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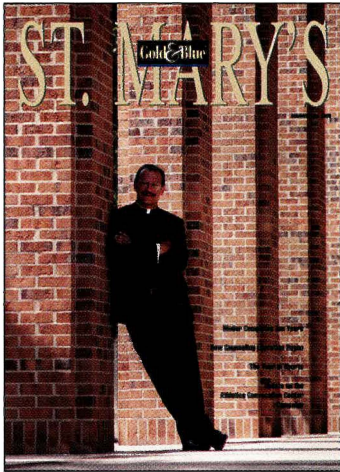


**Moder Completes Ten Years**

**How Counseling Education Began**

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**Update on the  
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## Cover

A smiling President Moder, relaxed against an academic library pillar on the front cover, sets the stage for our story inside celebrating his first 10 years in office.

As you read through his thoughts on leadership and the University's list of accomplishments during his watch, you will see him pictured in the many roles a priest-president is called upon to fulfill: long hours at his desk as he studies the mass of material that he must consider; in a tranquil moment vested for Mass; in a friendly stroll with a student on campus; and in informal garb, hammer in hand, helping build a home for the needy.

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To many of us at St. Mary's, the 10 years our president has been in office seem to have gone by in a flash. Maybe that's because his hand on the helm has been quietly but steadily guiding the University's progress.

In a conversation reviewing his first decade as president, the Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D. ('70), explains his leadership style.

Sister Grace Luther's description of the career of Brother Belka, S.M., Ph.D., may awaken vivid memories in alumni who studied with him – and with whom he loves to keep in touch.

Conference championships for Rattler teams and many individual student awards characterized another great year for athletics.

And don't overlook our reminder that the Campaign for the Athletics Convocation Center must wrap up in January 1999, so the University is looking to alumni to help out with the final \$2.2 million . . .

*Sylvia McLaren, editor*

# ENERGY and LEADERSHIP

## President Moder's First Ten Years

by Diane Abdo (B.A. '72)

**It's not because John Wayne starred in a movie about the Alamo, or because of his straight-talking style and swaggering gait. It's the western hero's philosophy that St. Mary's President, the Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D., likes so much.**



"It's not so much being fast or even accurate that counts," Wayne's character advises a teenager he is teaching to shoot. "It's being willing."

It may seem ironic that a philosophy professor turned university president would look to a western hero's musings for inspiration. But at the crossroads of his 50th birthday and completion of a decade at the helm of the oldest and largest Catholic university in Texas and the Southwest,

Moder is both philosophical and practical.

"A typical philosopher would be reluctant to make decisions," he says. "While I'm interested in theory and investigation, the point of life is action, and to get to action you have to make decisions. I'm willing to do that."

Moder made a key lifetime decision right after high school when he joined the Marianist Order in St. Louis, Mo. As a student brother he began his association with St. Mary's in 1966, studying English and philosophy. Graduating summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in 1970, he later earned master's and doctoral degrees in philosophy from Fordham University in New York.

After several years of teaching high school and seminary training in Toronto, Moder returned to St. Mary's in 1979 as an assistant professor of philosophy. This time he was on the other side of the desk, a colleague of the professors who had been his mentors.

In 1988, Moder seized the opportunity to become more instrumental in the University's growth when St. Mary's formed a search committee to choose a new president.

"I recognized we were coming to a transition in leadership," he explains, "and the pool of available religious for the job was not large. At this juncture, it was important to have one more Marianist at the helm."



**“St. Mary’s is fortunate to have one of the most outstanding religious leaders of our time at the helm of the University. Father John reflects all the values that St. Mary’s stands for, and through his example, he has helped mold scores of future leaders during the past decade.”**

**Bill Greehey (B.B.A. '60), chairman and chief executive officer, Valero Energy Corp.**

Moder decided to present himself as a presidential candidate, and though he had not come through the administrative ranks as might be expected, he was propelled by his desire to be “useful to the Marianist Society.”

Characteristically self-effacing, Moder says with a grin, “If I’d been voting on myself, I might have been concerned about my limited administrative experience, but I knew the job was doable.” So, he submitted his application, citing opportunities and risks his candidacy would bring to the position.

Excerpts from his application provide a glimpse of the young president’s leadership style that would characterize the next 10 years. He included the comments quoted below in his bid for the position.

**“I offer my youth and considerable energy for this job.”**

Chosen as St. Mary’s 11th president at age 39, Moder remembers his youthful appearance disarmed some. “The first response of people when I

took the position was ‘Gosh, you’re much too young to be president of anything!’ ” he remembers. “But coming directly out of the faculty and being relatively young, the students could feel at home with me.”

Interaction with students has been a distinguishing characteristic of Moder’s administrative style. He often may be found visiting with them in the Quadrangle or working alongside them to build a Habitat for Humanity home.

There is, however, a quiet side to Moder. When he wants to relax, he dons backpack and hiking boots to spend a week in the Smoky Mountains, the Sierra Nevadas or Big Bend.

“Students are shocked when I tell them I’m an introvert,” he says. “But I enjoy time alone – it balances the rigors of the job.”

**“I can bring a freshness and vitality to the job that is important to a forward-looking university.”**

Dedication to a healthy lifestyle and exercise has given Moder the stamina to maintain the 70 to 80-hour work week the presidency often demands. “It’s not that the job is difficult,” he says. “It’s that it’s so relentless. I think that’s why presidents like building projects – once you build the building, it’s there, complete. Most other issues in education are perennial – they keep coming back in other forms.”

The image of an energetic president has created a youthful image for the University, which although close to

**“I admire Father John Moder for the many great qualities he possesses. Students have shared with me that they love him because he makes himself available to them and does not come across as a leader to be feared.**

**“In spite of his many duties, he makes time to participate in many civic and religious activities. I am happy that he does not lock himself up in the fine institution that is St. Mary’s University. He brings his knowledge and experience with the community to St. Mary’s.”**

**The Most Rev. Patrick Flores,  
Archbishop of San Antonio**

150 years old, is “young, energetic and forward-moving,” Moder says.

**“At heart, I’m a practical person.”**

As a classroom teacher, Moder was accustomed to challenging students to explore their own ideas, to weigh and analyze all the possibilities of an issue. When urged by students to reveal his own opinions, he would respond, “It doesn’t matter what I think; what matters is what you think.”

As president, however, such an approach is not practical, he explains. His job requires thoughtful discussions that result in definitive conclusions – pinpointing goals without flinching.

“It’s not how good you are, but how willing you are to make the best decision you can,” he says. “Admit when you’ve made a mistake, but when you want to get things done, you must decide.”

**“I listen extremely well.”**

Inviting input from all facets of the University community to work as a team is the key to making the best decisions, Moder believes. “Very few things in university life need to be decided today. You get the best advice possible and then make a decision, 95 percent of which are brought about by

consensus. All this is balanced by listening,” he says of the decision-making responsibilities of the president.

As Moder begins his fourth term as president, he wants St. Mary’s students to remember the University for “the same things that attracted them in the first place – a sense of community and a quality education.”

He, in turn, may look back on the first 10 years of his tenure as a time of growth, prestige and service to the community. During his watch, St. Mary’s has:

**Developed the city’s first academic Ph.D. program (in counseling)**

**Opened the Center for Legal and Social Justice at the School of Law**

**Initiated semester abroad programs in London and Mexico**

**Begun the School of Business and Administration Innsbruck, Austria Summer Program**

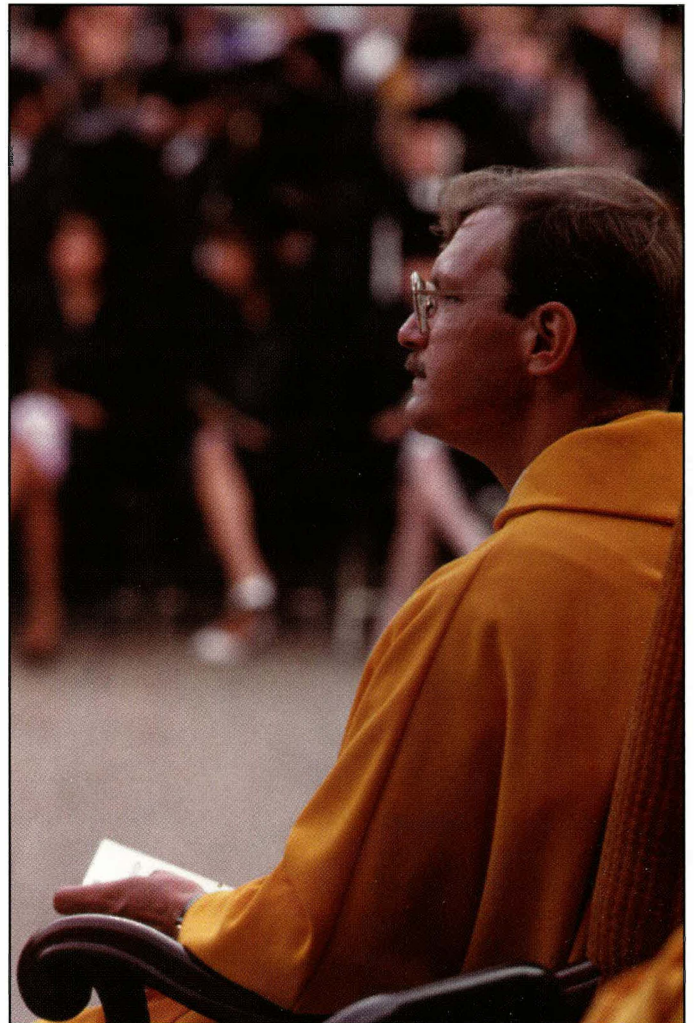
**Constructed three residence halls and the University Center**

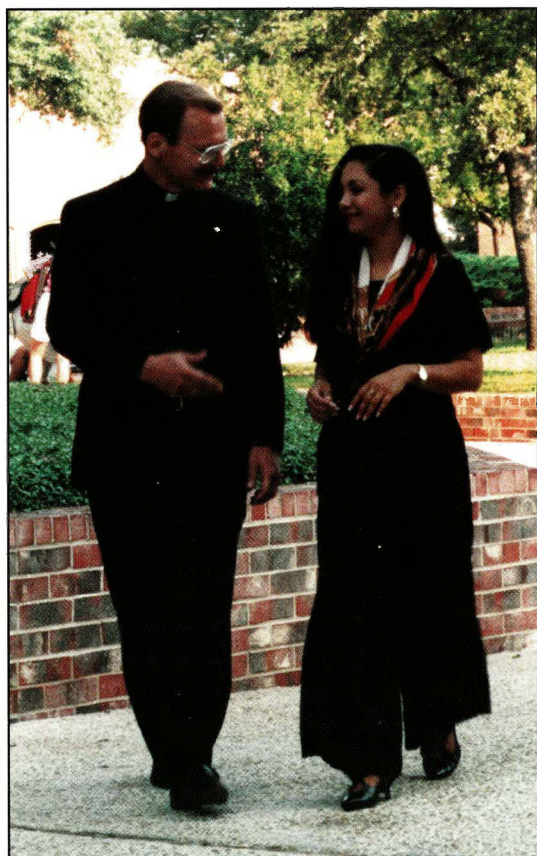
**Initiated the Athletics Convocation Center Campaign**

**Earned accreditation of the School of Business and Administration by the AACSB-International Association for Management Education**

Though the credits are impressive, Moder remains humble when evaluating his accomplishments. Teamwork, he says, continues to be the mainstay of his administration and the reason St. Mary’s ranks as one of the country’s best values in higher education.

“If you’re the least bit honest with yourself,” he says, “you know that





**“Father Moder’s leadership has extended far beyond the St. Mary’s campus. San Antonio and Bexar County are fortunate that he shares his time and talents.**

**“Through his service as chairman of the board of Communities in Schools and as a member of the board of the San Antonio Education Partnership, he has demonstrated great foresight in helping to prepare the next generation of college students.**

**“Through his involvement with United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, he has helped develop community-based solutions to social problems affecting educational needs at all levels.”**

**Cyndi Taylor Krier,  
Bexar County Judge**

there’s very little you can do alone. Significant examples of team effort are St. Mary’s recognition as the best value among colleges and universities in the West and our success as a premier private Hispanic-serving institution in the U.S.”

Moder admits, however, that sometimes the best decision is being too slow on the draw. “Some great things have happened,” he says,” because I didn’t say “No’ fast enough!”



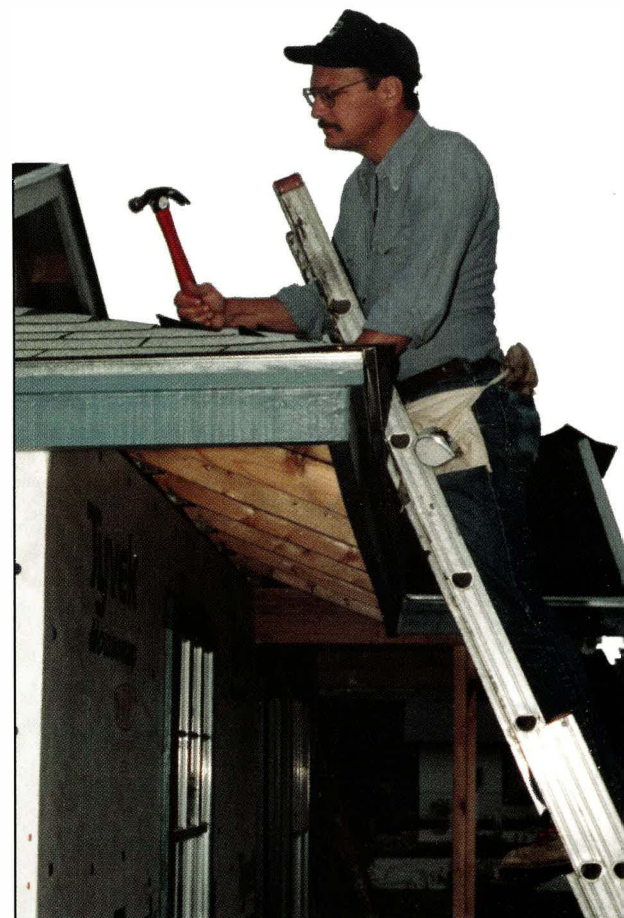
**Abdo and Father Moder first crossed paths as staff writers on The Rattler student**

**newspaper. Abdo later got a master’s degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA). She is married to San Antonio attorney Richard Noll (B.A. ’72, J.D. ’75). Both have kept involved with St. Mary’s. Abdo is a former president of the alumni association, and Noll a former president of the law school’s alumni association. Abdo teaches English at UTSA and advises the weekly newspaper, “The Paisano.” She owns Communication Consultants, San Antonio. ■**

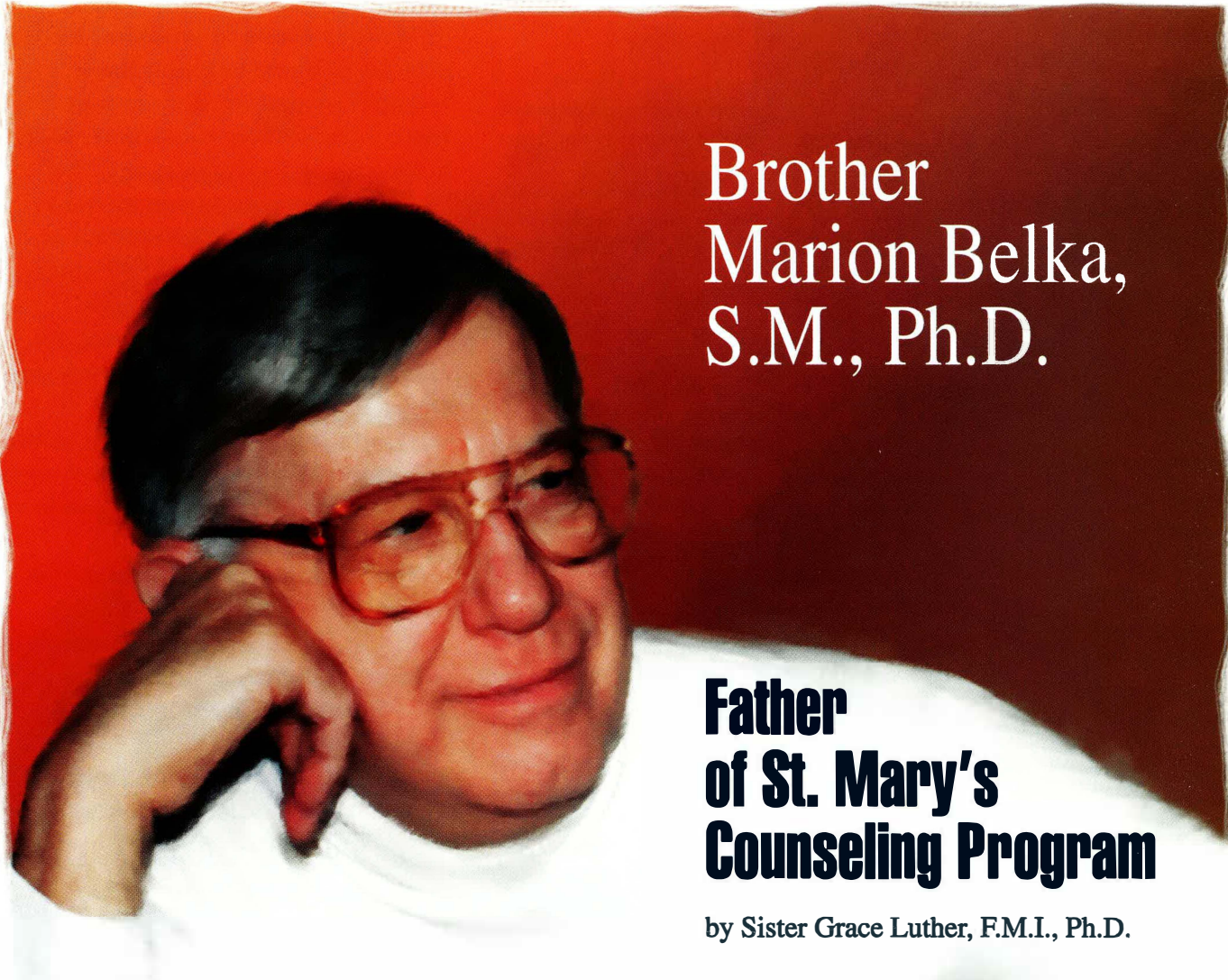
**“Father Moder’s wisdom, caring, energy and enthusiasm have brought him great success as St. Mary’s University president. With his gentle encouragement, the University worked hard to meet and exceed his expectations of students, faculty and staff alike.**

**His past decade has been impressive. By all measures, St. Mary’s has grown in presence and stature to the benefit of its students and graduates. We in the San Antonio community have warm feelings for Father Moder and his personal and professional successes. As he completes his first decade of leadership, it is appropriate that we recognize his achievements.”**

**John P. Howe III, M.D.,  
president,  
The University of Texas  
Health Science Center  
at San Antonio**







# Brother Marion Belka, S.M., Ph.D.

## Father of St. Mary's Counseling Program

by Sister Grace Luther, F.M.I., Ph.D.

**I**n a quiet corner at the Marianist Residence, Dr. Marion Belka, S.M., lives practically unknown to the St. Mary's University community, for like many of our revered Marianists, gone is his high visibility of the late '50s and '60s. He served as chair of the education department from 1959 to 1964 and vice president of student personnel services from 1965 to 1970. And perhaps most notable, Belka created an innovative counselor education program which evolved into today's department of counseling and human services.

With a Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame, Brother Marion arrived at St. Mary's in 1958. He became chairman of the education department (its tenth within 15 years) at a time when the Texas Education Agency, whose responsibilities include Texas public schools' accreditation, funding and curriculum development, was concerned about the rapid turnover of the St. Mary's education department's personnel and the quality of its faculty and leadership.

### Training Counselors

A compelling interest in training counselors led Brother Marion to establish a model counselor education program at St. Mary's. With heavy emphasis on practicum experience, i.e. practical training in a supervised counseling environment at local high schools and junior colleges, it was a unique program for its day. More uncommon was the ethics course requirement Brother Marion considered

critical in preparing counselors, the only such requirement at a Texas college or university.

St. Mary's awarded its first counselor education degrees, the master of arts in student personnel services, in 1964 at a time when counseling was a fledgling profession in Texas. The field was just beginning to expand beyond post-World War II rehabilitation and veterans' counseling specialties, for there was still prejudice against counseling for mental and emotional problems.

To stimulate interest in the counseling field and support for its professionals, Brother Marion collaborated with leaders of the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Texas Personnel and Guidance Association (TPGA), an organization developed to support and enhance the counseling profession. He worked doggedly to knit together counselors throughout Texas, foster cooperation

## How Counseling Developed

In 1976 the counselor education program founded by Brother Marion Belka, S.M., Ph.D., was moved from the University's education department to a newly established department of human services. As curriculum offerings and student enrollment grew, the department was renamed the department of counseling and human services.

Robert Babcock, Ph.D., current chairman of the department says, "There's no question that Brother Marion is the father of our counseling programs. He had a vision in the late '50s that few had at the time, and his legacy lives on at St. Mary's."

The department's degree offerings have expanded over the years to include master of arts degrees in counseling with concentrations in community counseling, mental health counseling and marriage and family therapy.

In 1989, St. Mary's University led the field by offering the first academic doctoral programs in southwest Texas – the Ph.D. in counseling with concentrations in mental health and marriage and family therapy.

between TPGA and TEA, enhance the role of school counselors and improve counselor education programs. By this time he had edited "Being and Becoming," a four-volume series of standard high school guidance books.

## National Recognition

During his association presidency in 1963-64, TPGA excelled, achieving national recognition as a state branch of the American Personnel and Guidance Association (APGA), now the American Counseling Association (ACA). By the early '70s, Brother Marion was well known and respected across Texas for his professional ideals

and dedicated contributions to counseling and counselor education. He initiated "TPGA Journal," the first publication of its kind for Texas guidance and personnel professionals, which still exists today.

In quite a different position as vice president of St. Mary's student personnel services from 1965 to 1970, Brother Marion faced the difficult challenge of keeping peace on campus during an era of student demonstrations and unrest. His next job, 1970 to 1973, was as a member of the St. Louis Province formation team, helping the Rev. David Fleming, S.M., train young Marianists. As well, he began work in the St. Louis Province secondary education office and became its director from 1973 to 1976.

## Developing Faith Communities

Beginning in 1976, Brother Marion collaborated with Sister Marion Hosinski, F.S.M., to design interactive workshops and retreats that would develop faith communities and communities of reconciliation. They traveled the world, sharing their expertise in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, and with English-speaking groups in Brazil, Peru, the Holy Land and the West Indies. By the late 1970s, "the Marions" had become widely known nationally as positive and supportive influences in the field of human development.

## Later Careers

Still not through with his career, in the '80s Brother Marion was hired by St. Benedict's Health Center, a holistic health organization in Madison, Wisconsin. He also began the House of Prayer in the nearby town of East Bristol, Wisconsin. Eventually, he and Sister Marion established the Marions' Support System Integrated Health and Care Center, where they developed a successful rehabilitation program for people with chronic and life-threatening illnesses.

Because of their own health reasons, "the Marions" closed the center in 1994 and Brother Marion

## Specialized National Accreditation

**Community Counseling (M.A.):** CACREP-Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**Counselor Education and Supervision (Ph.D.):** CACREP-Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs

**Marriage and Family Therapy (M.A.):** COAMFTE-Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education

**Marriage and Family Therapy (Ph.D.):** Candidate for COAMFTE-Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education accreditation

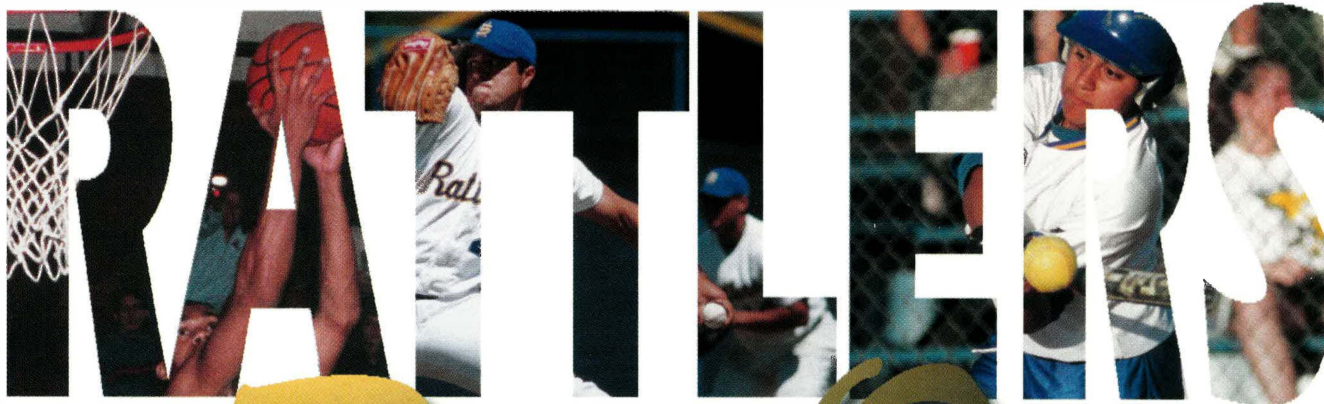
retired to the St. Mary's University Marianist Residence, where, he says, he entered "a ministry of presence, writing and spiritual direction." Through calls, letters, cards and visits, he maintains a network of friends, former associates, students and people seeking help. He has joined a Christian Living Community (CLC) group and audits one St. Mary's course a semester to, as he says, "keep my brain cells working." Last year he received an award from alumni of the counseling program, recognizing him as the "Founder of Counselor Education" at St. Mary's.

This worthy son of Father Chaminade continues his life of ministry throughout his wisdom years. Give him a phone call to get acquainted . . . or re-acquainted. ■



**Sister Grace Luther, F.M.I., Ph.D.,** retired from the St. Mary's department of counseling and human services in 1996 after 24 years of teaching, including service as department chairwoman from 1974 to 1981, having earned a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1972.

**Sister Grace, however, is not truly retired. Still active in the counseling profession part-time, her ministry is counseling and marriage and family therapy. Sister Grace is also writing a history of her order, the American Daughters of Mary. She lives at Our Lady of the Pillar Marianist Community in San Antonio.**



by Twister Marquiss,  
Sports Writer Intern

# Roll On

**St. Mary's athletic teams had another spectacular year, including conference championships from men's and women's teams, and multiple awards for student-athletes at the conference, regional and national levels.**

## Men's Soccer

Men's soccer, with a 17-3 record (9-1 in conference), stole the 1997 Heart of Texas (HOT) conference championship from the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW). While seven players received all-conference honors and two all-region honors, Anh Tran and Que Willis were named Honorable Mention All-Americans.

## Women's Soccer

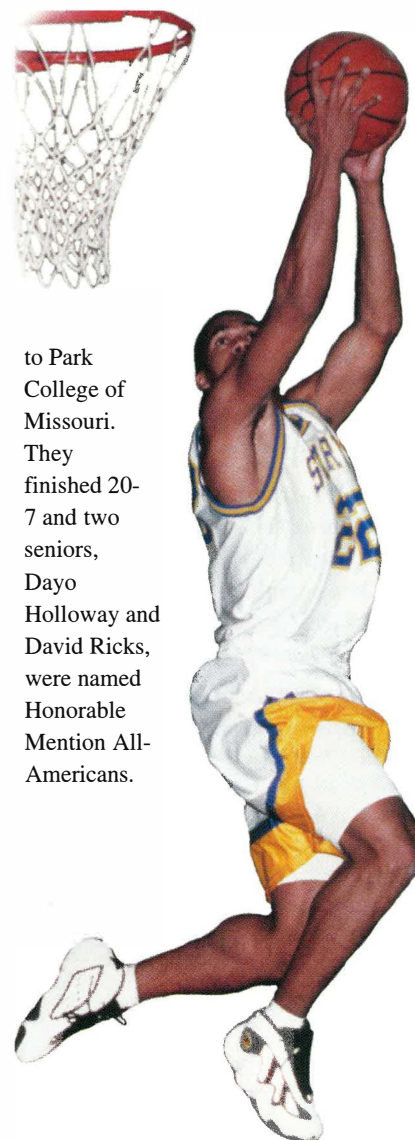
The women's team also took the HOT conference title from UIW, finishing 15-2-2 (7-1 in conference play). Kelly Shaughnessy was named Honorable Mention All-American, four players placed on the all-region team and seven received all-conference recognition. Men's and women's coach, Lance Noble, was HOT Conference Coach of the Year.

## Volleyball

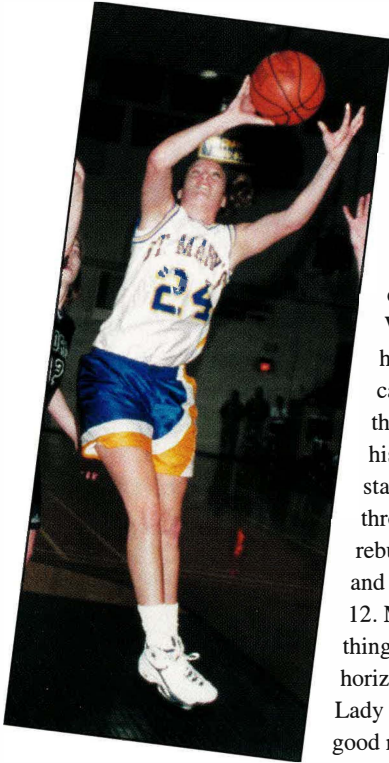
The Lady Rattlers volleyball team made another trip to the NAIA National Tournament, in Kankakee, Ill., posting a 28-13 record. The team was a national qualifier under the continued leadership of coach Laura Groff. Six players made the all-HOT conference squad while five netted all-region honors. Leslie Stults was Third Team All-American and J.J. Johnson Honorable Mention All-American.

## Men's Basketball

Besides coach Buddy Meyer winning his 400th career game, the team made its fifth consecutive trip to the NAIA National Tournament in Tulsa, Okla. Unfortunately, the Rattlers lost their last three ball games of the season and bowed out at the tournament in the first round in a loss



to Park College of Missouri. They finished 20-7 and two seniors, Dayo Holloway and David Ricks, were named Honorable Mention All-Americans.



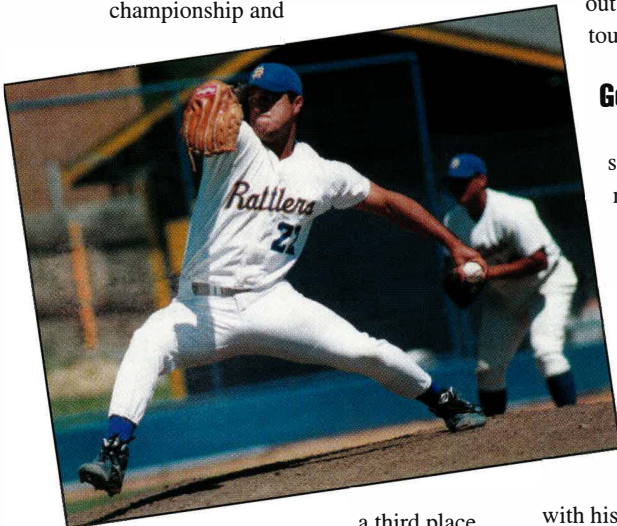
### Women's Basketball

Women's basketball coach Tom Weeaks won his 100th career game this season, but his team staggered through a rebuilding season and finished 13-12. Much better things are on the horizon for the Lady Rattlers. A good recruiting year will result in a much

bigger squad in the fall, led by 6'6" Paola Vasquez, 6'3" Jamie Gambrell and 6'2" LaTasha Wilson.

### Baseball

Like Meyer, Migl reached his 400th career win milestone. He guided the Rattler baseball team to a conference championship and



a third place finish in the Southwest Region Tournament and was HOT Conference Coach of the Year. The team was 32-9 overall and 14-1 in conference play. Six players made the all-conference team and three placed on All-

American squads. Randy Socha and Pete Villanueva were named Honorable Mention All-Americans and Eric Battersby, HOT Conference Player of the Year, is a First Team All-American.

### Softball

The softball team, coached by Donna Fields, started very hot this season, including a four-game sweep of Incarnate Word. But injuries plagued the team throughout the conference schedule. The Lady Rattlers, 20-16 overall and 16-11 in conference play, earned a playoff spot in the NAIA Southwest Regionals by sweeping East Texas Baptist in the final three-game series of the HOT conference. Unfortunately they drew the number one seed at regionals and bowed out of the double elimination tournament after two games.

### Golf

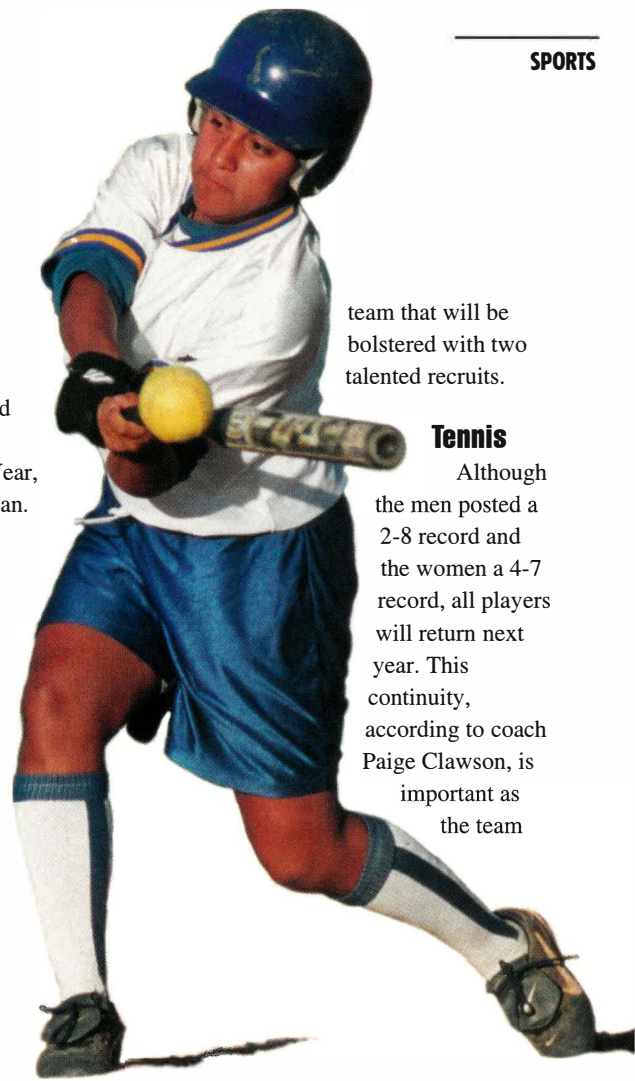
Coach Jim Zeleznak's squad struggled with a new young team, placing fifth in the HOT conference tournament. A bright spot of the season was winning the Trinity University tournament.

Zeleznak looks forward to next year with his eager and positive

team that will be bolstered with two talented recruits.

### Tennis

Although the men posted a 2-8 record and the women a 4-7 record, all players will return next year. This continuity, according to coach Paige Clawson, is important as the team



matures. On a high note, Becky Garcia qualified for the NAIA National Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., by winning the HOT conference singles championship. ■



# CAMPUS NEWS

## Honorary Doctorates Awarded

The Rev. Virgilio P. Elizondo, Bill Greehey and Eugene L. Scassa received honorary doctorates during spring commencement exercises.

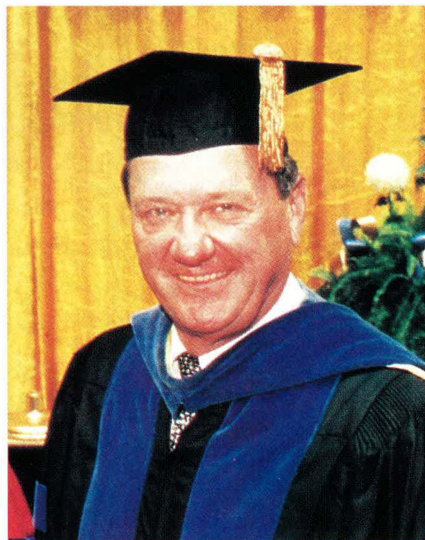
Elizondo, a 1957 graduate of St. Mary's, was founder and first president of the Mexican American Cultural Center and the Incarnate Word Pastoral Institute. Rector of San Antonio's San Fernando Cathedral for 12 years, he became senior research scholar for the Lilly Foundation's 1995 study of that cathedral as the cradle of U.S. Mestizo Christianity.

Greehey, a 1960 graduate, became president and chief executive officer of

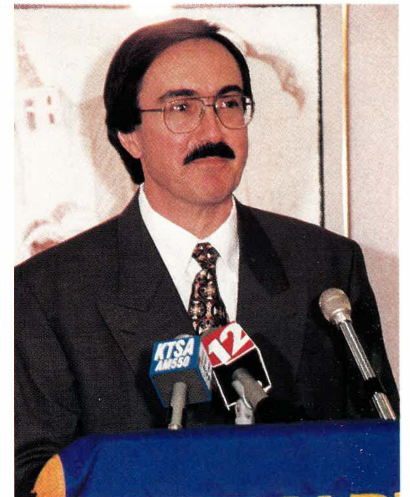
Valero Energy Corp. in 1980 and chairman in 1983. A former vice chairman of the St. Mary's University Board of Trustees, Greehey chairs the University's \$15 million Campaign for the Athletics Convocation Center.

Scassa, visiting diplomat and lecturer in international relations at St. Mary's since August 1994, has been involved in international relations since 1962, when he entered the U.S. Foreign Service. In 1990 President George Bush nominated Scassa as ambassador to

Belize, where he served for four years until joining St. Mary's as diplomat in residence. ■



*The May commencement ceremony was a time of excitement, joy and pride for graduates and their families as well as honorary doctorate recipients Bill Greehey (BBA '60), above, and Eugene Scassa, below left.*



*Newly appointed law dean Robert "Bill" Piatt is introduced to the University community at a news conference June 3.*

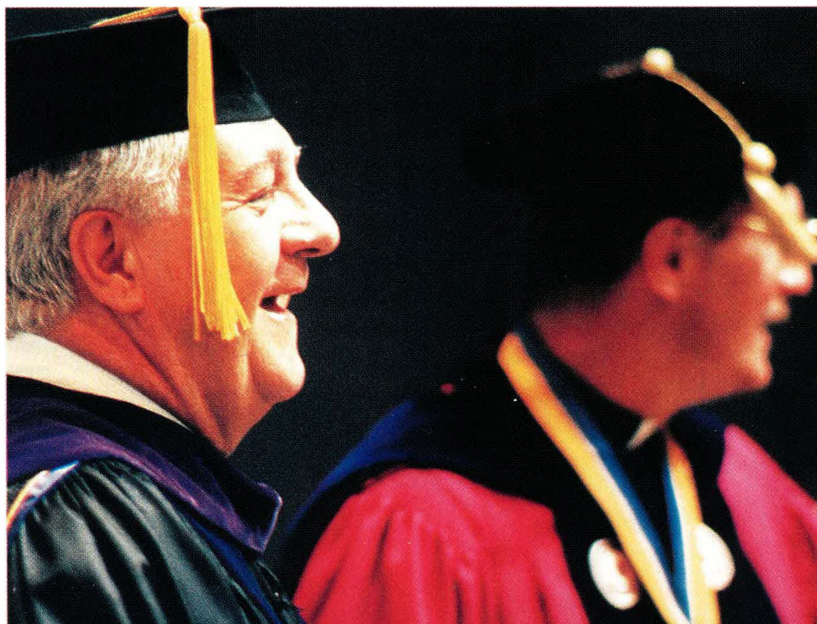
## New Law Dean Appointed

The Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D., University President, announced the appointment of Robert William "Bill" Piatt Jr., J.D., as dean of St. Mary's School of Law, effective June 1.

Piatt, who replaces Barbara Bader Aldave, is from Santa Fe, N.M., where he attended Catholic grade and high schools. For the past 10 years he has been a professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, teaching immigration law, business entities, family law and law and language policy. He was the first holder of the J. Hadley Edgar Professorship of Law and served as the first director of Texas Tech's Center for Immigration Education. He has spent summers teaching in Mexico and Spain.

Piatt received his B.A. degree from Eastern New Mexico University in 1972 with a double major in psychology and political science, and his juris doctor from the University of New Mexico in 1975.

After completing law school, he served as assistant attorney general of New Mexico for two years and then



practiced law in Santa Fe. He has taught at several law schools, including the University of Oklahoma, Washburn University and Southern Illinois University.

Piatt's books and articles include "Immigration Law: Cases and Materials," "Black and Brown in America: The Case for Cooperation," and "Language on the Job: Balancing Business Needs and Employee Rights." His writings are cited in judicial decisions, popular publications and in contemporary legal scholarship concerning language and language-rights issues.

Piatt's wife, Roseanne, has been managing attorney of the Lubbock office of West Texas Legal Services. They have three children, daughters Seana and Alicia, and son Bob. ■

## Hispanic Artists Honored

At the sixth annual Henry B. Gonzalez Awards Dinner in May, the St. Mary's University Hispanic Law Alumni Association recognized four Hispanics for contributions to the arts. Honored were Sandra Cisneros, literature; Flaco Jimenez, music; and Nivia Gonzalez and Jesse Trevino, art.

The dinner was held to raise money for the Henry B. Gonzalez Archival Library to be housed at the St. Mary's University School of Law Center for Legal and Social Justice. Rep. Gonzalez, a 1943 graduate and distinguished alumnus of the law school, is hailed as the father of modern Hispanic politics and champion of the poor in America. He

## Scholarship Named in Honor of Velásquez

*A special Mass and reception commemorating the 10th anniversary of Willie Velásquez's death was held at St. Mary's in June. Wesley Zotz, director of sales, Halo Distributing Co./Miller Brewing Co., presented a check for \$40,000 to the Rev. John Moder, S.M., Ph.D., to establish the Willie Velásquez Scholarship Fund.*

*Velásquez, who died in 1988, received his B.A. degree in economics at St. Mary's in 1966. He founded the Mexican American Unity Council in San Antonio in 1970, later created and directed the Southwest Voter Research Institute and the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project and conducted voter registration and education campaigns in five southwestern states.*

*The scholarships are for deserving Hispanic students. ■*

will leave public life after 46 years of service.

The library will be a national institution, documenting the record of a remarkable public figure through his papers, photographs and videos. ■



## Business Leader Honored

Carl A. Albert, chairman and CEO since 1990 of San

Antonio's Fairchild Aerospace Corp., was honored as the 1998 St. Mary's University International Business Leader.

Manufacturing aircraft in the U.S. and Germany for the U.S. Army and Air Force National Guard, the company has grown from 50 to 2,500 employees under Albert's leadership.

St. Mary's Center for Global Business Studies, the Greater San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Free Trade Alliance and the U.S. Small Business Administration sponsor the annual award each June. ■

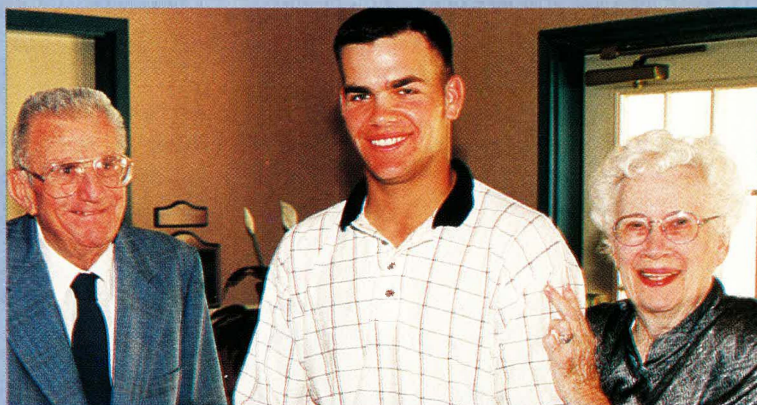
## Aguilar Addresses 1998 Graduates

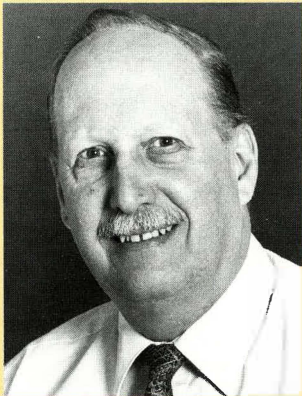
Frank J. Aguilar, Ph.D., professor emeritus of business administration at Harvard Business School addressed 750 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students at the 146th St. Mary's commencement exercises.

Aguilar is the author of 43 teaching cases in general management and business ethics used at Harvard. He recently contributed to the Academic Press Volume, Encyclopedia of Applied Ethics and is a consultant to many companies. He received master's and doctorate degrees at Harvard Business School. ■

## Heiser Scholarship Awarded

*Robert Vosburg, center, recipient of the first James and Kay Heiser scholarship, is a St. Mary's junior and Rattler first baseman studying to be a coach. With him are former coach James Heiser (whose players established the scholarship in his honor in 1996) and his wife, Kay. ■*





## Piper Professor Named at St. Mary's

**The Rev. Norbert Brockman, S.M., Ph.D., S.T.M., director of international relations, was selected as a Piper Professor of 1998 by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation. The San Antonio-based foundation**

**established the award in 1958 to recognize outstanding achievement in the teaching profession in Texas colleges and universities. Brockman is the ninth professor from St. Mary's to be named Piper Professor.**

**Nominations are requested annually from all accredited institutions of higher learning in the state. The selection committee seeks "the well-rounded, outgoing teacher, devoted to the profession, who has made a special impact on his students and the community."**

**Other scholars from St. Mary's selected as Piper Professors include: Brother William J. Hamm, S.M., Ph.D., 1958; Brother James F. Gray, S.M., Ph.D., 1961 (deceased); Bill G. Crane, Ph.D., 1965 (deceased); Brother Louis A. Schuster, S.M., Ph.D., 1971 (deceased); and Brother Anthony P. Frederick, S.M., 1973 (deceased); Brother Charles J. Cumiskey, S.M., Ph.D., 1979; Homer D. Fetzer, Ph.D., 1983; Larry Hufford, Ph.D., 1983 (when he was a professor at the University of the Incarnate Word); and Rev. John G. Rechten, S.M., Ph.D., 1988. ■**

## Summer Program Helps 300 Youths

Approximately 300 youths from 10 San Antonio school districts converged on campus for five weeks this summer to participate in the National Youth Program's annual sports and personal enrichment classes.

The program, now in its 30th year nationally and eighth at St. Mary's, provides economically disadvantaged students aged 10 to 16 with instruction in fitness, a variety of sports, math, science, gang awareness, drug and alcohol prevention, health, nutrition and career education.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and administered through the National Collegiate Athletic Association. ■

## Biological Honor Society's Success

The St. Mary's Beta Beta Beta (Tri-Beta) Biological Honor Society received highest honors at the annual regional Tri-Beta convention and competition held at the Oklahoma University Biological Station, Lake Texoma.

Twenty-four St. Mary's members led by faculty adviser Lucien Manchester, Ph.D., received the Outstanding Chapter of Tri-Beta Award. The St. Mary's group also won the first-place award for chapter history, based on the excellence of the students' scrapbook.

In addition, student Doug Davis received the first place Frank G. Brooks Award for oral presentation, the first place John C. Johnson Award for poster presentation and the Texas Academy of Science Award for outstanding overall performance. Student Christian Schupp won the second place Johnson award for poster presentation. ■



## Debate Team Wins National Championship

The St. Mary's University Forensic Society won first place at the public Debate Association's

National Championship Tournament held at the University of Texas-Tyler.

Among schools the St. Mary's team defeated were the University of Texas at Austin, Vanderbilt University, Louisiana State University and Abilene

Christian University. St. Mary's team scored an impressive eight points above its nearest competitor.

As well as top honors, St. Mary's 16-member team led by Alan Cirlin, Ph.D., took two second places in other categories.

In addition, Joseph Hoelscher, president of the St. Mary's Forensic Society (and a spring graduate) was crowned the Public Debate Association's National Debate Champion for 1998. Three other St. Mary's debaters were ranked among the top 10 speakers in the nation. ■

# \$12.8 Million and Counting

## The Campaign for the Athletics Convocation Center

**W**ith the addition of enlarged pledges and new major gifts to the Campaign for the Athletics Convocation Center, 85 percent of the \$15 million goal was reached in July. Another \$2.2 million must be raised by January 1999.

### Association Leads Way

When the campaign began in 1995, the St. Mary's Alumni Association made an immediate pledge of \$2.1 million. Now, almost three years into the campaign, the association agreed at its July meeting to increase that pledge by \$500,000 for a total \$2.6 million gift. Their gift is the single largest pledge to the campaign.

The association's gift is made possible primarily through proceeds from the annual Fiesta Oyster Bake and its more than 6,000 alumni and friends who volunteer at the bake. The April 1998 event netted nearly \$600,000.



### Gifts Grow

Bill Greehey (BBA '60), chairman and chief executive officer of Valero Energy Corp. and general chairman of the Campaign for the Athletics Convocation Center, increased his personal gift to the campaign by \$500,000. His leadership and generosity set the pace for the successful campaign.

The Scanlan Foundation, a Houston-based philanthropy, and San Antonio's Koehler Foundation both expanded their original \$50,000 gifts to \$150,000 each. As well, the Society of Mary St. Louis Province increased its \$112,000 gift to \$150,000.

### New Benefactors

Three recent gifts totaling \$900,000 propelled the campaign to near the \$13 million mark as of early August. The largest of these—\$500,000—was made anonymously.

The Houston Endowment Inc. gave a \$150,000 grant to the campaign. The philanthropic organization, endowed by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse H. Jones, gave the grant to help build classrooms and child-care facilities in the new center. To date, the Houston Endowment has given more than \$2 million to the University for various needs.

And, the University and the Pepsi Cola Co., a division of PepsiCo Inc., have formed a new partnership. As well as providing its services campus-wide, the soft drink company will give a \$250,000 gift to the campaign.

### Alumni Phone-a-thon

The final phase of the alumni campaign takes place this fall with a phone-a-thon. Callers will contact all alumni to request contributions for the Athletics Convocation Center. Remember, all pledges must be in by January 1999 in order to receive the Mabee Foundation's matching grant of \$1.5 million. Pledges are welcomed at any time before and after the deadline.

A packet, including the campaign booklet "Building on Winning Traditions," was mailed with a pledge form to alumni in June. Anyone needing additional pledge forms may contact the office of development, (210) 436-3146.

### What's In a Name?

How about you? Naming opportunities abound for the Athletics Convocation Center. For a cool million the natatorium will bear your name or the name of a loved one. Then there are the lobby/entrance area, training room/wellness facility, aerobics/dance studios, or tennis courts/outdoor courtyard mall, any of which can exhibit your name for a mere \$500,000. On a smaller scale, racquetball courts (two will be built) displaying your name, are \$100,000 a piece.

The names of all contributors of \$1,000 or more will appear on the Wall of Honor at the entrance of the center's performance arena. ■



# CLASS NOTES

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**Charles A. Toudouze Sr., BSC**, San Antonio, and his wife, Betty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 17.

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**Victor Jouffray, BBA**, San Antonio, participated in the San Antonio and Kerrville Senior Olympics and won five gold, three silver and two bronze medals in track and field events.

**Waldo E. Ximenes, JD**, San Antonio, a U.S. administrative law judge with the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Social Security Administration, retired after 53 years of service.

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**Herbert P. Lomax, BBA**, Tyler, and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 29. They have three children and three grandchildren.

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**Thomas J. "Jerry" Ruhnke, BS**, Col. USAF Retired, San Antonio, and his wife, Cleo, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary April 18.

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**P. Gus Cardenas, BBA, MA 62**, San Antonio, is chief operating officer and senior adviser at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). He will direct, plan, administer and coordinate the activities of HACU in support of policies, goals and objectives established by the association's president and board of directors.

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**Edward R. Tamayo, BBA**, Harlingen, is first vice president in charge of International Bank of Commerce-Harlingen operations.

**Patrick G. Veltman, BBA**, Pass Christian, Miss., retired as vice president, Provident Cos., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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**George Farias, BBA, MBA 78**, San Antonio, is chief financial officer at the Center for Health Care Services.

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**Delvin E. Ressel, BBA**, Sacramento, Calif., contracting officer at McClellan Air Force Base Air Logistics Center, retired after 30 years with the U.S. Air Force.

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**Theodore J. Albrecht, PhD, BME**, Kent, Ohio, associate professor of musicology at Kent State University, received the prestigious ASCAP-Deems Taylor Award for his three-volume translation and edition of "Letters to Beethoven and Other Correspondence."

**J. Chris Maguire, BA**, San Antonio, is senior vice president for NBC Bank-San Antonio, due to open a new bank on Highway 281 North in 1998.

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**Thomas M. Lang, BBA**, Chesterfield, Mo., received the 1998 Distinguished Service Award presented annually by the St. Louis County Bar Association to a lawyer who exemplifies a career of distinguished and unselfish service to the bar and community. He and wife, Jill, have seven children and one grandchild.

**Michael J. Muller, PhD, BA**, Hermantown, Minn., is a psychologist and team leader of the Veterans Affairs Duluth Veteran Clinic, helping veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of combat or sexual assault while in the military.

**Robert J. Sweeny, BBA**, Houston, executive vice president and chief financial officer at Sentinel Trust Company, LBA, has been elected 1998-99 president of the Houston chapter, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants.

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**Michael M. Looney, PhD, BA, MA 72**, Kerrville, professor of chemistry at Schreiner College, received the Elmore Whitehurst Award for Creative Teaching from the Hatton W. Sumners Foundation of Dallas.

**Richard D. Peters, BBA 69**, Westminster, Colo., is executive director of Access Behavioral Case, a division of Colorado Access, a medical health care management organization.

**J. Gilberto Quezada, BA, MA 72**, San Antonio, was promoted to associate superintendent for special programs, finance and pupil services in the South San Antonio Independent School District, where he has worked for 27 years.

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**Alejandro R. Morales, BA**, Austin, is office manager and assistant committee clerk to the Texas Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

**David L. "Dave" Shapiro, JD**, Austin, was recognized at a law day banquet by Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas for pro bono work at the organization's legal clinic.

*Note: Locations in Texas do not have the state identified.*

**Alfred A. Valenzuela, BA, MA 79**, Miami, Fla., promoted to major general in the U.S. Army, is deputy commander in general/chief of staff, U.S. Southern Command.

## 71

**Rosemary A. Fritz, BA**, Grand Rapids, Mich., is massage therapist at Dominican Center at Mary Wood, which fosters growth and transformation through prayer, learning and collaboration.

**Dan Gonzalez, BA**, Gilmer, is pastor of New Church of St. Francis of Assisi which was dedicated on Pentecost evening, the church's fourth anniversary, by Bishop Carmody.

## 72

**Praxedez C. De La Rosa, BBA**, San Antonio, marketing representative of Cleaning Technologies, earned certificates as a human resource development specialist and corporate trainer.

## 73

**I. Thomas Diemer II, BA**, Metairie, La., is video librarian at the east bank regional library of the Jefferson Parish.

**Clarence A. "Butch" Gerfers Jr., BBA**, San Antonio, is church administrator of First Presbyterian Church.

## 74

**Raymond C. Rodriguez, BBA**, San Antonio, is director of finance at St. Peter-St. Joseph's Children's Home.

## 75

**Manuel G. Carranza Jr., BA**, San Antonio, permanent deacon assigned to Holy Family Catholic Church, is the director of rural studies for the San Antonio Permanent Diaconate Program. He earned a master's of theological studies from Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio.

**Anthony M. Chapa, BA, MA 80**, Bogota, Colombia, is the U.S. Secret Service resident agent in charge of operations in Colombia.

**David J. Kvapil, BA**, Austin, has been promoted to senior vice president and corporate controller for Southern Union Co.

**Martin E. Richter, JD**, Duncanville, judge of the 116th District Court, has been named a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, one of the highest honors for a State Bar of Texas member, and was also elected to the foundation's board of trustees.

## 76

**Joe B. Cruz Jr., BA**, San Antonio, is a police officer with the Leon Valley Police Department and a teacher in the San Antonio Independent School District.

**Beth Sellmeyer Sargent, MA**, Carrollton, is a reading-recovery teacher in the Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District, Texas.

**Rick Uriegas, BBA**, San Antonio, is an account executive with Cartel Marketing & Public Relations.

**Curtis E. Wright, PhD, MA**, Camden, Del., deputy director of offender records, had "The Relationship of Case Management Strategies To Probation Officer Personality Types" published in "Perspectives," the national journal of the American Probation and Parole Association.

## 77

**George M. Secrest Jr., JD**, Houston, attorney at the law office of George M. Secrest Jr., was named "Criminal Defense Lawyer of the Year" by the Criminal Justice Section of the State Bar of Texas.

## 78

**Stephen R. Ehr, BA**, San Antonio, has been promoted to San Antonio business sales manager for Sprint PCS digital wireless services.

**Lee E. Weyant, MS**, Duncanville, Pa., has been named human resource manager for Small Tube Products Inc. of Altoona, Pa., a division of Wolverine Tube Inc. of Huntsville, Ala.

## 79

**Mary Jo McCurley, JD**, Dallas, a partner at McCurley Kinser McCurley & Nelson, has been inducted as president of the Texas chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

## 80

**Michael J. Black, JD**, Helotes, partner at Burns O'Gorman Black and Weyand L.L.C., created a law seminar at Texas Lutheran University named "Employment Law Strategies 98-How to Succeed in Business."

**Karen Dantzcher, BA**, South Burlington, Vt., is director of human resources for the South Burlington Independent School District.

**Demetrio Duarte Jr., BA**, San Antonio, announces the relocation and reorganization of Demetrio Duarte Jr. and Associates, P.C. He practices criminal and civil litigation.

**Jorge Rodriguez, BA**, San Antonio, is vice president and managing director for Coastal Securities.

## 81

**Timothy K. Juergens, BA, MA 87**, Lawton, Okla., a major in the U.S. Army, extends greetings to the Marianists and Sigma Phi Epsilon brothers.

**Charles T. Sweeney, BA**, Austin, is vice president of sales for ChoiceCom.

## 82

**John D. Mateker, BBA, MBA 87**, Birmingham, Ala., item-processing-group manager with Regions Financial Corp., is responsible for check-processing operations in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.

**Terry J. St. Marie, BBA**, Greenwich, Conn., appointed vice president of international operations for Bresnan Communications, is responsible for operations in Chile and Poland.

**83**

**Steven E. Meier, JD**, Dallas, owner and principal of InterLegis Consulting Inc., was featured in the "Dallas Business Journal." InterLegis provides business consulting and support services to companies, law firms and accounting firms in their international commercial, legal and financial dealings.

**Sister Irene Regina, F.S.P., BA**, Cleveland, Ohio, manager of Pauline Books and Media, has been appointed superior of the Daughters of St. Paul community.

**84**

**Rose Mary Hernandez-Alais, BBA, MBA 86**, Kaiserslautern, Germany, is special projects officer doing operations research and computer systems analysis for the U.S. Defense Commissary Agency.

**85**

**Walter E. Calvo, BA**, Bury St. Edmunds, England, promoted to major in the U. S. Air Force, is chief of social services.

**86**

**David T. Bright, JD**, Corpus Christi, has formed the law firm of Wyatt Wyatt Bright & Cowley.

**Miles Havelka, BBA**, San Antonio, owner of Texas Talk Media Display, arranges advertising displays at health clubs and golf courses.

**Michael S. Raign, JD**, San Antonio, principal of the law offices of Michael S. Raign, has become board certified in criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

**87**

**John F. Ayala, PE, BS**, Arlington, Va., selected 1998 Army material command engineer, has accepted a six-month developmental assignment at the Pentagon for the assistant secretary of the Army for research, development and acquisition.

**Lynn S. Castagna, JD**, Austin, is an attorney for Black & Connolly, L.L.P.

**Richard J. Muraski Jr., BA**, Lorton, Va., was promoted to major in the U.S. Army.

**Teresa Ann Rolnick, MA**, Sandy, Utah, is a self employed marriage counselor living in the mountains of Utah.

**88**

**Laura E. Besze, BA**, Dallas, is human resources and training development associate with the La Madeleine Bakery & Café corporate office.

**Keith B. Sieczkowski, JD**, Corpus Christi, board certified in labor and employment law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, has joined the Corpus Christi office of Matthews and Branscomb, P.C., as a shareholder.

**89**

**Stephen M. Barron, BA**, Arlington, Va., is an on-line real estate advertising sales representative for the Washington Post newspaper, Washington, D.C.

**Kevin R. Petesch, MS**, Altus, Okla., a major in the U.S. Air Force, is commander of the Altus Air Force Base 97th communications squadron.

**90**

**Rachel Bourgeois-Trevino, BBA, MBA 93**, Corpus Christi, is employed by Swiff-Train Co. as territory manager for Wilsonart products in the area. She and her husband celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary August 12, 1998.

**Donald Brennan, BBA, JD 93**, San Antonio, is an attorney with Burns O'Gorman Black & Weyand L.L.C.

**Gerardo Chacon II, BBA**, Phoenix, Ariz., is a business and estate planner for the Sequoia Group.

**Richard J. Noel, MD, BS**, San Antonio, with the degree of medicine from Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, will begin his residency in pediatrics at the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, North Carolina.

**Bobbie J. Peterson, JD**, Denison, is an attorney with the law offices of Cain and Chapman, Sherman, Texas.

**Vicki L. Pinak, JD**, Houston, has been appointed voting member of the Houston law firm of Hirsch Sheiness & Garcia L.L.C.

**Warren Shulz, BBA**, Richardson, is product manager for Nokia Mobile Phones, Irving, Texas.

**Dina Marie Sosa-Hegarty, BA, MA 93**, Brownsville, is director of student activities and leadership development at the University of Texas-Brownsville and Texas Southmost College.

**91**

**Gable Feng Gao, BBA**, New York, N.Y., is vice president of global-structured finance for West Lenders Bank.

**Margaret I. Henning, JD**, Dallas, formed the law office of Margaret Henning P.C., practicing general civil litigation.

**Gerald W. Lee Jr., BA**, San Antonio, is administrative director for San Antonio City Councilman Ed Garza.

**Brett B. Rowe, JD**, San Antonio, formed the law firm Evans & Rowe, specializing in medical malpractice.

**92**

**Gregory W. Coppola, MD, BS**, Gray, Tenn., was named chief resident in the department of family medicine at the James H. Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was also inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha national honor medical society for dedication and commitment in teaching third and fourth year medical students.

**Ricardo C. Gonzalez, BBA**, San Antonio, is budget analyst for the Center for Health Care Services.

**Adriana Lucia Gutierrez, BA**, College Station, is a second year doctoral student in counseling psychology at Texas A&M University.

**Marc S. Herrera, BA**, San Antonio, is a juvenile probation officer for the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Office Eastside Unit.

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**Susan B. McGee, JD**, San Antonio, is president and general counsel of U.S. Global Investors Inc., a San Antonio-based mutual fund and trust company.

**Melissa Murray, BA**, San Antonio, is vice president of marketing for Junior Achievement.

**Mary S. Nguyen-Poole, MD, BA**, San Antonio, with the degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, is in a family practice residency at Santa Rosa Hospital.

**Luis E. Nieves, MD, BS**, Houston, with the degree of doctor of medicine from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, has begun his residency in anesthesiology at Baylor College of Medicine Affiliated Hospitals, Houston.

**Adam S. Talkington, BS**, Waynesville, Mo., promoted to captain in the U.S. Army, is intelligence officer for the Fifth Engineer Battalion.

**Kellie M. Bailey, JD**, Austin, is an associate attorney with Allison Yeager & Basset L.L.P.

**Tracy A. Benavidez, BBA**, Corpus Christi, is an account executive for Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceuticals-Wound Care Division.

**Sandra Z. Chavez, BA**, San Antonio, is technology support analyst for the San Antonio Independent School District.

**Melissa C. Garza, BBA**, San Antonio, was promoted to controller at Union Camp. She is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Our Lady of the Lake University.

**Noemi "Mimi" Herd, BBA, MBA 97**, Dallas, is a management consultant for Price Waterhouse L.L.P.

**William J. "Chip" Simmonds, BBA**, Houston, is a certified public accountant and a tax associate for Price Waterhouse L.L.P.

**Jodi M. Jaworski Timko, BA**, St. Louis, Mo., is executive director at Mentor St. Louis.

**Elizabeth A. Mai Vigil, BS**, Albuquerque, N.M., received a master's degree in elementary education from the University of New Mexico.

**Seana M. Willing, JD**, San Antonio, an assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, handles attorney discipline & litigation.

**David Yanez, BA**, San Antonio, an information/technology operations analyst with USAA, completed a master's degree in city planning with concentration in economic development at the University of Pennsylvania.

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**Andrew Preston Carr, BBA**, Appleton, Wis., is an operations analyst for Kimberly-Clark Corp.

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**Gilberto R. Carrizales Jr., BS**, San Antonio, research assistant at the University of Texas Health Science Center, earned a master of science degree in biotechnology from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He will pursue a doctorate in biology at the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall.

**Aletha M. Claussen-Schulz, BA**, Lincoln, Neb., is pursuing doctoral and jurisprudence degrees at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

**Paul B. Ford, BBA**, San Antonio, is marketing communications manager for New Tek.

**Camilo A. Gonima, MD, BS**, San Antonio, a graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School, is beginning training as a resident in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**Maureen Strauss Gonima, BA**, San Antonio, a 1997 Texas Tech law school graduate, is practicing real estate and international law with Hayes and Boone L.L.P.

**Yvonne Lynn Habermann, BBA**, Fort Worth, is an analyst senior in the accounting department at Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems.

**M. Bridget O'Connor, BA**, San Antonio, is an assistant director of undergraduate admissions at St. Mary's University.

**Robert C. Ramirez III, BBA**, Dallas, earned a master's degree in business and administration from Texas A&M University and will begin law school in the fall at Southern Methodist University.

**Brenda L. Salinas, BS**, San Antonio, with the degree of medicine from the University of Texas Medical School, has begun her residency in family medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

**Brian C. Schulz, BA**, Lincoln, Neb., an on-site research coordinator for SRI Gallup, was promoted to represent the Budweiser account.

**Justin J. Vigil, BS**, Albuquerque, N.M., graduated from the University of New Mexico Medical School and will begin a residency at the University of New Mexico Hospital.

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**Joseph M. "Marc" Aguilar Jr., BBA**, McAllen, is a risk management representative for H-E-B Grocery Co.

**Emily L. Ball, BBA**, Santa Fe, N.M., is stationed in Jamaica as an environmental business adviser for the U.S. Peace Corps.

**Sonia Enrique Calderon, BBA**, San Antonio, is the owner of Della Del Boutique.

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## Marriages

**Karen Desmond, BA 80**, to Adam B. Dantzschler, South Burlington, Vt., July 18, 1998.

**Barbara Fuhrmann, MA 82**, to Donald Rohmer, Muenster, June 28, 1997.

**Cecilio Rodriguez Jr., BS 84**, to Maricella Gonzalez, Edinburg, June 14, 1997.

**Robin R. Greeno, BA 87**, to Juan Vigil Jr., San Antonio, Feb. 21, 1998.

**David Davila, BA 88**, to Crystal Ann Rux, San Antonio, Oct. 22, 1997.

**Terese A. Meyer, BA 88**, to F. Eric Foran, BBA 89, Austin, March 21, 1998.

**Adrienne Urrutia, JD 89**, to Harold C. Zuflacht, JD 89, San Antonio, April 4, 1998.

**Richard A. Flume, JD 90**, to Jennifer Lamar, San Antonio, Sept. 27, 1997.

**Richard E. Haynes II, BBA 90, JD 95**, to Alison A. White, JD 95, Laredo, Sept. 12, 1998.

**Cynthia L. Pena, BBA 90**, to Israel Pena, San Antonio, April 4, 1998.

**Gerald W. Lee Jr., BA 91**, to Andrea R. Shearer, San Antonio, March 7, 1998.

**Ashley T. Parrish, JD 91**, to Martha Jane Brigance, Fort Worth, Feb. 28, 1998.

**Rebecca Yanez, BS 91**, to Oscar Torres, El Paso, May 23, 1998.

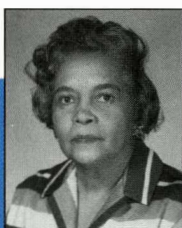
**Regina Gallegos, BA 92**, to Christopher Tijerina, Panama City, Panama, Oct. 25, 1997.

**Ricardo C. Gonzalez, BBA 92**, to Ruby L. Martinez, San Antonio, March 21, 1998.

**Mary S. Nguyen, MD, BA 92**, to Tim Poole, San Antonio, March 21, 1998.

**Noemi "Mimi" DeLuna, BBA 93, MBA 97**, to Benjamin F. S. Herd, BA 96, Dallas, Dec. 20, 1997.

**Jodi M. Jaworski, BA 93**, to A. Steve Timko, St. Louis, Mo., May 16, 1998.



**Eloise Weston,  
BA 58**

**When Eloise Weston read about Hattie Briscoe, JD '56, in the Campus News section of the 1998 Spring/Summer issue of Gold & Blue, she decided to call us with her story. She believes she is the first African-American woman to receive a bachelor of arts degree from St. Mary's. Weston decided to return to school for her degree in English in her early 40s. She went on to teach elementary school for 20 years in the San Antonio Independent School District.**

**In her first year of teaching, Weston taught math, science, social studies and food and clothing to two grades. Practical education was important to her, so she would take her students to the grocery store to apply their lessons to real life. Thus, they would learn to shop economically and prepare nutritious dishes, she recalls.**

**She believes her success as a teacher was based on love for her students and a strong desire to see them do well. She believes also that her St. Mary's education gave her the necessary skills to meet the challenge of teaching. Weston retired from teaching in 1977, but still hears from her ex-students all the time. For to them, she is godmother, confidant and adviser.**

**Yolanda A. Uresti, BA**, San Antonio, is bankruptcy analyst for the law offices of Uresti and Dulske.

**Nelsie Selene Alcoser, BA**, Dallas, is a staff member at the Greater Dallas Chamber-International Trade Department. She received a public policy and international affairs fellowship and will attend the University of Texas at Austin.

**Lee Hernandez, BBA**, San Antonio, is a manager at Babies R Us.

**Anna-Melissa G. Cavazos, BA, MA 97**, San Antonio, assistant director of development at the American Cancer Society, earned a master's degree in communication studies at St. Mary's University.

**Jeremy Edward Durocher, BA**, Houston, is a training consultant for TransEnergy Management Inc., an energy software company.

**Chris M. Gallegos, BBA**, San Antonio, is an assistant director of alumni relations at St. Mary's University.

**Patty R. Gann, JD**, Mount Pleasant, with Gann & Hobbs Attorneys, was elected chairperson of the Titus County Democratic Party.

**Yadira Garcia, BBA**, McAllen, was promoted to manager of area marketing services for Valley Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Inc. She holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas-Pan American.

**Kathryn E. Szecsy, BBA**, San Ramon, Calif., is zone manager for Ford Motor Co. She holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

**O. James Tsakopoulos III, BBA**, San Antonio, is sales manager at John Hancock Financial Services.

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**Traci M. Clay, MBA**, San Antonio, is an inventory analyst for H-E-B Grocery Co.

**Colleen Daniels, BA**, Kingston Act, Australia, works with the Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs.

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**Jose E. Molina, BBA**, Laredo, is an account representative for EI Freight Inc.

**Jose A. Moreno II, MA**, Fort Worth, is human resources analyst for the city of Fort Worth.

**Aileen Salinas, BA**, San Antonio, is an assistant director of alumni relations at St. Mary's University.

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Jason S. Foley, BBA 94, to Lynda J. Tovar, BA 96, Weslaco, Dec. 27, 1997.

Aletha M. Hilton, BA 94, to Brian C. Schulz, BA 94, Lincoln, Neb., May 24, 1997.

Brenda L. Reyes, BS 94, to John David Salinas, Mission, Dec. 19, 1997.

Sonia Enrique, BBA 95, to Marcos Calderon, San Antonio, Nov. 28, 1997.

Anna Salinas, BA 95, to Jose "Henry" Garcia, BA 96, Fort Worth, July 4, 1998.

O. James Tsakopoulos, BBA 95, to Johanna Gilbert, San Antonio, June 6, 1998.

Julissa Alcantar-Martinez, BA 96, to Jose I. Martinez-Garces, Toluca, Mexico, May 23, 1998.

J. Michael Benavidez, BA 96, to Linda Gomez, BA 98, San Antonio, May 3, 1997.

Sheri Bryce, MBA 96, JD 97, to David Dye, San Antonio, Feb. 14, 1998.

Luis E. Gonzalez, BBA 96, to Elaine T. Cook, BA 97, Laredo, June 13, 1998.

Laura C. Hernandez, BBA 96, to Michael C. Gonzalez, San Antonio, May 2, 1998.

Maricela Briones, BBA 97, to Lee Hernandez, BBA 98, San Antonio, Oct. 4, 1997.

Meridith Brooke Duffy, MA 97, to Erin Patrick Roberts, San Antonio, Dec. 20, 1997.

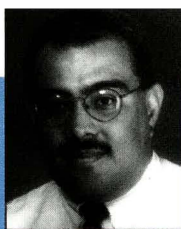
Christopher J. Hudson, BS 97, to Melissa Gorena, San Antonio, Jan. 17, 1998.  
Aleigha M. Villalobos, BA 97, to Rick Barrera, Corpus Christi, March 7, 1998.

## Births

Elizabeth Grace, born Dec. 5, 1997, adopted by Susan E. Tennyson, JD 80, Wimberly.

Samantha Grace to Stacy and Mark W. Schatzman, BA 81, Otter Rock, Ore., March 28, 1998.

Blake Andrew to Stacy and Victor F. Dreitner Jr., BA 82, JD 85, Bursleson, May 21, 1997.



Joe G. Ramos, BA 88

Joe Ramos, a former investigator in the child protective division of the Texas Department of Human and Regulatory Services, is the owner/director of **Aspire Case Management Services** in San Antonio.

His privately funded agency focuses on helping pregnant women, high-risk infants, and clients needing shelter, food, clothing, jobs and other life-sustaining necessities. "I teach them little things most of us take for granted, such as how to budget, and even use store coupons," he says.

In the past two years, Ramos has helped almost 200 families use the many resources they need, but the most important thing, he says, is to be a friend. "I even like to be at the hospital when my clients' babies are born," he says. "It's all part of the job I love so much. "St. Mary's gave me the wisdom to reach for my goals," Ramos says. "By helping my community, I am following the example of the Marianists."

Ramos' community work does not stop with a job. He also serves as chairman of the **Bexar County Case Management Coalition**, an organization of agencies working to share resources and services.

Andrew Robert to Maryann Knopik Freyman, BBA 84, and Robert Freyman, Columbia, Ill., Feb. 11, 1998.

John Michael to Juanita Castillo Galindo, BBA 84, and Matthew Galindo, BBA 84, Grand Prairie, May 8, 1998.

Nicolas Alexander to Roxanne and Maj. Walter E. Calvo, BA 85, Bury St. Edmonds, England, Feb. 10, 1998.

Jake Matthew to Sara A. Herrmann, JD 86, and Jeffrey S. Manuppelli, San Antonio, Jan. 30, 1998.

Quincey Elizabeth to Joan Quinn Hogue, MD, BA 86, and John Hogue, Llano, Aug. 24, 1997.

William Richard to Nina Muraski, BA 86, and Maj. Richard J. Muraski Jr., BA 87, Lorton, Va., Feb. 25, 1998.

Joseph David to Ellen C. Hawbecker, BA 87, and William J. Hawbecker-Rios, BA 82, JD 90, San Antonio, April 7, 1998.

Briana Renee to Robin R. Vigil, BA 87, and Juan Vigil Jr., San Antonio, April 1, 1998.

Angel Kullick to Eunice and Angel M. Loreda, BA 88, Houston, Sept. 23, 1997.

Gerardo Alberto to Adriana Majul-Virgen, BA 88, and Alberto Virgen, BBA 89, San Antonio, April 16, 1998.

Alexa Nicole to Nancy Zapata, BBA 88, and Vince Zapata, BA 90, San Antonio, March 24, 1998.

Alison Rai to Sandra C. Contreras, BBA 89, and Richard Contreras, McGregor, July 28, 1997.

Kyle Ray to Terrie D. Jones-Real, BA 89, and Donald Real, Adkins, Oct. 19, 1997.

Arianna Elizabeth to Jill and Chris Nolte, BS 89, Oceanside, Calif., April 16, 1998.

Madeline Kate to Catherine Rodriguez-Hinojosa, BA 89, and Tomas Hinojosa, San Antonio, April 8, 1998.

John Clark to Elizabeth Lakey McCrory, JD 91, and Daniel C. McCrory, JD 91, Houston, May 9, 1998.

Andres Leonardo to Virginia E. Profenna, MBA 91, and Leonardo Profenna, MD, Italy, Feb. 20, 1998.

Brandon Lee to Virginia Koblizek Burt, JD 92, and David Burt, Corpus Christi, May 24, 1998.

Allison Maria to Patricia Lozano Dauphine, BA 92, MA 94, and David R. Dauphine, BBA 93, San Antonio, Feb. 3, 1998.

Anne Elizabeth to Patricia L. Keller, BA 92, and John Robert Keller, MD, Houston, Oct. 30, 1997.

Piran Alexander to Bridgit and Capt. Adam S. Talkington, BS 92, Fort Huachuca, Ariz., April 9, 1997.

Trevor Ryan to **Sheryl L. Tamborello, BA 92**, and Pete Tamborello, Montgomery, Jan. 25, 1998.

Hawk Raymond to **LaRae A. Escoto, BA 93**, and Eric Escoto, San Antonio, Dec. 24, 1997.

Jacqueline Marie to **Elisa M. Garcia, BA 93**, and Luis A. Garcia, San Antonio, Jan. 30, 1998.

Joseph Matthew to Kimberly and **Mario A. Garza, MD, BS 93**, San Antonio, April 16, 1998.

Kaylin Nicole to **Gladys C. Mills, OD, BS 93**, and **Chad Mills, BA 93**, San Antonio, Dec. 12, 1997.

Patrick Joseph to **Seana M. Willing, JD 93**, and Lee J. Willing, San Antonio, Dec. 1, 1997.

Jonah Alexander to **Leslie V. Guajardo, BBA 94**, and **Simon A. Guajardo, BBA 94**, San Antonio, Jan. 12, 1998.

Jose Manuel IV to **Carla A. Ruiz, BBA 94**, and Jose Manuel Ruiz III, Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 19, 1997.

Aaron Michael to **Linda Benavidez, BA 98**, and **J. Michael Benavidez, BA 96**, San Antonio, Sept. 22, 1997.

Mireya-Adelina to **Maricela Hernandez, BBA 97**, and **Lee Hernandez, BBA 98**, San Antonio, Feb. 3, 1998.

## In Memoriam

**Calvin Surtees, BA 29**, San Antonio, died Jan. 27, 1998.

**Albert Fisher, MD, CL 38**, San Antonio, died Feb. 5, 1998.

**Albert H. Sprenger, CL 39**, Hondo, died Sept. 4, 1997.

**Brother Henry George Niehoff, S.M., BS 44**, San Antonio, died April 12, 1998.

**Anthony Ferro, JD 53**, San Antonio, died Feb. 8, 1998.

**John T. Hood, BBA 54**, El Paso, died April 21, 1998.

**Henry H. Hugman Jr., BBA 55**, San Antonio, died April 16, 1998.

## Class Notes Guidelines

**1. Individuals must be graduates or have attended St. Mary's University.**

**2. All information for publication must be in writing (e-mail and fax acceptable).**

**3. Announcements about weddings, births, etc., will not be printed until after the event has occurred.**

**4. Candidates for political office will not receive coverage until election results are known.**

**5. Class year is determined by the calendar year of graduation. If more than one degree has been earned from St. Mary's, each will be listed.**

**6. The "In Memoriam" section of Class Notes lists recently deceased alumni. Information is deemed accurate if the source is a family member or printed media.**

**7. Every effort is made to include your information in Class Notes in a timely manner. If your name does not appear in the listings, it is due to printing deadlines. Please look for your name in a subsequent issue of Gold & Blue.**

**8. The editor reserves the right to edit information submitted.**

**Frank E. Collier, MA 73**, Lt. Col. USAF Retired, San Antonio, died Feb. 21, 1998.

**Ward T. Blacklock Jr., JD 76**, San Antonio, died June 16, 1998.

**Grider W. Hays, JD 76**, Ballinger, died April 16, 1998.

**Paul H. Hewitt, BA 78**, San Antonio, died July 6, 1998.

**Youral A. Means, BS 78**, Duncanville, died Feb. 1, 1998.

**John T. Devitt, BA 82**, Chicago, Ill., died April 2, 1998.

**Elizabeth A. Landez, JD 83**, Corpus Christi, died March 12, 1998.

**Duane E. Barrett, BA 88**, San Antonio, died May 29, 1998. ■

**Ted J. Crosby, CL 57**, Boerne, died Dec. 24, 1997.

**Claude L. Overstreet, BA 63**, New Braunfels, died April 25, 1998.

**Gilberto Reyes, CL 65**, Laredo, died April 9, 1998.

**Louis Scharfenstein, BA 65**, Jefferson, La., died June 1, 1997.

**Robert P. Chambers, BBA 66, MA 74**, San Antonio, died May 1, 1998.

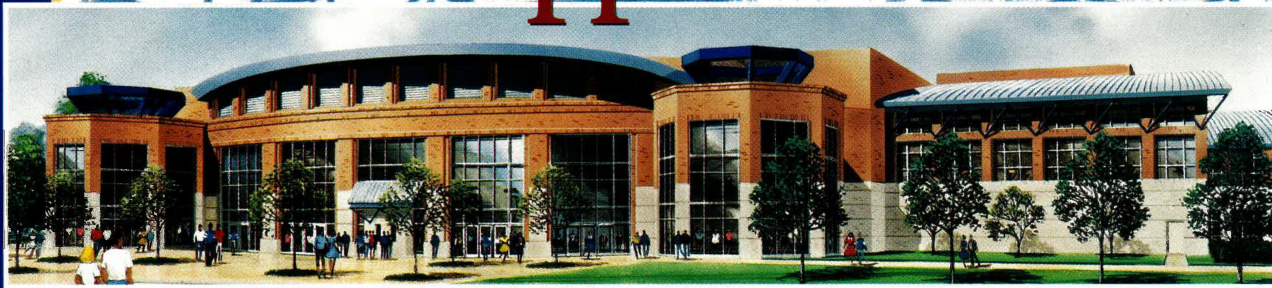
**Brother Julio A. Carozao, S.M., BA 68**, Lima, Peru, died March 13, 1998.

**Rev. David C. Penticuff, MA 69**, Austin, died Jan. 29, 1998.

**Gloria E. Roicki, BA 72**, San Antonio, died Dec. 22, 1997.



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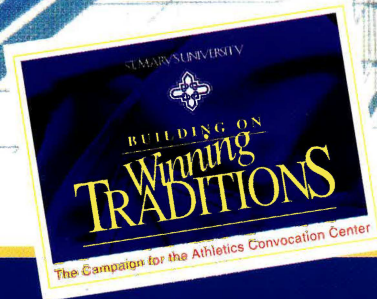
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