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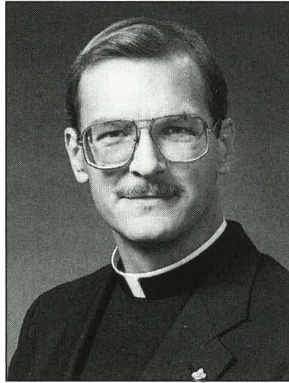
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Cover

Students Marisela Ramos and Brian Phelt shelter under the gold and blue during San Antonio's unusually misty spring and April showers. ■

President's Column



*Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D. (B.A. '70)
President, St. Mary's University*

A recent Time magazine cover story asked the question: “Are America’s colleges gouging us?” Typical of the media, the example used was the University of Pennsylvania, a selective, prestigious, high-priced Ivy wannabe. Dramatic increases in tuition were noted over the last couple of decades, and increases in the current budget were highlighted—increases of significance to the author. Without doubt, the cost of higher education is a great concern and an increasing burden to college-going families. But Penn represents only a small fraction of the higher education community, and it most certainly does not represent St. Mary’s.

We too have seen a decade and a half of tuition increases at twice the rate of inflation! But the driver of our tuition increases has not been the “Rolls Royce” effect (Let’s increase tuition so that people will perceive us as a high-priced, elite and therefore quality institution.) That’s just not our style.

Our rising tuition has gone directly to educational needs. First and most significant, there has been a growing need for institutional funding of financial aid. Two decades ago, federal grant money financed many students’ education, and loans were a small part of financial aid packages. Today that proportion is reversed. To continue to make college education affordable, St. Mary’s, like virtually all other independent schools, has invested a growing portion of its operating budget in financial aid to students.

Secondly, by the early 1980s, faculty salaries had fallen behind the pace of inflation in the 1970s. When I began teaching at St. Mary’s in 1979, I was paid as much as one of our B.A. graduates just beginning teaching in a public high school. In the late 80s we were able to make significant progress toward making our salaries competitive with a national group of similar universities. And that commitment has paid off in our ability to recruit an outstanding, student-oriented faculty.

Thirdly, administrative and educational technology has become critical to educational excellence. But technology carries more hidden costs than savings. Hardware and software alone are not enough. Support personnel and training programs are necessary. And technology does not replace people. Education is an interpersonal enterprise. Technology only allows us to do more and do it better.

For all this we remain a tremendous buy. In fact, our tuition is \$3,000 a year less than the national average for private universities! The Marianist tradition of quality education accessible to all, continues—no longer primarily because of the massive contributed services of the brothers (which made St. Mary’s work in the first century or so), but now because of the dedication and old-fashioned hard work of everyone—religious and lay faculty and staff, whose extra efforts keep quality Catholic education affordable in Texas. ■

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About This Issue

World War II is surely nothing but history for most of our 25,000 alums. But to a group of women who banded together to organize their post-war lives while their G.I.-Bill husbands studied at St. Mary's, those days are as fresh as a spring morning. Travel back with them through the nostalgic story on page 9 by the mother of Alumni Association President Jerry Boerner (B.B.A. '85).

Another story bound to touch the heart, tells how receiving the gift of that vital organ from an unknown donor, taught a 40-year-old alum near death to appreciate each day of his life since. Bill Berchelmann (J.D. '76) now works to alert prospective donors to the dire need of organ replacements for the desperately ill. He tells his story on page 5.

And readers please note: This article was born from a comment the author wrote on our tear-out returns in Class Notes (telling of his fifth year celebrating a new heart.) Don't be shy to send in feature suggestions you'd like to see explored. We get oceans of Class Notes on the tear-outs, but few clues about Gold & Blue's reception, and so few letters that this issue, we haven't enough to print.

But an alum who did not get a second chance at life is revered Congressman Frank Tejada, whose brain tumor caused his death at the peak of his career at age 51. Read on page 2 how even as a St. Mary's student, he showed promise of the brilliant political future that would characterize his life.

— Sylvia McLaren, editor



Frank Tejada
1945-1997

TRIBUTE TO AN AMERICAN HERO

by Kathy K. Villarreal (B.A. '89, M.A. '96)

On Jan. 30, 1997, America lost a hero. On that day Vietnam veteran Frank Tejada (B.A. '70), U.S. congressman representing the 28th District of Texas, died at age 51 after a long and gallant battle with cancer.

Tejada's life is a testament to the American dream—one worth recounting and remembering by the entire nation—especially by San Antonians, for whom he fought tirelessly in the Texas Legislature and in the U.S. Congress for more than 20 years. San Antonio's southside residents will forever hold Tejada close to their hearts as one of their own. He tirelessly championed their needs. Extremely generous, even when he didn't have much money, Tejada often borrowed from the bank to help everyday people, youth and church activities.

HIS EDUCATION

In 1970, a young Frank Tejada walked across the St. Mary's graduation stage to receive his bachelor's degree in government (now called political science), after years of struggle, sacrifice and a bloody war, to prepare for a career as one of our most respected and influential politicians.

Tejada was a Harlandale High School dropout, labeled by his school and others as a rebellious troublemaker. But he proved them wrong. In 1963, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served until 1967 and earned a Bronze Star for valor in Vietnam, a Purple Heart for his wounds, and later a Silver Star for risking his life in a valiant attempt to rescue a fellow Marine. At the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, he achieved the highest academic average in the school's history. On completing his service, Lt. Tejada returned to San Antonio and completed his G.E.D. to prepare for an outstanding record in higher education.

SOMEONE ON A MISSION

He enrolled at St. Mary's in the late '60s. Charles Cotrell, Ph.D., academic vice president, then a political science professor, remembers Tejada as "a very serious, intense student—modest and quiet." Cotrell recalls that in

his class on minorities in politics, "Tejada read a lot, was extremely bright, but didn't display it." Even then his professors could see that Tejada was passionately focused on advancing the Mexican-American community. "Frank Tejada was definitely going somewhere—someone on a mission," Cotrell says.

UNDERGRADUATE MEMORIES

Having already served in Vietnam, Tejada was older and more mature than the average undergraduate—an obvious class leader, able to share his experiences and apply textbook theory to life's realities. Cotrell remembers being impressed with Tejada's presentation on the effective empowerment of Hispanics. "He was able to show that historically, Mexican-Americans have always been vigorous fighters for their rights," Cotrell recalls.

Fellow students, professors, and all who came in contact with Tejada immediately recognized in him the makings of an outstanding public servant. Though his special interest was the Hispanic community, he championed many causes, regardless of race or color. Like Dr. Martin Luther King, he believed in judging people not by their skin but by their character.

He never forgot St. Mary's and his teachers. St. Mary's president, the Rev. John Moder, S.M. (B.A.'71), and Cotrell often called on the congressman when they visited Washington. "He was always a strong advocate of education," Moder says. "He is a great loss to our community and our nation." Adds Cotrell, "He was always willing to help his alma mater. He truly believed it to be an important part of his life."

LAW PROFESSOR

Tejada went on to earn a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley, a master's in public administration from Harvard and a master's in law from Yale.

He was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1976, and 10 years later to the Texas Senate, where he served for 6 years before his 1992 election to Congress.

In 1984, Tejada managed to fit in a part-time professorship at St. Mary's School of Law. In an interview in the Feb. 2 issue of *The Rattler* that year, the school's admissions dean said that increased enrollment in a third-year course on administrative law was partly due to the excellence of Tejada, the instructor.

FIGHTER TO THE END

Tejada was a fighter – for himself and for many others. In 1995, he was tragically diagnosed with a brain tumor, yet took heart when 90 percent of it was able to be removed. The remaining 10 percent of the growth was treated with radiation and chemotherapy. Less than three weeks after his major surgery, he returned to Washington in high hopes.

A conservative Democrat,



Tejada was respected by both Democrats and Republicans. To the end, he carried out his pledge to serve his people and fight for what he believed in—strong national defense, economic development, expanded educational opportunities, crime control and enhanced benefits for veterans—causes that brought him honors from organizations devoted to youth athletics, education, civil rights and veterans' needs.

His career highlights also include leading a judicial investigation that resulted in reform of the Texas Supreme Court; battling for a state holiday in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.; and winning support for privatization of San Antonio's military bases.

THE NATION MOURNS

Tejada's death brought an outpouring of love and respect for his achievements. More than 600 friends and family attended his rosary; more than 2,000 mourners crowded his funeral services, including Clinton administration officials and more than 60 members of Congress. He was buried with full military honors at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, the first member of Congress to be laid to rest there.

President Clinton spoke highly of the spunky congressman in his January 1997 State of the Union address—commending his military courage and dedicated public service. As the president spoke to the nation, Tejada's mother and sister were guests of honor at the assembly. The Texas Senate unanimously adopted a resolution honoring the congressman, and his congressional colleagues honored him with a memorial ceremony in the nation's capitol.

TEJEDA'S LEGACY

Tejada's death at the height of his career is a great loss for the nation, for San Antonio, for Texas, for St. Mary's, and for his family, colleagues and friends. But he leaves behind a legacy of achievement that serves as an inspiration to many, especially new generations of Hispanics aspiring to serve their nation and their people.

A true American hero, Tejada spent his life in service to God, country and fellow human beings. ■

Faculty ESSAY

Understanding Mexico's Education System

by Richard S. Pressman, Ph.D., Professor of English

H. Ross Perot once said the average Mexican was trying to work his way up to an outhouse!

I fear that many Americans may harbor that idea about all things Mexican, including its universities.

Critics point out that the majority of Mexican university professors have only a bachelor's degree, that even though classes are scheduled for two hours, professors rarely come on time and often leave early. They also say that once in the classroom, all they do is lecture, so students don't get a well-rounded education.

Links with Mexico

These criticisms are important to St. Mary's because we have committed ourselves to increasing our links with Mexican higher education.

In 1992, Dr. Ruben Candia, St. Mary's professor of Spanish, began our students-and-professors exchange program with the Universidad Iberoamericana in Puebla, Mexico.

The historical trend, of which the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) is a sign, is toward greater interaction between not only our economies and cultures, but also between our education systems, of great importance to San Antonio, the first major American city north of the Rio Grande.

Massive Prejudice

Retarding the interaction process is massive prejudice on both sides of the border that everything American is "better." But have you tried, for example, Penafiel soda? Or your old friend Jose Cuervo tequila? Or our most popular Mexican imports—Mexico's three famous beers—Dos Equis, Corona and Tecate. There's a good chance also that your house tiles or cement foundation are from Mexico. And if you drive a Volkswagen, it may have been made in Puebla. In fact, compared to most of the developing world, Mexico is increasingly a rich, industrialized country. Despite appearances, this would not be possible without a good system of education.

Early Education

Mexico's education system starts earlier than ours, with preschool at age three. Schooling then runs parallel to ours up to age 15 at what they call secondary school and we call middle school. What we call high school, they call "preparatorio," meaning all students are prepared for university entrance. Students who graduate from "prepa" are already the educationally elite—something like those who attend our prep schools. So even before college, Mexican youth are well-grounded in a core curriculum of basic liberal arts.

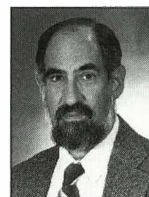
In a population of more than 92 million, Mexico sends nearly 1.5 million students to its universities; true, that's only a third of the U.S. figure, but about 40 percent are women—not that far behind the U.S.'s 53 percent. These 1.5 million students are very much an elite, better prepared than their American counterparts.

Demanding Program

In their undergraduate years, Mexican youth get an education far more demanding than ours. Our bachelor's degree usually covers four years; theirs takes at least five years, and requires a thesis with oral examination and a practicum of some 480 hours! So by the time students complete a bachelor's degree in Mexico, they have achieved a level of education equivalent to a master's degree in the United States!

So, the timing and style of Mexican teaching should not matter—that is culture. What counts is quality.

With our five-year experience at the "Ibero," we are more committed than ever to extending our ties with that university and with Mexico in general. After all, Mexico can teach us a thing or two! ■



Dr. Pressman is one of several St. Mary's faculty members who have taught at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Puebla, Mexico.



In the years following World War II, St. Mary's University was filled with veterans back from the war. They attended school in the mornings, worked in the afternoons and studied at night. Many of them were married, getting their education on the G.I. Bill, short of funds, and just starting families. Their schedules were so heavy that their wives hardly saw them and were very lonely.

How We Began

A member of the St. Mary's University Senior Guild of women, Mrs. William Ledford, saw that the struggling young wives needed support, so she decided to help them form a "junior" guild.

So began life-long friendships with strong ties to St. Mary's. The object of our Junior Guild, as stated in the bylaws, was "to promote the advancement of the school and provide moderately priced entertainment for members and their families."

No Women on Campus

But the members did more than that. There were no official women on campus in those days, so we guild women served as hostesses for different St. Mary's functions such as the annual tea for military graduates, the band concerts and the graduations. We even sewed drapes for Marianist Brother John Black's room. He was our caring moderator from 1950 until his death in 1964. We held bake sales

in the school cafeteria, served refreshments at the

annual Turkey Shoot, hosted book reviews and honored Marianist brothers and priests celebrating jubilees.

Memories

Thanks for the

St. Mary's Junior Guild Celebrates 50th Anniversary

by Alene Boerner

Photo on pages 8-9 was taken in the late 1940s in the Pecan Grove. It shows baby boomers at a picnic with their St. Mary's Junior Guild moms and student dads.

To pay for our many activities, we sold Christmas cards and held white-elephant and rummage sales. And we had great fun with our "bank"—a ceramic pig that circulated among members for safe-keeping.

We entertained our children with Christmas parties in the Student Union, Easter Egg hunts in the Pecan Grove, picnics, and campus swimming pool get-togethers.

Changing Times

As the years passed, women, of course, became accepted as students and faculty members at St. Mary's. So our services at the school began to diminish, and our meager monetary support seemed insignificant. We were also left without a campus liaison when our beloved Brother John died.

We discussed changing our name, because we felt guilty using the name "St. Mary's." With husbands graduated and long gone from the campus, we no longer had such close contact with the school. Change the name of our close-knit group? We just couldn't do it! St. Mary's meant too much to us. The university had been such a big part of our young lives at a time when we were struggling through the post-war years. We'd been close to the priests and brothers who, like us, had few worldly possessions and, much like us, lived in an environment of commitment. Their behavior and stability had given us evidence of Christ's message that made us feel safe.

New Ventures

So we carried on the original name, keeping St. Mary's in our hearts, though our charity work changed. We turned to the needs of the Edgewood School District, giving Christmas parties at Las Palmas and other district schools. We provided gifts and treats such as punch and cookies for the children. And still in our scrapbook are their thank-you notes that warmed our hearts.



Alene Boerner, the author, is fourth from left. Celebrating with her at this year's 50th anniversary of the St. Mary's Junior Guild are charter members, from left, Marilynn Weeber, Mary Fournier, Mary Kramer and Elaine Reisinger.

Our Expanded Group

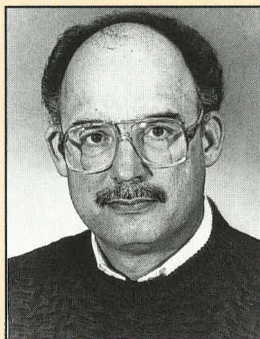
Through the years we have made annual donations to needy causes, such as sending a child to camp. Not all of our 20 current members are connected to St. Mary's as in the days of our founders. For, in time we welcomed friends and neighbors into our guild—women devoted to church, charity, community and family values, who soon grew to appreciate and support the university along with the rest of us.

So, here we are, 50 years later, celebrating our half-century anniversary. It's hard to believe that so much time has passed. We certainly don't feel 50 years older! And we are still very proud to be the St. Mary's University Junior Guild. ■

Alene Boerner and her husband, Robert J. (B.B.A. '49), are the parents of nine children. Their youngest, Jerry (B.B.A. '85), is the 1996-97 president of the St. Mary's Alumni Association.

ALUMNI

THOUGHTS FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



W. Mike White (B.A. '66)

Our Alumni Association's primary role can best be described as:

1. Interpreting the university to alumni so that alumni support will be based on informative facts about the university's progress as well as on alumni's memories and traditions...

2. Interpreting alumni interests to the university, so that St. Mary's can better do its job of educating future generations...

With these priorities in mind, your association is making a strong effort to focus on this two-way conduit of connecting the university to alumni and alumni to the university.

How are we going about this process? Two recent association activities are excellent examples.

The first—our annual Faculty Appreciation and Awards Dinner.

Faculty Appreciation

No other alumni association that we know of sponsors such a comprehensive event, designed to bring all St. Mary's faculty together once a year to recognize and applaud their peers.

More than 250 faculty members, spouses, friends and alumni attend this annual banquet to honor six members of the faculty selected for distinction by the deans of each school. Criteria include positive student evaluations and efforts beyond the classroom, such as research, publication, university service or community involvement.

Gatherings for Alums

Our second activity—new “Re-connect” receptions arranged throughout February, March and April for San

Antonio area alums (about 12,000 out of the approximately 25,000 total.)

We are trying to stimulate re-connection by offering, in various convenient locations, complimentary refreshments and a buffet from 6 to 8 p.m., along with opportunities for informal chats with university and association leaders.

As word gets around, these events are gaining momentum and a strong following for regular get-togethers.

Similar re-connect gatherings are held in conjunction with the Admissions Office and chapter socials in cities such as El Paso, Dallas/Fort Worth, McAllen, Houston, St. Louis and Washington, D.C.

We Want Your Support

Fellow alums, we ask for your support in our renewed efforts toward interpreting the university and its progress to you, while helping make you more aware of the pleasure of reconnecting with your alma mater and former schoolmates.

See you at the next re-connect gathering or chapter social. ■



Distinguished Faculty—Receiving awards at this year's Faculty Appreciation dinner were, from left, Armando J. Abney, Ph.D., sociology and public justice; Brian Toyne, Ph.D., international business; Larry Hufford, Ph.D., international relations; Amy Hilsman Kastely, J.D., law; Marianist Brother William J. Hamm, Ph.D., named University Professor and Honorary Alumnus Emeritus for outstanding long service; James B. Sauer, Ph.D., philosophy and theology; and Djaffer Ibaroudene, Ph.D., electrical engineering.

A Second Chance at Life

Not a day goes by that I don't think of him. I thank him each morning when I wake up and again each evening as I fall asleep. I wonder who he was, what he was like. I wish I could meet his family and thank them for giving me a second chance at life. I want to thank them for allowing me to see my three daughters grow to become beautiful young women. I have seen my oldest

daughter graduate from high school and start college, my middle daughter become a cheerleader and my youngest daughter attend her first dance. Were it not for a donor's heart beating in my chest, these events and countless others would have occurred without me.

Breathless at 40

I first noticed something wrong while playing tennis with Judge Peter Michael Curry one afternoon in May 1991. I had just turned 40! After a few sets, I had to sit down because I was out of breath. I asked the judge to feel my chest. He said he felt an odd thumping heartbeat and suggested I get it checked.

Of course I didn't. Although my father, August Berchelmann, was a physician (for many years the campus doctor tending students and Marianists), and my grandfather and my uncles were all doctors, I hated having one examine me.

My condition gradually worsened. At first I thought I was coming down with the flu, but it never got better. Walking up one flight of

by William G. Berchelmann (J.D. '76)

Not a day goes by that I don't think of him.
I thank him each morning when I wake up
and again each evening as I fall asleep.

stairs made me breathless. When I lay down at night, I could tell that my heart wasn't beating properly. It seemed to skip a beat and even occasionally stop. Eventually I couldn't even walk across a room without becoming completely exhausted. When the nausea began and I had to sit up the entire night, I decided it was time to get help.

Startled Doctors

I remember the Fourth of July weekend, 1991, as the worst. I was so sick I couldn't walk, and I hadn't slept for three nights. Monday morning I called my doctor. He told me to get a chest X-ray before coming by his office. At the clinic, after the picture was taken, four doctors came into the room to see me, all looking very startled. They questioned me about my health history and told me my heart was "sideways" in my chest. I was immediately admitted to Santa Rosa Hospital, but I still believed I could take a few pills and go home.

After five days in the hospital I was allowed to go home, still not knowing how serious things were. Two days later I was taken by ambulance to University Hospital and placed under the care of Dr. J. Kent Trinkle, whom I later learned was a leading pioneer in heart transplant surgery. After numerous tests and exams I thought I would be going home.

Reality hit when Dr. Steven Bailey, one of the finest men I have ever known, came and told me, "Well, we've found a heart for you." I froze. The thought of a transplant had never crossed my mind. We discussed my options, and he told me that if I didn't go through with the transplant I would probably be dead within the month. I asked if I could have time to think about it. He said, "Yes, you've got one hour!"

I called my ex-wife, the mother of my children, and she was positive. I then called my best friend, Chris Madrid, and he just said, "Go for it." Within three hours my room was filled with all my closest friends. Father Eddie Bernal (B.A. '72, M.A. '79) came in and we all prayed together. I felt as if I was in a dream. Dr. Bailey explained the operation to my daughters and assured them I would be fine. I kissed them, and remember thinking this might be the last time I would see them.

The operation took approximately six hours. Dr. John Calhoun, who assisted, and is one of the finest surgeons in the country, later told me that he had never seen the waiting room so crowded with well-wishers.

Did I Die?

When I awoke and saw a blond nurse standing over me, I thought I had died and gone to heaven. She was so beautiful. How strange that she turned out to be the nurse who had taken care of my donor and had discussed organ donation with his family. We've been together ever since. We married in January 1996.

The transplant experience changed my life. I now see every day as beautiful. And the things I took for granted I now appreciate. My family, friends and relationship with God are the most important part of my life.

I was one of the lucky ones. More than 50,000 Americans are awaiting organ transplants. Approximately 3,000 patients die every year due to lack of replacement organs.

Since my transplant I have become active in Vital Alliance, an organization trying to raise public awareness of the need for organ donation. Becoming an organ donor is easy. All it takes is your signature on a donor card, or indication on your driver's license that you desire to donate in the event of a fatal accident. It's also

very important to tell your family and physician of your decision. Organ donation is the greatest gift one can give, for it is the gift of life.

Correcting Misconceptions

There are many misconceptions about organ donation, so here are a few facts you should know: A donor can still have an open-casket funeral service. There is no cost to the donor family for the transplant operation, and the Catholic Church supports and encourages organ donation.

I had often heard it said that a near-death experience changes one's life forever, and for me this is very true. I love life more than ever, and I try to live each day to the fullest. Knowing that someone had to die in order for me to live is a humbling experience, and I thank God for giving me a second chance to live.

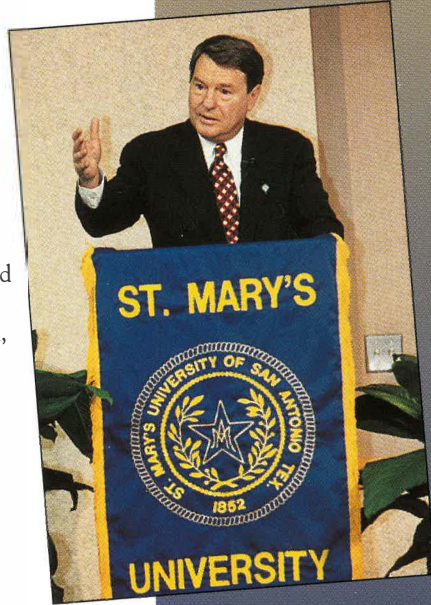
I know that one day I will be able to thank my donor personally, and when I do, I hope he will say, "You did us proud." Until that day comes, I will continue to love life and encourage organ donation as much as I can so that others, like me, might also have a second chance at life. ■

Bill Berchelmann is a San Antonio trial lawyer and volunteer vice president of Vital Alliance, an organization set up to encourage organ donations. He urges interested donors to contact the South Texas Organ Bank Inc. at 8122 Datapoint Drive, San Antonio, TX 78229, phone (210) 614-7030 or 1-800-275-1744, for brochures giving full information on everything you want to know about organ and tissue donation.

CAMPUS NEWS

Caring Students

Volunteers in the St. Mary's wide-reaching students-in-community-service program have added visits to patients and their families at the San Antonio Aids Foundation, Woodlawn Hills Nursing Home, Providence Home, Santa Rosa Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House.



Leukemia Helpers

The St. Mary's Kappa Sigma fraternity held its 12th annual "bike to the coast" fund-raiser for the Leukemia Society March 8. The fraternity's donor-sponsored ride from San Antonio to Port Aransas has so far earned \$20,000 for leukemia research in memory of late fraternity brother, Thomas Dante, who died from the disease.

Moder Re-Elected

The St. Mary's board of trustees unanimously re-elected the Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D. (B.A. '70), to a fourth three-year term as university president. Moder, 48, first became president in 1988. His term will run through May 2000.

Other officers elected at the board's February meeting are Stephen M. Dufilho (M.A. '69), chairman, succeeding Gregory W. Crane (B.B.A. '55), and J. Michael Belz (B.A. '75), vice chairman, succeeding Audreyjane Castro. Al J. Notzon III (B.A. '60) was appointed board secretary.



Public Lectures

David S. Broder, national political correspondent for The Washington Post, discussed "Getting to the Next Century" at St. Mary's Feb. 12, and Jim Lehrer, anchor of the one-hour nightly news on public television, spoke Feb. 18. Both talks were co-sponsored free to the public by St. Mary's and the San Antonio Express-News.

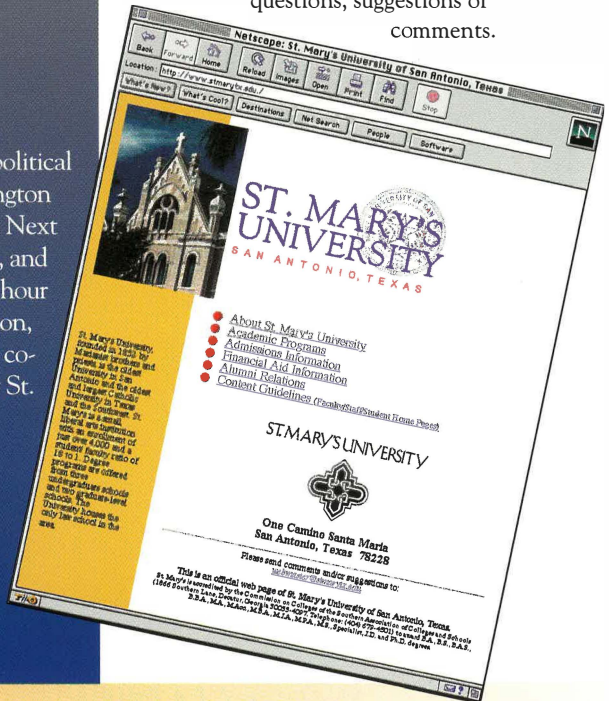
Death Row Minister

The author of "Dead Men Walking," which became a movie about the writer-nun's work with death-row prisoners and their families, spoke to a packed chapel of admirers at St. Mary's Dec. 12.

The St. Mary's School of Law invited Sister Helen Prejean to speak at the university's Center for Legal and Social Justice, and presented her with the school's prestigious St. Thomas More Award, given to those who make exceptional contributions to legal education, the legal profession or government.

World Wide Web

St. Mary's homepage is up and running on the World Wide Web and will be continually expanded and upgraded to augment information about the university. Check it out at <http://www.stmarytx.edu> and use webmaster@stmarytx.edu to send questions, suggestions or comments.



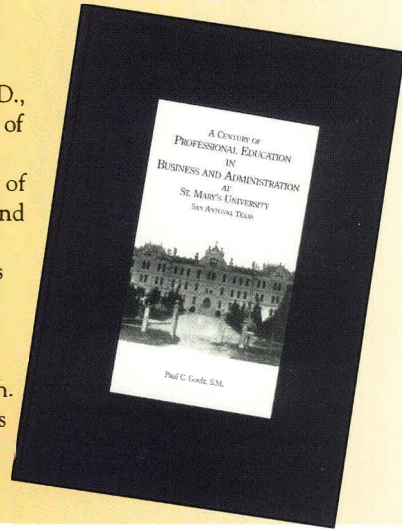
Marianist Jubilarians

Seventeen Marianist jubilarians celebrated anniversaries of their priestly ordinations or religious professions at a Mass and reception in their honor. Marking 70 years: Brothers Frank Dames, Edward Dunne, William Hamm and George Schuster; 60 years: the Rev. Richard O'Shaughnessy and Brothers Paul Novosal and James Pieper; 50 years: Revs. August Biehl, Ralph Dyer, George Montague, Paul Neumann and Bernard Rochon, and Brothers Paul Komrska, Harold Lootens and Pierre Weitkamp; 25 years: the Revs. Robert Hogan and Rudy Vela.

History of the Business School

Brother Paul C. Goelz, S.M., Ph.D., has written a comprehensive history of St. Mary's School of Business and Administration. Called "A Century of Professional Education in Business and Administration at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas," its 160 pages and 50-plus illustrations cover the school's progress from its beginning on the banks of the San Antonio River to its current strength.

The book is on sale at the campus bookstore for \$29.95. Net proceeds will fund scholarships.



Athletics Greats

This year's Athletics Hall of Fame inductees at an April reception at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort were: back row from left, Darrell Pool (B.A. '59), basketball, Kenneth Cook (B.A. '87), Peter Hansen (B.A. '88), and David Michalec (B.A. '74), baseball. Front row from left, Charles J. Rother (B.A. '70), baseball, and James Tatsch (B.A. '64), basketball and baseball.

Marianist Heritage Awards

Two faculty members and five students shared honors at this year's awards ceremony that annually recognizes campus lay persons who exemplify the ideals of the Rev. William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary.

They are, from left, Jeanette Palasota, Terrie Barfield, Karen Narvarte, assistant professor of English; Catherine White, presenter the Rev. John Moder, S.M., St. Mary's president; Cesar Lozano, Jose ("Beto") Juarez, professor of law; and Thomas Forehand.



CLASS NOTES

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Thomas M. O'Connor, BSC, Victoria, Texas, is chairman of the board at First Victoria National Bank.

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Sam Riklin, class of 45, San Antonio, was honored as "National Socially Responsible Entrepreneur of the Year" by the Entrepreneur of the Year Institute.

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John A. Mueller, BS, Seguin, Texas, medical director at SMI-Texas, and his wife, Pat, received the 1996 Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative Public Service Award.

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LeRoy J. Pahmiyer, BS, Victoria, Texas, was granted a lifetime membership in the Southwest Football Officials Association, after 36 years of officiating.

Col. Richard J. Potter, BS, Yucca Valley, Calif., a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, retired as a therapist from the Betty Ford Center.

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U.S. Rep. Eligio "Kika" de la Garza, JD, McLean, Va., retired from Congress, ending 44 years in elected office.

Rev. Joseph Uvietta, BA, Eureka, Mo., is president of the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, St. Louis, Mo.

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Robert H. Thonhoff, BA, Karnes City, Texas, retired school teacher, served as interim Karnes County Judge from March 1994 to January 1995 and as president of the Texas State Historical Association.

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Raul Gaona, BS, BA 82, San Antonio, is president of the San Antonio Charro Association.

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Elmer Alsmeyer, BS, BA 96, San Antonio, earned a second degree in history from St. Mary's, 40 years after receiving his first bachelor's degree.

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Felix D. Almaraz Jr., BA, MA 62, San Antonio, performed the role of Sen. Sam Houston in the Chautauqua circuit, Tulsa and Edmond, Okla. He also has been selected by the Arts and Humanities Council of Tulsa to portray Edward R. Murrow, prominent American reporter in a performance sponsored by The Texas Council for the Humanities.

Rev. David Fleming, S.M., BA, Rome, Italy, is serving a five-year term as superior general of the Society of Mary (Marianists).

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Raul Cardenas, BA, Mesa, Ariz., is president of Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix.

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Dan R. Banks, BBA, Boerne, Texas, is vice president of communications at Alexander Utility Engineering.

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Jacquelyne Arnette, BA, San Antonio, is president of the San Antonio Board of Realtors.

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Rodolfo Bryce, BBA, Bernardsville, N.J., president of Schering-Plough HealthCare Products, has been elected to the board of directors of the Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association.

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Beverly Lindsay, BA, University Park, Pa., is dean of University Office of International Programs and professor of higher education and policy studies at Penn State University.

Robert William Murphy, BA, Roseville, Calif., is a chief petty officer at the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station in Sacramento.

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Regis Barber, MA, Corpus Christi, Texas, is chief executive officer at South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind.

Oscar R. Martinez, BA, Corpus Christi, Texas, is director of the Greater Corpus Christi Business Alliance's Small Business Development Center.

Brig. Gen. Alfred A. Valenzuela, BA, MA 79, Savanna, Ga., is the assistant division commander (support), 3rd infantry division (mechanized), Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield, Georgia.

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Stephen Cerwin, BS, San Antonio, is assistant director for special programs in the electronic systems department, Instrumentation and Space Research Division, Southwest Research Institute.

Ronald J. Maki, MA, San Diego, Calif., clinical psychologist, published "A Team-oriented Group Counseling Approach With Delinquents in Rehabilitation" in the California Probation News.

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Sister Maria Elena Gonzalez, MA, San Antonio, is president of the Mexican American Cultural Center.

Sister Mary K. Milne, MA, was confirmed as Lady of Equestrian Order of Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

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William Cappuccio, JD, Hammonton, N.J., was appointed municipal court judge.

John Delgado, BS, San Antonio, has opened Rolling Oaks Golf Center and Sports Grill.

Sara E. Dysart, BA, JD 81, San Antonio, is treasurer of the San Antonio Bar Association.

Ronald Elder, BBA, Brentwood, Tenn., is chief executive officer at Columbia Centennial Medical Center.

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Joe Cruz Jr., BA, San Antonio, received his master's degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio. A teacher in the San Antonio Independent School District, he also works as a reserve peace officer for Bexar County.

Claude E. Ducloux, JD, Austin, Texas, is president of the Travis County Bar Association.

Rev. Wilburn G. Tanner, BA, Duncanville, Texas, is pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church in Lubbock, Texas.

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Joseph Casseb, JD, San Antonio, is president of the San Antonio Bar Association.

Jose R. Perez Jr., BA, MA 80, Houston, a shareholder in Quan, Burdette & Perez, is co-liaison in the Texas chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association for relations with the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

Robert Reid, BA, Sugar Land, Texas, works in public relations for the Houston Astros.

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Elvira Puig Barrera, MA, SP 89, Austin, Texas, contributed to "Outcomes of a Field Trial to Improve Children's Dietary Patterns and Physical Activity" in the Journal of the American Medical Association. She is the family coordinator at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, and was selected for the International Professional and Business Women's Hall of Fame.

John Bauer, BA, MA 80, Brighton, Mass., joined the Boston firm of Testa, Hurwitz & Thibault as an associate.

Rev. Allan Conkling, MA, Kingsville, Texas, is minister of the Church of the Epiphany, Kingsville.

Stephen R. Ehr, BA, San Antonio, is an account executive at Sprint PCS.

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Karen Angelini, JD, San Antonio, was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to serve as justice for the Fourth Court of Appeals.

Wayne A. Christian II, JD, San Antonio, was elected judge of Bexar County Court at Law No. 9. He is serving in the Army Reserve as the deputy judge advocate, U.S. Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

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Yolanda Villarreal Bauer, BA, Brighton, Mass., is a staff assistant for the executive dean of administration at Harvard Medical School, Boston, Mass.

Navy Cmdr. Arthur J. Hernandez, BS, reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln in San Diego, Calif.

Carmen T. Garza de Levcovitz, BA, San Antonio, is a recertified pediatrician with Dr. Diane McMains and Dr. Janie Holt.

Gordon Edward Schutze, BS, Little Rock, Ark., is an associate professor of pediatrics and pathology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Science-Arkansas Children's Hospital.

Sharon Spring, BA, San Antonio, is first vice president of retail lending at San Antonio Federal Credit Union.

Paul Szymarek, BBA, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, 1996 St. Mary's Athletics Hall of Fame recipient, is owner of the City-Wide Vending Co.

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Norma Hand Brill, JD, Fort Myers, Fla., has been certified by the National Elder Law Foundation. Her practice emphasizes estate planning, probate and guardianship.

Richard J. DeLeon, BS, San Antonio, is an electronics engineer in the Airforce computer emergency response team.

Morgan Lyman, JD, Mesilla Park, N.M., published his first novella, "In Spain, the Cold War Thawed."

Colleen McHugh, JD, Corpus Christi, Texas, is president of the State Bar of Texas.

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Norman L. Armstrong, BA, MA 86, San Antonio, received a tenure-track position at Palo Alto Community College.

Louie Barrios, BBA, San Antonio, owner of Los Barrios Restaurant Inc., was named 1996 Outstanding Restaurateur by the San Antonio Restaurant Association.

Steve Lewis, JD, San Antonio, was named Outdoorsman of the Year by the Anglers Club of San Antonio. He is a director at Jefferson State Bank, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, and president of AgriFood Education Council.

Barry Martines, JD, Colleyville, Texas, has opened a private practice in Fort Worth, Texas.

Chris A. Sapyta, BBA, Woodinville, Wash., managing partner of an asset-leasing campaign, started the company MICROSTAR Keg Management, L.L.P.

Darryl R. Smith, BA, Belton, Texas, retired from the military after 22 years of active duty. He opened a private practice affiliated with Metroplex Hospital, Killeen, Texas.

Sam W. Whiteman, BBA, Leesburg, Va., is a market claims manager at Allstate.

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Louis Menchaca, BA, Mequon, Wis., director of instrumental music and assistant professor of music at Concordia University, Wisconsin, led the Symphonic Wind Ensemble on its third national tour. He released a compact disc featuring the ensemble and will tour in Texas in 1997.

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Merrie M. Cavanaugh, JD, Austin, Texas, is in-house counsel, regulatory and legislative matters, with Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

Jennifer G. Durbin, JD, San Antonio, is secretary of the San Antonio Bar Association.

David Grice, BA, Arlington, Texas, a practicing dermatologist, has opened an office in Grand Prairie, Texas.

Mary Ann Martin, MA, Lorton, Va., retired from the U.S. Army and is working in corporate human resources at GENICOM Corp., Chantilly, Va.

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Arthur Gonzalez Carvajal, BA, San Antonio, was awarded first prize in a fiction contest for his short story, "Please Leave a Message." The contest was sponsored by Chicago Lawyer magazine and published in August 1996. He was also a guest columnist in the San Antonio Express News, "Baggy Jeans Have Multiple Uses."

Susan B. Erwin, BA, MA 90, Miami, Fla., is director of development at the Miami Art Museum.

Christopher Roberts, BBA, Cedar Hills, Texas, is vice president and director of finance and administration at Robert Young Associates, a Dallas-based retail planning and design firm.

Sydney C. Sharp, JD, Huntsville, Texas, is vice president and trust officer at First National Bank of Huntsville.

Peter K. Talkington, BBA, San Antonio, is a partner at Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P.

Ted J. Villalon, BBA, MA 87, San Antonio, fifth grade teacher at St. Ann's School, is an evening history instructor at Palo Alto Community College.

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Roberto Fernandez, BA, Corpus Christi, Texas, started a private practice in plastic and reconstructive surgery after completing a fellowship in Springfield, Ill.

Dennis Mailman, BBA, Houston, is a computer and software instructor at Business Ware Learning Centers.

PattyAnn Migliaccio, BBA, Plano, Texas, is a district sales manager at Smithkline Beecham Pharmaceuticals.

Gregory J. Sawko, BBA, JD 89, Denton, Texas, is a partner in Sawko & Burroughs, L.L.P.

Paul Thomas, BA, Sequim, Wash., is a reservation agent at Sequim Bay Lodge.

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Mary D. Felix, MA, Richardson, Texas, is a sales associate at Coldwell Banker Paula Stringer Realtors.

Margarita E. Flores, BBA, San Antonio, is the corporate relations manager at Anheuser-Busch Co. Inc.

Samira Mercy Lineberger, JD, San Antonio, is practicing personal injury defense for Union Pacific Railroad Co.

Darin Lippoldt, BBA, MA 95, JD 95, San Antonio, is an associate attorney specializing in the corporate, business and banking section at Fulbright & Jaworski, L.L.P.

Harvey Osborn, BA, Frederick, Md., is a staff anesthesiologist at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

Ellen P.K. Sawko, BA, JD 90, Denton, Texas, is noon anchorwoman and news director for KXII Television, Channel 12, Sherman, Texas.

Elena Selles, BA, Concord, N.H., is manager of statistical applications at Healthsource.

Katherine A. Braden Staton, BBA, Dallas, has relocated to the Dallas firm of Speiser, Krause & Madole, P.C.

Jacqueline M. Sykes, BBA, Houston, senior financial analyst at the Minute Maid Co., received her master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

Robert J. Uhlenbrock Jr., JD, Florissant, Mo., is in the litigation-management department of Zurich-American Insurance Co.

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Annette Callahan, BA, MS 91, San Antonio, systems administrator at The Psychological Corp., found and returned nearly \$5,000 to the rightful owner.

Mark Casillas, BA, San Antonio, completed orthopedic surgery residency at Campbell Clinic, Memphis, Tenn., and now is fulfilling an Ilizarov Fellowship in Lecco, Italy.

Marlene Diaz, BA, Sherman Oaks, Calif., Hispanic field account executive at Bates USA, is handling Miller Beer Hispanic for Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona.

Ronald Duval, BBA, San Antonio, is team leader for Mervyn's of California in McAllen, Texas.

Michael Hill, BA, Texarkana, Texas, is a radiologist in private practice.

Robertson Neal, JD, Bryan, Texas, is director of the Texas Young Lawyers Association of the State Bar of Texas.

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Veronica Aguirre, BA, Lowell, Mass., is a claims representative at Kemper National Insurance Co., Burlington, Mass.

Seth Garza, BA, Laredo, Texas, is an operating manager at Builders Square-Laredo.

Elvin E. Hayes Jr., BA, Houston, is the general manager of Elvin Hayes Auto Center.

Vincent Leopold, BS, Austin, Texas, is a toxicologist at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Deborah McMurrey, JD, Irving, Texas, has joined the law offices of Robert J. Mabel as a litigation attorney in insurance defense.

Miguel Millan, MBA, San Antonio, is associate vice president of investments at Prudential Securities.

Joe Munoz III, BS, Irving, Texas, is a factory automation engineer at Hitachi Semiconductor of America.

Amelia Nieto-Duval, BBA, San Antonio, is director of development for the Texas Research Park Foundation.

Shewanda Riley, BA, Dallas, is the producer of the Joe Bagby Morning Show at KHVN Radio.

Denise Rodriguez, BA, JD 92, Temple, Texas, is a staff attorney at Legal Aid of Central Texas.

Sister Carol Virnig, BAT, MA 96, Chimayo, N.M., is a pastoral assistant in spiritual development and outreach programs at Holy Family Parish.

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Francis D'Aleo, BA, Tinton Falls, N.J., is a marketing associate at Nielsen Media Research.

Gay Lynne Gonzales, BA, San Antonio, is an administrative assistant at Deloitte & Touche, L.L.P.

Juan Gonzalez, BA, San Antonio, is a second lieutenant in the Air Force ROTC Program.

Gloria Nieto, BBA, Desoto, Texas, is a financial analyst at Ericsson Inc., Richardson, Texas.

Warren Schulz, BBA, Richardson, Texas, is a customer-care supervisor at PageNet.

Leslie Terrell, JD, Beaumont, Texas, is an assistant criminal district attorney at Jefferson County District Attorney's Office.

Barry Uhl, BA, Houston, is a resident in radiation oncology at Baylor Medical Center.

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Jesus Carrillo, BA, Oak Creek, Wis., is technical manager in the pre-press division of internet publishing at Trade Press Publishing Co.

Noreen A. Huante, MBA, Helotes, Texas, is a marketing manager at E-Systems Medical Electronics Inc.

John McKinley, BA, Tucson, Ariz., is studying massage therapy at the Desert Institute of Healing Arts.

Jerry Rumpf, BBA, Plano, Texas, senior marketing and strategic planning analyst at Electronic Data Systems, received his master's degree from Texas A&M University.

Teresa Waldrop, JD, Houston, joined the law firm of Fullenweider & Wardell, L.L.P. She will concentrate on family law, employment law and civil litigation.

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Shauna Berardinelli, JD, Bacliff, Texas, is an attorney in private practice.

Mary Burch, MA, MS 94, San Antonio, is a management intern with the city manager, Converse, Texas.

Shawn Dinneen, BA, Austin, Texas, is director of donor services at the Texas Special Olympics.

Brother Scott Katzenberger, C.Ss.R., BA, Chicago, Ill., professed his perpetual vows as a Redemptorist at Holy Ghost Parish, Houston.

Judith E. Kniker, MA, Lakewood, Ohio, is a neuropsychology technician at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Kevin Lippman, JD, Dallas, joined the firm of Locke, Purnell, Rain & Harrell.

Maj. Cheryl Malone, MA, Gardena, Calif., is chief of social actions at Kunsan Air Force Base, South Korea.

Gladys Mills, BS, San Antonio, received her doctorate of optometry from the University of Houston College of Optometry. She is working with Drs. Bell, Davis and Elder.

Joe Russack-Baker, BA, Groton, Conn., is executive director at the B.P. Learned Settlement Mission, a community-based center for high risk children.

Yolanda Trevino-Rivas, MA, San Antonio, is a family therapist at the Bexar County Transitional Living Center.

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Greg Coppola, BS, King of Prussia, Pa., received the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Michael Fernandez, BBA, Irvine, Calif., is an account supervisor at Casanova-Pendrill Publicidad.

Robert Gonzalez, BBA, MA 95, San Antonio, is an account executive at Danka Industries.

Karin Kiser, BA, Chicago, Ill., manager of international sales and marketing at Dearborn Publishing Group, published a series of five real estate books in Spanish.

Daphne Wickham, BS, San Antonio, a physician at San Pedro North Chiropractic Clinic, graduated from Palmer Chiropractic College, Davenport, Iowa.

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Robert Blech, JD, Houston, is an attorney in private practice specializing in criminal and civil litigation.

Venezia Cappellini-Ramirez, MA, San Antonio, is the student support therapist/coordinator for the San Antonio Independent School District.

Alma Cataneda, BA, San Antonio, is an instructor at Texas A&M University, Kingsville.

Aletha Hilton, BA, San Antonio, received her master of science degree in clinical psychology at Southwest Missouri State University.

Cynthia Payne, BA, San Antonio, training coordinator at Gresco International, a medical device manufacturer, is leading the company's ISO 9000 certification process.

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Richard Riccetti, BBA, Houston, has returned from South and Central America travels.

David Schoen, BBA, San Antonio, is a high school science teacher with the Edgewood Independent School District.

Lisa Vajdos, BA, College Station, Texas, is a graduate student studying science education at Texas A&M University.

Frederick Williston, MS, Myrtle Beach, S.C., is owner of Williston Technologies, specializing in computer information systems.

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2nd Lt. Thaddeus Coakley, JD, Quantico, Va., graduated from the Marine Corps Combat Development Command's Basic School.

James P. Collier II, BA, San Antonio, is an automated order entry analyst at Clark American.

Julia Evins, BA, San Antonio, is a teacher and coach at St. Gerard Catholic High School.

Elizabeth Greenwood, JD, Plano, Texas, is an in-house counsel and human resources adviser at Hollywood Casino Corp.

Michelle Herrera, MA, San Antonio, is a youth therapist with Family Violence Prevention Services Inc., a battered women's shelter and substance-abuse intervention program.

Amalia Moreno Hockley, BA, Universal City, Texas, a 1996 St. Mary's Presidential Scholar, teaches third grade at Randolph Elementary School.

Kathleen McCullough, BBA, Athens, Ga., is studying for her doctorate degree at the University of Georgia.

Trent Miracle, JD, San Antonio, is an associate attorney at Thornton, Summers, Beichlin, Dunham & Brown.

Anna Salinas, BA, Fort Worth, Texas, is a substitute teacher with the Fort Worth Independent School District.

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Karen Ballew, MBA, San Antonio, is a management associate at Citicorp.

Kristine Brown, BA, San Antonio, is director of youth ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Church.

Rita Carreon, BA, Eagle Pass, Texas, teaches sixth grade at Glass Elementary.

Michael Giacomini, MA, Gdansk, Poland, is a professor of economics/visiting lecturer at the University of Gdansk, through Yale University's Civic Education Program.

Lynnette Gonzales, BA, San Antonio, is a writer/marketing assistant at Menu Marketing Inc., a subsidiary of Rosett Brokerage Co.

Stephanie Elaine Hernandez, BBA, Harlingen, Texas, is in accounts payable at Southwestern Bell Mobile Systems.

Michelle Luna, BBA, Houston, is an account coordinator at American International, an international relations service.

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Gina Martinez, BA, El Paso, Texas, fifth grade teacher at Marian Manor Elementary, is beginning her master's program at the University of Texas, El Paso.

Lillian Melendez-Smith, BA, Newton Center, Mass., is studying for her master's degree in theology at Boston College.

Roy Moreno, BA, San Antonio, a sixth-grade teacher, was named religion coordinator at St. Cecilia's Elementary School.

Scott Stiles, BBA, San Antonio, finished sixth in the International Oyster Shucking Championships held during the Galway Oyster Festival in Galway, Ireland.

Paul Stone, BA, San Antonio, teaches third grade at Leon Valley Elementary School.

Stephanie Thayer, BBA, Victoria, Texas, is an associate accountant at Roloff, Hnatek & Co., L.L.P.

Karl L. Waclawczyk, BBA, San Antonio, is in the audit business advisory division at Arthur Andersen.

In Memoriam

Rev. Roscoe C. Hauser, BA 30, Fayetteville, N.C., died Jan. 2, 1997.

Jesse A. Oppenheimer, BA 37, JD 46, San Antonio, died Jan. 11, 1997.

John L. Pridgen, BA 37, San Antonio, died Dec. 31, 1996.

Robert A. Sarvis, CL 39, San Antonio, died Dec. 6, 1996.

Jack Keating Taylor, BSC 41, San Antonio, died Nov. 16, 1996.

Brother Peter J. Dames, S.M., MA 44, San Antonio, died July 23, 1996.

James Queen, BA 50, San Antonio, died Sept. 12, 1996.

Joe Guerra Jr., CL 50, San Antonio, died Oct. 31, 1996.

Angelo Drossos, CL 51, San Antonio, died Jan. 9, 1997.

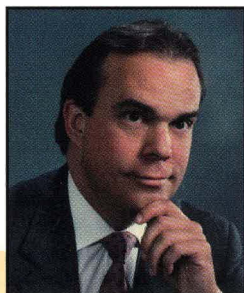
Clayton J. Jung, BBA 54, Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, died Jan. 20, 1997.

Arthur J. Robalin, BBA 54, BA 58, El Paso, Texas, died Dec. 3, 1996.

Rev. Oliver Reagan, S.M., BA 56, St. Louis, Mo., died Dec. 21, 1996.

Amado Felipe Cavazos, BBA 59, MA 64, San Antonio, died Dec. 12, 1996.

John Thomas, CL 62, Nursery, Texas, died Nov. 5, 1996.



JAMES ST. VILLE, BA 79

Dr. James St. Ville, an orthopedic surgeon, knows first hand the pain athletes face after they're off the playing field. An all-state football and baseball player, he attended St. Mary's on a scholarship, hoping to play Rattler baseball. But shortly after enrolling, he discovered the game of rugby, and soon devoted his athletic skills to the demanding sport.

With encouragement from Dr. Anthony Kaufman, now dean of the School of Science, Engineering & Technology, St. Ville began to focus his attention on academics. "Dr. Kaufman had a major impact on me, but more importantly, he guided me through matching career choices with my engineering desires," St. Ville says. He left St. Mary's in 1977 to pursue a medical degree at the University of Oklahoma. On completing his first year there he received his bachelor's degree from St. Mary's.

St. Ville's love for sports continues through his acclaimed work in orthopedics. He now helps suffering athletes by performing orthopedic joint replacements free of charge. He began that widely praised replacement program to help ex-NFL players without insurance for pre-existing injuries. He now has more than 150 ex-professionals in his therapeutic program, including former baseball, basketball, hockey and golf players.

Recently featured on ABC-TV's nightly news "Person of the Week," St. Ville and his Orthopaedic Bioengineering Institute are thriving in Phoenix, Ariz. He continues to be involved in sports, enjoying training for biathlons, scuba diving, fly-fishing, and serving as medical director of the U.S.A. Rugby Football Union. ■

Stewart Schoder, BBA 63, JD 72, San Antonio, died Dec. 13, 1996.

Christopher A. Bina, BA 65, St. Louis, Mo., died Oct. 17, 1996.

Arthur Z. Hettler III, BBA 66, San Antonio, died Oct. 8, 1996.

Frank M. Tejada, BA 70, San Antonio, died Jan. 30, 1997.

Sister Jane Kammer, C.S.B., MA 76, San Antonio, died Feb. 8, 1997.

Janie Martinez Osterbuhr, BA 81, San Antonio, died Oct. 19, 1996.

Mary T. Comeaux Nance, BA 84, Magnolia, Texas, died Oct. 29, 1996.

Janis Hillman, JD 89, San Angelo, Texas, died Dec. 15, 1996.

Births

Alec Roy to Anna Boggess and **John A. Boggess, BA 79**, San Antonio, July 30, 1996.

Emma Elizabeth to **Denise Sullivan Williams, BA 79**, and Alan R. Williams, Austin, Texas, Sept. 13, 1996.

David to **Carmen Garza de Levcovitz, BA 80**, and Henrique Levcovitz, San Antonio, July 5, 1996.

Rebecca Priscilla to Olga DeLeon and **Richard J. DeLeon, BS 81**, San Antonio, Dec. 28, 1994.

Matthew David to Debbie Millman and **Edward Millman Jr., BS 82**, San Antonio, Aug. 23, 1996.

Patricia Carrigan to **Danette R. Fennesy, BA 83**, and Vincent Fennesy, Richmond, Texas, April 8, 1996.

Richard Anthony to Socorro Villalon and **Thomas A. Villalon, BA 83**, San Antonio, Jan. 13, 1996.

Michael David to **Sylvia Ann Carlson, BA 84**, and David Carlson, Dallas, Jan. 5, 1996.

Catherine Celeste to **Patricia A. Centeno, BBA 84**, and **Michael A. Centeno, BA 81**, San Antonio, July 15, 1996.

Matthew Christian to **Jeannette Boerner, BBA 85**, and **Jerry Boerner, BBA 85**, San Antonio, Nov. 1, 1996.

Jennifer Anne to **Joellyn Moynahan, BA 85**, and John Meyers, Houston, Aug. 15, 1996.

Andrew Robert to Geri Valdez and **Robert J. Valdez, BBA 85**, Warner Robins, Ga., Aug. 11, 1996.

Travis Bexar to **Ana Maria Whitney, BA 85**, and Clay Whitney, Newbury Park, Calif., May 7, 1996.

Johnathon David to **Nina Muraski, BS 86**, and **Richard Muraski Jr., BA 87**, Lorton, Va., Oct. 26, 1996.

Hailey Erin to **Donna Kowalik, BA 87**, and Leroy Kowalik, San Antonio, July 29, 1996.

Jacqueline Marie to **Julie A. Mellin, BBA 87**, and Mark Mellin, San Antonio, June 28, 1996.

Ryan Robert to **Brenda Stewart, BBA 87**, and James Stewart, San Antonio, Dec. 16, 1996.

Rene Beltran to **Lisa Beltran Alonzo, BBA 88**, and Rene Alonzo, San Antonio, Sept. 6, 1996.

Travis Michael to **Ruth N. Altenburger, BA 88**, and **Michael A. Altenburger, BBA 89**, San Antonio, Sept. 9, 1996.

Connor Nicholas to **Bridget Ann Filipovic, BA 88**, and Peter Filipovic, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 22, 1997.

Thomas J. to Jeannie McCarthy and **Paul D. McCarthy, MA 88**, Omaha, Neb., Nov. 25, 1996.

Ashley Deann to **Nancy Fernandez Zapata, BBA 88**, and **Vincent P. Zapata, BA 90**, Houston, May 8, 1996.

Sean Michael to **Natalie S. Davis, BBA 89**, and John Davis, Maryville, Ill., Sept. 3, 1996.

Austin Samuel to **Kathleen Richter Edwards, BA 89**, and Clyde Edwards, Elgin, Texas, Oct. 9, 1996.

Mariko Nicholls to **Lourdes Nicholls Kaczkowski, BA 89, MA 91**, and **Andrew Kaczkowski, BBA 90**, Oak Park, Ill., Dec. 5, 1996.

Monica Elise to **Kathy Villarreal, BA 89, MA 96**, and **Steve Villarreal, BBA 89**, San Antonio, Feb. 18, 1997.

Lindsey Kaye to **Nancy Perryman, BBA 90**, and Tracy Perryman, Luling, Texas, Sept. 7, 1996.

Emily Jane to **Juilene Ullrich Phillips, BBA 90**, and **David M. Phillips, BA 86**, Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 23, 1996.

Anthony Vincent to Susan Sass-Rezzonico and **Wayne Rezzonico, MS 90**, Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 9, 1996.

Matthew William to Gisela Riddle and **Enrique G. Riddle, BBA 90**, San Antonio, Oct. 8, 1996.

Grayson Emory to Dana Schulz and **Warren Schulz, BBA 90**, Richardson, Texas, Jan. 17, 1997.

Abigail to **Elizabeth Joy Sparks, JD 90**, and Paul Sparks, Dripping Springs, Texas, Nov. 22, 1996.

Noah Forrester to LeAnn Stephenson and **Scott E. Stephenson, JD 90**, Wichita Falls, Texas, Nov. 2, 1995.



LUCINDA VELA-WICK, BA 83, MA 88

Since the late '70s, Lucinda Vela-Wick has been attached to the St. Mary's community. While a student at St. Mary's, she participated in the Shoestring Players theater group, appearing in such plays as "She Loves Me," "Carousel" and "Vanity." She also joined a musical group with other students, performing at the university and other community events. Straight after graduation, Vela began working in the university's Admissions Office, recruiting students from the Corpus Christi and El Paso areas and helping create the admissions' newsletter.

While studying for her master's degree, Vela made a strong bond with Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D., chair of the English communications department. She says of Sister Ann, "She is inspiring and a great person." Sister Ann grew confident with Vela's abilities, enough to offer her a part-time position teaching graduate and undergraduate courses in English communications.

Shortly after completing her master's degree, Vela opened Byline, a free-lance public relations and marketing company. But after five years of hard work and insufficient leisure time, she decided to return to the corporate world. Of her self-employed experience, she says: "Though successful, it was very time-consuming. I needed more time to devote to other aspects of my life."

Vela is a good example of a loyal alum who continues to keep in touch with her alma mater, and it's all because of her fond memories of the university. She continues to participate in the English communications program by hiring interns and arranging mock interviews for future graduates. She also is an enthusiastic volunteer at the annual Fiesta Oyster Bake, sponsored by the St. Mary's Alumni Association.

Vela now is the marketing coordinator at Jungle Laboratories, a pet-supplies company. She lives in San Antonio with her husband, Chris. ■

Jesus Jonas to Dawn Carrillo and **Jesus D. Carrillo, BA 91**, Oak Creek, Wis., April 20, 1996.

Mary Catherine to **Theresa O'Shea Cook, BA 91**, and John Cook, Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1996.

Nicole Renee to Blanca Galan and **John Galan, BS 91**, San Antonio, Oct. 14, 1996.

Reid Daniel to Christie Anne Goins and **Timothy Goins, BA 91**, San Antonio, Oct. 5, 1996.

Adiel Paul to **Johania Najera, BA 91**, and Paul Najera, Lufkin, Texas, Nov. 22, 1996.

Madison Rene to Mimi Shankin and **Steve Shankin, BBA 91**, Port Jefferson Station, N.Y., Dec. 22, 1996.

Elizabeth Fontaine to Carolyn Miller and **Michael J. Miller, BA 92**, Ballwin, Mo., May 10, 1996.

Miranda Rose to **Jodi Thesing-Ritter, BS 92**, and Scott Ritter, Eau Claire, Wis., April 27, 1996.

Skye Jordan to **LaRae Escoto, BA 93**, and Eric Escoto, San Antonio, July 6, 1996.

Richard T. to **Frances Gonzalez Walker, BBA 93**, and Richard Walker Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., June 30, 1996.

Maria Katarina to **Maria Teresa Morris, JD 94**, and Michael Morris, San Antonio, Oct. 17, 1996.

Alex Michael to **Suzanne Rodriguez, BBA 94**, and Oscar Rodriguez, San Antonio, Oct. 6, 1996.

Rodolfo Leandro to **Katrina Villarreal, BBA 94**, and Rodolfo Villarreal III, Hoover, Ala., Dec. 2, 1996.

Laura Cristina to **Genevieve Villarreal-Ramos, BA 95**, and **James Ramos, BA 89**, San Antonio, March 13, 1996.

Joshua Luis to **Stefanie Ochoa Perez, BA 96**, and Luis Perez, San Antonio, Aug. 30, 1996.

Kaylee Lynora to **Kristina Silcocks, JD 96**, and Rob Silcocks, Pflugerville, Texas, Nov. 21, 1996.

Marriages

Ruben Torres, BBA 69, to Helen Hinojosa, San Antonio, April 22, 1996.

Joan Serie Birkmann, BA 83, to Neal Serie, New Orleans, La., Oct. 26, 1996.

Karen Pantuso, BBA 84, to Marc Machado, San Antonio, June 1, 1996.

James M. Ruiz, BS 84, to Michelle Carnahan, Sugar Land, Texas, Oct. 12, 1996.

Carlos R. Flores, BA 85, to Melissa Arias, San Antonio, Oct. 19, 1996.

Teresa A. Edwards, BA 87, MA 90, to Marvin Clark, Flower Mound, Texas, May 4, 1996.

John Garcia Jr., BBA 87, to Helen Garcia, San Antonio, Aug. 10, 1996.

Iracema Rivera, BA 88, to Randall Kanaya, San Bruno, Calif., Sept. 2, 1995.

Kevin Yeary, BA 88, JD 91, to **Mary Basey, BS 90**, Grand Prairie, Texas, Feb. 8, 1997.

Veronica Aguirre, BA 89, to Richard Hancock Jr., Lowell, Mass., June 9, 1996.

Juanaelena Garcia, BS 89, to Christopher Stone, Dallas, Nov. 9, 1996.

Deborah McMurrey, JD 89, to William Forteith, Dallas, Aug. 15, 1996.

Timothy Stanford, JD 89, to Jill Gordon, Dallas, June 29, 1996.

David Aelvoet, MBA 90, to **Kathie Kuebel, MBA 91**, Spring Branch, Texas, June 1, 1996.

Gloria Gomez, BBA 90, to Roberto Nieto, DeSoto, Texas, Nov. 9, 1996.

Julie Harris, JD 90, to **Kelly Kocurek, JD 91**, Austin, Texas, Sept. 7, 1996.

Paul Johnston, BBA 90, to Michelle Sheffield, Austin, Texas, June 23, 1996.

Ann Phillips, BBA 90, to James Picha, Dallas, Nov. 23, 1996.

Debra Trevino, BA 90, to Richard Aguirre, San Antonio, Nov. 2, 1996.

Jeffrey Whitmore, BA 90, to Denene Tondre, San Antonio, June 1, 1996.

Thomas Culpepper, JD 91, to Gina Kay Robeen, Augusta, Ga., Aug. 17, 1996.

Glenn Levy, JD 91, to Susan Alexandra Person, San Antonio, Oct. 19, 1996.

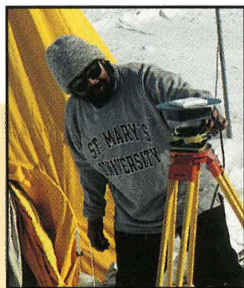
Margaret Uriegas, BBA 91, to Fidel Villegas, Floresville, Texas, May 18, 1996.

Joe Baker, BA 92, to Leah A.V. Russack, Groton, Conn., June 29, 1996.

Steven Bell, JD 92, to Emily Haydin, Cedar Hill, Texas, May 24, 1996.

Brenda Biediger, BS 92, to Lance McMahon Jr., Houston, Oct. 19, 1996.

William Caraway III, BA 92, to **Leslie Porter, BBA 95**, San Antonio, Oct. 5, 1996.



RENÉ MARTINEZ, BS 81

René Martínez,

senior scientist at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, spends most of his day analyzing rocks—not just any rocks, but melted rocks covered with black crust that have plunged into our atmosphere.

Conducting instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA), a technique researchers use to measure and analyze the composition of extraterrestrial particles, Martínez gets a first-hand look at lunar rocks, meteorites and other interstellar particles. It was this competence that allowed him to join a prestigious team of scientists in Meteorite City, Antarctica, from December '96 to January '97. With six other team members he collected almost 400 meteorites. Every year a team of planetary geologists endure the frigid, minus 25-degree weather to search for rocks that have survived the fiery entry into the earth's atmosphere.

A similar team in 1995 discovered the potato-sized Martian rocks thought to contain evidence of ancient life on Mars. Martínez is skeptical about the claim, but doesn't dismiss the thought of ancient life on the red planet. "Evidence seems to point towards life on Mars, but I'd rather wait to hear more information at the Lunar and Planetary Conference," Martínez says. The March conference failed to come to a conclusion concerning the Mars issue.

It was the 1980 conference that Brother Robert Hanns, S.M., first took an ambitious, then undergraduate Martínez. Hanns helped Martínez make connections that eventually led to the alum's NASA appointment. "Brother Hanns figured out what kids were good at and pushed them in the right direction," Martínez says. "I've always been interested in rocks, fossils and other natural oddities, and Hanns encouraged me to follow my geological dreams."

Martínez lives in Houston with his wife, Ann, and their daughter, Laurel. ■

Norma Cruz, BBA 92, to Justo Anthony Travieso, San Antonio, Jan. 25, 1997.

Richard Dupre, BBA 92, to Angela Lynn Amick, Overland Park, Kan., Aug. 10, 1996.

Jeanette Gonzales, BA 92, to Andrew Leal, San Antonio, Dec. 7, 1996.

Michael D. Griffith, BA 92, to Janet O'Donnell, Irving, Texas, June 8, 1996.

Kevin Lippman, JD 92, to Julie Massey, Dallas, May 18, 1996.

William Tschirhart Jr., JD 92, to Linda Carol Gonzalez, Castroville, Texas, July 6, 1996.

Julena Ball, BA 93, to Timothy Bingaman, San Antonio, Aug. 24, 1996.

Kenneth Barron, BA 93, to Cheryl Gerlich, Universal City, Texas, June 8, 1996.

Seana Beckerman, JD 93, to Lee Willing, San Antonio, Sept. 7, 1996.

Mary Belan, JD 93, to David Doggett, San Antonio, Nov. 9, 1996.

Gretchen Finger, BBA 93, to **Andrew Houle, BA 95, MJA 96**, San Antonio, Dec. 14, 1996.

Joseph Harney, JD 93, to Jill Johnson, Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 31, 1996.

Kimberly Land, JD 93, to Philip Cormier, Dallas, April 20, 1996.

Clayton Richter, JD 93, to Glynda Garcia, Brenham, Texas, Aug. 28, 1996.

Venezia Cappellini, MA 94, to Arturo Ramirez, San Antonio, June 1, 1996.

Letty Martinez, MBA 94, to **Romeo Vasquez Jr., MBA 94**, San Antonio, Nov. 16, 1996.

Todd Braulick, JD 95, to Jennifer Panther, Dallas, July 27, 1996.

Eric Puype, MA 95, to Liliana Villarreal, San Antonio, Aug. 17, 1996.

Elizabeth Silva, BA 95, to **George Martinez, BA 95**, Austin, Texas, Aug. 17, 1996.

Boone Slusher, JD 95, to Katheryn Phillips, McAllen, Texas, July 6, 1996.

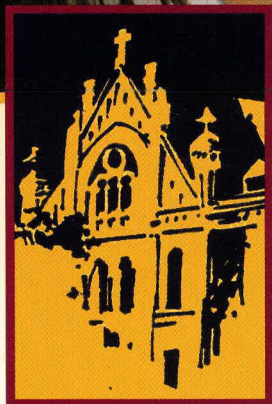
Craig Smith, BS 95, to **Lillian Melendez, BA 96**, Newton Centre, Mass., June 22, 1996.

Jason Bayne, BS 96, to Yvette Shadrock, Lytle, Texas, May 26, 1996.

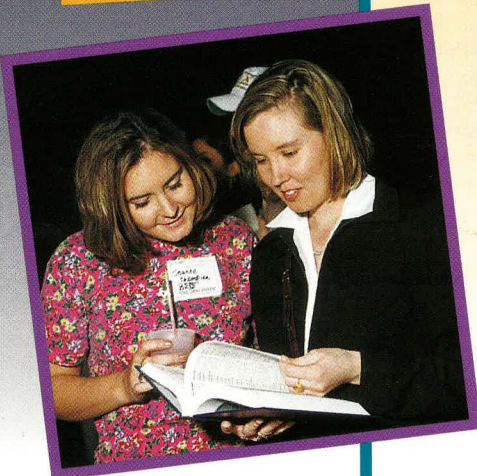
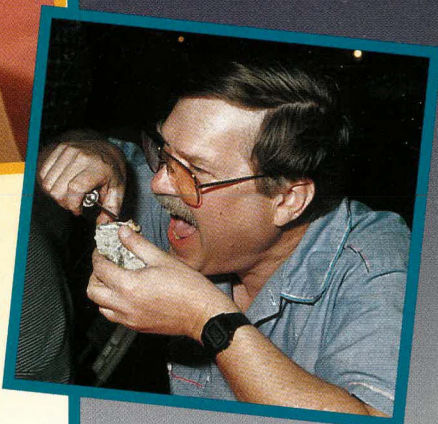
James Castro, MA 96, to Tara Engberg, Reno, Nev., Dec. 31, 1996.

Amber Magro, BA 96, to Moses Moreno, San Antonio, July 13, 1996.

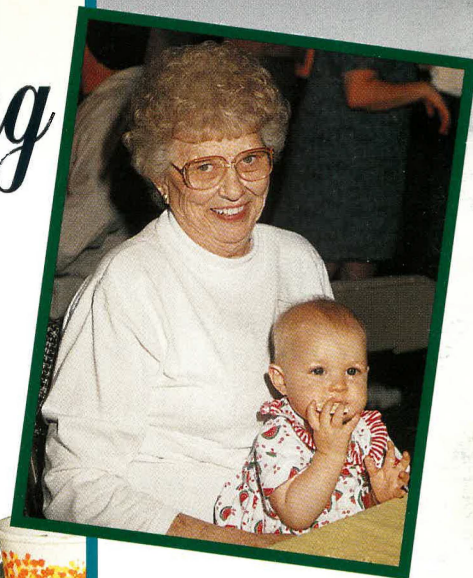
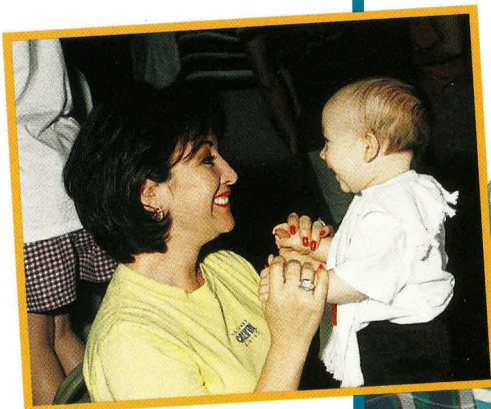
Yvette Villarreal, BA 96, to Lt. Marc Gonzalez, Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 7, 1996. ■



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