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On the front cover, several members of The Rattler's hard-working, award-winning—and high spirited—staff assemble in the newspaper offices to critique recent issues.

On the back cover, progress continues on the Gateway to Historic St. Mary's project, as workers have put in place an archway at a new entry to the front of campus.

## **From the Editor**

**A**nother academic year is winding down, and we continue to be amazed at how quickly the days and months fly by. It seems like just yesterday we were preparing for University Convocation, an annual event that brings faculty and staff together to launch the fall semester, and by the time you read this, the Class of 2004 will have walked across the stage to collect their diplomas.

During the 2003-2004 academic year we've witnessed new beginnings—the opening of the SBC Center for Information Technology, Java City on the Quad, and the Center for Terrorism Law, to name a few. We're experiencing change, too, as each day we see progress on the Gateway to Historic St. Mary's University, which will permanently and dramatically change the main entrance and perimeter of the school.

Good things are happening at St. Mary's. We continue to build partnerships with other institutions that benefit our students; our calendar of events—from speakers and panels to exhibits and special events—offers everyone in our community the opportunity to expand their knowledge and horizons; and, the support of our alumni and friends allows us to provide current and future generations of students an excellent and unique educational experience.

Thank you for being a part of St. Mary's legacy of success.

—Candace Kuebker



## Engaging the Future

# Civic Responsibility at St. Mary's

by Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., President

Demonstrating a commitment to service is a significant part of the Marianist charism. As a Catholic university, we are all called to public service and civic engagement, both of which are notable characteristics of the student climate at St. Mary's.

A call to faithful citizenship, the mantra for the new millennium from the U.S. Catholic Bishops Administrative Board, speaks eloquently to the fundamental purpose and future necessity of moral and civic engagement, stating that a new kind of politics for the next thousand years requires more focus on moral principles and the pursuit of the common good. The Marianist charism echoes this directive, and civic engagement is a responsibility we impart to our students, many of whom are already engaging the future, getting involved in their communities and committing to public service.

Our commitment to service recently was recognized by Campus Compact, a coalition of more than 900 colleges and universities that support the public

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purposes of higher education. St. Mary's, a charter member of Campus Compact, was selected as a finalist among 100 showcase campuses for "Colleges with a Conscience: An Engaged Student's Guide to College," a publication designed to help high school students incorporate service and activism opportunities into their college selection process. It is an honor



and a privilege to be considered part of the national landscape of this noble effort.

Civic engagement is not a new venture at St. Mary's. The University has an extraordinary history with graduates—men and women—in public leadership and service positions. St. Mary's alumni are civic leaders, corporate leaders who are socially responsible, legislators and we also have our first U.S. senator.

Our institution long has been a strong advocate of community service and social justice, encouraging faithful citizenship and social compassion. Student activities, such as promotional campaigns for voter registration and political education, involvement in community service projects and transformational leadership development through the Marianist Leadership Program and the 21st Century Leadership Center, are some outstanding ways St. Mary's inspires students to get engaged in their communities and public affairs. Recently, students had the opportunity to spend the day with Assistant Attorney General Alex Acosta, who discussed civil rights cases and issues in which he is directly involved.

Another important designation that reinforces our commitment to get

students involved is the National Survey of Student Engagement. According to the NSSE, or "nessie," student satisfaction among freshmen and seniors at St. Mary's and their growth in civic engagement, community service and moral and ethical development is soaring. In the survey, many responses, such as rating their growth in the development of a personal code of values and ethics, consistently surpassed the results of other peer institutions. We are very proud that students are living the Marianist charism daily at St. Mary's.

We believe our gift of service also strengthens our ties with alumni, and Pedro and Alicia Viyao of Mexico used the Marianist mission of giving back to the community to build bridges at St. Mary's. The Viyaos' recent \$7.8 million gift—the largest single gift in St. Mary's history—will help maintain our legacy of success and provide additional scholarships to students. We can learn from their example of selflessly helping the community. They knew a scholarship is the lifeline to access, and increasing scholarship funds is our No. 1 goal.

Finally, The Rattler newspaper must be commended for civic engagement of another kind. This group of student journalists, led by St. Mary's junior and editor-in-chief Francisco Vara-Orta, recently won Newspaper of the Year honors from the Associated Collegiate Press. The newspaper also has brought home several state awards and recognitions from other journalism organizations. These students have set a new standard for good journalism at St. Mary's where we will continue to encourage our students to engage the future. ■

# NEWS

## FROM AROUND THE GROVE



### ■ Short Subjects

#### The Rattler Named Newspaper of the Year

St. Mary's student publication, The Rattler, has garnered numerous awards for excellence this spring.

In March, St. Mary's student newspaper won the Newspaper of the Year distinction from the Associated Collegiate Press during the 20th annual college newspaper convention in Las Vegas. The Rattler won top honors among four-year colleges in the bimonthly publication category. The Feb. 11, 2004, edition landed the Newspaper of the Year distinction for its editorial content and strong graphics.

Multiple accolades for The Rattler were received at the Texas

Intercollegiate Press Association's (TIPA) annual contest, including two first-place awards, two third-place finishes and seven honorable mentions. Founded in 1909, the TIPA is the oldest collegiate press association in the nation.

The American Scholastic Press Association, which serves more than 2,000 schools annually, recognized The Rattler in April with its coveted First Place with Special Merit Award in its annual newspaper competition, giving the newspaper 960 out of a possible 1,000 points for areas ranging from page design and editing to content and creativity.

And, at Columbia University's Scholastic Press Association 2004 Gold Circle Awards competition, The Rattler earned second-place honors for

sports cartoons, two third-place designations for feature page design and information graphics, and merit recognition for single advertisements.

Francisco Vara-Orta, 19, a junior majoring in English communication arts, is the newspaper's editor-in-chief.

#### Online Résumé Bank Opens

The Career Services office of the School of Law has instituted a new assistance program to pair legal employers with aspiring lawyers.

The new service – the online Résumé Bank – allows law students to post their résumés on the St. Mary's University School of Law Web site, where registered employers can peruse them to find qualified applicants to meet their specific needs.

#### Chilean Partnership Formed

In January, St. Mary's signed an agreement with the Universidad de Valparaíso for a new collaborative program of faculty and student academic and cultural exchanges.

The new partnership extends St. Mary's Southern Cone Studies business program to Valparaíso for the first time in 2004, in addition to offering Valparaíso law students an opportunity to receive LL.M. degrees in American legal studies and international and comparative law.

#### St. Mary's Hosts Dancers

Alumna Marjorie Jordan (M.A. '74) has helped to bring the official workshop of the Joffrey Ballet School—American Ballet Center of New York to St. Mary's.

The Joffrey Summer Workshop, scheduled for June 19 to July 10, attracts students from all over the country.



The prize-winning journalists who comprise The Rattler staff are: left to right (front row), Webmaster Tony Bryden, Sports Editor Stephanie T. Sosa, Entertainment Editor Chuck Kerr, Features Editor JoAnn DeLuna, Layout/Design Manager Denise M. Salinas, Editor-in-Chief Francisco Vara-Orta, Copy Editor Amanda R. Martinez, Managing Editor Laura E. Hall, Staff Writer Valerie Chavez; (second row) Advertising Manager Pedro Nieto, Photo Editor Mike Zuniga, Staff Photographer Justin Howard, News Editor Kavita Bhalla, Staff Photographer Danny Charbel, Commentary Editor Valarie Geckler, Staff Writer Katie Kimberlin, Staff Writer Diana Del Valle; (back row) Staff Writer Daniel Villanueva, Staff Writer Caroline Hallman, Staff Photographer Tommy Deibel, Staff Writer Chad Peters, and Staff Writer Gabriel Sanchez.

Buddy and Susan Treviño are workshop co-directors with Eleanor D'Antuono, former prima ballerina with American Ballet Theatre, as artistic director, and former Joffrey Ballet soloist Trinette Singleton, who is leading the faculty.

## Debaters Win Top Honors

The St. Mary's Forensics team won the Cameron University Christmas Classic tournament in Oklahoma. The competition attracted some 20 collegiate teams, and St. Mary's sophomores Dave Rogers and David Peña walked away with top honors.

## Future Teachers Perfect

St. Mary's achieved a perfect 100 percent pass rate for undergraduate students taking the latest teacher certification state exam for elementary and secondary teachers.

Among St. Mary's teacher education majors seeking initial teacher certification, all passed the Examination for Certification of Educators in Texas of the Texas Examinations of Educator Standards, according to the results of the fall exam.

## Treating Patients Right

**Dr. Sandra Vasquez, medical director, recently accepted the Aventis Pasteur National Customer Service Award on behalf of the St. Mary's Student Health Center. St. Mary's was one of three schools recognized for excellence in immunization awareness and access. Aventis Pasteur is one of the nation's premier researcher, developer, manufacturer and supplier of vaccines.**



## Reaching Out

**Larry Hufford, Ph.D., International Relations, and Patricia Mejia, 21st Century Leadership**



**Center, listen to women in the Dhunot Thana village in Bangladesh describe how a micro savings and credit group has helped lift them from poverty. They traveled to Bangladesh in January to visit and study the rural sustainable development programs implemented by the Institute of Integrated Rural Development.**

## Prolific Writer, Historian Speaks at St. Mary's

Philip Jenkins, Ph.D., author of 18 books and Distinguished Professor of History and Religious Studies at



Pennsylvania State University, was the second lecturer of the 2003-2004 Lin Great Speakers Series. The theme for

this year's series was "Exploring the Challenges of Globalization."

Jenkins discussed his predictions and the issue of global Christianity during his lecture titled "The Coming of Global Christianity."

## Managing Conflict

The Spring 2004 President's Peace Commission program explored "Peace Through Managing Conflict" during its spring program.

Panel discussions and presentations included a wide range of topics, including: "Getting Past 'No': Negotiating What You Really Want," "Peers as Peacemakers," and "Diversity Wars: Resolve to Keep the Peace."

Other events to promote peace included the 16th annual President's Peace Concert, and the annual Art of Peace Award presentation.

## Try the St. Mary's Experience

A new Web video, The St. Mary's Experience, gives more than a glimpse of campus life at St. Mary's; it introduces students, faculty and staff, and provides viewers with all they need to know about the University. The Web video is a recruiting tool for prospective students and an opportunity to showcase the University and the Marianist mission of academic excellence. Link to the video directly at [www.stmarytx.edu/experience](http://www.stmarytx.edu/experience).



## ■ Newsmakers

### McCoy Joins the Executive Team



Rebeckah McCoy, a certified public accountant, has been appointed vice president for Administration and Finance at St. Mary's.

McCoy returns to St. Mary's from SBC Communications Inc. where she was the staff director of auditor services since 1997. McCoy served as St. Mary's comptroller from 1994 to 1996.

As the vice president for Administration and Finance, McCoy's responsibilities extend to managing the physical plant, human resources and employee benefit programs, University police and security, campus bookstore and cafeteria food services, as well as all financial areas such as accounts payable and business office operations.

In addition, she serves as treasurer of the University and as secretary of both the Finance and Investment committees of the Board of Trustees. Her appointment to a three-year renewable term began Jan. 2, 2004.

### Enrollment Management VP Named



Suzanne M. Petrusch has been appointed as vice president for Enrollment Management for a three-year renewable term, effective June 1,

2004. She is responsible for the areas of undergraduate admissions, enrollment marketing and financial assistance.

Petrusch most recently served as the assistant vice president of enrollment management at the University of Dayton where, during her tenure, the applicant pool increased by 53 percent between 1996 and 2003 and net revenue increased by 67 percent. In addition, Petrusch led Dayton's

promotion of the adult degree advancement program and academic enrichment studies.

Her strong qualifications and extensive experience in enrollment management are coupled with a strong commitment to serve the Marianist tradition and enhance St. Mary's heritage of academic excellence.

### Galvin and Piatt Reappointed



Thomas B. Galvin, vice president for University Advancement, and Bill Piatt, dean of the School of Law, have been re-

appointed to three-year terms.

Galvin is responsible for the overall management of the University Advancement Division, including the offices of Alumni Relations, Development and University Communications. He has been a major force in several endeavors, including the campaign to build the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center and the commemoration of the University's Sesquicentennial anniversary, as well as bringing more focus to using the St. Mary's Web site as a marketing and communications tool for external audiences.

Galvin, who serves on the Investments and University Advancement committees of the Board of Trustees, currently is directing the Gateway to Historic St. Mary's fundraising effort.

Over the past six years, Piatt's administrative efforts have included establishing the Academic Excellence Program, which helps students fulfill their academic and professional goals. Moreover, the school has expanded its information technology program.

Academic enhancements to improve bar passage rates, combined with the fact that applications have nearly doubled, are indications his efforts have been effective.



### Alumni Association Honors Distinguished Alumni

Alumni gathered to honor three of their own during the 2004 Distinguished Alumni dinner in April. Pictured, from left to right, are: the Rev. Charles Miller, S.M. (B.A. '55), a full-time professor at St. Mary's since 1979, who spent the past three years in Jerusalem in the service of the Holy See; Oran J. "Jim" Tsakopoulos (B.B.A. '67), a partner in the CPA firm of Tsakopoulos, Brown, Schott and Anchors, and longtime Association volunteer; and Florentino "Tino" Duran (B.A. '63, M.S. '77), president and CEO of Duran Industries Inc.

### Pipes Joins President's Staff

Dianne Pipes has been appointed to the newly created position of Chief of Staff and Communications for St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D.

Pipes, who has worked at St. Mary's for more than 20 years, has directed the University's public relations and communications efforts since 1987. In her new job, she will work with Cotrell regarding the Executive Council and the Board of Trustees, coordinating and facilitating communications functions for the Office of the President.

Her appointment is the first step in the reorganization of the president's office to reflect the expanded scope of activities.



## Cotrell Appointed to VIA Board

The Bexar County Commissioners Court has appointed President Charles L. Cotrell to serve on the VIA Metropolitan Transit Board of Trustees. VIA, a publicly funded transit authority, manages the bus system in San Antonio.

Cotrell, whose term on the public transportation board lasts until Dec. 31, 2005, has served on several boards and councils, including United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, the Mexican-American Unity Council and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas Governing Board.

## Marianists Pen New Book

Brothers Martin McMurtrey, S.M., and Herbert Janson, S.M., have written 100 stories, anecdotes and even idiosyncrasies about various Marianists in "Tell Me a Marianist Story." Their endeavor could be considered a mosaic made up of bright, some dark, a few somber and even odd-shaped, laughable pieces about beloved Marianists.

Contact Janson directly at (210) 436-3730 to place an order, or pick up a copy at the University Bookstore.

## Dansby Cited as Distinguished Educator

Jacqueline Dansby, Ph.D., director of St. Mary's Upward Bound pre-college program, won the highly coveted Distinguished Educator Award during the 31st annual Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education meeting.

Dansby, who has directed the Upward Bound program since 1977, holds a doctorate in educational administration from Texas A&M University. In addition, she is an adjunct professor at St. Mary's, teaching courses in correctional counseling and rehabilitative treatment, victimology, marriage and the family, and social psychology.



## St. Mary's Honors Marianist Heritage Award Winners

**Pamela S. De Roche (left photo with President Cotrell), administrative assistant to the vice president for Administration and Finance, and Ana M. Novoa (right), law professor at the School of Law, received the 2004 Marianist Heritage Awards. Presented annually since 1981 by the Marianist Forum and University Ministry, the award recognizes lay persons who exemplify the ideals of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary.**

## ■ Good Deeds

### Giving Program Starts Strong

Through the new Heritage Club Giving Program, more than 150 alumni who graduated 50 and more years ago contributed \$60,300 to the St. Mary's

Fund. The unrestricted fund assists multiple programs including scholarships, academic programming and faculty development.

The Heritage Club Web site—with its nostalgic photos, interesting facts and more—can be viewed at [www.stmarytx.edu/heritageclub/](http://www.stmarytx.edu/heritageclub/).



## Alumni Selects Faculty Honorees

The St. Mary's Alumni Association recognized faculty members for excellence in teaching during the annual Faculty Appreciation and Awards Dinner in January. Distinguished Faculty Award recipients for 2003-2004 were: Mike Shaub, Ph.D., Accounting, School of Business and Administration (far left); Mary Lynne Hill, Ph.D., English, and Milo Colton, Ph.D., Criminal Justice, School of Humanities and Social Sciences (third and fourth from left); Richard Cardenas, Ph.D., Physics, School of Science, Engineering and Technology (third from right); Ana Novoa, School of Law; and H. Ray Wooten, Ph.D., Counseling, Graduate School. During the ceremony, President Cotrell presented the Community Service Award to the late David T. Simpson, former vice president of Administration and Finance, and retired assistant to the President and Board of Trustees Melba Fisher (fourth from right). Simpson's widow, Alicie (second from left), accepted the award on his

Heritage Club members receive invitations to special events, including a private Mass and reception attended by the Marianists. Donors of \$1,000 or more are invited to the president's annual donor recognition event, among others activities.

If you have questions about the Heritage Club Giving Program or would like to make a gift in honor of someone from the Class of 1954 or before, please call Adriana Villafranca, (210) 431-4244 or e-mail her at avillafranca@stmarytx.edu.

## Major Gifts Build Scholarships

The estate of the late Rev. James A. Young, S.M., Ph.D. (B.A. '36), the eighth president of St. Mary's, has established the Young College Scholarship Fund and recently awarded \$140,000 to deserving and needy students to attend St. Mary's.

Tino (B.A. '63, M.S. '77) and Amelia Duran, of La Prensa Foundation, and Abel (B.B.A. '71) and Mary Garcia, have offered significant gifts to the St. Mary's Endowed Hispanic Scholarship Fund. Both Tino Duran and Abel Garcia are members of the National Advisory Board for the newly created initiative, which will support scholarship opportunities for students who want to attend the University.

St. Mary's has received \$25,000 per year for two years from the John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation to fund 10 scholarships for students from Nueces, Jim Wells, Kleberg, San Patricio and Live Oak counties. Retired Army Lt. Gen. Marc Cisneros (B.B.A. '61) is the CEO of the foundation.

St. Mary's was the recipient of \$471,500 in support of student scholarships, following the dissolution of The Harry and Deverra Lerman Educational Trust. Since 2001, several gifts in support of scholarships have been given to St. Mary's, with the guidance of Herman Cundiff (B.B.A. '51), a former trustee for the Lerman Trust.

## Fund Contributions Reach All-time High

Thanks to overwhelming support from alumni nationwide, the St. Mary's Fund had reached an all-time high of more than \$404,400 at the beginning of May, a 21 percent increase over last year. Gifts received during the 2004 campaign provide scholarship assistance to students, support faculty development, assist in the maintenance of campus facilities and grounds, and enhance technological acquisitions at the University.

The 2004 St. Mary's Fund Campaign ends May 31. Gifts may be made by logging on to our secure Web site at [www.stmarytx.edu/annualfund](http://www.stmarytx.edu/annualfund). The personal support of alumni continues to make the powerful difference at St. Mary's.

## Alkek Gift to Transform LRC

A \$200,000 grant from the Albert and Margaret Alkek Foundation will enhance learning and transform the Learning Resource Center into a modern digital media lab.

The new laboratory will support the University's increasing integration of computing and technology in the curriculum. The digital media lab will provide equipment and software for students needing to use media for class work, including advanced imaging and video technology.

## Gateway Gifts Propel Project

Thanks to trustee and alumnus James St. Ville, M.D. (B.A. '79), who made a \$10,000 gift to the Gateway to Historic St. Mary's University project. The St. Louis Alumni Chapter also contributed \$2,500 to the project.

The Gateway project will provide aesthetic, safety and physical improvements for the University's main entrance and campus perimeter, in addition to pedestrian walkways and architectural landscape.



**Buddy Meyer, men's basketball coach since 1978, responds to media questions after the Rattlers' rout of Oklahoma Panhandle, which earned Meyer his 500th victory.**

## ■ Sports Corner

### Meyer Picks Up 500; Meyer, Houston Jersey Retired

Rattler men's basketball coach Herman "Buddy" Meyer won his 500th career game at St. Mary's as the Rattlers beat Oklahoma Panhandle State 95-37 on Jan. 22. During Meyer's tenure as head coach, the Rattlers have won 16 conference titles (Big State, Heart of Texas, Heartland) and the 1989 NAIA National Title.

That same week, Meyer's No. 44 jersey was retired alongside Anthony Houston's No. 14 jersey. Both are



**Former point guards Buddy Meyer (left) and Anthony Houston enjoy the festivities surrounding the retirement of their Rattler jerseys on Jan. 24, 2004.**

legendary point guards whose exceptional talent and leadership have been a large part of the Rattlers' legacy of success.

Meyer attended St. Mary's from 1961 to 1965 and became the first player in the history of St. Mary's to place on the All-Conference team for four consecutive years. Houston, who led the 1989 team to the NAIA national title and played under Meyer from 1986 to 1989, later joined Meyer as a four-time All-Conference standout. Currently, he is a video coordinator for the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks.

### Women's Basketball

Senior Erin Griffin became the all-time leading scorer and rebounder in St. Mary's women's basketball history. Griffin broke the records previously held by Kim Watson, at home on Feb. 7 during the 71-51 win against Lincoln. Griffin had 18 rebounds and 29 points in the game, and finished the

season with 876 rebounds and 1,601 points for her career.

Heartland Conference coaches voted Griffin to the first-team All-Conference list for the fourth year in a row. Eva Christian, a junior from Converse, was named to the All-Conference second team, and Charlena Rodez, a freshman post from Dripping Springs, earned Newcomer of the Year honors. The Lady Rattlers posted a 17-11 season.

### Men's Basketball

The Rattler men made it to the NCAA Division II Tournament for the third time in four years. The Rattlers finished the season 19-11 and finished second in the Heartland Conference.

As voted on by Heartland Conference coaches, J.J. Edwards, a junior from Burkburnett, garnered conference Newcomer of the Year recognition, while senior Pedro Brito earned first-team honors, and junior Billy White pulled in second-team recognition.

### Women's and Men's Golf

The men's and women's golf teams each brought home the Heartland Conference title in April.

Freshman Marla Troester finished first in the conference tournament as the Lady Rattlers won by 20 strokes.

The men were led by Greg McAuley, who shot a 67 in the final round. Luke Antonelli was named Heartland Conference Golfer of the Year.

### Baseball

The Rattlers were picked by league coaches as the preseason conference champions for the 2004 season. As of April 3, the Rattlers had a 33-10 record and boasted an unbeaten 12-0 record in conference play.

Through the first eight weeks of the baseball season, five Rattlers had been given Player of the Week honors, including preseason NCAA Division II Player of the Year Ryan Hill. Starter Jeff Wigdahl also has been named Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Week three times.

### Softball

The women's softball team won the Heartland Conference crown for the fourth year in a row. There has never been a Heartland Conference softball champion other than St. Mary's. The Rattlers beat up on Panhandle State and cross-town rival Incarnate Word to get to the championship game, where they met UIW again. In the championship game, the Rattlers blasted the Crusaders 8-0.

The squad entered regional play with a 45-10 record, No. 1 ranking in the South Central region, and were ranked No. 6 in the nation.

Coach Donna Fields picked up conference Coach of the Year honors for the third year in a row. Senior Kym Kling added conference MVP honors to her résumé for the third year in a row, and several Rattlers made the All-Conference team. ■



## Athletics Hall of Fame Inducts New Members

Six Rattlers were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in February. Congratulations to (standing, left to right) Doug Wealty (B.B.A. '68), associate; Pedro R. "Peter" Palacios Jr. (B.A. '94), golf; Darren Brunson (B.B.A. '87), basketball; (seated, left to right) Pete Magre (B.A. '93), baseball; Susan Carter Hoelting (B.B.A. '87), basketball; and Elliott Henderson (B.A. '93), basketball. The Hall of Fame is comprised of more than 100 athletes, coaches and associates who, over the decades, have demonstrated outstanding performance and service to St. Mary's athletics program.



# Cornyn Helps Inaugurate Center for Terrorism Law

by Rob Leibold (M.A. '03), Associate Editor

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn (J.D. '77) was on hand Homecoming Weekend to help launch St. Mary's University School of Law's new Center for Terrorism Law, a research center dedicated to the study of legal issues associated with anti-terrorism and counterterrorism.

Believed to be the first of its kind in the nation, the center examines current and potential legal issues related to terrorism in light of the challenge of achieving and maintaining a proper balance between global security and civil justice. To that end, the center acts as a conduit for professional exchanges such as symposiums, consultations, writing commentaries and informational materials.

"This is largely about preventing future acts of terrorism," Cornyn said following the ribbon cutting ceremony held in the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library, which houses the center. "If we only punish the terrorists after they have committed heinous acts against our people, we will not have done our job."

Cornyn commended the administration for its understanding of the issues involved in the fight against global terrorism and its foresight in creating the center to study the legal issues surrounding it, adding that, with St. Mary's leading the way, other universities throughout the country will likely create similar think tanks to address this serious subject.

The impetus for the center came after the terrorist attacks of 9-11, said Jeffrey Addicott, assistant professor of law and director of the center. "There's a huge body of law that developed after 9-11," the 20-year JAG officer and senior legal adviser to the U.S. Army Special Forces said. "We saw the need to channel resources in a

manner that would allow us to focus on all these issues."

Bob Summers, professor of law, is the associate director, and the staff includes second- and third-year law students, including Grace M. Uzomba as assistant director, Amar Barkat Ali, Nicole Lewis, Alison McCall, Ashlee Thames and Timothy Ward. Addicott and Summers have extensive backgrounds in foreign intelligence issues.

In addition to the courses on Global Security Law and Terrorism Law offered through the center, Addicott and Summers teach affiliated courses – national security law, human rights, international law and comparative law, public international law, international human rights, international law of the sea and admiralty law – that can indirectly assist students in understanding the legal issues surrounding the war on terror.

The center received approval from Bill Piatt, dean of the law school, and the University administration last year. To get started, the center received an initial \$190,000 grant through the University of Texas at San Antonio's Center for Infrastructure Assessment and Security, which conducts research, exercises and analysis of terrorism to develop counterterrorism emergency plan models for the municipalities.

"Terrorists don't lack imagination and we can't lack imagination in dealing with their criminal and heinous acts, either," Piatt said.

Addicott and Summers have made some 20 public presentations in South Texas, Washington, D.C., Hawaii, Maryland, California and Sweden to discuss issues associated with terrorism, ranging from the Patriot Act to the use of anti-terrorism technology.



**St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell (far left), U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, law school dean Bill Piatt, and law faculty members and center staff Bob Summers and Jeffrey Addicott, cut the ribbon to officially open the Center for Terrorism Law.**

Additionally, the center has sponsored lectures on campus by experts who shared their insights into current issues on terrorism and counterterrorism law with students. ■

*All of the center's activity is chronicled on its Web site, which can be accessed through the law school's Web page at [law.stmarytx.edu/ctl](http://law.stmarytx.edu/ctl).*



**The Center for Terrorism Law is staffed by: (seated ) Bob Summers, associate director; and Jeffrey Addicott, director; (back row, left to right) Timothy Ward; Nicole Lewis; Grace Uzomba, assistant director; Alison McCall; Amar Barkat Ali; and (not pictured) Ashlee Thames.**

# NSSE: Students Give High Marks To St. Mary's Experience

by J. Mark Winston, Ph.D., Director, Academic Assessment

A vast majority of first-year students and seniors rate their overall experience at St. Mary's as good or excellent – most of them saying they'd do it all over again – according to a national survey designed to measure the quality of environments which foster student learning.

The National Survey of Student Engagement, conducted during the spring semester of 2003, builds on previously conducted research by assessing the extent that students are engaged – both in and out of the classroom – in the types of educational activities and practices associated with high levels of learning and development. These practices include active learning, frequency of student-faculty interactions, prompt feedback on student performance, time on task, establishing high expectations for learning, cooperation among students, and establishing an environment that respects diverse talents and ways of learning.

## Student Engagement Raises Satisfaction Levels

The results offer an indirect measure of educational quality that can be used to determine the overall level of student engagement as well as provide a comparison of the level and nature of that engagement as students progress through their college careers.

More than 700 colleges and universities representing all sectors of higher education (large, research-intensive institutions to small baccalaureate colleges, public and private institutions, urban and rural, and all regions of the country) have

used the NSSE (commonly referred to as the "nessie") since its inception in 2000, giving a participating institution a bellwether on how it compares to similar institutions as well as all those participating in the survey.

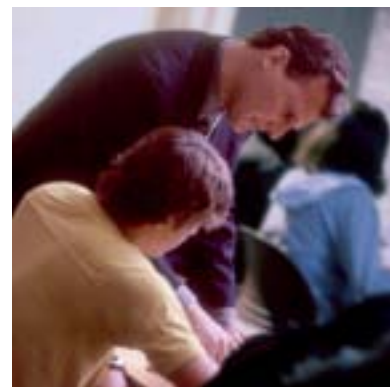
At St. Mary's, 90 percent of first-year students and 95 percent of seniors rated their overall college experience as good or excellent. Additionally, when asked if they would again choose St. Mary's, 84 percent of first-year students and 87 percent of seniors indicated they probably or definitely would make the same choice.

## St. Mary's Rates at or Above Comparison Groups

For virtually every question on the NSSE, St. Mary's students were at or above the ratings for peer institutions (i.e., Masters' institutions) and the overall national group. In many cases, the ratings for St. Mary's students were substantially higher than the two comparison groups.

The NSSE measures student engagement of those nearing the end of their first college year and seniors approaching graduation. The results can help gauge the overall level of student engagement and provide a comparison of the level and nature of engagement as students progress through their college careers. The comparison between the two points in time also can serve to measure the educational growth and development that students experience during their college careers.

Students rated on a 4-point scale (4=very much; 1=very little) the extent to which their educational experiences had contributed to their knowledge, skills and personal development in a variety of areas. As shown in Figure 1, both first-year and senior students rate their involvement in the political process (i.e., voting in elections) much higher than students in the two comparison groups.



St. Mary's students also believe their ability to contribute to the welfare of the community has been enhanced by their educational experiences at St. Mary's (Figure 2). Again, the results for St. Mary's students are higher than both of the comparison groups of students.

For both the voting and community service items, the disparity between St. Mary's students and the comparison groups are statistically significant, and more importantly, the magnitude of those differences suggests they are meaningful in a practical sense.

## Learning Environment Fosters Development

These findings are particularly significant given the importance of



civic engagement and community service as components of St. Mary's institutional mission. The survey shows students recognize their own personal growth in these areas, which demonstrates how the learning environment at St. Mary's fosters student development.

St. Mary's students also reported substantial growth in the development



of a personal code of values and ethics. Figure 3 shows ratings for both first-year and senior students that are substantially higher than those of the two comparison groups. Perhaps most importantly, there is a continued



growth and development that occurs between the first year and senior year for students at St. Mary's. In the comparison groups, the growth between the first year and the senior year is relatively small. Given the importance St. Mary's places on students' moral and ethical development, these findings indicate that St. Mary's is successfully accomplishing its mission.

Examples of how activities and



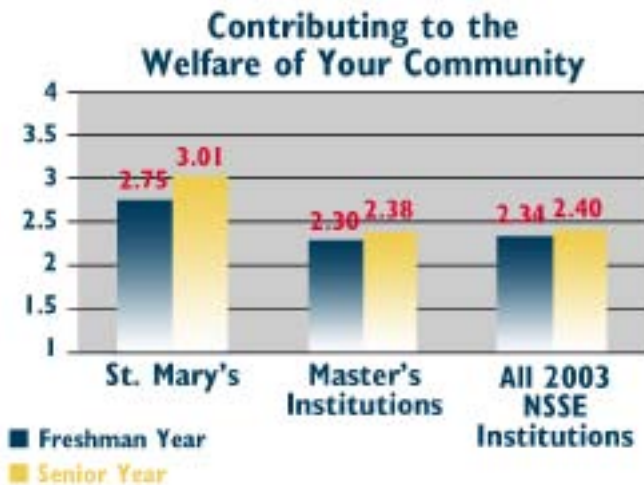
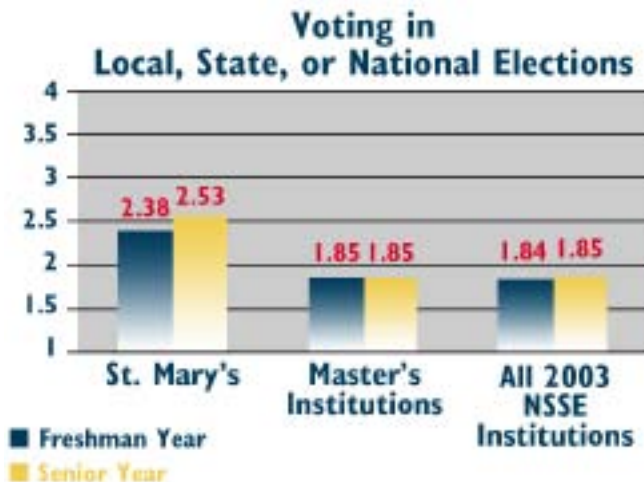
experiences at St. Mary's contribute to students' development include events such as "Coffee and Politics" at Java City on the Quad, which provides students the opportunity to gather with faculty members, such as President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., and Steve Neiheisel, Ph.D., of the Political Science department, and campaign leaders, to discuss politics in an out-of-class environment. Another example of the attention to civic engagement was the designation of "Civic Engagement Week," which included several events designed to involve students in politics and service.

### Community Service Adds Purpose to Experience

In the area of community service, St. Mary's students routinely provide service to San Antonio and more distant communities through Habitat for Humanity projects and spring break immersion trips to Mexico and other locales. St. Mary's students provide an estimated 30,000 hours or more of community service annually to those in need.

Considerable research has demonstrated that students will learn more when engaged actively in educationally purposeful activities. The more deeply

To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills and personal development in:



**Key:**  
 1 - Very Little                      2 - Some  
 3 - Quite a Bit                    4 - Very Much

## St. Mary's Targeted as College with a Conscience

Mark Winston's NSSE feature and graphs clearly show St. Mary's students are committed to civic engagement and service to community, and to deepening and strengthening their values system.

Their dedication to improving themselves and the communities around them is evidenced in many ways, from building homes with Habitat for Humanity to registering San Antonio residents and fellow students to vote.

Further highlighting St. Mary's students' passion for being engaged in things that truly matter—and confirmation of the NSSE findings—is the University's recent selection by Campus Compact as one of 100 member institutions to be considered for inclusion in a new publication on socially responsible colleges and universities.

Campus Compact, a coalition of more than 900 college and university presidents supporting the public purposes of higher education, is teaming with The Princeton Review and Random House to publish "Colleges with a Conscience: An Engaged Student's Guide to College."

The guide is designed to help high school students incorporate service and activism opportunities into their college selection process. Prospective students with such interests are exactly those best suited to benefit from—and contribute to—the St. Mary's educational experience.

engaged students are in their education, the more likely they are to develop the knowledge, skills and values necessary for a full, productive and meaningful life. The habits and skills gained will permit graduates to continue to learn and develop as individuals.

The results of the initial administration of the NSSE provide at least indirect evidence that St. Mary's has created a learning environment that fosters this type of continued development. Measurements of the quality of the learning environment are also ultimately a better gauge of institutional quality than the "college rankings" that have become so prevalent over the years in various national publications.

The University is committed to the assessment of the student experience. This spring, St. Mary's again will administer the NSSE as part of its participation in a national project, Building Engagement and Attainment of Minority Students (BEAMS), co-sponsored by NSSE and the American Association of Higher Education. Through the BEAMS project, St. Mary's will have the opportunity to work with other minority serving institutions (i.e. Hispanic-serving, historically Black colleges and universities and tribal colleges) in a consortial arrangement to study students and improve student engagement.

### Campus Specific Action Plan Will Enhance Environment

Participating institutions will draw upon each other's experience and expertise to develop a campus-specific action plan to increase student engagement on their campuses and further enhance their learning environments.

St. Mary's also will participate in the Faculty Survey of Student Engagement (FSSE), a new survey, this spring. The FSSE, a complementary instrument to the NSSE, examines student engagement

from the perspective of faculty members. The faculty perspective is essential for a complete study of the learning environment and student engagement. By comparing the results from the NSSE and the FSSE, St. Mary's will be better able to identify areas of current strength as well as areas in which additional improvement may be warranted. ■

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# A Reason to Celebrate

*Homecoming 2004*





# Marianist Values Put Alumni Coaches in Winning Position

by Pat Abernathey, Sports Information Director



**L**ook around college athletics and you won't always find the positives.

Revolving door coaching situations, win-at-all-costs mentalities, recruiting scandals and myriad other black eyes taint the system set up to give student athletes access to education.

But there are places where honor, loyalty, commitment and dedication ring true. And, there are places where good people do good things, and where they often finish first.

**Rattler alumni and head coaches when national championships have been won include, from left to right: Jim Zeleznak, 1986 NAIA Softball Championship; Donna Fields, 2002 NCAA Division II Softball Championship; Buddy Meyer, 1989 NAIA Basketball Championship; and Charlie Migl, 2001 NCAA Division II Baseball Championship.**

## Solid Work Ethic and Character Build Winners

From 1986 through 2002, St. Mary's University brought four collegiate national titles to San Antonio. Softball started it off with an NAIA title in 1986, followed by men's basketball in 1989. Baseball won the whole shooting match in NCAA Division II in 2001, and softball got another in 2002 with the NCAA Division II title.

How does a small Catholic university in San Antonio not only produce winning teams year in and year out, but bring four national championships to the Alamo City?

"It's a testament to the administration, faculty, staff, alumni and students of St. Mary's that they put the teams in the position to win a national championship," said Jim Zeleznak, head coach of the 1986 NAIA National Championship softball team.

How does Zeleznak know so much about alums, faculty and students at St. Mary's? He is or has been all three. Zeleznak, a 1979 graduate, has been a Rattler coach for 26 years.

It's interesting enough to know Zeleznak is an alum who led the softball team to its first national title. There's more to the story, however.

The other three national championships won by St. Mary's athletic teams were all coached by alumni.

Men's basketball coach Buddy Meyer (B.A. '65), softball coach Donna Fields (B.A. '87, M.A. '01), and baseball coach and Interim Director of Athletics Charlie Migl (B.A. '78), all are graduates who have brought home the greatest of hardware for the Rattlers.

"It is an awesome feeling to represent the University that took care of me," said Fields, who played volleyball, basketball and softball. "It took special coaches to allow me to play three sports."

Perhaps a member of the psychology faculty could provide insight into the minds of these successful coaches—why they win, what makes them tick—but Meyer says it's not all that technical.

"These people have a solid work ethic and a lot of character," he said. "I knew Donna, Charlie and Jim as students, and I got to see them on a lot of days."

"They put themselves in a position to win the national championship, and I knew they would because of their resolve."

## Family Spirit Influences Coaches

Ask any one of the four, and they will tell you the same thing—family is the most important place to acquire traits such as work ethic, loyalty and respect. Ask them where those traits were reinforced and strengthened, and they will tell you the same thing—St. Mary's.

"We all learned a lot from the Marianist values," Meyer said. "We learned a lot from the Marianists about caring and responsibility. Of course, there were a lot more brothers and priests when I first started out. You really gained a lot from the moral fiber that they projected."

Migl, who is in his 18th year as head baseball coach, said his days as a baseball player at the University set him on a path toward influencing young people.

"The University treated, and treats, me very well," he said. "I knew while I was here that I wanted to get into coaching and help pass on some of the lessons I learned."

Meyer is the longest-tenured of the national-champion coaches. His playing career ended in 1965, and except for a three-year stint at a local high school, he has been a coach at St. Mary's ever since.

Zeleznaк started his career at St. Mary's in a jack-of-all-trade position.

"I was the head softball coach, assistant men's basketball coach—then and now, director of intramurals, and I taught in the Exercise and Sports Science Department," he said. "All these jobs helped me see what was best for the whole student body, not just the athletes."

"I decided to stay here because of the relationships I had built, with Coach Meyer, and with the faculty and staff, people I saw everyday. It was family."

Fields and Migl said they are always aware of how they and their programs represent St. Mary's reputation and ideals.

"I always do my best to dress in St. Mary's attire, and make sure the softball team is dressed in St. Mary's attire," Fields said. "I want everyone to know where we go to school and who we represent. There is a huge amount of pride in the school and the softball program."

## University's Commitment Bolsters Success

Meyer, Migl, Fields and Zeleznaк believe they could not have had the type of success they have enjoyed without the help of everyone in the University community. One constant in all of their stories is the strength of alumni backing and the support of the administration for athletics.

"There are strong alumni that support St. Mary's," Meyer said. "We know that with the support of St. Mary's it gives us the opportunity to compete and be successful. I think the four of us could win anywhere, but it makes it a little easier being here where we are comfortable."

"The alums really take pride in seeing the program doing well," said Fields, who was a member of the 1986 softball team. "They know they had a part in building something that has lasted. The championships from 1986 and 2002 take on special meaning each

The St. Mary's Athletics Department is chock-full of alumni coaches. At the helm leading successful programs are: Paige Clawson (B.A. '93, M.A. '01), women's basketball; Que Willis (B.A. '01), men's soccer; Corwyn Ritch (B.A. '94), women's soccer; and Wes Skidmore (B.A. '70), men's golf. And, even though they've yet to bring home a national title, all are hard on the heels of their colleagues to add a championship banner to the walls in Bill Greehey Arena. They, like the others, embody the spirit and hard work that St. Mary's represents.

So, too, do alumni assistant coaches and graduate assistants who put in long hours with current teams. Chris Ermis (B.A. '97), now assistant baseball coach, was a volunteer with the 2001 champions, and Jessica Peoples (B.A. '94), is a graduate assistant who helped lead the 2002 softball squad to their title. Other grad assistants helping continue the Rattler legacy of success are: Joe Contreras ('01), baseball; Karin Dunham (B.A. '03), women's soccer; Bubba Meyer (B.A. '01, M.A. '04), men's basketball; Geoffrey Simelaro (B.B.A. '02), and Joella Zubia (B.A. '02), volleyball.

time we look back and see all the people associated with those wins and the wins in between."

There is a certain expectation to win at St. Mary's, added Fields and Meyer. It is not pressure, but an expectation within the coaches to live up to what has come before and what happens around them.

"Coach Meyer and Coach Zeleznaк tried to produce the right programs, and I saw that as a student," Fields said. "They developed a pride and expectation to be in the national tournament. They taught me to expect to go all the way."

Meyer added that student athletes at St. Mary's may not be the most gifted when it comes to physical ability, but the University helps produce winners.

"The academic standards make them work hard, the time constraints make them work hard," he said. "It is no surprise at all that these kids are positioned to win." ■



# Bridge

## Pedro and Alicia

by the Rev. John A. Leies, S.M., Th.D.

**P**edro and Alicia Viyao were cultural bridge-builders, with many of their efforts in Mexico supporting the Society of Mary and St. Mary's University.

In Mexico City they formed the "Fraternidad Ibero-Americano" to promote cultural and educational exchanges between Mexico and Spain and Portugal; they set up an endowed scholarship fund to encourage Mexican students to attend St. Mary's; they

were instrumental in helping the Society of Mary re-establish itself in Mexico. And, when St. Mary's formed its first Alumni Association of Mexico, Pedro became its first director.

Their final effort to build bridges between

cultures and peoples is their legacy endowment to St. Mary's University of \$7.8 million for student scholarships.

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**They were a warm and loving couple devoted to their faith and to the Catholic Church. They believed in building cultural and religious bridges between peoples.**

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### Benevolent Priest Keeps Viyao in School

Pedro never forgot his days on St. Mary's campus from 1928-1932 and the influence of the Marianists in his life. I became friends with him and his wife, Alicia, in the 1980s, and Pedro fondly reminisced about his days here when there were only three major buildings on campus—St. Louis, Reinbolt and Chaminade halls.

The old, archival photos on the corridor walls in St. Louis Hall show what St. Mary's looked like then—a campus set out in a wilderness, with a road ("The Long Mile," as it was called) leading to the only city transportation available. Those were the days when the campus fields were populated by rattlesnakes, when student "bushwhackers" had to go out to chase them away before students could safely play softball or soccer.

Pedro remembered with appreciation the education he received from the Marianists. San Antonio Archbishop Patrick Flores recounted a conversation he once had with Pedro, who told Flores he spoke with Father Alfred Rabe, then the head of the school, after his third year at St. Mary's. Pedro told Rabe he did not

# Builders

## Viyao Leave Legacy with \$7.8 Million Gift

think his father could afford to send him back to San Antonio for his last year because of the worldwide economic depression and the devaluation of the peso. But, Father Rabe told Pedro he needed to finish his schooling, and if he could not pay for it, he should not worry: St. Mary's would take care of it. Pedro, the Archbishop said, never forgot that gesture of generosity.

### Viyao Builds Enduring Friendships with S.M.s

He also was always grateful of the friendships he formed while at St. Mary's. Louis Trawalter, who later became a Marianist priest and pastor of Holy Rosary Parish on St. Mary's grounds, and Pedro had a lifelong friendship; they met from time to time when Pedro visited San Antonio or Father Louis went to Mexico City. They would invariably talk about "the good old days." And there were other friendships begun in Pedro's high school days that endured over the years.

Pedro spent four years in residence at St. Mary's, but during his final high school year he commuted to Central Catholic High School for classes because the University closed its secondary school department in 1931.

After graduating from high school, he returned to Mexico City where he studied for a law degree and entered the insurance business that had been established by his father. He married his wonderful wife, Alicia, who

became his lifelong companion and confidante.

Pedro eventually went into the hotel business, purchasing the Bristol Hotel in Mexico City (which became the stopping off place for many Marianists traveling through the Mexican capital). The esteem in which he was held in his native country is seen in the fact that he became a member of the board of directors of the Mexican Association of Insurance Companies, and later, a member and president of the board of directors of the Mexican Hotel Association. These positions gave him national recognition. He also was a member and vice president of the Mexico City Chamber of Commerce.

### Couple Devoted to St. Mary's

In the 1980s Pedro was appointed to the St. Mary's University Board of Trustees, which meant several trips to San Antonio each year. On these trips he and Alicia were able to renew their friendships with their San Antonio friends and the Marianists. They would often invite Father James Young, Brother Paul Goelz, Brother Richard Dix, Brother Bob Wood, myself, and other Marianists to dine with them at La Scala, their favorite San Antonio restaurant (although they had some favorite Mexican restaurants, too). At these gatherings they would inquire about the University and members of the Society of Mary whom they knew. We learned about Mexico and its



**Students unveil the Viyao gift, the largest by an individual in the University's 152-history, during a Feb. 6 news conference at St. Mary's.**

political, social and religious situations at those gatherings.

Pedro died in 1993 of a heart attack. Alicia continued the contact with St. Mary's, visiting here once or twice a year (which included continuing the custom of dining at La Scala) until her death in 2001.

They were a warm and loving couple devoted to their faith and to the Catholic Church. They believed in building cultural and religious bridges between peoples.

Their final gift to St. Mary's means that their support for the University will continue down through the years, long after their deaths, providing scholarships to innumerable students and helping the University achieve its mission as a Catholic and Marianist institution of higher learning. We are deeply grateful to them. ■

## St. Mary's Law Journal Fourth Most Cited by High Courts



# Topping the “A” List

*by Rob Leibold (M.A. '03), Associate Editor*

**T**he St. Mary's Law Journal, now in its 35th year, tied for fourth in a list of American legal periodicals most frequently cited in state and federal court cases over the seven-year period 1996-2003, according to a survey taken by Washington and Lee University.

During that time, the journal was cited 136 times – the same number as the Georgetown Law Journal – by courts in 31 states, the District of Columbia and two territories. Among those tribunals citing the work of the journal were 30 state supreme courts and three federal circuit courts. That number was surpassed only by the Harvard Law Review, Columbia Law Review and the University of Chicago Law Review.

“This is another indication of the quality of our school and the dedication of our students who work on the law journal,” said Bill Piatt, dean of the School of Law. “This illustrates the importance of the work in which they are engaged. The quality of their work is recognized by

attorneys and judges and will now help shape the future of the law.”

The St. Mary's Law Journal, issued quarterly by students of St. Mary's, publishes articles on a wide range of legal topics, but has an especially strong reputation in the fields of trial and appellate procedure, legal ethics, tort liability, criminal law and evidence.

“I think the fact that courts are frequently using articles from our journal demonstrates we are accomplishing our goal of being a widely read and influential legal publication,” said Jason Binford, the journal's editor-in-chief and a third-year law student.

This is the second year the law journal was ranked in the survey. Last year it was listed as the 10th most cited legal periodical by state and federal courts. Since 1995 the St. Mary's Law Journal has been cited in more than 300 Texas decisions, but its influence is much broader, added Vincent Johnson, associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs and chair of the Law Journal Faculty Committee. He noted that the highest court in New York cited six articles published in the law journal over the survey period in eight different cases.

“The law journal's high ranking reflects the priority that St. Mary's places on preparing students to address

issues that are at the center of contemporary litigation,” Johnson said.

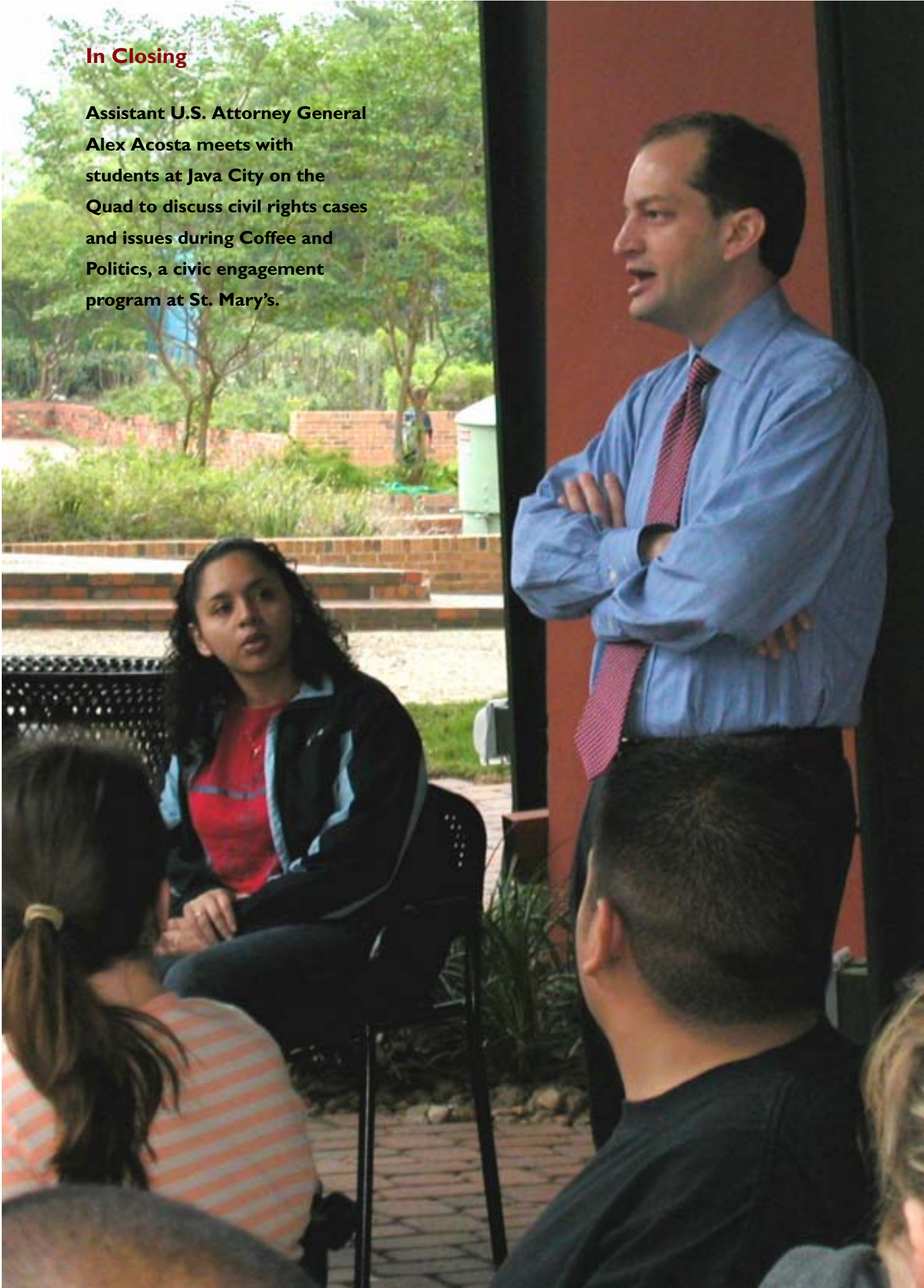
Johnson noted the St. Mary's Law Journal has a long history of publishing articles of importance to the practicing bar and courts. A 20-year survey covering 1970 to 1989 in the Texas Bar Journal showed the St. Mary's Law Journal was more frequently cited by courts than any law review published by a law school in Texas.

Among the authors who have published in the St. Mary's Law Journal are: William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice of the United States; the Rev. Robert F. Drinan, S.J., a former member of the House Watergate Committee; Broadus A. Spivey, president of the State Bar of Texas; and numerous justices of the Texas Supreme Court and Court of Appeals.

The Law Journal, which has won numerous awards over the years, including the Texas Bar Foundation's Outstanding Article Award on several occasions, was the highest ranking journal in the state. Three other Texas law schools were ranked in the survey's top 12: Houston Law Review (6); Texas Law Review (9) and Baylor Law Review (12). ■

## **In Closing**

**Assistant U.S. Attorney General Alex Acosta meets with students at Java City on the Quad to discuss civil rights cases and issues during Coffee and Politics, a civic engagement program at St. Mary's.**





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