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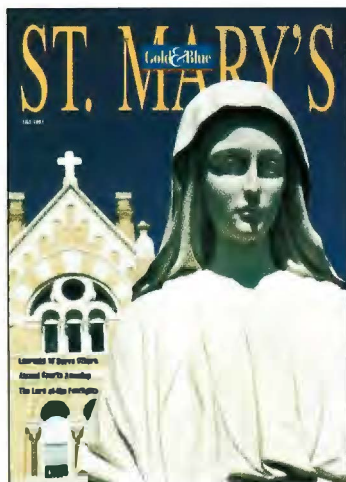
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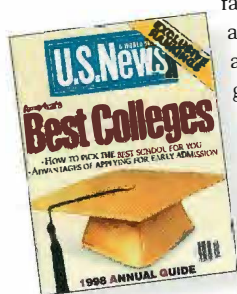


## President's Column



### Cover

The cover picture of our 100-year-plus administration building (St. Louis Hall) is a fond and familiar landmark to you all—as is statue (shown as a close-up) from whom we get our name.

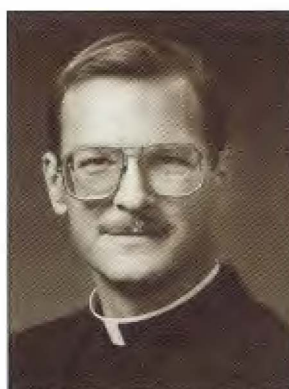


### We're No. 1

Just as we went to press, we learned with pride that U.S. News & World Report magazine has named St. Mary's the No. 1 university in the West. (tied with Trinity) for offering the highest quality education for the money.

None of you readers, of course, will be surprised to hear this, because you're well-prepared by your St. Mary's education.

Further, the magazine's annual best colleges issue ranks St. Mary's among the West's top schools for efficient operation.



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

This summer St. Mary's again hosted the annual gathering of the three Marianist universities—ours, the University of Dayton, Ohio, and Chaminade University, Honolulu. Our meeting theme was "Service, Justice and Peace."

While the theme is topical in its own right, it has taken on added importance as one of the five "Characteristics of Marianist Education" articulated by the Society of Mary worldwide. The pronouncement was made by our General Administration in Rome after our July 1996 General Chapter (a kind of international Congress for the Society). The other four characteristics speak of our aim to 1. Educate for formation in faith, 2. Provide an integral, quality education, 3. Educate in family spirit, and 4. Educate for adaptation and change.

Our summer conference gave us a chance to compare notes on the many dimensions of service, justice and peace. We talked about how we integrate the teaching of Catholic social justice in the curriculum, sometimes implicitly and sometimes explicitly. We talked about our co-curricular programming around peace and justice themes. The President's Peace Commission at St. Mary's now has an 11-year track record of programs consisting of three days of speakers, panels, discussions and other activities. Topics have included war and peace, nuclear weapons, the decline of world communism, women's issues, Columbus and the clash of cultures, violence in our culture and opportunities and skills for peace-making.

We talked about our burgeoning service-learning programs. Our own Service Learning Center, an outgrowth of Campus Ministry's volunteer programs, this past year coordinated more than 1,700 students involved in some form of service opportunities. Several of our faculty, in areas as diverse as philosophy and psychology and business, have incorporated a service-learning component in some of their classes. More and more of our students are coming to St. Mary's with service experience from their high schools and parishes, and they expect to be continuing these volunteer commitments here. (See the story on the center in this issue.)

All this youthful energy and commitment bodes well for our future as a nation, I think, and our students are great material to work with. But we have much to do to undergird this enthusiasm. We need to give them knowledge, skills and encouragement to help them develop an effective, lifelong commitment to service, justice and peace.

We also have much to do in building truly just institutions at home, and in making St. Mary's a community of justice. Like our sister institutions in Dayton and Honolulu, we have made a good start on the processes and procedures that will assure everyone's contribution will be valued.

We want to be a model—an image of the community of justice and peace which is God's gift. We are well along the road, and the next generation at St. Mary's is committed to the journey. But we do have some way to go to build the "Reign of God." ■



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## About This Issue

In his president's column, Father Moder tells how the leaders of our three Marianist universities met on campus this summer. Their agenda included discussing how each is dealing with the concept of service—a vital part of the Marianist education mission. So it's timely that an enthusiastic article in this issue describes the progress made by the still young St. Mary's Service Learning Center and its plans for the future.

To relive the fun, exhilaration and hard work of student days, read how the lure of the footlights can be all that and more, including great preparation for the inevitable ups and downs of battling the real world. I'm betting that some of our former Thespians will nod along in recognition as they read our theater director's account of the long, rich history of drama at St. Mary's and its predecessors. Watch for the upcoming drama "Miss Julie," by noted Swedish playwright August Strindberg, Nov. 7-10 and 13-15.

In this issue we are delighted that at last we have some letters to share with you. They sure increase our motivation to keep offering you a variety of topics about your alma mater and alumni. Readers were especially affected by lawyer Bill Berchermann's account of his heart transplant—a story that to his great satisfaction—and ours—has helped inspire and increase potential organ donors.

Sports fans: As you review this year's athletics results, we hope you see something about your favorite sport that brings you both pride and precious memories.

Don't forget to write us about what pleases you in Gold & Blue, what you could maybe live without, and what you would like to see within our pages.

*Thanks.*  
*Sylvia McLaren, editor*

## Missing St. Mary's

I think the Gold & Blue is a great way to make alumni feel part of their alma mater. It makes me feel like I am still a part of St. Mary's. Keep up the good work.

*Patricia Gonzalez (B.A. '96)  
San Antonio*

## Heart Transplant Story

I just wanted to say "thanks" for the wonderful story you printed on heart recipient Bill Berchelmann in your spring issue of Gold & Blue. The story was well done, and we have received a great deal of attention because of it.

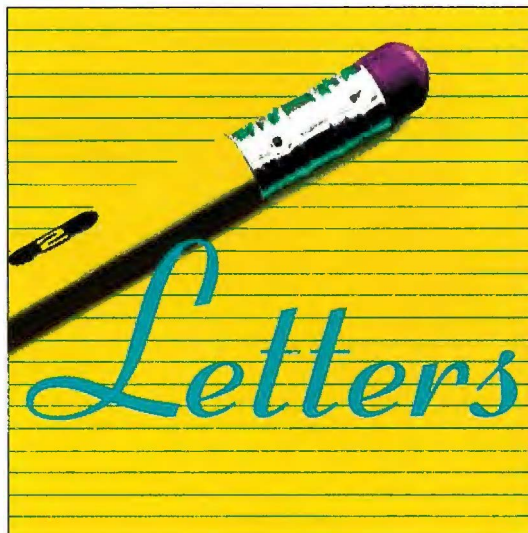
I thank you for increasing awareness in our community.

*Jenai Compton  
South Texas Organ Bank  
1-800-275-1744*

My heart transplant article in the magazine came out great. I have been receiving a tremendous amount of positive response from it. If I can get one person to sign a donor card and possibly save a life, then everything I have been through has been worth it.

Thank you for allowing me to write and have the article published in your magazine.

*William G. Berchelmann (J.D. '76)  
San Antonio*



I am gratified that recipients like Bill have chosen to share their story, and I hope others will consider donation.

I was with my son the moment he was born and the moment he died at age 16. Over seven hours of neurosurgery couldn't save precious Steve, and when asked, his mother and I decided to donate his organs.

The LifeGift Organ Donation Center in Fort Worth told us that Steve's heart saved the life of a 51-year-old with a wife and four children who would have died of severe cardiomyopathy had he not received a transplant. Also, a kidney recipient was able to come off dialysis because of one of Steve's kidneys. Further, his corneas restored vision to a blind man.

I myself have now become a potential donor.

*Paul S. Kendall (J.D. '73)  
Arlington, Texas*

## "Pop" Sturchio Memories

In the spring issue of the Gold & Blue I enjoyed reading about Al Sturchio at St. Mary's.

The "Pop" Sturchio era was the high point of the music department.

In 1955 a college hour was \$9 and a \$100 scholarship went a long way! Every band member had some kind of financial aid, and it was a close-knit group.

It was an honor to have your ear pulled and pinched in front of the band by "Pop" for a minor infraction. Did you ever see a man play two trumpets at the same time? "Pop" could.

"Pop" had a new march every other month for us to play, and many are available for purchase at Southern Music Co. here.

Can you please explain why UTSA has a Frank Sturchio scholarship for music majors and how the UTSA band acquired the music library of Pops? [Ed.'s note: Al says that when Frank "Pop" died, his widow and Al decided to honor Frank's memory with a scholarship to encourage education for school band directors at UTSA, which had a good instrumental music program.]

Perhaps an article on Leo Green and other music teachers would be great.

Keep up the good work on the magazine.

*Michael Pagonis (B.M.E. '59)  
San Antonio*

## Junior Guild Appreciation

The members of the St. Mary's University Junior Guild want you to know how much we appreciate your publishing our article about the formation and early years of the Junior Guild and its continuing life.

We are a much smaller group now, with grown children and grandchildren, but will always have wonderful memories of our years at St. Mary's University.

*Julia Simpson, Past President  
St. Mary's University Junior Guild  
San Antonio*

The guild is full of loving people, and I am thankful to God for such good examples of what loving people are and how they live their lives.

For as long as I can remember I have had this large wonderful family. We had great summer parties at the swimming pool and ice cream socials under a large pavilion. We were all laughing and running through the orchards of pecan trees and enjoying each other. The friends have lasted these first 50 years of my life.

One thing I always knew growing up was that lots of people loved me and cared for me. They were always there with a smile, a kind word or a bandage if needed. They have walked the journey of my life with me, and I am a much happier person knowing they all love me and were there to help if I needed it. Every child and adult should grow through the years of their lives sharing company with those who love them.

*Suzanne Weeber  
San Antonio*



## Toddler Identified

I read with pleasure Mrs. Boerner's article regarding the St. Mary's University Junior Guild.

You see, I am the runaway toddler at the bottom left corner of the historic photograph in the spring Gold & Blue. My late father, with glass in hand, is behind me, and my mother, with her face almost obscured, beside him.

You might like to know that this wild child is now a 50-year-old high school reading specialist/English teacher and mother of three grown children.

St. Mary's and the guild were an important part of my growing-up years. As my parents frequently returned to visit San Antonio, they also attended many of the guild functions. I remember proudly meeting my father's professors at St. Mary's reunions. I gratefully again acknowledge the love and support of the brothers, both from Central Catholic High School and St. Mary's, during the untimely death of my father,

Aubrey Fournier (B.B.A. '49), in 1987. The Marianists' prayers and many kindnesses exemplified the true Christian spirit of the community. Of course, my parents' lifelong friends, the Junior Guild, were there among the Marianist campus family.

My mother, Mary Fournier, continues to cherish St. Mary's and the guild, as do I. [Ed.'s note: Mrs. Fournier is in the photo of the guild's 50th anniversary in spring Gold & Blue.]

*Vivian Fournier O'Laughlin  
San Antonio*

## Idaho Professor's Compliment

Thank you for the copy of your magazine. I receive numerous college publications, and yours really stands out among them. It has the marks of high standards of excellence in its attractive appearance, its spirited writing, and accessibility even to a total stranger.

*Leedice Kissane, Ph.D.  
Professor Emeritus of English  
Idaho State University*

**Building homes.**

**Helping children learn.**

**Assisting the disabled.**

**Hearing the homeless.**

**Understanding persons**

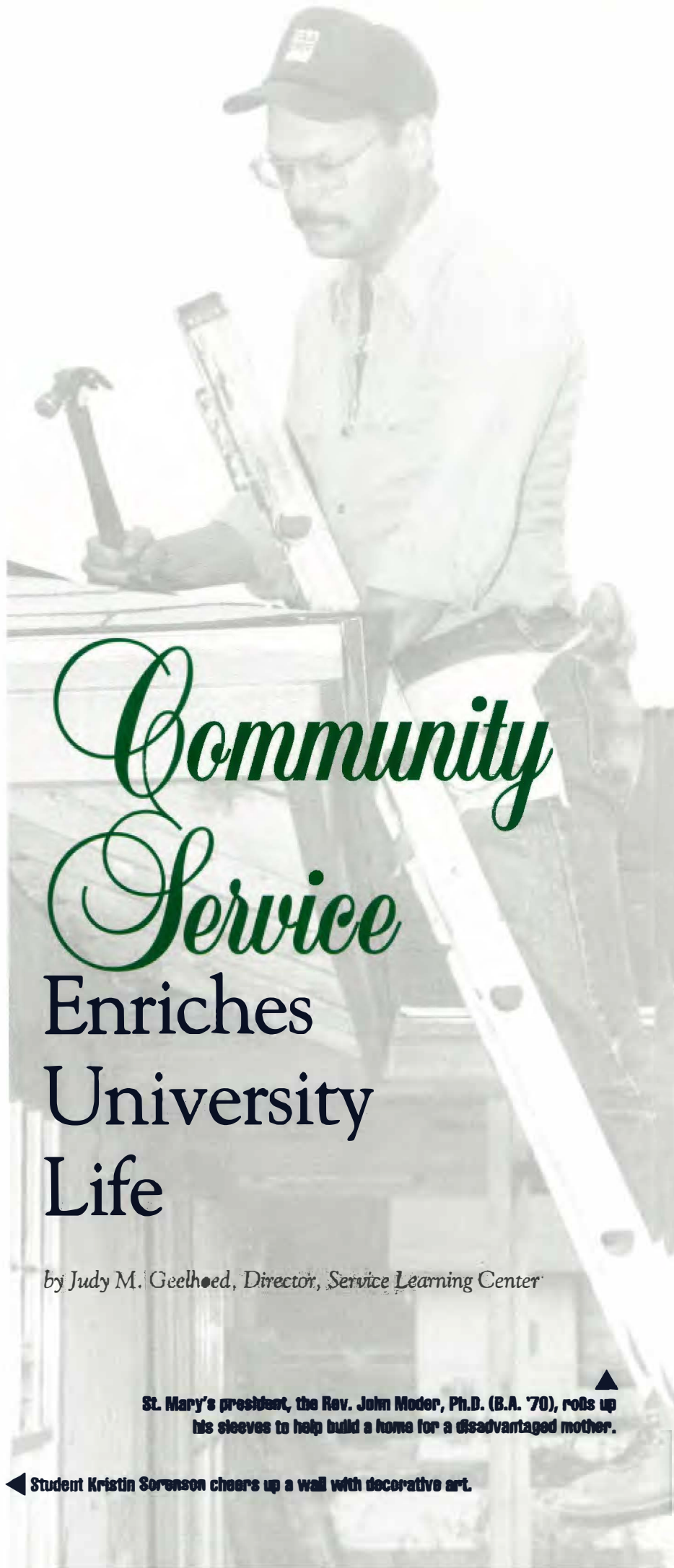
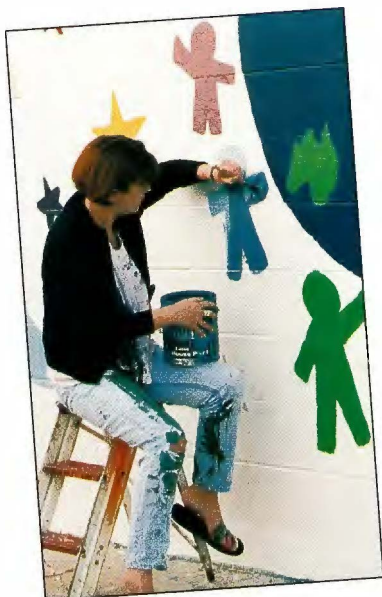
**living with AIDS.**

**Exciting kids about**

**the possibilities of**

**higher education.**

**Comforting the sick.**



# Community Service Enriches University Life

*by Judy M. Geelhoed, Director, Service Learning Center*

St. Mary's president, the Rev. John Moder, Ph.D. (B.A. '70), rolls up his sleeves to help build a home for a disadvantaged mother.

Student Kristin Sorenson cheers up a wall with decorative art.

**T**o help the St. Mary's community extend this kind of community service, we developed our Service Learning Center in 1994 during reorganization of the Division of Student Development. Examining our Marianist mission, the university came to the conclusion that community service was an assumed campus activity supported by Campus Ministry, although not formally directed or organized. We knew the university community, including students, were involved in programs such as The Garden of Hope, St. Joseph's Community and the legal clinics of our law school. But students needed a clearinghouse for service opportunities and a campus-wide, more focused approach to reach out to our communities.

**Getting Started**

At the same time, national initiatives to involve college students in service experiences were and continue to be encouraged through the National Community Service Act and other

national and state legislation and recommendations. So in accord with our Marianist mission and encouraged by national and state trends, St. Mary's decided to create a community service center where students, faculty and staff could access resources and develop programming to better meet community needs.

Since the center was formed three years ago, its volume and traffic have grown considerably. With a full-time director, dedicated student staff and the collaboration of many university departments, our center this year involved more than 1,700 students, faculty and staff in 15,000 hours of community service and ministry work. Those numbers represent a 54 percent increase in community involvement from three years ago.

**Part of the Curriculum**

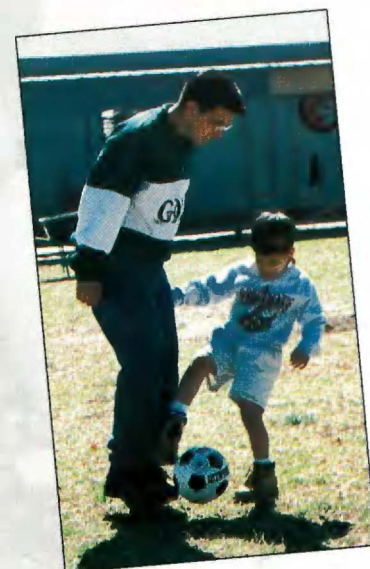
We have integrated service learning as an educational tool into courses such as philosophy, psychology, English and business. Our research indicates that on average, 90 percent of students involved in service-learning courses agree that their service experience helped them better understand the course. And all students said they benefitted personally from community experience.

Veronica Huerta, a senior biology major who coordinated our San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries Overnight program, sees the concept of course-based service-learning as "Taking what you learn out of the classroom, applying it to help the community, and thereby making the university experience more meaningful."



▲ Student Veronica Huerta working on a mural during Freshman Orientation.

▲ Students Sarebeth Pridgen and Berthe Rodarte with a child in the small Mexican town of Santa Maria, where 10 St. Mary's students spent a week helping low-income families.



▲ Student Freddy Castaneda playing soccer with a Cherokee Indian child during a service experience for 12 St. Mary's students to learn the culture of Oklahoma's Cherokee Nation.



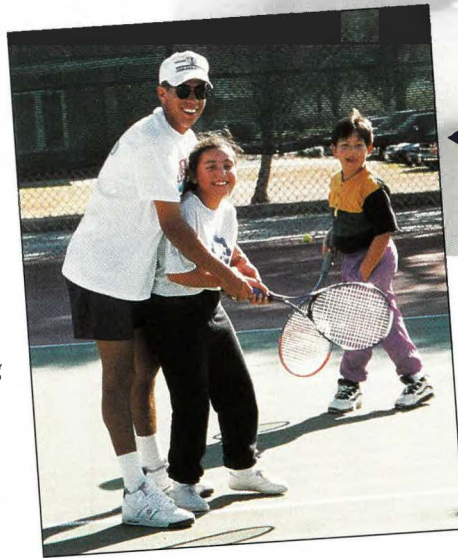
An example of our community involvement is a program called Workers Invested in Knowledge and Growth through Service (WINGS). In 1994, federal legislation stipulated that 5 percent of federal work-study money be used to support students working in the community. This gave us the opportunity to create WINGS. In cooperation with our Financial Assistance Office, we were able to place 14 students in “community partnerships” in eight local agencies or schools. And last year our WINGS participants recruited more than 245 other students to serve just over 4,825 hours in community-based organizations such as I Have a Dream Foundation in San Antonio public housing, the Downtown Youth Drop-In Center and our own English as a Second Language (ESL) program, offered on campus free to the local community.

Next year WINGS will include more students in hospitals, high schools and detention centers. Jacqueline Cruz, a student working at the Center for Legal and Social Justice, says, “I now realize that many people’s human rights are violated, and through the WINGS program I have realized that I can make a difference in helping them seek justice.”

Turning graffiti into beauty is another example of community service. Junior history major Kristin Sorenson and student volunteers are working with Albert Ramos of the San Antonio Graffiti Patrol to carry on the mural work of Marianist artist Brother Cletus Behlman, S.M. They paint murals over graffiti across the city to beautify the environment and assist local businesses whose premises have been disfigured.

**Short-Term Service**

Most of our students want to participate in service and ministry work, but many find it hard to fit it



◀ Student Tim Brownlee at the bat for a tennis lesson with inner city youngsters.

On her immersion with the homeless population, senior psychology major Neomi DeAnda says, “For the remainder of my life, when serving others, I will remember to listen to their needs rather than impose what I believe they need.”

**Building Homes**

One of our most exciting and appreciated community projects has been funding and building a new home through Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio. Our community raised \$17,500 to co-sponsor a Habitat home with the Mercedes-Benz Club of San Antonio. A substantial part of the money we raised represented in-kind labor by our talented physical plant staff. More than 250 faculty, students, staff and alumni contributed to the success of the project, which gave Nora Jaramillo, a disadvantaged mother of two children, the chance to buy a home for her family. Habitat

into their hectic schedules. For these students, programs during holidays and school breaks offer good opportunities. Because these experiences are condensed into a short period of time, we call them “immersions.” Along with Campus Ministry, we have offered immersions in Mexico, in Oklahoma with the Cherokee people, and in Washington, D.C., where students live with and serve disadvantaged populations and explore societal issues.

This year for the first time we held two San Antonio immersions—one teaching students how to work with the sick and suffering and one working with the homeless of San Antonio.



◀ **Student Jessica Utsman tutoring a youngster in a housing project.**



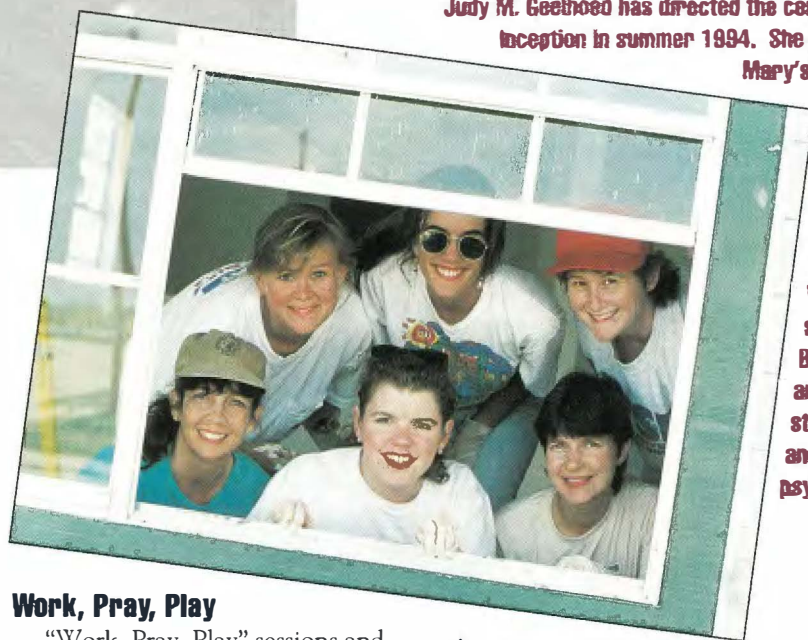
throughout high school. A four-year program, it is designed to encourage students to continue their community involvement while working with faculty and Marianist mentors.

### Let Us Know

Our office is continually looking for new opportunities as well as resources in our local and extended communities. Readers who would like to share resources or call on our volunteers, may contact the St. Mary's University Service Learning Center, Box 83, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228; (210)436-2108, fax (210)436-3000; E-mail:judy@stmarytx.edu. ■

**Judy M. Geethood has directed the center since its inception in summer 1994. She came to St.**

**Mary's from the Center for Service Learning at James Madison University, Virginia, where she earned a B.A. in English and a master's in student personnel and counseling psychology.**



▲ **The St. Mary's team that helped build a Habitat for Humanity home were, clockwise from bottom right, Diane Duesterhoeft, academic library; Rosalind Roland, associate dean of students; Janet Dizunno, Ph.D., psychology department; Judy Geethood, author of this article; Christine Andrews, admissions; and Coleen Nolan, Ph.D., biology department.**

presented a plaque to St. Mary's at the organization's 20th anniversary held in the Pecan Grove. Our students continue to work in Plaza Florencia, Habitat's first national community development, just two miles south of our campus.

### Encouraging Initiative

An important part of the Service Learning Center's work is encouraging students to identify community needs and respond with innovative projects and programs. For example, students Jonathan Gonzalez and Matthew Mann began a photography program in partnership with the House of Neighborly Service. The program helps children from low-income families share their lives through hands-on experience in photography. Imagine the thrill for a 10-year-old in the program to have her photograph featured on the front cover of this June's issue of *The Voice*, a journal of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities!

### Work, Pray, Play

"Work, Pray, Play" sessions and the Marianist Leadership Program are two new programs scheduled for next year. The first of these projects will involve alumni, current students, potential students, staff and Marianists in a day of service, prayer and fun in communities where we do intense recruitment or where we have strong alumni support.

The second program will involve incoming students who have had substantial community and ministry involvement

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Summer Sports Program

## Marianist Universities

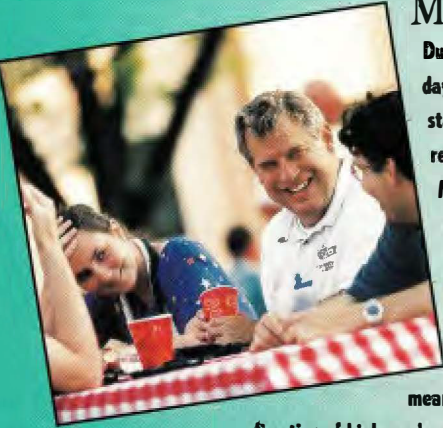
### Meet

During four mid-June days and nights, faculty, staff and administration representatives of three Marianist universities shared a lot of serious thoughts, evaluations, soul-searchings and creative ideas as they delved into the meaning and hoped-for

direction of higher education at their Marianist institutions.

It's an annual event, and this year it was St. Mary's turn to play host.

Between 30 and 40 visitors from the University of Dayton, Ohio, and Chaminade University, Honolulu, were on campus for this conference, including Sue Wesselkamper, president of Chaminade, and Brother Ray Fitz, S.M., president at Dayton who are pictured here at a Pecan Grove barbecue for the visitors.



## Studies in Central America

This summer, law students had the opportunity to study human rights, environmental policies and cultural and political reform in El Salvador. Students met with military and government officials to discuss issues such as the difficulty of creating a civilian police force that is not associated with the military and why just holding open elections does not make a country a democracy.

Graduate students in international relations visited Honduras to research problems of economic development and transition to democracy. The trip included visits to maquiladoras, the Chiquita banana plant and HIV patients.

## Campus Ministry

The Rev. William J. Meyer, S.M. (B.A. '71) D.Min., is the new director of Campus Ministry.

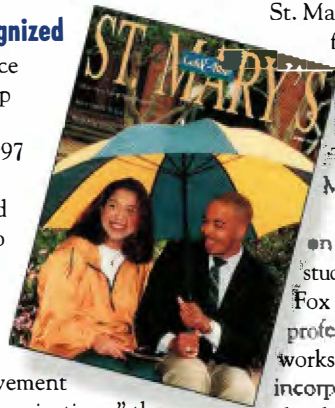
His previous position was lecturer in theology and director of Spiritual and Ministerial Formation at the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry at Boston College, Mass.

## High School Partnership

St. Mary's School of Law has formed a partnership with Fox Tech High School in creating the San Antonio School District's new Fox Tech Law and Research Magnet School.

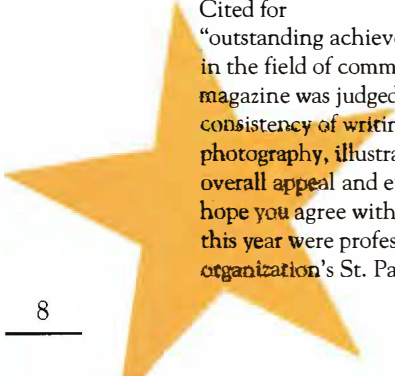
The partnership will work on several levels. St. Mary's law students will serve as mentors to Fox Tech students, and law professors will give lectures and workshops to Fox Tech teachers on incorporating law into the magnet school's curriculum.

Courses will include legal communications, the history of law, constitutional law, criminal and civil law, legal research and legal internships.



## Gold & Blue Recognized

Gold & Blue once again bagged the top prize for non-profit magazines at the 1997 annual awards ceremony sponsored by the San Antonio Women in Communications Association. Cited for "outstanding achievement in the field of communications," the magazine was judged a winner on consistency of writing, design, photography, illustration, graphics, overall appeal and effectiveness. We hope you agree with the judges, who this year were professionals in the organization's St. Paul, Minn., chapter.



## Former Students Invited to Celebrate

English department Sisters Ann Semel and Christine Catron invite their former students and friends to join in a special Mass at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26, at St. Gerard Church, followed by a reception in the parish hall.

The event will celebrate 150 years of service in North America by the School Sisters of Notre Dame—the religious order Sisters Ann and Christine belong to.

Sister Ann has taught at St. Mary's since 1967; Sister Christine, since 1982.

They look forward to celebrating with former students in thanking God for the many years the sisters have served in North America.

Please mark your calendars! For information call (210) 436-3107, fax (210) 436-6786.

## Marianist Mathematician

The religious life and ministry of Brother Charles Biehler (1845-1906) is featured in "Marianist Mathematician," written by Brother Herbert Janson, S.M., associate professor of mathematics. Biehler's teaching ministry was praised by the Rev. Jean B.

Lalanne, one of seven original members of the Society of Mary. Father Lalanne brought Brother Biehler to teach at College Stanislas in Paris, France, where Biehler's ideas were widely recognized by the mathematicians of France and Europe.

In this book, Janson traces the roots of St. Mary's University as modeled after College Stanislas.

The book can be bought from Janson for \$20.



## Alumnus Visits St. Mary's

St. Mary's alumnus Rene Martinez (B.S. '81), whose mini-profile was featured in our spring Gold and Blue, visited St. Mary's in May to address a meeting of the South Texas Geological Society. A senior scientist at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Martinez was one of the first to study the Martian meteorites in Antarctica. His talk, titled "Recovery of Meteorites from the Antarctic Ice Sheet: The Poor Man's Space Probe," featured his recent trip to Antarctica to retrieve the meteorites and samples of the rocks.

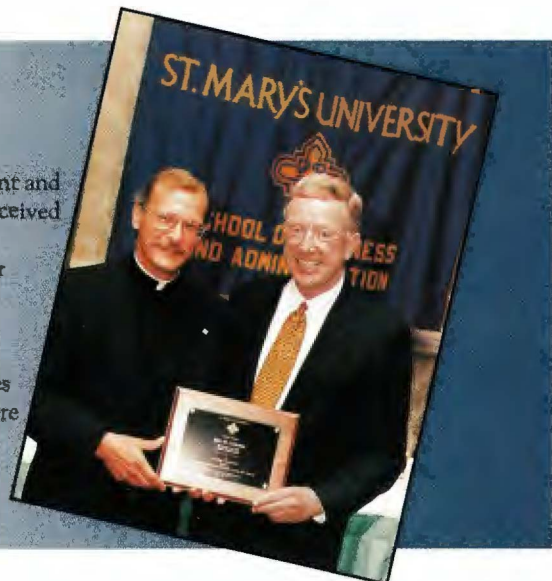
## Latina Workshop on Campus

### Author Sandra Cisneros at St. Mary's

"Hijas Del Quinto Sol," a summer workshop co-sponsored by the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center and St. Mary's, focused on 25 years of U.S. Latina publishing. Editors, publishers, scholars and anthologists discussed issues concerning Latina identity. Sandra Cisneros, author of "The House on Mango Street," delivered the keynote address.

## Business Leader Award

Bob W. Coleman, president and CEO of Texace Corp., has received the St. Mary's University International Business Leader Award from the Rev. John Moder, S.M., president. His corporation, manufacturer of golf headwear, increased sales by 26 percent this year in more than 40 countries.



## 1997-98 Lin (Great Speakers Series)

### Scientific Discovery: Opening Doors to Our Universe

Sept. 18, 1997, 7 p.m., University Center, Robert Curl, Ph.D., a 1996 Nobel Prize Winner in Chemistry.

Nov. 21, 1997, 7 p.m., University Center, Giovanni Fazio, Ph.D. (B.A., B.S. '54), senior physicist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and co-designer of the first infrared astronomical telescope for the space shuttle.

Feb. 26, 1998, 7 p.m., University Center, Leon Lederman, Ph.D., Nobel Laureate in Physics and author of "The God Particle," described by one reviewer as the "rollicking 2,000-year search for the nature of matter."

### Other Speakers to be on Campus

Oct. 7, 1997, 7 p.m., University Center, John Dalton, Secretary of the Navy.

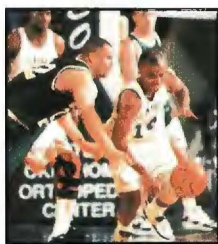
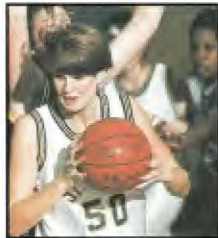
Feb. 11, 1998, 7 p.m., University Center, David Broder, national political correspondent for The Washington Post and commentator on CNN's "Inside Politics."

Lectures are free and open to the public in St. Mary's University Center, Conference Room A. For information call (210) 436-3327.

# S P O R T S

by Twister Marquiss, Sports Writer Intern

**In the tradition of St. Mary's Athletics, the Rattlers excelled in every sport during the 1996-97 academic year. From volleyball to baseball, the teams represented the university proudly.**



## Basketball

The Rattler basketball team, guided by veteran skipper Buddy Meyer, made

its fourth consecutive appearance (and 15th since 1965) in the NAIA National Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The team won the Heart of Texas (HOT) Conference title, and senior point guard Lacy Hampton received national recognition for career achievement: 1,000 points and 500 career assists.

The Lady Rattlers returned to the NAIA Tournament in Jackson, Tennessee, for their third consecutive appearance (and third ever). Coach Tom Weeaks led the team to its first-ever Top-10 ranking. Roxanne Guerra broke 1,000 points for her career, and Stephanie Smith became the school's all-time assist leader.



## Softball

The Lady Rattlers softball team returned to playoff form this spring with a 40-win season as they stormed to the Regional Tournament.

Four Lady Rattlers were named to the all-region team: senior D'Layne Kelly, left field; freshman Janelle Carrington, second base; senior Kelli Smith, shortstop; and freshman Jamie Kemper, pitcher.

## Golf & Tennis

The Rattler golf team enjoyed success in the spring. Tennis player Danny Cambon was named Conference Newcomer-of-the-Year.

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## Volleyball

Coach Laura Neugebauer guided her 1996 Lady Rattlers volleyball team through another impressive season, notching 30 or more wins for the fourth consecutive season.

Numerous players won post-season honors, including senior Ginger Grimes, who is an NAIA All-American First Team setter for the third time in her career. Others receiving recognition included Kathren McCarty and Leslie Stults.



## Lady's, Rattler athletics excelled...

### Soccer

First-year soccer coach Lance Noble turned the men's and women's soccer program around from mediocre to superior last fall. Both teams made runs all the way to finals for the HOT Conference Championship.



### Baseball

The Rattler baseball team posted another 30-win season and ended up in a four-way tie for the HOT Conference title.

"After beginning conference play with one win and six losses, the team displayed a great deal of character by winning the last 14 of 17 games," Coach Charlie Migl says.

Second baseman Randy Socha, catcher Charlie Zapata and pitcher Aaron Carter made the All Heart of Texas Conference Team.

# Acting Up for More Than

by Bernadette Hamilton, Assistant Professor of Drama and Director of Theatre

## 100 Years

**S**tage productions by St. Mary's students go way back in our history – at least to 1895, as documented in our archives. Our archives, including old Rattler newspapers, discuss performances by groups called The Mission Players, The Cameo Players, The St. Mary's Theatre Guild and St. Mary's Drama Club. Performances often coincided with graduation and Christmas, and were sometimes staged off campus with the help of theater enthusiasts.



### Old-time Cops and Robbers?

Well, we really don't know the name of the play or when this undated photo was taken. Archivist Brother Robert Wood, S.M., thinks it may depict students around 1913 at St. Mary's College downtown.

Names on the back of the photo read (all from left): Front row, Thomas Moore, Robert Beatty, Curtis Johnson, Edward Sullivan and Clarence O. Wetherall. Middle row, Arthur Braden, Fentiman (perhaps a teacher?) and Max Wohlfarth. Back row, Perry Eberling, Alvin Hackman and Robert (or James-unclear) Terry.

Anybody out there who can help?



### First Drama Courses

A search through the school's old catalogs shows that not until 1959 did St. Mary's offer drama courses for credit. That year, Charles Myler, Ph.D., who joined the faculty the year before, became chairman of the speech and drama department. He created the Shoestring Players with limited resources (as the name suggests) and an enthusiastic group of students. In the next 25-plus years, Myler produced more than 100 performances in Reinbolt Hall, in what was then called the Shoestring Cellar. The impressive repertoire ranged from children's theater: "Winnie the Pooh," "The Hobbit" and "Puss in Boots" to contemporary drama: "The Glass Menagerie," "Brecht on Brecht," "Becket," and Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew," "Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice." Admission to these productions was only \$2. How times have changed!

### Since 1988

As director of theatre since 1988, I've had the pleasurable task of trying to carry on Dr. Myler's vigorous achievements.

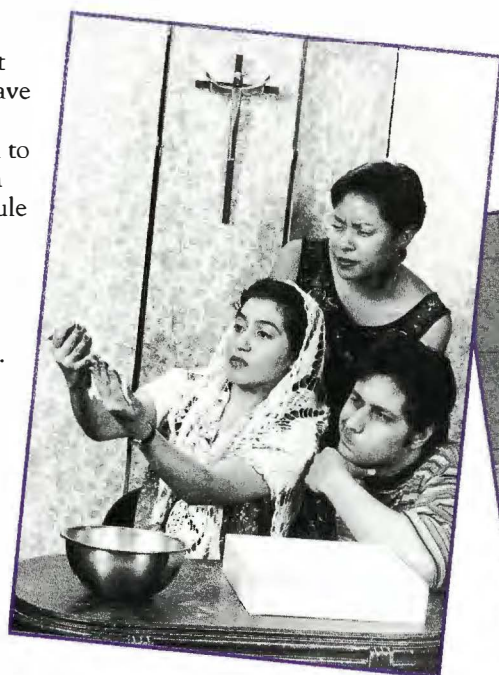
Our acting troupe is called Open Stage Theatre at St. Mary's, indicating that participation is open to faculty, staff, students and theater professionals. I chose this name out of respect for Charlie Myler's work. The Shoestring Players name is uniquely his, and it remains a tribute to his legacy.

We usually stage one major production each semester and occasionally fit in some one-act plays. Our presentations have included "The Pirates of Penzance," "I Hate Hamlet," "Side by Side by Sondheim," "Our Lady of the Tortilla," "Quiet on the Set," "The Human Voice," "The Telephone," "Lady House Blues," "American Dreams," "Dear Liar" and selected scenes from operas.

## Exhilaration

Students often wonder how they manage to squeeze in rigorous rehearsals and performances in their already busy academic schedule.

But the hectic, exhilarating pace forces them to organize and discipline themselves. And when the run of a play is over, their common reaction is: "What am I going to do now?" — because cast and crew have become so accustomed to a rhythm in their schedule that they experience withdrawal when the show closes. They miss the



Reviewers called "Our Lady of the Tortilla" great fun for San Antonio's light-hearted Fiesta Week.

Clockwise in this family comedy are, from left, students Naomi Galvez, Christina Gonzalez and Michael Abrego (B.A. '96). They are studying a tortilla for a supposed imprint of the Virgin Mary.

camaraderie, the sense of "family" that bonds actors and technicians together. It takes everyone to make a production work, from the actors to the property person making sure that the "champagne" bottle has the right mixture of Sprite and Alka Seltzer, to the house manager greeting patrons during intermission.

Our auditorium is located in the same place as the old Shoestring Players, but is now called Reinbolt Theatre. Its 111-seating capacity provides a cozy, intimate theater from which the audience, in cushioned seats, can view a wide, elongated stage that thrusts from the proscenium arch. Our resident scene designer, Karen



Miller (M.F.A. in scene design, Rutgers University) has worked wonders with the space. Her designs are among the best ever seen at St. Mary's and around San Antonio.

## Degree Minor

Although we only offer a minor in drama, this does not deter us from providing quality work for our students and audiences. Our courses help students from all majors develop skills that they can apply to their everyday lives—confidence, discipline and effective communication—while gaining practical experience in working with theater professionals.

We work closely with other departments, providing student actors and technicians for university activities such as our law school's mock trials, and social issues scenarios in the public justice, psychology and campus police departments. Another



In the highly successful comedy "I Hate Hamlet," student actor Shane MacMahon, left, crosses swords with guest artist Stephen Price, who played the part of famed dramatic actor John Barrymore.



rewarding program is Actors' Studio in Spanish, a team-taught course designed to help students improve their Spanish by performing one-act plays.

And of course, we form a natural link with the music department in staging musical productions.

Such interdisciplinary experience not only celebrates the role of theater in our lives; it extends service to others in line with our university's mission.

### Reaching Out

Reaching beyond the campus is also part of our function. For instance, London-based Aquila Productions, a theater company specializing in fresh, innovative productions of classical drama, has offered campus workshops on truth and imagination in Greek and



Shakespearean drama and performed sold-out productions of "The Iliad."

This year they followed their workshops with performances of Aristophanes' "The Birds."

Our theater program has benefitted also from another professional company, San Antonio Public Theatre, which gives hands-on experience to our drama students and plans to help us with internships.

Under the auspices of the drama

department, Open Stage Theatre at St. Mary's has grown considerably over the past eight years. Reinbolt Theatre has been renovated with new paint, new lighting equipment, a light-sound booth and new seats.

We are proud of our achievements, including critical acclaim of our shows, and of the hard work and talent our students bring to theater. Our production of "I Hate Hamlet" was nominated for three Alamo Theatre Arts Council Globe Awards: Best Director, Best Scene Design and Best Performance by a Leading Actor.

Our work reaches back to a

tradition that began in 534 B.C. in Greece, where theater was born, and a tradition that St. Mary's began more than 100 years ago. ■

**Bernadette "Bodie" Hamilton teaches and directs productions in which she often performs key roles. Her experience includes stage management, light design, and choreography for professional ballet and opera.**

**She works with the San Antonio Public Theatre and the Mexican Cultural Institute. She holds a B.A. in theater (magna cum laude) from Incarnate Word College and an M.F.A. in acting from Virginia Commonwealth University.**



Cast of "Side by Side by Sondheim," a musical tribute to Stephen Sondheim, are, front from left, Julia Brooks and John Gabriel Tellez (B.A. '97); between them, Dorothy Avalos (B.A. '95); above her from bottom up, Paul Puaodziukas, Jackie Escamilla and Greg Zouzalik (M.A. '95).

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# CLASS NOTES

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**Rev. Virgilio Elizondo, BS**, San Antonio, is the 1997 Laetare Medal recipient. The award was established in 1883 by the University of Notre Dame and recognizes "... men and women whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church, and enriched the heritage of humanity."

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**Douglas Winslow Falls, BA**, Moravian, N.C., an attorney in private practice, is on the ethics committee of the North Carolina State Bar and chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Elections.

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**Ret. Col. James Wohlfahrt, BBA**, Nacogdoches, Texas, retired from a civil service position at the office of the Army Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, The Pentagon.

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**Florentino Duran, BA, MS 77**, San Antonio, publisher and chief executive officer at Duran Duran Industries Inc., was named 1997 Outstanding Former Student of San Antonio College. He was recognized by the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce with its 1996 Business Success Award.

**James Forkenbrock, BA**, Edgewood, Iowa, retired after 34 years of teaching secondary school English. He will also retire as mayor of Edgewood after serving eight years.

**Isaac Sanchez, BS**, Austin, Texas, professor of engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.

**Tom Styles, BA**, Boerne, Texas, a practicing dentist and owner of Churchill Dental Associates, was recently listed in the International Who's Who of Professionals, the National Directory of Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, and the National Registry of Who's Who.

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**Antonio Sanchez, BBA, JD 69**, Laredo, Texas, is chairman and chief executive officer at Sanchez-O'Brien Oil & Gas Corp. and board chairman of Amtech Corp., a wireless data technology firm.

**Frank Trevino, BA**, Richmond, Texas, retired from the Texas Teacher Retirement System after 33 years of service.

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**Reynaldo Ortiz Jr., BS**, Landenberg, Pa., is international procurement manager at E.I. Dupont De Nemours & Co.

**Ignacio Pacheco, BA**, Walla Walla, Wash., is health systems administrator at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

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**James Evans Jr., BA**, Dale City, Va., is a self-employed insurance agent.

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

**Wilbert Monroe, BA**, Augusta, Ga., sergeant first class, U.S. Army, retired after 37 years as a medical laboratory scientist.

70

**A. Peter Babyak Jr., BA**, Cape Elizabeth, Maine, senior investment officer at Atlantic Bank Trust, manages client investment portfolios and all investment strategies.

**Harry Page, BA**, San Antonio, a sports columnist at the Express-News for the past 27 years, was recently inducted into the San Antonio Bowling Council's Hall of Fame. He also was awarded the city's Black Achievement Award for Journalism.

**Heidmarie Weidner, MA**, Cookeville, Tenn., assistant professor of English at Tennessee Technological University, received the university's annual Outstanding Faculty Award of Teaching.

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**Bill Emmett Ellis, BA**, Oscoda, Mich., sales vice president at Best of America Life Insurance & Brokerage, celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary.

**John Gonzales Jr., BA**, Boerne, Texas, track and cross-country coach at Trinity University, was named Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Track and Field Coach of the Year for both men's and women's teams.

**Col. Charles McManamay, BBA**, Eddyville, Ky., retired after 30 years in the Army.

**Judy Kavanagh Reynolds, BA**, Denton, Texas, medical technologist at Denton Community Hospital, celebrated her 25th wedding anniversary.

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**Praxedez De La Rosa, BBA**, San Antonio, marketing representative at Cleaning Technologies, is on the board of directors at the Edgewood Lions Club. He is also a recruiting volunteer for Americorps and VISTA (Volunteers In Service to America).

**Randall Gleason, MA**, Albuquerque, N.M., is president and chief executive officer at Norwest New Mexico Investments.

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**James Ruegg, BA**, North Providence, R.I., is assistant vice president at Amica Life Insurance Co.

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**Jack Brown, BBA**, Edinburg, Texas, is owner and broker at ERA Town & Country Real Estate.

**William Cappuccio, JD**, Hammonton, N.J., is municipal court judge in Hammonton and Buena Vista Township.

**Pamela Blume Thomas, BA**, Alpharetta, Ga., recently returned from living in Hong Kong.

## 75

**Terry Lee Dielman, MS**, Port Orchard, Wash., is a commercial pilot for United Airlines.

**Karen Feighny, MA**, Shawnee, Kan., is dean of institutional research and planning at St. Mary's College, which has campuses in Leavenworth, Kansas City and Overland Park, Kan. She was formerly an associate professor at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, Kansas City.

**Rene G. Garza, BA**, Mission, Texas, head girls basketball coach at Mission High School, was named Coach of the Year for District 31-5A and Rio Grande Valley Area. In his first year as the Lady Eagles' coach, he guided the team to its first district championship in its 21-year history.

## 76

**Curtis Wright, MA**, Camden, Del., received a doctor of education degree at Wilmington College, Del.

## 77

**Army Maj. Jamie Houston, BA**, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, completed a 12-month tour with the Multinational Force and Observers, an 11-nation peace keeping force born out of the Camp David Peace Accord in Sinai, Egypt. He served as the force dental surgeon and received a Defense Meritorious Service Award.

**Maggie De Llano Short, BA, MA 82**, San Antonio, is an employee assistance program counselor with United Health Care Corp.

## 78

**Juanita Lozano, BBA**, San Antonio, is financial reporting manager at Play-By-Play Toys & Novelties Inc.

## 79

**Karen Angelini, JD**, San Antonio, briefing attorney for the U.S. Magistrate Court, was appointed justice for the Fourth Court of Appeals District.

**Miguel Lugo Jr., BBA**, New York, N.Y., is director of finance at Goya Foods Inc., the nation's largest Hispanic-owned business.

**Debra Robles Quintanilla, BA**, San Antonio, is vice president of finance and administration at the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

## 80

**Lance Carrington, BA**, Severn, Md., is special agent in charge at the NASA Office of the Inspector General, Goddard Space Flight Center, Maryland.

**Maj. Kelly Hazel, MS**, Alamo, Texas, graduated from the College of Naval Command and Staff at the Naval War College, Newport, R.I.

**Gena Lopez, BA**, Corpus Christi, Texas, mathematics department chair at Tom Browne Middle School, was honored as a South Texas Distinguished Teacher by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

**Andrew Sejan, BA**, Loris, S.C., is a doctor in family practice at Loris Community Hospital.

## 81

**Paul Christensen, JD**, St. Croix Falls, Wis., is chief executive officer at Pack-It Bindery Inc.

**Donald Johnston, JD**, Sherman, Texas, attorney at Freels and Johnston, was named Boss of the Year by the North Texas Legal Association.

**Lt. Col. Paul Phister Jr., Rome, N.Y.**, director of the Imaging Systems Program Office at Rome Laboratory, was the Air Force judge for computer science at the 48th International Science and Engineering Fair, Louisville, Ky.

## 82

**Mark DeKoch, JD**, Corpus Christi, Texas, is an associate attorney at Chaves, Gonzales & Hoblit, L.L.P.

**C. Diane Ramirez-Shank, BS**, San Antonio, opened a private practice in therapeutic optometry.

**Darryl Smith, BA**, Belton, Texas, joined the medical staff at Metroplex Hospital.

**Samuel Whiteman, BBA**, Leesburg, Va., is a market claim manager at Allstate Insurance Co.

## 83

**Sheila Moore, BBA**, San Antonio, is program coordinator of the McNair Scholars Program, a university honors program, at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

## 84

**Cliff Rose, JD**, Fredericksburg, Va., is an attorney in private practice at Rose & Wall, P.C.

## 85

**Dave Blackmon, BA**, Brownsville, Texas, is a Texas history teacher at Olivera Middle School in the Brownsville Independent School District.

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

**Scott McKee, BA**, San Diego, Calif., opened a private law practice emphasizing employment termination, discrimination and harassment in San Diego.

**Kimberly Van Delden Voges, BA**, San Antonio, graduated from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School.

## 86

**Catherine Hudson, class of 86**, Ballwin, Mo., is a sales consultant at Reflection Cove Apartments.

**Stacey Isenberg, BBA**, San Antonio, is executive assistant to the vice president of treatment at the San Antonio Water Systems.

## 87

**Rossana Barouski, BBA, MBA 89**, Clarendon Hills, Ill., is the manager of distribution accounts for the Hispanic market in Chicago at Nestle, USA.

**Margarita Flores, BBA**, San Antonio, is manager of corporate relations in Texas at Anheuser-Busch Co.

## 88

**Mary E. Burch, BA, MA 92, MS 94**, San Antonio, is an administrative intern with the City of Cibolo, Texas.

**Daryl Derryberry, BBA**, Tyler, Texas, is a partner at Cooper, Flowers, Davis, Fraser & Derryberry, L.L.P.

## 89

**Zona Jones, JD**, Beaumont, Texas, is a rising country singing star and an attorney at Bernsen, Jamail & Goodsen.

**Maj. Evelyn Rockwell, MS**, Newport News, Va., is chief of models and simulator intelligence for the Air Force air staff in Washington, D.C.

# 91

**Janie DeLuna-Remling, BBA, MBA** 93, San Antonio, is a trainer and personnel specialist with the Human Resources Department of the City of San Antonio. She also is involved through work and as a volunteer with United Way and Habitat for Humanity.

**Pete Kleffner, BBA**, San Antonio, is a financial systems analyst at Tesoro Petroleum Corp.

**Sandra Sandoval, BBA**, San Antonio, is inside sales manager at Performance Technology.

# 92

**Catherine McAdams Brophy, BBA**, Austin, Texas, is a senior auditor at Ernst & Young, L.L.P.

**Paul Buckner, JD**, Lincoln, Texas, opened a private law practice in Giddings, Texas.

**Edmundo Garcia, BBA**, Elsa, Texas, is an account executive at United Parcel Service in McAllen, Texas.

**Craig Guillen, BBA**, Bellevue, Wash., is a territory sales manager at CarQuest.

**Richard Klar, BS**, San Antonio, is an environmental geologist at Raba-Kistner Consultants Inc.

**Christopher Medellin, BS**, Houston, will attend the obstetrics-gynecology residency program at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

**Norna Villa, BS**, Irving, Texas, is marketing and service coordinator at Delta Dental Insurance Co.

**Dorothy Yanta, BBA**, Devine, Texas, is a nutrition education assistant in Medina County.

# 93

**Valerie Ferreira, BBA**, Astoria, N.Y., is a special events coordinator at the New York Marriott Marquis.

**Gloria Melissa Villagan-Pinckard, BA**, Austin, Texas, is a licensed real estate broker.

# 94

**Alma Castaneda, BA**, San Antonio, received her master's degree in psychology from Texas A&M University, Kingsville.

**Jacob Flores, BA, MA 96**, Victoria, Texas, is an English instructor at Victoria College.

**Fatima Gonzalez, BA**, Weslaco, Texas, teaches third grade at A.M. Ochoa Elementary School.

**Richard Ott, BS**, Webster, Texas, descent flight design engineer at Barrios Technology, is working on the team that lands the space shuttle.

**Robert Ramirez III, BBA**, College Station, Texas, is a graduate assistant and student at Texas A&M University, College of Business.

**David Schoen, BBA**, San Antonio, is an account executive at Dean Witter.

**Palmira Trevino Soto, BS**, San Antonio, teaches high school in the Edgewood Independent School District.

# 95

**Kathleen Brown, BA**, Rockford, Ill., is a youth minister at the Diocese of Rockford Office of Family Life and Youth Ministry.

**Kevin Maguire, BS**, Winder, Ga., is a software engineer at Mitsubishi Consumer Electronics America.

**Paula J. Walsh, JD**, Dallas, is an associate attorney at Speiser, Krause & Madole, P.C.

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# 96

**Kevin Baker, JD**, Dallas, is an attorney at Touchstone, Bernays, Johnston, Beall & Smith.

**Tomas Espinosa, BBA**, Rolla, Mo., is a circulation auditor at the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

**Laura Gabrysch, JD**, San Antonio, is an associate attorney at Duncan, Ulman, Weakley, Glass & Bressler Inc.

**Joanne Garza, BA**, San Antonio, is an acquisitions clerk at the St. Mary's University Academic Library.

**David Hoffmann, BA**, San Antonio, is the men's and women's soccer coach at Schreiner College, Kerrville.

**Diane Hurley, BA**, San Antonio, is a teacher and coach with the South San Antonio Independent School District.

**Yvonne Knight, JD**, Austin, Texas, opened Knight & Associates, a government relations/legislative consulting firm.

**Lourdes Pizana, Ph.D.**, San Antonio, is chief executive officer at Rosa Verde Family Health Group.

**David Zahrieh, BA**, Lombard, Ill., is serving in the U.S. Peace Corps in St. Vincent, West Indies.

# 97

**Michael Buadoo, MS**, San Antonio, is a computer software engineer at Electronic Data Systems.

**Michael Dunne, BBA**, San Antonio, is a staff auditor at Arthur Andersen.

**Virginia Martinez, BAM**, San Antonio, is an administrative assistant at USA A.

**Mark Moreno, BA**, San Antonio, is a contract management associate at Harcourt Brace Educational Measurement.

## Marriages

**M. Stella Tenorio, BA 75**, to Edward De La Garza, San Antonio, Dec. 14, 1996.

**Liza Calderon, BBA 84**, to Michael Briseno, San Antonio, Jan. 18, 1997.

**Conyetta Gaus, JD 87**, to Joseph Swaney, Yoakum, Texas, Oct. 5, 1996.

**Donna Espey, BBA 89**, to John Dickson, San Antonio, May 17, 1997.

**Monica Diaz, BA 90**, to Johnny Aguillon, San Antonio, Dec. 28, 1996.

**Sandra Kiolbassa, BA 90**, to Charles Grabow, BBA 92, San Antonio, April 12, 1997.

**Kenneth Netardus, BBA 90**, to Hillary Smith, Wichita Falls, Texas, April 5, 1997.

**Griselda Sanchez, BA 90**, to Thomas Hartigan, San Antonio, Dec. 21, 1996.

**Jerry Rumpf, BBA 91**, to Cassey Bentley, Houston, June 14, 1997.

**Alan Weast, JD 91**, to Traci Flynn, Fort Worth, Texas, April 4, 1997.

**Lori Mulady, MA 92**, to David Smith, San Antonio, April 19, 1997.

**Anna Marie Ang, BA 93**, to Kenneth Thompson, Dallas, Jan. 4, 1997.

**Mario Garza, BS 93**, to Kimberly Contreras, San Antonio, April 12, 1997.

**Gregory Gray, JD 93**, to Sarah Fisher, Dallas, Oct. 26, 1996.

**Tresa Hermes, BA 93**, to Stephen Kyle Thornton, BBA 95, Victoria, Texas, May 31, 1997.

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Alfonso Soto Jr., BBA 93, to Diana De la Rosa, Brownsville, Texas, Dec. 28, 1996.

David Balmer, JD 94, to Holly Harrison, San Antonio, June 14, 1997.

Imelda Lopez, BBA 94, to Isaac Martinez, San Antonio, Feb. 22, 1997.

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

Yvonne Morales, BA 95, to Larry Correa, San Antonio, June 14, 1997.

Andrea Prado, BBA 95, to Eric Gutierrez, San Antonio, Jan. 4, 1997.

Margarita Acebedo, BBA 96, to Edward De Leon, San Antonio, Sept. 21, 1996.

Jasen Hart, MBA 96, to Cyndy Davis, McAllen, Texas, Dec. 7, 1996.

Daphne Ingram, MBA 96, to Andreas McConnie, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 21, 1996.

Anna Lisa Rodriguez, MBA 96, to Eduardo Garcia, San Antonio, Feb. 22, 1997.

Maria Elena Rodriguez, BA 96, to Dominic Trevino, San Antonio, May 24, 1997.

Mary Elizabeth Morales, BA 97, to Paul Silva, BA 95, San Antonio, May 31, 1997.

## Births

Annalisa Nicolette to Velma and Marco Gomez, BA 73, San Antonio, May 20, 1997.

Jessica Lauren to Terry and Brian Brady, BA 78, San Antonio, May 31, 1997.

Jonathan Lee Jr. to Terry and Jonathan Ripley, BA 79, Plano, Texas, Jan. 15, 1997.

Isabella Marisa and Grayson Andrew to Karen Montemayor DuBose, BS 80, and Calvin DuBose, Roswell, Ga., Feb. 28, 1997.

Phillip Niles to Norma Burke, BA 81, and Steve Burke, San Antonio, March 16, 1997.



### Henry "Pete" Van de Putte Jr., BA 72

Pete Van de Putte has advanced from waving a high school band baton to the business of waving and selling banners and flags.

After being a high school band director for almost 10 years, he is now the president of his family's business, Dixie Flag Manufacturing Co., a firm awarded the 1995 Small Business Administration Award. He credits his success to "doing things his way." "Personalized service—that's the way to build a successful business and satisfy customers," he says. His goal: involvement with the community through his strong business connections. A man of quick wit with a flare for one-liners, he credits his strong involvement with his community to his St. Mary's education.

At Dixie Flag, Van de Putte works on publicizing his company, and it seems to have worked. You may have noticed some of Dixie Flags' banners prominently displayed at events such as Republican national conventions, NBA All-Star games, Superbowls and the successful ESPN X-Games competitions.

Boards on which he serves include the Texas Festivals and Events Association and the International Festivals Association Education Foundation.

Van de Putte lives in San Antonio with his wife, Leticia, and their six children. ■

Robert Porter and Richard David to Mary Hitchery, JD 82, and Larry Hitchery, Dallas, March 3, 1997.

Annalisa Michelle to Irene Rangel Mitschke, BBA 82, and George Mitschke, Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 19, 1996.

Daniel Lee to Joan and Chris Edelen, BBA 83, Chesterfield, Mo., Feb. 19, 1997.

Marco Estefan to Cynthia Flores Amaya, BA 85, MA 88 and Hector Amaya Jr., BA 84, Owensboro, Ky., Jan. 20, 1997.

Ian Christopher to Laurie Brewer Johnson, BA 85, and Scot Johnson, Austin, Texas, April 1, 1997.

Andrew Stephen to Debra Raab Penschorn, BBA 85, and Robert Penschorn, Houston, May 30, 1997.

Graham Andrew to Beth Powell, MBA 85, and David Powell, San Antonio, May 10, 1997.

Ryan Patrick to Kathryn Corcoran, BBA 86, and Randy Corcoran, Albuquerque, N.M., April 10, 1997.

Michael Charles to Joann Perez, BA 86, and Luis Perez, Amarillo, Texas, May 7, 1997.

Kathryn Wyatt to Leigh Ann and Todd Deatherage, JD 88, Irving, Texas, Oct. 14, 1996.

Claire Elizabeth to Simone Norris, BS 88, and Robert Norris, Misawa, Japan, June 15, 1997.

Kristen Danielle to Beatriz Sabo, BA 88, and Frank Sabo, BS 86, JD 89, McAllen, Texas, Feb. 27, 1997.

Patrick William to Brenna and Robert Malone, BBA 89, St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 13, 1996.

Alexander Joseph to Karen Schroeder-Tabary, BBA 88, JD 93, and Michael Tabary, Dallas, Dec. 4, 1996.

Katherine Elizabeth to Lisa Quillin, BS 88, and Michael Quillin, BS 89, Eugene, Ore., April 21, 1997.

Samantha Ryan to Shelli Keller, BA 90, and Steven Keller, BBA 90, San Antonio, May 7, 1997.

Deborah Ruth to Candace Beideck, BA 91, and Dave Beideck, Dallas, March 12, 1997.

Henry Lee Jr. to **Carla Davila, BBA 91**, and **Henry Davila, BBA 91**, Garland, Texas, Dec. 17, 1996.

Malcolm Andrew to **Julie Crockett Graham, JD 91**, and **Marshall W. Graham Jr., JD 94**, Harlingen, Texas, Jan. 19, 1997.

Austin Michael to **Jennifer Zapalac Lezak, BA 91**, and **David Lezak**, Angleton, Texas, April 13, 1997.

Julia Inez to **Kathryn Schaper, MA 91**, and **Mark Schaper**, Victoria, Texas, Jan. 20, 1997.

Colin Charles to **Kerri Trainer, BBA 91, MBA 96**, and **Damon Trainer**, San Antonio, March 6, 1997.

Sydney Corinne to **Sandi Szecsy Wolff, BBA 92**, and **Kevin Wolff, BBA 91**, San Antonio, June 5, 1997.

Edwin Manuel to **Rebecca Wright, BS 92**, and **Roderick Wright Jr., BBA 91**, San Antonio, March 22, 1997.

Alexandra to **Denice Lopez, BBA 93**, and **Filiberto Lopez**, Laredo, Texas, May 1, 1997.

Alexander Michael to **Tracy Boland, BA 94**, and **Shawn Boland**, Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 12, 1996.

Rudolfo L. to **Katrina Villarreal, BBA 94**, and **Rudy Villarreal**, Hoover, Ala., Dec. 2, 1996.

James Thomas to **Michelle Miller, BA 95**, and **Trey Miller**, San Antonio, May 27, 1997.

Paloma Maria to **Anna Torres, JD/MA 96**, and **Rudy Torres Jr., BBA 90**, San Antonio, June 2, 1997.



## DAVID CRAFT, BA 71

What do Shakespeare and the business of home developing have in common? Plenty, according to David Craft, Chicago's Builder of the Year. When training home sales employees, Craft remembers the tough class lectures of the late Brother Louis A. Schuster, S.M., professor of English and noted Shakespearean authority. Brother Schuster insisted his students learn exact passages from the Bard's prose, Craft recalls.

"He made us memorize lines, acts and scenes," and it's that same exactness of language that Craft requires in sales associates. "They must remember exact lines and key phrases and know how to deliver them just as we did in Shakespearean plays," he explains. The division president at Ryland Homes in Chicago, Craft is credited for reviving Ryland's business.

Craft's selling experience dates from his St. Mary's days. After completing undergraduate studies, he was appointed to the St. Mary's Admissions Office, where he worked for six years selling St. Mary's to students in the Missouri, Ohio, Nebraska and Kansas areas.

"Many students were attracted to St. Mary's for its Marianist tradition and cultural diversity, so enrolling them from northern states wasn't uncommon," Craft recalls. A highly successful recruiter of students in the late '70s, he was a perfect candidate for dean of students, a position he held in 1976.

Though Craft left St. Mary's to pursue a different career, his love for the university remains strong. As a volunteer for the Admissions Office, he still helps sell St. Mary's to prospective students in the Chicago area by participating in college recruiting days. He now lives in Schaumburg, Ill., with his wife, Dale, and their college-bound children, Matt and Tim. ■

## In Memoriam

**O. Earl Lowe, BA 32**, Parma, Ohio, died March 17, 1997.

**Ret. Lt. Col. Harry Hensley, BA 35**, Colorado Springs, Colo., died April 19, 1997.

**Joseph Gastring, BS 49**, Tequesta, Fla., died March 11, 1997.

**Edward Graham, class of 50**, San Antonio, died Dec. 23, 1996.

**James Morgan, BS 50, MA 61**, San Antonio, died April 23, 1997.

**Lon Travis, class of 50**, San Antonio, died March 12, 1997.

**James Rossi, BA 51**, Corpus Christi, Texas, died June 16, 1997.

**Brother George Malecek, S.M., BBA 53**, San Antonio, died April 13, 1997.

**Otwin Boecker, BBA 63**, Seguin, Texas, died Jan. 19, 1997.

**Robert Deegan, BA 63**, Uvalde, Texas, died Nov. 15, 1996.

**Master Sgt. Richard Escoto, BA 63**, San Antonio, died April 22, 1997.

**Juan Balditt, BA 70**, San Antonio, died Jan. 14, 1997.

**Alexander Suarez Jr., BA 71**, San Antonio, died March 10, 1996.

**Jimmie Bowers, MA 73**, Boerne, Texas, died Jan. 25, 1997.

**Pete Sandoval, BA 73, MS 76**, Houston, died Jan. 10, 1997.

**Ronald Mallet, BA 78**, San Antonio, died July 1, 1997. ■



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## Rev. Charles W. Neumann, S.M. (1923-1997)

**T**he Rev. Charles W. Neumann, S.M., a revered Marianist priest and nationally known Marian scholar, died in San Antonio May 9 at age 74.

He served first as St. Mary's acting president in 1961 and then as president in 1962-63, the year the university opened its doors to women. His first assignment at St. Mary's was in 1959 as director of the religious community and professor of classical languages.

Neumann taught theology at St. Mary's for 28 years until his retirement in 1995.

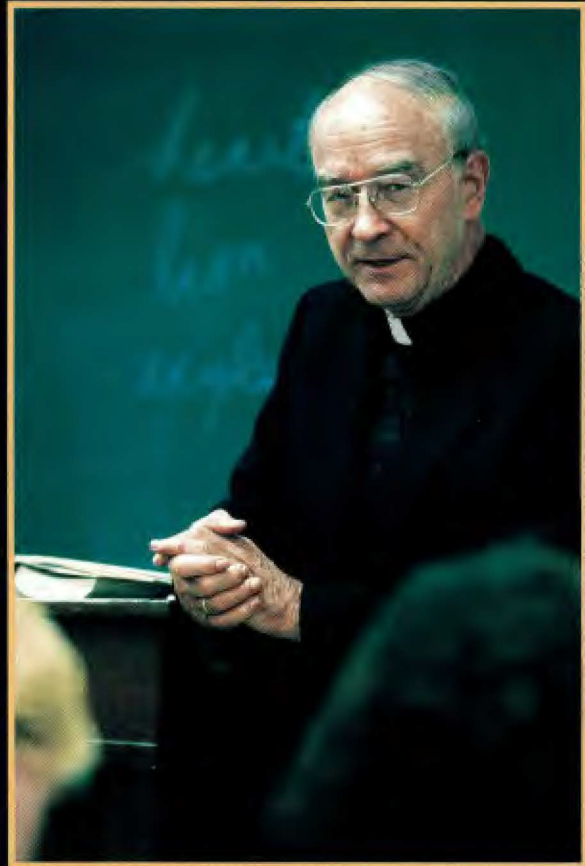
He was president of the Mariological Society of America from 1971-73, named Knight of the Holy Sepulcher by Pope John Paul II in 1989, and elevated to Knight Commander in 1994.

A San Antonio native, he attended the Marianists' Central Catholic High School, where he was inspired by the brothers and priests to follow in their footsteps.

After professing vows in 1940, he attended the University of Dayton for his bachelor's degree in philosophy. He was ordained in 1952, and completed his doctorate in sacred theology at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, in 1954.

Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church has dedicated its renovated Shrine Chapel, blessed by Bishop Bernard E. Popp, as a memorial to Father Neumann. He was instrumental in founding the parish.

In his "Ode to a Priest and Good Friend," alumnus Mike G. Pagonis (B.M.E. '59) writes, "I knew him as a priest, teacher, confessor, educator—but mostly as a friend. If ever a man was born to be in heaven, praying for you and me, that was Father Charles."



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