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President's Annual Repor



#### COVER

Former ambassador to Belize Eugene L. Scassa, seated left, is a St. Mary's visiting professor in international relations this year. He is one of five ambassadors-Inresidence assigned to American universities by the U.S. Stare Department.

Here he discusses an ambassador's responsibilities with some of the St. Mary's president's ambassadors. They are a select group of students whose academic excellence, demonstrated leadership and attitude of service qualify them to assist as hosts and hostesses for the president and his guests at official university functions.

Standing from left are Wendy Chan, Ernest Maldonado, Sybil Barganz, Julio Fernandez, George Nuñez and Kathleen McCullough. Seated from left are Rosalinda Treviño and Charlotte Dentler.

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#### **ABOUT THIS ISSUE**

Our President's Annual Report in this issue gives alums the chance to review their alma mater's progress over the academic year that ended May 31, 1994.

This year, Father Moder notes that university faculty and administrators have been busy preparing for accreditation and reaccreditation, so important in maintaining the university's place in education. As he says, the year's activity doesn't sound too dramatic. Yet this detailed, painstaking work is vital to St. Mary's standing in the academic world.

Because of the President's Report, our annual Honor Roll acknowledging gifts to the university through the year and an extra fat Class Notes section (thanks to your excellent response to our new tear-out for returns--please keep them coming), there's not much space in this issue for features.

But those we offer include two thoughtful essays by an English department faculty member and the chairman of the political science department. Incidentally, and with no bearing on the subjects they chose, they happen to be husband and wife.

Those who knew the late Rev. Carl Blasen, S.M., will appreciate the fond memories of him expressed by a former student on page 4 and a Marianist brother on the back cover. Their articles were inspired by a memorial scholarship funded in Father Blasen's honor by a grateful former student--a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Blessings to all for the holiday season. — Sylvia McLaren, editor

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#### **Editor's Appeal**

We hope very much to make this page of letters a regular part of Gold & Blue.

But continuing the page depends entirely on you, our readers.

After the summer issue, some readers phoned in critical and appreciative comments. Asked to please put their views in writing for this page, they agreed. But time got in the way, and they did not manage to follow through.

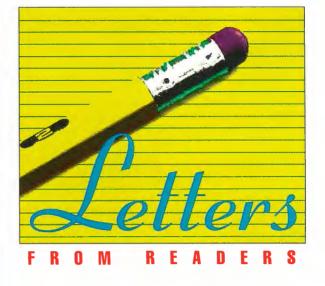
Time-saving suggestions that might help: Try using the handy tear-out mail-ins on page 23. That's how one of the letters on this page came in. We think his classmates will enjoy the reader's brief reminiscences.

Also, don't forget our fax service: (210) 436-3711.

However you respond, please take a few minutes to send us your comments: what you like, don't like, and would like to see in Gold & Blue.

Look forward to hearing from you. And thanks for listening.

Sylvia McLaren, editor



#### **Campus Ministry First**

The spring '94 issue of *Gold & Blue* was a refreshing in-depth look at some of the talent residing at St. Mary's University. The article by Dr. Akhahenda was a sad but true commentary on the disproportionate popularity of the athlete in America, especially timely in light of the O.J. Simpson trial.

The article on Father Doersching was entertaining as well. The insight into the Campus Ministry was enjoyable. My sister Maura and I were the first two, I believe, to be awarded Campus Ministry scholarships in 1975. It made it possible for me to continue at St. Mary's. Father John A. Leies was a saint in shining armor in our eyes.

And Candy Kuebker remains a most stable stone in the fabric of St. Mary's. She continues to impress many of the alumni in her drive and talent.

The layout made for easy reading. I was impressed with the overall publication, and I look forward to my next issue.

Keep up the outstanding work.

Gratefully, Maj. Jamie P. Houston (CL'77) 464 Medical Company

### Hopes to "Solo Down" to Campus

I enjoy reading about the activities going on at St. Mary's; looking for old classmates, especially those in ROTC and the Marian Guard.

I've started flying lessons-hopefully I'll be able to "solo down" there and get a grand tour. Last seen picture leads me to believe that very little has actually changed. The gym and ROTC classes are still where they were: Reinbolt, Garni and Chaminade haven't moved. The tennis courts where Brother Ed Rohrbach slaughtered me in PE have been resurfaced (not that it would make any difference). The classroom where Dr. Fernando Rivas lectured, and "lectured" me in Spanish I couldn't understand, is still there. Thanks for putting up with me. Too many instructors for me to mention here.

> Sincerely, Joseph J. Gallagher (B.A. '71) Midland, Texas

AN ASSASSINATION'S

by Henry Flores (B.A.'74), Ph.D., Chairman, Political Science Department

hen John F. Kennedy was assassinated 31 years ago, the nation experienced a collective state of depression and loss.

Regardless of what the pundits and politicians of the day thought about Kennedy's leadership on any particular issue, the general public saw him and his seemingly idyllic family as a symbol of hope for the future of the United States. When his life was shattered so suddenly, it was as if this hope was shattered as well.

As if the loss of a beloved president weren't enough, the nation was dealt another blow with the realization that Lyndon Johnson was replacing him. After all, Johnson represented not only the state where Kennedy was gunned down, but also the resurgence of a South which had for decades fought to block progressive social legislation. The South of Lyndon Johnson had long shown its face as an amiable good ol' boy philosophy, concealing segregation, racial hatred, lynchings, racially motivated murders and nativism. John Kennedy was dead, and the ascension of Lyndon Johnson to the presidency pushed the country deeper into despair.

From our vantage point three decades later, it is clear that Johnson surprised many of his early critics. To this day, historians are at a loss to explain the motivation behind his sudden switch from being a good ol' boy to a caring, socially progressive leader. The progress he introduced was astounding. Four months after the assassination, Johnson invoked the Kennedy legacy by presenting his vision of a "Great Society" (at the University of Michigan). In quick order, Johnson gave the nation the sweeping Civil Rights Act of 1964, and in the same year, the Office of Economic Opportunity. The latter went on to spawn the Community Action Program (CAP), Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Medicare and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

What allowed President Johnson to engineer such an energetic agenda was the profound state of shock in which the nation found itself after Kennedy's assassination. The reactionary southern forces in the U.S. Senate could not muster the necessary votes to defeat Johnson's legislative assaults because of the overwhelming national sentiment that the "Kennedy Legacy" be fulfilled.

Some analysts contend that if Johnson's tenure were measured solely on his domestic agenda performance, he would rank as one of the nation's greatest presidents. His place in history, however, was irrevocably tarnished by his inability to navigate the treacherous waters between the promise of his social initiatives and the ultimate destruction awaiting him in Vietnam.

Though the landmark social legislation brought many reforms to the United States, what was -- and still is -- important, is that these laws put race and racism forever on the front burner of our domestic policy agenda. Since those laws were passed and enacted, evidence of the necessity of such laws keeps rearing its head across the nation. We need only look at the life sentences imposed in 1993 on two white men in Florida. Their heinous crime was setting on fire a black brokerage clerk from New York. We must continue the fight for the equal representation of African Americans and Hispanics at all levels of government -- from school districts to Washington, D.C. We still must fight against racially biased employment and promotion discrimination in the private and public sectors.

As the 1960s pass further into history, what will be remembered as the "Kennedy Legacy" is the institutionalization of Lyndon Johnson's civil rights efforts. Without the passage of the revolutionary Civil and Voting Rights Acts, racism could not be fought today on the floors of Congress or in our courts and classrooms.

But it is sad to consider that had it not been for the 1963 assassination of one of our most promising presidents, we would in all likelihood not have the laws with which to fight against the debilitations of racism in America. ■



Henry Flores is a cum laude political science graduate of St. Mary's who has been teaching at his alma mater since 1983. His M.A. and Ph.D. degrees are from the

University of California at Santa Barbara. Versions of this article originally appeared in newspapers syndicated with The Los Angeles Times/Washington Post wire service.

Carl M. Blasen, 8m.

# Priest, Philosopher, Friend Extraordinaire

by Melba D. Fisher (B.A.'85) Administrative Assistant to President Moder

A former student and friend of the late Father Blasen recently honored his memory by establishing the Rev. Carl M. Blasen, S.M., Memorial Scholarship Fund on the first anniversary of his death.

Knowledge of the gift triggered my musings about the man I affectionately called "Father B."-- my priestphilosopher friend. He would surely smile and be pleased that his lifetime devotion to education is now honored by a scholarship that will help students continue their education at St. Mary's. Father B. was my introduction to the world of philosophy. As a full-time St. Mary's employee I took advantage of the opportunity to attend classes in the evening. My undergraduate degree program required 12 hours of philosophy. I fulfilled that requirement with two semesters of philosophy and one semester of logic with Father B. and a semester of ethics under Brother John Totten.

I soon discovered that Father B. loved philosophy and loved helping students understand its concepts and application of principles that might help make a better world for humanity. He showed great patience in answering students' questions and in trying different tactics to explain difficult concepts.

A man of passion, simplicity and humility, Father Blasen has been described by a fellow Marianist as "the ever-genial priest who was everybody's friend." These qualities served him well during his long career as educator, priest, administrator and counselor. He mostly influenced others by his passionate belief in humble, caring service. His fellow Marianists tell many stories about his goodness in community life, and his former students and friends remember the ease with which they could talk to him. Something I will always remember about Father B. was his infectious laughter. His whole face would crinkle with the joy of the moment's humor. His blue eyes would twinkle, and somehow, sharing his laughter, I would feel for the moment that despite all our cares and concerns, all's-right with the world.

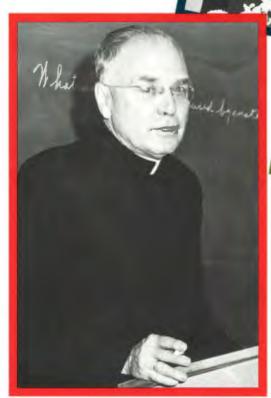
Father B. was not a man with any particular hobbies, but he loved good conversation and stimulating exchanges of ideas. I remember him pausing many times in the midst of conversation, and after reflecting a moment, wisely suggesting a fresh approach or an alternative way of thinking about the issue at hand. I think perhaps his uncommon wisdom stemmed from his Midwestern roots and upbringing and instilled in him a philosophical approach to life's uncertainties.

Many of us will never forget where we were when we heard of President Kennedy's death. On Nov. 22, 1963, I was working in the comptroller's office during the lunch break. I will always remember Father B. bringing me the shocking news, and the

comfort of having him stay with me until the rest of the office staff returned.

Father Blasen's priestly concern for his fellow Marianists and for the people he faithfully served in neighboring parishes is legendary. I recall the many times he shared with me how much it meant to him to serve as a priest charged with the mission of bringing God's goodness to others.

When my husband and I had determined our wedding date, we went to Father. B. for our marriage instructions. Over bottles of Seven-Up he talked to us about the richness of grace that would be our lifetime gift from the sacrament of marriage. We remember his gentle insistence that compassion, an understanding heart, forgiveness and a shared sense of humor should always be part of our



commitment to each other.

Not many people know of the physical suffering that tormented Father Blasen for many years. He only talked about it when someone asked how he was feeling. His eyes sometimes reflected his pain, but that smile would still spread across his face, reflecting his gratitude to those expressing their concern.

The moment of Father Blasen's death on May 18, 1993, was, I think, a gift from the God whom he so loved. He died clothed in his priestly vestments, preparing to begin the celebration of liturgy for his Marianist community. He was doing what he felt most called to do--serving as a priest.

The Rev. Charles Neumann's homily at Father Blasen's funeral Mass described how "the community was singing the opening song of the liturgy and, with eyes fixed on text and melody, did not immediately take note

of what was

happening in the sanctuary. By the end of the first verse Father had probably expired without suffering any agony, with only a couple of deep gasps for breath, and then a final tremor. He never opened his eyes. They were already looking out onto another world...."

Could I have looked into Father Blasen's eyes at that moment, I think I would have seen that familiar twinkle and have been embraced into the joy that crinkled his face as he entered that world

which he knew was promised to him. Known affectionately to many as

Father Carl or Mike, and to me as Father B., he was priest, philosopher and friend extraordinaire, and it is an honor to share some personal remembrances of this fine man who contributed so much to Marianist education at St. Mary's.



Melba Uvietta Fisher has been associated with the St. Mary's Marianist's and mission most of her life. She first joined St. Mary's staff in 1958 and, after an interruption,

returned in 1963. She has worked in the Academic Library, the business office, student services, and since 1978, as assistant to St. Mary's presidents. In 1983 she received the university's Marianist Heritage Award. Her brother, the Rev. Joseph Uvietta, S.M., is the university chancellor.

## A NATION OF

mark -- the experience of living through a decade of despotic military dictatorship. Their topics are centered around torture, dread, fear, shame and death, all facts of life for those who survived the bloody years between 1973 and 1983, known as the Dirty Wars.

The most extreme period of military repression began in 1976, when Gen. Jorge Videla seized control though a military coup.

Videla's main target was the urban

guerrillas

Argentine Women View the "Dirty Wars" 10 Years

## Later

by Gwendolyn Diaz, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English

In the summer of 1993 I returned to my native city, Buenos Aires, on a research trip. I took my customary first-day walk through the streets of this cosmopolitan metropolis to get a sense of the state of affairs.

As I approached the intersection of Florida and Lavalle, the cultural heart of the commercial district, I spotted a theater featuring the film "Like Water for Chocolate," based on the novel

by Mexican writer Laura Esquivel. This gave me reason to ponder a topic very dear to me: What do women write about? Whereas the answer that comes to many may be the joys of love and domesticity (as seen in Esquivel's novel about recipes with which to charm a man's heart), the Argentine woman writer develops a radically different subject matter.

The fiction of these women is characterized by an indelible

and leftist organizations responsible for acts of terrorism. But of the estimated 6,000 to 20,000 desaparecidos or "disappeared" victims, relatively few were actually terrorists. This reign of terror spared no one whose ideology was not in line with the political right. Students, intellectuals, artists and journalists were particularly suspect and persecuted to the point of torture and death.

On Oct. 30, 1983, the Argentine military, humiliated by the defeat of the Malvinas (Falkland Islands to the British), was further humiliated by the free election of Paul Alfosin as Argentina's president. Given the passage of this decade of democracy, it is fitting to take stock of the significance of these events as they are engraved in the literature of Argentine women writers.

Why women? Because they are the ones who broke the canons of the traditional expectations of their gender to burst forth with a plethora of social, political, economic, ideological and cultural literary productions.

Let's take the case of Elvira Orphee, author of "La Ultima Conquista de el Angel" ("The Last Conquest of the Angel"). This collection of stories describes a series of torture scenes orchestrated by a wellknown torture master called the Angel of Death. Orphee spares little in her realistic depiction of the process. Her fictions re-create the curious relationships that evolve between the torturers and their subjects as they delve into a realm of reality that many of us prefer to ignore.

Whereas Orphee chose to stay in Argentina, many writers had no choice but to leave in self-exile. Such was the case of Cristina Siscar, whose husband and sister were "disappeared." She was forced to leave her son behind as she fled to France. Siscar's narratives explore the relationships between past and present and show that memory is often an open wound.

Similarly, Tununa Mercado took exile in Mexico and produced a touching series of narratives on the emotional and psychological dilemmas of people in exile.

On my last day in Buenos Aires, after long hours in conversation with writers and scholars, I strolled the streets once more, with an ambivalent feeling of both relief and concern.

My relief emerged with the realization that one could now speak out freely, and the literary and cultural life of the country was again thriving.

My concern was due to the fact that often in my discussions I had encountered the disturbing attitude that the Dirty Wars were done and over with, that the repression was horrible, but now it was in the past, and it was the time to forget and go on.

This view was particularly noticeable among the newest generation of writers, those too young to remember. They accuse their predecessors, shaped in the '60s and matured during the military regime, of an excessive penchant for ideology and politics.

Ten years of democracy may have offered some time for Argentina to begin its healing process, but a decade is only a brief moment in the history of a country that has distinguished itself as being paradoxically progressive and repressive.

Author Luisa Valenzuela has referred to Argentina as a country of poets and cannibals because, she explains, every so often when the cannibals get hold of power they silence and kill the poets.

When 10 years of democracy have become 100 years of freedom from repression, only then can we say that the legacy of the cannibals may be on its way to extinction.



Dr. Gwendolyn Diaz received her elementary and secondary school education in Argentina. She holds a B.A. from Baylor University and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. This article first

appeared in the Chicago Tribune and several other newspapers nationwide.

#### Distinguished Alumni Awards

This year's awards were presented at an Oct. 12 banquet to the Rev. James A. Young, S.M. (B.A. '36), president of St. Mary's from 1973 to 1981; James C. Laflin (B.SC., J.D. '39), consultant to the city manager of Clayton, Mo.; and Charles E. Ebrom (B.B.A. '52, J.D. '63), executive vice president of administration and accounting, H.B. Zachry Co.

President Emeritus Young is a former provincial superior of St. Louis Province of the Society of Mary and a past chairman of St. Mary's board of trustees. He has been a Marianist for 61 years and now serves in Fort Worth as associate pastor and chaplain for the Sisters of St. Mary Namur.

Laflin's long career has included appointments as an FBI special agent, vice president of Southern Comfort Corp., president of the St. Louis County Municipal League, mayor of Clayton, Mo. and president of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Development Council.

Ebrom has served as an accounting instructor at St. Mary's, as a member of the school's board of trustees and as vice president and president of the St. Mary's Alumni Association. In 1980 he received the university's George Kohnen Business Leadership Award.

#### Where Alums Live

It's probably no surprise that statistics compiled in July 1994 show the largest number of St. Mary's alums live in San Antonio — almost 12,000; and in Texas, 19,167. California comes next with 462 alums; then Missouri, with 444; Virginia, 253; Illinois, 253; and New York, 218. States with the fewest alums are Maine and Rhode Island, each with 6.

St. Mary's alums live in all 50 states and in the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Canada, Mexico and many other foreign countries.



Distinguished alumni for 1994 are from left: James C. Laflin (B.SC., J.D. '39); Charles E. Ebrom (B.B.A. '52, J.D. '63); and the Rev. James A. Young, S.M. (B.A. '36).

#### St. Mary's Standing

The U.S. News & World Report magazine's annual "Best Values" listing for American

universities in 1994 ranks St. Mary's fifth in the West for best sticker price and fifth for most efficient (the survey ranks the dollars institutions spend per student). The magazine also lists St. Mary's as No. 14 in the West in its annual "America's Best Colleges" issue. Criteria for selection include studentteacher ratio, reputation, financial resources, graduation rate and alumni satisfaction.

For the second consecutive year, Money magazine ranked St. Mary's in the top 100 "Best Buys" colleges and No. 1 in the top 100 schools for percentage of minority students enrolled.

#### **New Optics Lab**

The National Science Foundation awarded St. Mary's a matching grant of \$49,206, of which NationsBank contributed the matching \$24,603 called for.

The money is to furnish the physics optics laboratory with materials such as equipment that measures the wavelength of light, optics laser kits, light intensity meters, computers, a special video camera, a motor controller and software for an X-ray unit.

#### Alumni Association Check

Paul K. Biever (B.A. '63), 1993-1994 president of the St. Mary's Alumni Association, presents a check for \$500,000 to St. Mary's president, the Rev. John Moder, S.M.

The largest contribution to date from the association, the money will provide scholarships for more than 50 deserving St. Mary's students.

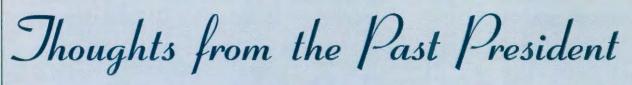
The money was raised from the ever-popular Fiesta Oyster Bake and other association events, and from contributions from alumni chapters in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., and the Athletic Booster Club.

#### Learning Foreign Languages

The Houston Endowment Inc. has awarded St. Mary's \$100,000 for a new foreign language laboratory in which students can simultaneously look, listen and speak by means of interactive video-audio equipment. The new electronic facility greatly accelerates students' practice of correct expression and pronunciation.

#### **Fall Enrollment**

Enrollment for fall 1994 totals 4,166, of which 2,258 are women and 1,908 are men. Undergraduates number 2,605. Graduates, including students in the Ph.D. program, number 797, and law students, 764.



OF THE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

by Paul Biever (B.A. '63)



Fow can we reconnect with alumni who have lost their lovin' feeling for St. Mary's or who never had it in the first place?

The best way to find out is to talk to alumni and ask for their ideas about how to get them interested in supporting St. Mary's.

This past year we did just that through a questionnaire sent to 5,000 alumni and also by "going on the road" to visit with them in various parts of the country.

It became apparent that alumni want to be involved in the current efforts of the university but are not sure how to do so. Because most of us respond positively to what interests us most, it is the responsibility of the association to offer alumni a variety of programs that will attract a broad representation and large numbers of participants.

It will be up to the Alumni Association board of directors and staff, therfore, to select, organize, promote and energize activities that will benefit both the participant and the university. There are some programs that have stood the test of time and show promise for alumni involvement. They include using special credit cards, alumni travel programs, purchasing university-imprinted merchandise, mentoring programs, receiving the AlumNotes newsletter and Gold & Blue magazine, watching athletic events, making gifts to the university and participating in continuing education.

We have a high level of alumni involvement in our Fiesta Oyster Bake, but it is my hope that interest can also be sparked by other special events with strong themes. There also appears to be a need to develop a formal networking service to help students and alums with job-hunting and related career services.

During the coming year, we will continue to meet with existing chapters, help new chapters form, and meet with smaller groups of alumni in areas where the numbers are not yet large enough to support a chapter. Our focus will be to meet with alumni and potential students and their families.

#### Accreditation Activities

St. Mary's University had another good year. As I look back over the year, I ani reminded that many in the St. Mary's community were busy preparing for and following up on the February visit of a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, our regional accrediting body. The law school was also busy with a regular reaccreditation visit from the American Bar Association and the American Association of Law Schools. The School of Business and Administration also had accreditation preparations under way. formulating the plan for noving toward accreditation by the American Association of Colleges and Schools of Business. So this year has involved a lot of measuring and measuring up to the high standards required for university and professional education. And we seem to be coming through quite well.

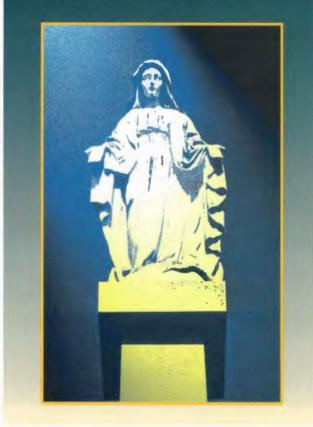
#### **Extending Education**

Although the year was not remarkable for dramatic changes, it has been a busy year, with a flood of continuing good work and progress. Added to programs that send our students abroad to London, Mexico. Austria, and at home, to Wasnington, D.C., Hawaii and the University of Indiana, was a new program that saw five of our students last fall studying (and enjoying football) at the University of Notre Dame. This was the first step in an exchange program designed in part to encourage some of our students to think seriously about graduate education after St. Mary's. (The students reported that Notre Dame's classes were quite good, on a par with their experience at St. Mary's.)

#### The President's Annual Report 1993-94

Nary's Univer

by Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D.



#### Buildings

The year saw no brandnew braidings, but construction continued on a series of moves made possible by our new

University Center. The older part of (Chaminade Hall—the flower two-story addition—was remodeled and replaced by a seamless five-story addition. During spring break, the departments of philosophy, history, public justice, English, counseling & human services, ernollmern management, undergraduate radmissions and evering studies moved into their new Chaminade quarters.

Early last fall we deditated our Trih residence hall, a 90-bed facility ranned in honor of the late Brother Andrew Cremen, S.M. The old power plant near the center of campus is currently undergoing changes to become a new (Subway (Sandwich (Shop.

#### St. floois Hall

St. Louis Hall, perhapo more familiarly known so the Admithstration Building, Degan illo picord corrunn of pervice this year. We recognized this limitmark,s 100th mini versary wigh a revenuerry ou Sept. 3 Plase began with a can lage ride for some of the digritaries up Cincinnad Avenue-much tas the 1893, except that the read is new paved This past semmen, further monoration week place on the Third floor of St. Louis Thall TO provide a new classroom

and Offices for the psychology department. The hursar's office on the garden level of the huilding was also renovated.

#### National Recognition

St. Mary's continues to garner recognition locally and nationally for our contributions to education and for the success of our students.

On Sept. 8, 1993, St. Mary's was honored by the Avenida Juadalupe Association with 3 community service award for "Civic achievement and selfless commitment to the betterment of the Hispanic community of San Atitonio's Weetside."

Last fall, we also were one of only two undergraduare universities from across the nation to receive the Institutional Achlovement Award from the National Science Foundation in recognition of outstanding performance in science education and training of minority students and faculty.

At the same time, Lennard Perez, a serier computer engineering pastor at St. Mary's, was one of three prederve our of 249 nationselde to win an predergraduate sward from NSF for the personal paper.

Another of our soulers, Sarah Pare, propped into the presional scene when the use phore. I chidium another of the National Catholic Student Codition.

#### Distinguished Alarmi

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In the spring, the School of Business and Administration honored San Antonio Mayor Nelson Wolff with the Brother George B. Kohnen Award, and Lt. Gen. (retired) William H. Schneider (the first of our Fifth Army commanders), with the Brother Paul Goelz Award.

#### **Student Leaders**

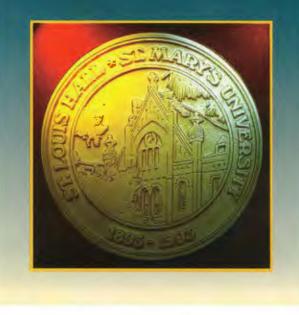
The St. Mary's Presidential Leadership Award was inaugurated this year for 14 outstanding senior students. You have already seen the picture of these now distinguished graduates gracing the cover of the summer issue of *Gold* & Blue.

And a St. Mary's student entrepreneur garnered attention not only from the local media but also in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for his up-and-coming homemade salsa business.

#### **Faculty**

This year's faculty selected by the Alumni Association for Distinguished Faculty honors were Dr. Janet Belew Dizinno, psychology; Dr. Glenn Hughes, philosophy; Professor Arthur Hanna, computer science; Dr. Mary Harston, accounting; Dr. Bahman Rezaie, engineering; and Professor John Schmolesky, law.

The 21 new faculty who joined our growing staff last year included three visiting professors bringing special expertise to the law school. Dr. Thomas H. Guderjan, who joined the faculty last year, brought with him the Mayan Research Program of which he is the director. This year he led a team that discovered Mayan masks dating to 700 A.D. The Rev. William Ellos, S.J., St. Louis Hall began its second century of service this year. We recognized this landmark's 100th anniversary with a ceremony on Sept. 8 that began with a carriage ride for some of the dignitaries up Cincinnati Avenue . . .



Ph.D., joined the faculty as well, coming to us from Lovola University (Chicago), to become the university's first Miller Professor of Biomedical and Medical Ethics. Two new Emil C. E. Jurica Distinguished Professors added to the business faculty were Dr. Brian Toyne and Dr. Wesley Andrews, and Phyllis Siegel, founder and president of the Biomedical Development Corp., joined the business school as the Don Douglass Entrepreneurin-Residence. Our faculty grows in number, qualifications and reputation, while continuing to develop St. Mary's tradition of excellence in teaching and commitment to our students.

#### **Guest Speakers**

A variety of speakers contributed to the intellectual ferment on campus. The Lin Great Speakers Series, around the theme of "One Earth, Many Worlds," was led off by economist and nationally syndicated columnist Dr. Thomas Sowell, followed by Kaylynn Sullivan Twotrees and later by Dr. Elizabeth Bowen.

The President's Peace Commission focused on themes of "Identity in the '90s: Individual, Family, and Community" in the fall and "Sources of Conflict— Visions of Peace" in the spring. Gen. H. T. Johnson (retired), vice chairman of USAA and president of USAA Capital Corp., delivered the La Quinta Inns Business Lecture to kick off Business Week (which included a host of local business leaders as "Professors for a Day").

Other speakers during the year included former Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton and historian and international lecturer Dr. Erik Ritter von Kuehnelt-Leddihn.

#### School of Law

The School of Law continues to build on recent successes. The number of student applications has doubled in the past five years, the qualifications of entering students continue to improve, and the number of minority students has increased. St. Mary's law school now has the highest percentage of Mexican-American students of any private law school in the country.

A new Criminal Justice Clinic, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, was launched to offer criminal defense services to indigents in San Antonio and Bexar County. The school was instrumental in bringing into being the newly formed Texas-Mexico Bar Association, now housed in our law school.

A second Joint Venture program was initiated with the Universidad de Monterrey to train practicing U.S. and Mexican attorneys in each country's legal system.

A new Institute on Human Rights Law sponsored a study tour in May to El Salvador, drawing on the expertise of, among others, Piper Professor Larry Hufford, new last year to the St. Mary's political science department.

#### **Fund Raising**

Our university fundraising efforts also continue to grow. We topped a \$5 million total last year, led by a \$1.87 million bequest from the estate of Alice Briggs, sister of the late Brothers Gerry and Ray and Father Alfred Schnepp.

The department of biological sciences received an important and prestigious grant of \$650,000 from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. The Alumni Association last year surpassed itself with a \$450,000 contribution to the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund, which currently helps more than 50 Alumni Scholars to attend St. Mary's. Not last and not least, a gift from PacifiCare of Texas of bicycles and other necessary equipment has given us the only campus police *bicycle patrol* in San Antonio.

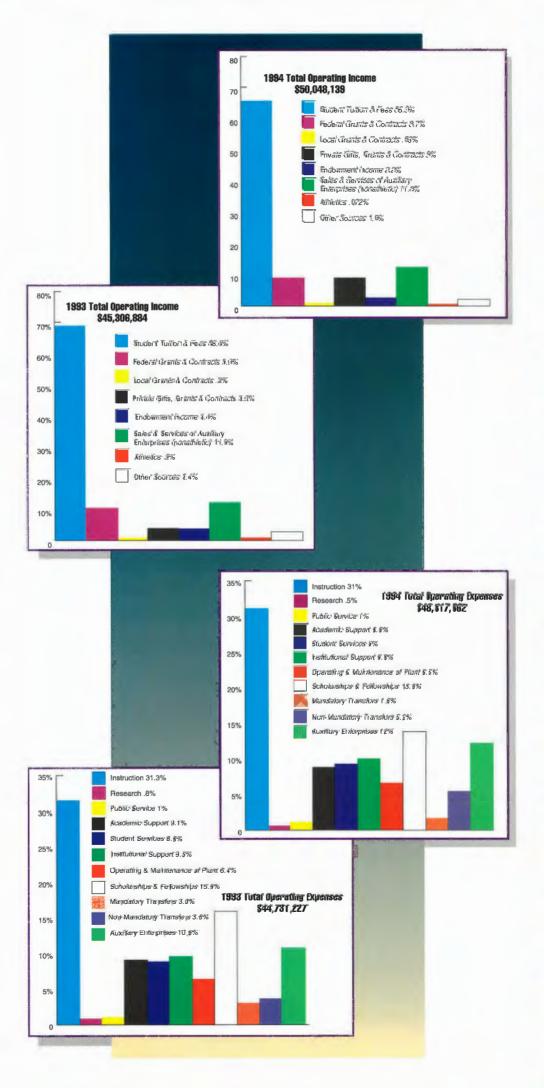
#### Athletics

And finally, varsity athletics kept up the strong St. Mary's tradition.

Senior April Fricke became the first All-American selection in volleyball in St. Mary's history. The softball team made its 10th consecutive trip to the NAIA World Series. And the Lady Rattlers basketball team won the Heart of Texas Conference tegular season championship and set a school secord with 22 wins. Not a bad year in sports?

#### **Dur 142nd Year**

So all in all, it was a business-as-usual year for St. Mary's, continuing to provide the outstanding Marianist education for our 142nd year in San Antonio. Just the sort of year that leads to inclusion in U.S. News and World Report's list of best regional universities and Money magazine's list of the 100 best college values in the country. Your St. Mary's University! ■



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Albert B. Alkek (CL '32), Bandera, Texas, received the Herman W. Lay Memorial Award from the Association of Private Enterprise Education in recognition of his success as a businessman and his generous contributions to educational and healthcare organizations statewide.

## 1939

Claude Stanush (B.A. '39), San Antonio, sold the film rights to his unpublished novel, "All Honest Men," about the Newton brothers and their non-violent gang of bank robbers. Stanush is a 1993 distinguished alumnus award recipient of St. Mary's University. He and his wife, Barbara, were featured in the San Antonio Express-News May 29 Images magazine.

## **1940**

James W. Muir (B.B.A. '40), San Antonio, accepted a proclamation certificate from the mayor of San Antonio during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

## 1942

Alex C. Fabris Jr. (B.S. '42), Sun City, Ariz., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Eleanor. They have recently traveled to Alaska, Ireland and London.

## 1945

Sam Riklin (CL '45), San Antonio, was honored for his community service during the Salute to Education awards banquet hosted by Ford Motor Co. and the San Antonio Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealers. He founded the Rotary Club of San Antonio's Diploma Plus program that provides financial assistance to at-risk high school seniors.

## 1949

Robert R. Hammann (B.B.A. '49), Grand Prairie, Texas, has retired from Desert American Insurance Agency. He is founder and president of the Mid-Cities Senior Golf Association.



Joseph D'Orsogna (CL '51), Boerne, Texas, retired as a manager at Alamo Federal Credit Union.



Kika de la Garza (J.D. '52), McLean, Va., served as guest speaker for the Kingsville, Texas, Knights of Columbus 12th annual public safety officers recognition night.

Mike Machado (J.D. '52), San Antonio, was mentioned in an Austin American Statesman article discussing the merits of the GI Bill.

## 1954

Roberto J. Flores (B.A. '54), Laredo, retired after 20 years as principal of Martin High School in Laredo. He served as an educator at that school for 38 years.

William A. Minden (B.S. '54), Spring, Texas, is a retired Anheuser-Busch brewmaster.



Father Charles H. Miller, S.M. (B.A. '55), San Antonio, was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Germany in spring 1994. He received the President's Outstanding Rotarian Award of 1993-94 from the Oak Hills Rotary Club in recognition of his work as co-moderator of the St. Mary's University Rotaract Club. The club is a service organization whose membership includes law and undergraduate students.



Brother Cletus Behlmann, S.M. (B.A. '56), San Antonio, was featured as a talented artist in the June 16, 1994, edition of the Northwest Sun. One of his paintings serves as the 28th annual Great KLRN-TV Auction poster.

Bob Wilson (B.A. '56, B.S. '56), Memphis, Tenn., has been a professor of radiology at the University of Tennessee since 1969.



Paul Elizondo (B.M.E. '57), San Antonio, has been elected chairman of the Alamo Area Council of Governments board of directors. He is a Bexar County commissioner and is serving his 16th year on the AACOG board.

Jack Pasqual (J.D. '57), San Antonio, appeared in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is a senior partner at Pasqual & O'Connor attorneys.

Margaret L. Matthis Rice (B.B.A. '57), San Antonio, had original poetry published in "Outstanding Poets of 1994," a compilation of current poetry published by the National Library of Poetry.

Andres S. Rodriguez (B.A. '57), Laredo, was recognized by the Laredo City Council as the area's first poet laureate. He has published two books of poetry in Spanish and is currently employed by the 49th District Court Recognizance Bond Program.

1959

Sen. Frank L. Madla Jr. (B.A. '59), San Antonio, provided the commencement address to students who earned their degrees through the Uvalde Center of Sul Ross State University.



Robert Engberg (B.B.A. '60), San Antonio, was promoted from executive vice president to president of Capitol Aggregates Inc., a construction materials company owned by the H.B. Zachry Co.

Frank R. Southers (B.A. '60, J.D. '60), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is president of Southers & Lyons Inc.

Arnold Vera (B.A. '60), San Antonio, will serve as 1994-95 president of Sembradores de Amistad. He is regional director of the Texas State Commission for the Blind.



Robert A. Mangold (B.A. '61), Castroville, Texas, was promoted to vice president and general manager of the Automotive Warehouse Division of Straus Frank Co. in San Antonio.

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Filemon Vela (J.D. '62), Brownsville, Texas, recounted his memories of the federal courthouse in Brownsville in a local newspaper article announcing the construction of a new courthouse for the area.

1963

Manuel Roberto Flores (B.S. '63, M.B.A. '70), Chester, Va., is serving as assistant executive director for congressional affairs for the National Association of Hispanic Federal Executives in Virginia.

1964

Gerardo "Jerry" Gonzalez (B.A. '64), San Antonio, was a featured speaker during a monthly meeting of the Non Profit Organization (NPO) Executives' Forum in San Antonio. He is vice president of investments for Prudential Securities. Joseph A. Soane Jr. (B.A. '64), San Antonio, has been appointed quality assurance manager for Lawyers Title Insurance Corp.



Donald O. Ferguson (J.D. '65), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is president of Gardner & Ferguson Inc.



Jessiel Pacheco (B.B.A. '66), San Antonio, has been elected and installed as president of the board of directors of Wesley Community Centers of San Antonio, Texas Inc., a non-profit charitable agency providing health care and Christian social service to the community.

Charles Shaddox (J.D. '66), Rockport, Texas, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is chairman of the board for Shaddox Compere Walraven & Good. Lawrence E. Noll (B.A. '67, J.D. '72), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is managing partner of Bird & Noll.



John S. Ellis Jr. (B.B.A. '68), Dallas, is a realtor with Prudential Texas Properties.

Jim Rodriguez (B.B.A. '68), Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, is president of the Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce. He is a dentist in Oak Cliff, Texas.

**Bob Surma (B.B.A. '68),** Fredericksburg, Texas, has joined the real estate firm of C.C. Herber Co. He is a member of the Gillespie County Board of Realtors, the Texas Association of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors.

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#### **CLASS NOTES**



The Rev. R. Augustin "Gus" Sicard (B.A. '69, M.A. '76), Laredo, was appointed director of the Laredo State Center by the board of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Carlos G. Tejada (B.S. \*69), Wilson, N.C., received an M.B.A. from Duke University of Durham, N.C.

Dale Calvert (J.D. '70), San Antonio, is interim dean of the School of Business and Public Administration at Our Lady of the Lake University. He recently retired from USAA as vice president for claims administration.

Ed Johnson (J.D. '70), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who'3 Who'In Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is senior managing partner at Johnson Curney & Fields.

Brother Bernard Stratman, S.M. (B.A. Please tear along perforated line/fold and tape. '70), Chicago, Ill., is executive director of the National Federation of Priests' Councils. The organization represents 106 councils of diocesan and religious clergy, totaling approximately 26,000 Roman Catholic priests.

Frank Tejeda (B.A. '70), San Antonio, served as parade marshal for the 1994 Jourdanton Days Kactus Kick parade. Tejeda is U.S. Representative of the 28th District.

Maria Elena Torralva Alonso (B.A. <sup>1</sup>70), San Antonio, director of diversity for the Hearst Newspaper Group, addressed the annual membership of Leadership Laredo in August.

Jimmy Towers (B.A. '70), Killeen, Texas, served as preacher during a family life revival program. He is pastor of First Baptist Church in Killeen.

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**Carlos Alvarado Jr. (B.B.A. '71)**, San Antonio, is a member of the board of directors of the San Antonio Neighborhood Youth Organization. He is a C.P.A.

Frank L. Elizondo Jr. (B.B.A. '71), San

**PLACE** STAMP Antonio, is vice president of regional marketing for the National Hispanic Reporter, based in San Antonio.

Joseph J. Gallagher (B.A. '71), Midland, Texas, has started flying lessons and plans to conduct a solo flight soon.

The Rev. David H. García (B.A. \*71), San Antonio, was keynote speaker for the Diocese of Victoria vocation prayer breakfast in April. Garcia is vocation director for the Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio. He is on sabbatical as a Charles Merrill Fellow at Harvard University as one of four clergy fellowship recipients nationwide.

Alfreda P. Iglehart, Ph.D. (B.A. '71), Los Angeles, Calif., is an associate professor with tenure at the UCLA School of Social Welfare. She is co-author of "Social Services and the Ethnic Community" and a marathon tunner.

Ronald J. Maki (M.A. '71), San Diego, Calif., a senior clinical psychologist with San Diego County's Juvenile Forensic Services, wrote "Psychological Intervention with the Juvenile Offender," which was published in the California Correctional News.

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Wesley E. Bledsoe (B.A. '72), Baytown, Texas, is a supervisor for the petrochemicals laboratory at Chevron's Cedar Bayou manufacturing facility in Baytown.

**Sister Mary Drugan (M.A. '72),** Paris, Texas, is vice president for mission at St. Joseph's Hospital and Health Center.

Mallory G. Holloway (J.D. '72), Amarillo, Texas, is recovering from surgery.

Ann Daly Karam (B.A. '72), San Antonio, has been promoted to assistant director of residence life at St. Mary's University.

Greg Michael (J.D. '72), Scottsdale, Ariz., is chairman and CEO of American Family Care, a Phoenix-based company that provides Alzheimer's care homes. The company may soon expand into California, Texas and Florida.

Pete Van de Putte (B.A. '72), San Antonio, celebrated the grand opening of a new manufacturing facility and the Flag Store at Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co., where he is president.



Eric Clifford (J.D. '73), Paris, Texas, is a member of the Paris City Council and is serving as mayor pro tem. In addition to practicing law, he is a partner with Oak Creek Development Co. and on the board of directors of Lamar National Bank.

Louis F. Gonzales (B.A. '73), San Antonio, is a counselor at South San Antonio High School.

Al Hartman (J.D. '73), San Antonio, is an attorney for the Commercial Closing Division of Commerce Land Title Co.

William G. Putnicki (J.D. '73), San Antonio, was appointed clerk of court for the United States District Court, Western District of Texas, where he supervises a staff of 79 deputy clerks.

**Leonard Torres (B.A. '73),** Dallas, was promoted to chief operating officer for Concepts of Care, a home health-care organization.

Steve Shwiff (M.A. '73), Commerce, Texas, received a Teaching Excellence Award from the East Texas State University chapter of the Texas Association of College Teachers. He is an associate professor in the department of economics-finance in the College of Business & Technology at East Texas State University.



Edward R. Frnka (M.B.A. '74), San Antonio, served as president of the Order of the Alamo, the organization that presides over the coronation of the Queen of the Alamo during San Antonio's Fiesta Week.

Mario A. Herrera (B.A. '74), San Antonio, was selected to speak at the New England Popular Culture Association Conference Oct. 28-29 and at a poetry reading at Incarnate Word College Nov. 2 in San Antonio.

Ray Rodriguez (B.B.A. '74), San Antonio, is chief financial officer for El Centro del Barrio in San Antonio and will serve as general chairman of the 1995 Fiesta Oyster Bake for the St. Mary's University Alumni Association.

Kathy Pena Sosa (B.A. '74), San Antonio, is president/CEO and creative director of KJN Advertising.



Lt. Col. Frank D. Elizondo, U.S. Army (B.S. '75), Houston, is commander of the U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion.

The Rev. Nathaniel "Hank" Hankins (B.A. '75), San Angelo, Texas, was installed as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church.

James N. Higdon (J.D. '75), San Antonio, has been granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. One of six San Antonio lawyers to receive membership, he is an officer of the law firm of Bass, Higdon & Hardy Inc.

Jeff R. Turner (M.B.A. '75), Brownwood, Texas, is serving as interim dean, School of Business Administration, at Howard Payne University, where he is an associate professor of business and health administration.



Katherine Chapman (J.D. '76), Fort Worth, Texas, has been promoted to vice president legal affairs at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Joe Ramirez (B.A. '76), Crystal City, Texas, is president of American International Marketing.



Jo Ann Andera (B.A. '77), San Antonio, has been elected president of the International Festivals Association. A certified festival executive, she was active in the formation of the Texas Festivals Association. She is director of the annual Texas Folklife Festival at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

Deece Eckstein (B.A. '77), Austin, Texas, has joined the firm of Kugle, Byrne & Alworth. Eckstein is a former member of the State Board of Insurance and former director of economic and regulatory policy for the Office of the Governor of the State of Texas.

Kirk James (J.D. '77), San Antonio, has been named a shareholder of the law firm of Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison & Tate Inc.

Louis A. LeLauren III (J.D. '77), San Antonio, is president of the Rotary Club of San Antonio. He was elected to serve as attorney member of the board of governors of the Commercial Law League of America, a creditors' rights organization. He is a partner in the law firm of LeLaurin, Emmett & Kessler.

Thomas E. Quirk (J.D. '77), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is president of Quirk & Mansell.

Susana L. Reynoso (B.B.A. '77), Brownsville, Texas, is chairman of the board of the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce. She is a partner at Long Chilton Payte & Hardin.

J. Rankin Tippins (J.D. '77), Houston, is general counsel and a corporate officer of Tech-Sym Corp.

Joe Weis (J.D. '77), Greenville, Texas, will join the board of directors of Colonial Bank of Greenville. He is a partner in the law firm of Pemberton, Green, Newcomb and Weis.



Retired Maj. Gen. Harold E. Collins, U.S. Air Force (B.A. '78), San Antonio, has been recognized with the establishment of the Collins Trophy award, presented by the U.S. Transportation Command to the best air refueling wing in the military. Collins participated in the first combat refueling mission in July 1951.

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listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is president of Douglas & Elms Inc.

James A. Fry (J.D. '79), Sherman, Texas, opened an office in Sherman, Texas. He serves on the board of directors for the March of Dimes in Grayson County, the Eagle Board of Review, Boy Scouts of America and as president of Texoma Amateur Radio Club.

David V. Jones (J.D. '79), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is managing shareholder for Jones Kurth & Treat Inc.

Roger Macias Jr. (B.A. '79), San Antonio, was honored in May by the Texas Dental Association as the 1994 Young Dentist of the Year.



Atlanta, Ga., is certified in pediatrics and practices with the Southeast Permanente Medical Group.

Rudy Hernandez (J.D. '80), El Paso, has been elected vice president of the board of trustees of the El Paso Community College District.

Jose R. Lopez II (B.A. '80), Houston, has opened an office as an attorney.

Marynell Maloney (J.D. '80), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. She is president of the Law Offices of Maloney & Maloney.

Shelton Smith (J.D. '80), Houston, served as chairman of the Texas National Research Laboratory Commission in Washington, D.C. Gov. Ann Richards appointed him to that position to lobby for the Texas state claims related to abandonment of the Superconducting Super Collider. Smith is a partner in the law firm of Smith, Urquhart, Martin and Mitchell.



Tom Brown (J.D. '81), Overton, Texas, a partner in the law firm of Schleier, Schleier, Brown and Smith, was appointed to the board of directors of Roy H. Laird Memorial Hospital by the Kilgore City Commission. **Dennis R. Ferguson (B.A. '81),** Norfolk, Va., recently completed a Navy recruiting assignment in the Great Lakes area. His duties are now aboard the USS Estocin.

Robert Raesz Jr. (J.D. '81), Elgin, Texas, resigned as judge for the Bastrop County Court at Law, returning to private practice Aug. 1 with offices in Bastrop and Austin.

Mason S. Standley (J.D. '81), Boerne, Texas, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is an attorney in the San Antonio firm of Archer Standley & Neill.

Margaret Vajdos (B.A. '81), San Antonio, completed a fellowship in endocrinology metabolism at the Texas A & M Health Science Center's Scott and White Clinic in Temple, Texas. She is in private practice with the Diabetes Glandular Disease Clinic in San Antonio.

Nannette Whitworth Zimmerebner (B.A. '81), San Antonio, has been awarded the professional insurance designation of Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) by the American Institute for CPCU. Zimmerebner was recently promoted to property insurance staff underwriter in product and premium development at USAA.



Mark Dolan (B.B.A. '82), Richardson, Texas, has been appointed director of internal audit for Lennox International Inc. Dolan is a CPA, a member of the Texas Society of Public Accountants and the Institute of Internal Auditors.

David McQuade Leibowitz (J.D. '82), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is managing partner for Leibowitz & Yanta.

**Terry St. Marie (B.B.A. '82),** White Plains, N.Y., has joined Bresnan Communications, a cable television company, as manager of operations.

**Caesar M. Ursic (B.S. '82),** Houston, is an assistant professor at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston in the department of surgery, trauma division.



Don D. Arispe (B.A. '83), San Antonio, is associate director of lay ministry at Oblate School of Theology.

William R. Davis Jr. (J.D. '83), San Antonio, was listed in the "Who's Who in Law" edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is a partner at the law firm of Stryker & Davis.



Maura K. Allen (B.A. '84), Plano, Texas, is president of the Dallas Advertising League, Dallas' oldest civic organization.

J.W. Dietrich Jr. (M.A. '84), San Antonio, published his views on public officials' standard of behavior in the June 3 edition of the San Antonio Express-News. He is employed at Fort Sam Houston.

Sonia Rebecca Garcia (B.A. '84), San Luis Obispo, Calif., a former resident of Laredo, Texas, received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She is a professor of political science at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo.

Diane M. Hueser Icenogle (B.A. '84), San Antonio, received her M.D. degree from the University of Texas Medical School at San Antonio and is completing a residency in diagnostic radiology at the University of Texas Health Science Center.

**Emmett "Hub" Kennady (J.D. '84),** College Station, Texas, has been elected to the College Station City Council. He is an attorney for the law firm of Kennady & Talbert.

Priscilla Lopez (B.B.A. '84), San Antonio, received a master's of education degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in August 1994. She is a learning resource specialist for Harlandale Independent School District.

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Edward P. Link (J.D. '85), Round Rock, Texas, has opened a general civil and criminal law practice in Cedar Park near Austin.

Jacqueline Reibach (J.D. '85), San Antonio, presented a course on legal issues for caregivers for the Alamo Area Council of Governments.

Rissa Schultz Rothe (B.B.A. '85, M.A. '93), Hondo, Texas, completed requirements for a certified festival executive with the International Festivals Association. She is president-elect of the Texas Festivals Association and staff director of the St. Mary's University Alumni Association's Fiesta Oyster Bake.



Diana'M. Avila'(B.3. '96), 'San Antonio, 'completed her' loctorate in biochemistry fat I'he University of Texas Health Science 'Centeri n' San Antonio. 'She is'a research fellowi at The University of Texas 'Southwestern in Dailas.

Suejeudi Buenier (B.S., B.A. '96), 'San Antonio, received ner [Ph.]D. in Imathematics/from ine University/of Texas-Austiniin August. 'Shejpians1:0 join/the University/of Wisconsin135131math Instructor.

Mary Lynn'Gasaway Hill (B.A. '86, M.A.' 90, M.A.' 91), New Orleans, Las, is astudent at Tulane University, where the ispursuing: a Ph.D. in linguistics.

Andy Hill (B.A. 486), New Orleans, La., has enrolled in hawschool at Loyola University.

Linda Muller (B.B.A. '86), San Antonio, is a user/support coordinator for the computer center at St. Mary's University.



Kevin Sean Casey (J.D. 487), Austin, presented acourse in basic mediationtraining for Laredo-area attorneys hosted by 'Texas A & M's International University Office of Executive Development; and Industrial Relations. He is an attorneymediator in Austin.

Jeffrey T. Drost (B.B.A. '87), Victoria, Texas, is a trust officer at Victoria Bank & Trust. He is responsible for the administration of employee retirement plans.

Luis A. Hernandez (B.A. '87), Falls Church, Va., is a senior research associate at Barrera Associates Inc. in Washington, D.C.

**Phyllis Mueller (B.A. '87),** San Antonio, is a teacher of science and English at the St. Pius Middle School.

Patricia Voss (B.A. '87), Houston, is an international sales manager at the Westin Galleria Hotel and Westin Oaks Hotel.



Kim Cauthorn (J.D. '88), Houston, a professor at South Texas College of Law, was on a local radio program to promote the Texas Star Mentor Program sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyers Association. She also spoke at an April South Texas CLE program, on maximizing the use of discovery tools and minimizing discovery disputes. Jonnny C. Cavazos (B.S. '58), San Antonio, graduated from the Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee. He practices general dentistry.

Brother Patil Combest, S.M. (B.B.A. '88), San Antonio, was appointed associate tampus minister for pastoral ministry at the St. Mary's University Campus Ministry Office.

Norma Gaier (B.A. '88), San Antôniô, has joined St. Mary's University as a financial assistance counselor at the law school.

John Palmer (J.D. 188), Waco, Texas, an attorney with the law firm of Naman, Howell, Smith and Lee, has been selected 1993-1994 Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Waco-McLennan County Young Lawyers Association.

Aracely L. Palmomares (B.A. '88), Houston, received a master's degree in social work from the University of Houston. She is a psychotherapist with the (Chicano Family Center.

Kathleen M. Schaefer Phillips (B.A. '88), Hazelwood, Mo., is a financial controls specialist for McDonnell Douglas Corp.

Karen Ann Schroeder (B.B.A. '88, J.D. '93), Arlington, Texas, is employed by Sunrise Energy Co. as an associate corporate counsel.



Christine Andrews (B.A. '89), San Antonio, has joined St. Mary's University as an assistant director of admissions. She will recruit students in Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin and portions of Missouri and Texas.

Stephen Barron (B.A. '89), Alexandria, Va., is an account executive at Ruffalo Cody & Associates, a fund-raising consulting firm.

John D. Beck (B.A. '89), San Antonio, is employed by SignTech.

Curtis L. Cukjati (J.D. '89), San Antonio, is a member of the law firm of Fritsche, Martin & Cukjati. He is editor in chief of the San Antonio Lawyer and is an adjunct professor of business law at Incarnate Word College.

**Donna Espey (B.B.A. '89),** San Antonio, has been promoted to manager in the San Antonio office of KPMG Peat Marwick.

Capt. Harold Huguley III, U.S. Air Force (M.S. '89, M.B.A. '94), Las Vegas, Nev., was selected as assistant chief of quality improvement at the Headquarters Weapon and Tactics Center, Nellis Air Force Base. Vincent A. Lazaro (J.B. '89), San Antonio, & a visiting lecture: In Johnical' science at St. Mary's University:

Troy 5. "Trey' Martin III (J.D. 39), San Antonio, announced the formation of the law firm of Fritsche, Martin & Cukjati, where he will serve as the firm's administrative partner.

David W. Sommer (B.B.A. '99), Glen Allen, Va., recently completed a Ph.D. at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a faculty member specializing in thisk management and insurance in the School of Business of Virginia Commonwealth University.

Forrest N. Wehnaker Jr. (J.D. '89), San Antonio, was listed in the 'Who's Who in Law' edition of the San Antonio Business Journal. He is president of the law firm of Wehnaker & Wehnaker.

Richard C. Woolsey (J.D. 89), Corpus Christi, Texas, has been promored to partner in the law firm of Hunt, Hermansen, McKibben & Barger:



Mark Cashion (J.D. '90), Devine, Texas, was appointed municipal judge by the Castroville City Council. In addition to this part-time position, he \$ in private practice in Devine.

Sandra Disfer (B.A. '90, M.A. '94), San Antonio, is resource development coordinator for the American G.I. Forum, a national veterans' outleach program.



Cathy P. Clark (J.D. '91), San Anteonio, is an associate in the law office of James A. Skrobareek.

Jeffrey Espinoza (B.B.A. '91, M.B.A., '93), San Antonio, received his M.B.A. degree in multimational operations from St. Mary's University in December 1995. He is an administrative assistant in the Global Communications Department of Arts 1:

Karen H. Norris (J.D. '91), Sau Antouio, was elected director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association. Treasurer of the San Antonio Young Lawyers Association, she practices general civil litigation with the law firm of Davidson & Huelo.

Ralph "Peter" Rivera (B.A. '91), Phae Bluff; Ark., has been appointed principal of St. Joseph-St. Peter Junior High School.



Michael Boatner (B.A. '92), San Antonio, is an assistant director of residence life at Our Lady of the Lake University.

**Dale Burrows (J.D. '92),** Tyler, Texas, is an assistant district attorney in Upshur County.

Carlos A. Garcia (B.A. '92), Missouri City, Texas, has been promoted to senior information systems analyst in data access design at Shell Oil Co., Houston.

Christina L. Garcia (B.B.A. '92), San Antonio, is vice president of Wildwood Management Group Inc., a real estate management firm. She is chairman of the board of San Antonio's Housing Authority and is a member of the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees.

Marek W. Kacprzak (B.B.A. '92), Lexington, Ky., is employed by IBM Corp.

William Tschirhart (J.D. '92), Castroville, Texas, works locally as an attorney and serves as assistant football coach at Trinity University in San Antonio.

G. Scott Wallace (J.D. '92), Irving, Texas, received his M.B.A. from Southern Methodist University in May. He is serving as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court and has been appointed to the Texas State Bar Committee on criminal procedure and the penal code.

**Gina Brooks (M.A. '93),** Knoxville, Tenn., has been accepted into the Ph.D. clinical psychology program at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Jodi Jaworski (B.A. '93), St. Louis, Mo., is an assistant program director for the St. Louis Sports Commission. She is a house parent for the Central Institute for the Deaf.

Karin N. Kiser (B.A. '93), Chicago, received an M.A. in international relations from the University of Chicago in August. She has accepted the position of international coordinator at Dearborn Financial Publishing's International Division in Chicago.

**Robert Thomas (B.B.A. '93),** Dallas, has joined the public relations firm of Sosa, Bromley, Aguilar & Associates.



Tony J. Alvarado III (B.S. '94), San Antonio, is employed in the industrial engineering department of United Parcel Service.

William Buntyn (B.A. '94), San Antonio, was featured in the San Antonio Express-News on Aug. 29. He is one of six area teachers the newspaper will follow throughout their first year of teaching. He is a senior English instructor at Southwest High School.

Angelica Chavez (B.S. '94), San Antonio, is a medical student at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

William Daniels (B.S. '94), Gilmer, Texas, is a medical student at the University of Texas-Houston Medical School.

Belinda Gale Jenkins (M.A. '94), San Antonio, served as luncheon keynote speaker for the Houston chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women (NCBW). A major stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, she is pursuing a doctorate in counseling at St. Mary's University.

Michelle Moran (B.A. '94), San Antonio, was featured in the San Antonio Express-News on Aug. 29. She is one of six area teachers the newspaper will follow throughout their first year of teaching. She is a language arts teacher at Lowell Junior High School.

Bridget O'Connor (B.A. '94), San Antonio, is an admissions counselor at St. Mary's University. She will focus on student recruitment efforts within the state of Texas.

Joe Segovia (M.A. '94), San Antonio, is a public relations account executive for Montemayor y Asociados, a San Antonio advertising firm.

Maureen Strauss (B.A. '94), Jourdanton, Texas, is a law student at Texas Tech in Lubbock.

Theresa L. Urbanovsky (B.A. '94), San Antonio, coaches softball and volleyball at St. Mary's University.

#### MARRIAGES

Elaine Guajardo (B.A. '80) to Alejandro Q. Moreno June 11, 1994, in San Antonio.

Stephen Nicholas (J.D. '84) to Susan Hennelly Sept. 24, 1994, in San Antonio.

Capt. Walter Calvo, U. S. Air Force (B.A. '85) to Roxanne Barrera June 4, 1994, in San Antonio. Stacie Marie Fischer (B.A. '87) to Duke Matz June 18, 1993, in Omaha, Neb.

Kenneth Clark (J.D. '87) to Loretta Soechting June 4, 1994, in San Antonio.

Margaret A. Strickling (J.D. '87) to Burton John Brumfield Jr. Sept. 25, 1993, in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Melissa Janette Wade (J.D. '87) to Paul Netherton Hunter July 4, 1994, in Fort Worth.

Carole Orth (J.D. '88) to Dan A. Axthelm Sept. 3, 1994, in Fort Worth.

Ruth N. Ramos (B.A. '88) to Michael A. Altenburger (B.B.A. '89) July 23, 1994, in San Antonio.

John Shinal (B.A. '88) to Winter D. Prosapio April 23, 1994, in San Antonio.

**Catherine Torres (B.A. '88, J.D. '93)** to **Paul Stahl (B.B.A. '89)** Aug. 20, 1994, in San Antonio.

Marc DeWall (B.B.A. '89) to Diana Farias July 23, 1994, in San Antonio.

Bernice Kearney (B.A. '89) to Robert E. Luna Nov. 4, 1993, in San Antonio.

Sandra Murphy (B.A. '89) to Michael Lynn June 4, 1994, in Stockdale, Texas.

Charles Pawelek (B.A. '89) to Brenda Fleming June 4, 1994, in Falls City, Texas.

Kelly Ann Mulligan (B.A. '90, M.S. '91) to David Morrow July 16, 1994, in San Antonio.

Daniel Ralph (B.A. '90) to Cathleen Schmidt June 11, 1994, in San Antonio.

**Elizabeth Carla Sanchez (B.A. '90)** to Rene Luis Barreda March 12, 1994, in Laredo.

Roger Scheffel (B.B.A. '90) to Tara Finley June 25, 1994, in San Antonio.

Maria Swenceski (B.A. '90) to Brian Falcon July 9, 1994, in Houston.

William C. Bosworth Jr. (J.D. '91) to Carolyne Elizabeth McClanahan Sept. 3, 1994, in Cleburne, Texas.

Shelly Cornish (B.A. '91) to Brian Clark Aug. 13, 1994, in Dallas.

Mary Ellen Fanning (B.A. '91) to Chester Stanislaus Oszust Jr. June 17, 1994, in San Antonio.

Darlene Green (B.A. '91) to Jaime Garaa Nov. 7, 1992, in San Antonio. Mary Allen Morin (B.B.A. '91) to James Blevins Sept. 10, 1994, in San Antonio. Lucinda Ramos (B.B.A. '91) to Jeffrey Espinoza (B.B.A. '91, M.B.A. '93) Feb. 26, 1994, in San Antonio.

Gladys M. Chinea (B.S. '92) to Chad Mills (B.A. '93) Aug. 6, 1993, in San Antonio.

**Elizabeth M. Donnelly (B.A. '92)** to **Michael P. Grasso (B.A. '92)** June 18, 1994, in St. Louis, Mo.

Patricia Meyers (B.A. '92) to John Robert Keller Dec. 4, 1993, in Houston.

Craig Navarijo (B.B.A. '92) to Lisa Trevino (B.A. '92) Sept. 3, 1994, in San Antonio.

Carol Lynn Stahl (B.A. '92) to Stephen Kauffman Aug. 6, 1994, in South Padre Island.

Adam S. Talkington (B.S. '92) to Brigit McDowell June 25, 1994, in Omaha, Neb.

James Robert Waite (J.D. '92) to Sarah Katherine Cahill May 29, 1994, in San Antonio.

Patricia June Ellison (M.A. '93) to Lloyd Thomas Kitzmiller March 26, 1994, in Fredericksburg, Texas.

Teresa E. Chapa (B.A. '94) to Javier Camacho Jan. 15, 1994, in Zapata, Texas.

Charles Japhet (J.D. '94) to Mary Ullmann June 18, 1994, in San Antonio.

Ann E. Ranelle (B.A. '94) to Andrew Joshua Morin June 18, 1994, in San Antonio.

Scott Stolle (J.D. '94) to Heather Abbett Aug. 6, 1994, in San Antonio.

#### BIRTHS

Jacob Anthony born to Rita and Joe B. Cruz Jr. (B.A. '76), San Antonio, Feb. 11, 1994.

Jake Patrick born to Stephanie and Jay Huntzinger, M.D. (B.A. '76), Fort Worth, July 19, 1993.

Jason Ryan born to Mary and Charlie Migl (B.A. '78), San Antonio, Aug. 30, 1994.

Elizabeth Diane born to Mary Brennan Stich (B.A. '78, J.D. '81) and Dan Stich, San Antonio, Aug. 30, 1994.

Kaeleen Marie born to Jennifer and Jim Zeleznak (B.A. '79), San Antonio, July 26, 1994.

David Norman born to Katelijne and Norman Acker (B.B.A. '80), Corpus Christi, Texas, July 14, 1994. Alexander William born to Ellen Bourneuf Hawbecker (B.A. '87) and William Hawbecker-Rios (B.A. '82, J.D. '90), San Antonio, Feb. 17, 1994.

Alexandria Sylvia born to Rosemary and Armando Falcon (B.A. '83), Alexandria, Va., July 6, 1994.

Lee Frances born to Jennifer and Lee McNamara (B.B.A. '83), Grapevine, Texas, July 30, 1994.

Luke Joseph born to Maryann Knopik Freyman (B.B.A. '84) and Robert Freyman, Columbia, Ill., June 15, 1994.

Rachel LaRay born to Leann and Alan "Red" Johnston (B.A. '84), Tyler, Texas, June 6, 1994.

William Aram born to Kathy Sisoian (M.A. '84) and Bill Sisoian, San Antonio, Aug. 5, 1994.

Gabriel born to Irene Uresti Bustamante (B.A. '90) and Cecilio Bustamante (B.B.A. '85), Arlington, Texas, May 5, 1994.

Madison Leigh born to Diane Scholz Jackson (B.B.A. '85) and Chip Jackson, San Antonio, Dec. 16, 1993.

Jacob Phillip born to **Dianne C'de Baca Yoss (B.B.A. '85)** and Mark Yoss, Highlands Ranch, Colo., July 14, 1994.

Mary Elise born to Shari Lemme Biediger (B.A. '86) and Charlie Biediger (B.S. '88), San Antonio, May 6, 1993.

Alessandro Dino born to Leticia Morales Bissaro (B.A. '86) and Dino Bissaro, San Antonio, May 3, 1994.

Heather Elizabeth born to **Donna L. Smith Kowalik (B.A. '87)** and Leroy Kowalik, San Antonio, April 17, 1994.

Madelaine Paige born to **Angela Escareno Sagely (B.B.A. '87)** and Mont Sagely, Fort Smith, Ark., June 30, 1994.

Alezandra Gabrielle born to Annette Green Reyes (B.A. '87) and Phillip A. Reyes (B.B.A. '88), San Antonio, April 10, 1994.

Elizabeth Danielle born to **Brenda Alexander Schram (J.D. '88)** and **Anthony Schram (J.D. '87),** Houston, Aug. 3, 1994.

Miranda Renee born to **Gloria Rodriguez Palomo (B.B.A. '89)** and Jesse Palomo, Edinburg, Texas, March 20, 1994. Grantham Harold IV ("Quad") and William Harold V ("Quint") born to Cheryl and Harold Huguley III (M.S. '89, M.B.A. '94), Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 26, 1994.

Jordan Paige born to Shelli Smith Keller (B.S. '90) and Steve Keller (B.A. '90), San Antonio, May 25, 1994.

Sarah Eliabeth born to Carrie and Shanan T. Bailey (J.D. '91), Sherman, Texas, Oct. 12, 1993.

Adriana Mercedes born to Marisela Garcia Vargus (B.B.A. '92) and Troy L. Vargus, San Antonio, June 7, 1994.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Louis Domingues (CL '18), Kerrville, Texas, died May 28, 1994.

Theo P. Magott Jr. (CL '21), San Antonio, died Jan. 22, 1994.

Frank Hopwood (CL '37), San Antonio, died March 1, 1994.

Robert H. Fillingim (B.SC '42), San Antonio, died Aug. 3, 1994.

Roy C. Armstrong (B.A. '51), Alamogordo, N.M., died March 3, 1994.

George A. Haven Jr. (B.A. '55), Temple, Texas, died April 15, 1994.

Jerome Wesolowski (B.S. '55, B.A. '56), Berkeley, Calif., died Jan. 1, 1994.

Roberto A. Briones (B.B.A. '59), San Antonio, died Sept. 15, 1994.

Ringgold Joseph Delahoussaye Jr. (B.B.A. '62), Houston, died June 4, 1994.

James Lawrence Sullivan (CL '69), San Antonio, died July 20, 1994.

Shirley Thompson Corprew (B.A. '74), San Antonio, died July 13, 1994.

Rose Ann Moore Smith (B.A. '75), San Antonio, died July 26, 1994.

Arthur G. Herrera Jr. (B.B.A. '81), San Antonio, died July 9, 1994.

Phelecia Sue Hickey (B.B.A. '88), San Antonio, died April 29, 1994.

Michael E. Powell (B.A. '92), San Antonio, died July 20, 1994.

# Father Mike --

## **A Remembrance** by the Rev. Louis Reile, S.M.

y earliest remembrance of Father Carl Blasen, S.M., is that a most jovial priest walked into my logic class and began to teach. His good humor never waned. If there is one trademark that stamped Father Charles (as some call him), it was his geniality, his all but constant affability.

Not a profound background was mine, nor the thirst to become a philosopher of note. But I was a most ready listener to the Marianist priest who was my teacher. For he welcomed all, the sincere seeker or the sometimes-studious pupil. Father was an educator in every sense of that term. His good humor, his simple erudition was inviting, infectious.

Born of German stock in Dubuque County, Iowa, on March 20, 1910, Carl Blasen pursued a quiet way, always knowing where he was going. His pursuit led him to enter the Marianist novitiate at Maryhurst, in Kirkwood, Missouri, August 13, 1926. He pronounced first vows as a Marianist August 15, 1927. He was ordained a priest in Fribourg, Switzerland, July 25, 1939.

Before and after his ordination, Brother Carl taught in Marianist schools at Victoria (Texas), St. Louis and Detroit to name only a few. He was busy pursuing his vocation as an educator devoted to the Immaculate Mother of God, whose name Carl evidently held in serene respect.

Greatly loved by his many students, Father Carl was also highly respected by his superiors, who constantly called him to positions of authority within the Marianist system of education. Not only was he chaplain in many of the schools where he taught, but he was also singled out to become principal at McBride and DeAndreis high Schools, as well as dean of students (vice president) here at St. Mary's University (1963-66). Father was again called to establish the second novitiate when it began in Galesville, Wisconsin. Seemingly there was no limit to father's talents, and especially his ebullient personality. Kind father that he

was to his students, he was approachable and available at any time for confessions. He was a ready and prepared homilist, giving retreats often to both students and fellow religious, not to mention the scores of other religious communities that invited him to lead retreat exercises. Particularly memorable is the fact that he very often preached the 21-day retreat to Matianists about to pronounce perpetual vows.

Father Carl, called "Mike" after his father, was evidently always on intimate terms with the Lord and Lady he served.

As a person lives, so he dies. So appropriate it was that on Tuesday morning, May 18, 1993, just as he, as celebrant, pronounced the opening words of the liturgy, genial, faithful Father Carl fell dead at the foot of God's altar. He was educating us to his last moment, and I count it one of my graces to have witnessed his glorious death.

A grateful former student who wishes to remain anonymous has honored the memory of the Rev. Carl M. Blasen, S.M., by endowing a \$100,000 scholarship fund as a memorial in his name. Contributions to the scholarship memorial fund honoring Father Blasen may be sent to St. Mary's University Development, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228-8528.

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