. **Mike Maguire** earned his master's degree from Seton Hall University in June. Maguire completed a thesis on Regulation Fair Disclosure to culminate a seven-year educational journey (a record at Seton Hall, he says) and attain his degree in corporate and public communications. He also had the pleasure of attending "Woodstock for Capitalists" — Berkshire Hathaway's Annual Shareholders Meeting in May, meeting Warren Buffett at the Omaha, Neb., event.

**1987 — Paula (Eade) Newcomb** addressed a group of new lawyers at the Erie County Bar Association's "Life After Law School: Basic Practice 101 Seminar" on March 13 and April 3 in Buffalo. She also was a guest speaker at the May 31 Youth Award Luncheon sponsored by the Lake Erie District Exchange Club in Niagara Falls. Newcomb is special counsel at Bouvier



### Celebrate Reunion 2009!

Mark your calendars for Reunion 2009, June 5, 6 & 7. We'll be honoring class years ending in 4 and 9, however all alumni are welcome to attend. Keep updated on all the Bona reunion news by visiting [www.sbu.edu/alumnievents](http://www.sbu.edu/alumnievents).

Partnership, where she specializes in litigation matters. She lives in West Seneca with her husband, Terry, and two children.

**1990 — Charles Makey** was promoted to senior vice president of operations at Merchants Insurance Group in Buffalo. **Julie L. (Kalata) Lubel** received a master's degree in communications management from Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School, executive master's program. She is the director of digital marketing and international communications programs at Welch Allyn, a medical device manufacturer in Central New York.

**1991 — Jeff D'Alessio** is editor-in-chief of Sporting News, the nation's oldest sports weekly. Previously, D'Alessio was a senior editor with the magazine from 2000-02 before moving to Florida Today, where he was sports editor from 2002-04. Most recently, D'Alessio helped lead The Atlanta Journal-Constitution to its first "Triple Crown" in 2007 Associated Press Sports Editor judging.

**1992 — Jason Free** is regional vice president with Primerica Financial Services, where he is on a mission to help families become debt free and financially

independent. He and his wife, **Colleen (Flynn), '93**, live in Lee, Mass., where she home schools their seven children. They welcome e-mail at [cofree@verizon.net](mailto:cofree@verizon.net). **Michelle Maloney** is employed at 99.5, WGAR-FM in Cleveland, co-hosting the morning show, Mantel and Michelle. She can be reached via e-mail at [michelle@wgar.com](mailto:michelle@wgar.com). Maloney and her husband, Jay Miller, live in Streetsboro, Ohio. **Jennifer Monroe** earned a master of fine art degree in poetry from New England College in January. She is an assistant professor of writing and literature at Chester College of New England in New Hampshire.

**1994 — Annette (Jeffery) Burns** is vice president of financial reporting at Alliance Bank, N.A. She and her husband, Leo, have two children.

**1995 — Christine Barrett** has been named principal of Sterling Middle School in Quincy, Mass. **Andrés Calderón** has completed work on performance audits of EPA's Border Environment Infrastructure Fund and of EPA's Colonias Wastewater Treatment Assistance Program. EPA largely agreed with the audit teams' recommendations, which will lead to greater accountability for EPA water infrastructure projects along the U.S.-Mexico border. The complete audit reports can be found at [www.epa.gov/oig](http://www.epa.gov/oig).

**1996 — Michael Krause** started his own business, BizSense Solutions. The Rochester, N.Y.-based consulting company is dedicated to helping companies and professionals achieve their sales goals. Krause can be contacted through his Web site, [www.bizsensesolutions.com](http://www.bizsensesolutions.com), or by e-mail, [MK@bizsensesolutions.com](mailto:MK@bizsensesolutions.com).

**1997 — Kimberly Coniff Rouleau** graduated with a master of library science degree from the University at Buffalo in June. She is the teacher-librarian at Our

Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester. **Meredith (Maroun) Sweeney** is the director of marketing for Parata Systems, located in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

**1998 — Goretti (Vianney) Benca** is an adjunct professor in the English Department of the State University of New York College at New Paltz in New Paltz, N.Y. She also has been published in a collection of academic essays on Elizabeth Madox Roberts — "Elizabeth Madox Roberts: Essays of Reassessment & Reclamation," Wind Publications, 2008.

**1999 — Gregory Benca** is a manager of a software development team for Partsearch Technologies in Kingston, N.Y. **Courtney (Murphy) Hull** earned her master's degree in Franciscan studies from St. Bonaventure in May. She is a Catholic campus minister at Mansfield University. She and her husband, Patrick, live in Blossburg, Pa., and welcome SBU friends to visit anytime ([cemurphy2@juno.com](mailto:cemurphy2@juno.com)).

**2000 — Capt. Mark Frank** transferred from active Army to full-time Army National Guard and moved from Ft. Stewart, Ga., to Clifton Park, N.Y., with his wife, **Kristin (Wheeler), '02**, and two children. **Jess Kawski**, a teacher at Carolina International School in Harrisburg, N.C., outside of Charlotte, received the 2nd Mile Teacher Recognition Award from Chick-fil-A. In addition to receiving a certificate, she was awarded a free Chick-fil-A meal each week for an entire year. Kawski was recognized for consistently maintaining a positive attitude toward her students, co-workers and parents of Caroline International School. **Dr. Monica Parikh** has earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University at Buffalo.

**2001 — Jessica M. Keltz** is an associate at Damon & Morey who practices in the firm's Real Estate and Banking Department. Keltz earned her J.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo



Law School in 2006. During law school, she was an associate on the Buffalo Public Interest Law Journal and served as a law clerk for Hon. Henry J. Nowak in Buffalo City Housing Court. Involved in the Buffalo community, Keltz serves on the board of directors of Heart of the City Neighborhoods, Inc. **Kim Sweet** is a special education and English teacher at West Seneca (N.Y.) Alternative High School.

**2002 — Ian Coyle** is the deputy county administrator for Livingston County, N.Y. He lives in Greece, N.Y., with his wife, **Cassie (Armani), '02**, and their two sons. **Robert W. Maul** was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from the University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He also received the Dean's Award for outstanding dissertation research. Maul is a post-doctoral research fellow at the National Institute on Aging, an institute of the National Institutes of Health, located on The Johns Hopkins Bayview medical campus in Baltimore, Md.

**2005 — Rachel Blum** has joined Rich Products Corporation's Global Procurement Group as a graphics specialist at the world headquarters location. In this new position, Blum will be administrating coordination and management of outsourced graphics projects as well as developing and managing technical aspects of in-house graphics. Rich Products Corporation is the founder of the non-dairy segment of the frozen food industry and a leading supplier and solutions provider to the food service, in-store bakery, and retail marketplaces.

**Andrew Fontaine** is executive producer for "The J.D. Hayworth Show" at 550 KFYI-AM in Phoenix. J.D. Hayworth is a former six-term U.S. Congressman, and is consistently a top radio program in the valley. Before being hired with KFYI, Fontaine spent three years with CBS Radio working for KMLE-Country 108

### Alumni deaths

Paul Ellis Blood, '42  
Francis P. Casella, '46  
John L. Gabler, '50  
Charles J. Osborn, '50  
John Krieger, '51  
Hugh Murphy, '51  
Eugene C. "Carey" O'Donnell Sr., '51  
Edward D. Casey, '52  
James V. Devlin Jr., '52  
John Rapp, '58  
Rev. William W. Lanphear, '59  
James P. Jonak, '62  
Anthony Panella, '63  
Vincent T. Berger Jr., '65  
Donna (Jaszka) Aylward, '73  
Edward V. "Ted" DeVine, '71  
Naomi F. Walsh-Smith, '71  
Scott W. Reed, '83

### In Memoriam

**Edward D. Casey, '52**, of Annapolis, Md., who served as executive editor of Capital-Gazette Newspapers from 1971 to 2001, died June 29, 2008. Casey's newspaper career started in 1956 as a sportswriter with the Binghamton Press. Casey was a Pulitzer Prize juror, former president of the Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association, and helped start the Boys and Girls Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

and 101.5 Free FM in the programming, production and promotions departments. **Stephon Johnson** works in development and community relations for Pure Vision Arts, a specialized art studio for people with autism and other developmental disabilities. He also is a stringer for New York Amsterdam News and reviews albums for [www.baeblemusic.com](http://www.baeblemusic.com).

**2006 — Matthew J. Cressler** graduated with a master's degree from Harvard Divinity School and is pursuing doctoral studies in religion at Northwestern University.

## BonAlumnus Weddings



Michelle Maloney, '92, and Jay Miller



Jamie Sobeki, '04, '07, and Robert Westin, '02, '03



Stacie Enright, '02, and Jonathan Treahy, '00



Cassie Fairchild, '99, and David Seymour



Kimberly Woltjen, '99, '00, and Randy Webster



Brian Moritz, '99, and Jennifer Zwick



Amanda Lloyd, '98, and Don Henry



Fran Bauer, '02, and Jason Poniatowski, '02



Adriane Rudolph, '02, '04, and John Spencer



Laura Byrne, '01, and Luke Tortarella

### Additional Wedding Announcements

Julie Campanella, '99, and Jason Figlar, '99  
Renee Koprowski, '03, '04, and Logan Gordon

To submit your wedding photo for an upcoming edition:

- use the enclosed envelope
- e-mail [bonalumnus@sbu.edu](mailto:bonalumnus@sbu.edu)
- mail to P.O. Box 2509, St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778

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Don't forget to notify us of your new name or address! Update your information at Bona's Online at <http://alumni.sbu.edu>.

## BonAlumnus Births

### Welcome, Baby Bonnies!

Luciana to Leah and **Chris LaPlaca, '79**

Charles Theodore to Charles Reuther III and **Maureen Lonieski Reuther, '86**

Colm John to Molly and **Thomas Flaherty, '87**

Eric Steven to **Julie (Haenn), '91**, and **Steve Nash, '88**

Lee Alexander to John and **Nancy (Capece) Volpe, '89**

Nicholas William and Ryan Michael to Rosalie and **Michael Flanagan, '90**

Lily Christina to Mary Elise and **Ken Stokum, '90**

Griffin Gabriel to Ali and **Michael Barney, '92**

Lauren Michelle to Kathryn and **Brian Fitzsimmons, '92**

Edward Owen to Linda and **Edward Gillespie, '92**

Brendan Timothy to Bill and **Eileen (O'Meara) Horan, '92**

McKenna Ryan to Chris and **Paige (Sedlak) Mallen, '93**

Jack Harrison to **Christine (Saldis), '93**, and **Brian McArdle, '93**

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

Justin Ronald to Shelley and **David Spadone, '92, '93**

Genevieve Mary to **Colleen (Flynn), '93**, and **Jason Free, '92**

Olivia Clare to **Jean (Osta), '96**, and **Eric Niemi, '94**

Ryan James to James and **Megan (Cressy) Space, '94**

Abigail Mae to Kim and **Michael Taylor, '94**

Jake Thomas to Ron and **Lori (Wienczek) Faso, '95**

Jacob Lucas to Matt and **Vikki (Bennett) Striffler, '95**

Matthew David to David and **Maureen (Sweeney) Porter, '96**

Brady Finn to Jason and **Desiree Simone-Cullen, '96**

Sadie Clare to **Amy (Eimiller), '98, '01**, and **Ty Rogers, '96**

Maxwell Michael to Mark and **Meredith (Maroun) Sweeney, '97**

Tyler James to Dianna and **Todd Fleming, '97**

Patrick Ryan to **Catherine (Starkins), '98**, and **Adrian Kane, '98**

Brady Scott to Eric Houlahan and **Kara Marong-Houlahan, '98**

Charles Jeffrey to Jeffrey and **Elizabeth (Pilato) Messina, '98**

Anna Grace to Shannon and **Eric Snavelly, '98**

Olivia Rose to **Lauren (Saldis), '98**, and **Chris Young, '98**

Simon Peter to **Goretti (Vianney), '98**, and **Gregory Benca, '99**

Liam Keith to Paul and **Erin (Money) Berrigan, '99**

Peyton Reilly to Craig and **Danielle (Raab) Colasante, '99**

Lydia Elizabeth to James and **Sarah (Strenio) DiVita, '99**

Julia Elizabeth to Brent and **Darlene (Filighera) Ford, '99**

Noah Robert to **Holli (Millerd), '99**, and **Ryan Henning, '99**

Annabelle Grace to David and **Andrea (Lohr) Houghton, '99**

Clare Marie to **Kristin (Wheeler), '02**, and **Mark Frank, '00**

Haley Elizabeth to **Jaclyn (Arsenault), '00**, and **Daniel Hennessey, '00**

Colleen Catherine to **Alicia (Huber), '98**, and **Charles Murphy, '00**

William Benson to **Courtney (Donovan), '00**, and **John Souza, '00**

Brendan Michael to **Deirdre (Lynch), '00**, and **Jeffrey Stupp, '00**

Matthew Ryan to **Jennifer (Simiele), '98, '00**, and **Craig Tarnoski, '00**

Anna Elizabeth to **Victoria (Pallone), '00**, and **Paul Wheeler, '00**

Jonah Thomas to **Juliet (Wallace), '01**, and **Thomas Iwankow, '01**

Grace Anne to James and **Sarah (Jablonski) McCauley, '01**

Mallory Belle to Daniel and **Heather (Edmunds) Petri, '01**

Madeline to Wayne and **Amy (Toole) Rezendes, '01**

Quinn Nicole to **Richelle (Corbett), '01**, and **Michael Ford, '02**

Owen James to Greg and **Megan (Harvison) Piechota, '02, '05**

William David to Jason and **Mary (Flynn) Scott, '02**

Colton Douglas to **Elissa (Good), '08**, and **Shaun Smith, '02**

Adelynn Melissa to **Elizabeth (Years), '02, '03**, and **Matthew Stevens, '02, '03**

Jacob Marc-Paul to Sarah and **Jay Albanese, '04**

Vincent James to **Sarah (Macchiano), '05**, and **Andrew Kneller, '05**

Moira Lynn to **Siobhan (Kane), '04, '06**, and **Joseph Rolfes, '05**

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Rich Grimm, '83 (at left), John Wiedeman, '90, and Elizabeth Dunn, '02

### Team in Training

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society celebrated 20 years of saving lives this year, and three Buffalo Bona alumni participated in the society's spring Team in Training program. Rich Grimm, '83, has been coaching TNT for 15 years. John Wiedeman, '90, and Elizabeth Dunn, '02, joined TNT for their first endurance event to raise awareness and funding for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The training and fundraising took place from January until June, and Wiedeman and Dunn raised more than \$6,500 combined. Both successfully completed their events; Wiedeman ran the Rock and Roll marathon in San Diego and Dunn ran the Lake Placid half marathon, with Grimm cheering them on. The Bona's spirit still runs deep in these Buffalo alumni.

### Par for the course: Alumnus Pat Ricotta meets childhood sports idol

When Pat Ricotta, '89, volunteered to work a celebrity golf tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., last April, he hoped he'd have the opportunity to meet former Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino, who was playing the tournament.



"Ever since I have been a child, I have always loved this team. My all-time sports idol has always been Dan Marino. It has been a dream of mine just to meet the man," Ricotta said.

For the tournament, Ricotta was assigned to the transportation division. A last-minute reassignment in drivers put Ricotta as the driver and security assistant for Marino for a VIP party and the duration of the tournament.

"It was an unbelievable experience, to essentially spend a day and a half with this man. He was very nice to me, frequently talking with me. We talked about the Miami Dolphins, the NFL, his family and so on," added Ricotta.

### American Society for Microbiology honors alumna Geraldine S. Hall

The American Society for Microbiology (ASM) has recognized alumna Dr. Geraldine S. Hall, '75, with the bioMérieux Sonnenwirth Award for Leadership in Clinical Microbiology for the promotion of innovation in clinical laboratory science, dedication to ASM, and the advancement of clinical microbiology as a profession.

Hall is on staff at the Department of Microbiology at Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. Under Hall's leadership, and that of Gary Procop, the Cleveland Clinic was the first to implement the use of pyrosequencing as a routine method for the identification of clinically important mycobacteria. Along with Procop, Hall played a key role in implementing the routine use of PNA FISH for the rapid identification of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Candida albicans*.

Hall is also an active participant in professional societies. She is an organizer and promoter of the Northeast Ohio Association for Clinical Microbiology, and has participated in the South Central Association for Clinical Microbiologists since 1983, where she has held nine senior positions, including president.

At ASM, she has served on the Meetings Board and as chair of ASM's Clinical Microbiology Division, and presently serves as chair of the ASM Branch Lectureship Program, the Committee on Continuing Education, the Distance Education Committee, and the Placement Committee.

Hall is a certified Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Microbiology and a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology.

Hall received her undergraduate degree in biology from Saint Francis College, Loretto, Pa., and her Ph.D. in biology with an emphasis on microbiology from Bona's.

*Café La Verna is one of Bona's newest hot spots — serving Starbucks products and providing wireless Internet access. La Verna is the name of the mountain retreat that was given to St. Francis and his brothers. It was a place to which Francis returned frequently and where St. Bonaventure wrote the "Itinerarium," the foundational text for the Intellectual Journey course and the Clare College core curriculum at the University.*

*Café La Verna, Hickey Dining Hall, The Rathskeller, the University Club, and the President's Dining Room are located in the University's newly renovated and expanded dining complex that was recently dedicated as The Magnano Centre honoring the generosity of benefactors Louis and Patricia Magnano.*



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## Walsh Science Center opens doors to new era of science excellence

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## Find out how some SBU students spent their summer

**Lindsay Pohlman, '09,** (at right) promoted long-term economic sustainability through education and a micro-loan program during a three-week service trip to Uganda.



**Shane Abrams, '10,** interned at Zurich Financial in New York City for 13 weeks before he participated in a two-week study-abroad program in New Zealand.

**Matthew DiRisio, '10,** participated in an Arabic and cultural learning program for the U.S. Army through ROTC.

**Michael Murray, '10,** took a three-week road trip across the U.S. with his two best friends from high school that satisfied a young man's wanderlust and created lifelong memories. [www.sbu.edu/summervacation](http://www.sbu.edu/summervacation)



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