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A Decade of Growing in the Marianist Charism  
Law Alum Takes His Legal Education to Baghdad  
Examining the Moral Implications of Science  
St. Mary's – Always International and Global



Andrea Jones, a graduate international relations student, interacts with a young girl from the slums of Dhaka while touring a day care and elementary school attended by the poorest of Bangladesh's children.

## On the Covers

**On the front cover:** Larry Hufford, Ph.D., professor of international relations, listens as a Bengali boy sings national songs during a ceremony celebrating the opening of a new bridge in a small community in Bangladesh. For the past 22 years, Hufford has organized trips to countries in crisis. His fourth trip to Bangladesh included 15 St. Mary's students as well as Tom Madison, Ph.D., chair of the accounting department in the Bill Greehey School of Business, and Aaron Tyler, Ph.D., visiting assistant professor of international relations. While in the nation's capital, Dhaka, they learned about urban development projects and social outreach programs. During their travels to rural Bangladesh, they studied sustainable development initiatives, health and sanitation efforts, micro-lending programs, as well as farming and other local industries.

**On the back cover:** St. Mary's students gather to pray in solidarity with their peers across the nation for the Virginia Tech community after that campus experienced the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history on April 19, 2007.

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St. Mary's University,  
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and educates leaders for the common good  
through community,  
integrated liberal arts and professional education,  
and academic excellence.



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## From the Editor

We believe at St. Mary's that our legacy of success lives in our students and graduates. How they conduct themselves personally and professionally – as individuals and collectively – speaks volumes about how they embrace and continue to advance the Marianist values of excellence, service, outreach and compassion.

We are pleased to present many of their stories to you in this issue of *Gold & Blue*. Among them is senior business student Sarah Proper who, at age 15, suffered a series of strokes and now includes in her life's goals helping and educating others through her work with the American Heart Association. There is 1993 graduate Brian Anderson who, while living out his dream as a play-by-play announcer for the Milwaukee Brewers, is honing the excellent communication skills he learned at St. Mary's while bringing joy to thousands of fans. And, there is the dynamic duo of Ruben and Veronica Escobedo – well-known in the San Antonio community and beyond for their leadership and service.

You'll also read about how the Marianist Leadership Program – celebrating its 10-year anniversary – is developing a new generation of servant leaders, St. Mary's longstanding commitment to internationalization, as well as a compelling look at bioethics in the context of Catholic doctrine.

Thanks to Leda Karchmer of Houston who, having read a profile on student Jean Choo in the last issue of *Gold & Blue*, wrote to correct an inaccuracy. In that brief about Choo's recognition by Oprah Winfrey for her essay written about "Night," we incorrectly referred to Elie Wiesel's book as a novel. As aptly stated by Karchmer, "Night" is Wiesel's personal testimony of the horrific occurrences in the Nazi concentration camps during World War II.

We always welcome feedback from our readers. Keep in touch and be sure to visit the St. Mary's Web site ([www.stmarytx.edu](http://www.stmarytx.edu)) often to keep up on these and other events and news.

—Candace Kuebker

# Educating for International Knowledge and Ethics in a Global Context

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

Catholic social teaching and Marianist values instill in us the obligation to serve humankind and advance the common good. As a Catholic and Marianist university, we are called to ethically educate for service. Pope John Paul II put it succinctly: “Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world.”

Robert Coles, a world renowned child psychiatrist and Pulitzer Prize winner, spoke at St. Mary’s a decade ago as part of the Lin Great Speakers Series. In one of his seminal works, “The Call of Service” (1993), Coles advanced his belief that service has a transformative influence on those who heed the call. He said that service should be an essential component of higher education and that service is a natural moral impulse – “linked to a human instinct that’s part of all the religious traditions.”

Service is not only a natural moral impulse but also the foundation of Catholic social teaching and Marianist



reflect on the theme “Mission and Internationalizing Education.” During that time we grappled with a number of questions related to educating to the new reality of a highly interdependent global setting. How do we best educate in both international knowledge and ethics in a global context? How do we educate a person who can move easily and respectfully between cultures? How do we educate the world citizen of tomorrow?

Some of the answers to those questions can be found by looking at

relationship that will never be forgotten and together formed a new cultural identity influenced equally by both sides.”

The transformational experience shared by Megan and her peers is only one of many that Marianist universities offer students. At St. Mary’s, service outreach takes students to New Orleans to rebuild homes and to Bangladesh to learn about sustainable development. In fact, our front cover captures Larry Hufford, Ph.D., professor of international relations, interacting with the people of Bangladesh while traveling there with faculty and students this summer. The Marianist Leadership Program (MLP) this fall will immerse some 75 students in servant leadership development while educating them in the Marianist charism. The study of international relations at both the undergraduate and graduate levels continues to attract more and more students each year as our global community becomes smaller and more interdependent. Those graduates move on to careers in the Foreign Service and with non-governmental organizations and nonprofits around the world.

According to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, when addressing faithful citizenship, “the most important challenges we face are not simply political, economic, or technological, but ethical, moral, and spiritual...A renewed commitment to faithful citizenship can help heal the wounds of our nation, world, and Church.”

As stated in Vision 2012, “St. Mary’s University will excel in developing graduates who, inspired by faith, are informed community builders who seek understanding and wisdom for the common good of society and who are prepared to lead extraordinary lives.” In this issue you will read about servant leadership, compelling social issues with moral considerations, and about alumni who are indeed leading extraordinary lives. ■

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values. As a Catholic and Marianist university, our obligation is not only to educate for service, but to provide our students the working laboratories that allow them to see the possibilities of what can be achieved by helping others – in our own neighborhood, in our nation, in our world. By educating to serve and offering opportunities to serve we will produce graduates who are true servant leaders.

Last month St. Mary’s hosted the annual Marianist Universities Meeting (MUM). Faculty, staff and students from St. Mary’s and our sister institutions, the University of Dayton and Chaminade University, gathered to

the service opportunities afforded our students. Earlier this summer, junior Megan Freasier joined students from our sister institutions for a service immersion trip to the Marianist service project in Uxpanapa, Mexico. During MUM, Megan spoke about how that experience changed her and her fellow students: “In overcoming the many cultural differences and in stepping beyond boundaries, all the students were impacted greatly and perhaps even felt the lasting effects of internationalization on a small scale...In those two weeks of service and building community, Mexicans and Americans developed a

# NEWS

## FROM AROUND THE GROVE



### ■ Short Subjects

#### Task Force Established to Revitalize Neighborhood

Founded and spearheaded by St. Mary's University, the Neighborhood Revitalization Task Force held its inaugural meeting this past March. President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., heads up the initiative that is grounded in St. Mary's strategic plan, Vision 2012.

The charge to the task force is to collaborate with St. Mary's neighbors and the University Park Neighborhood Association to enhance and advance its environs by focusing on revitalization that will include commercial transformation, housing rehabilitation, and infrastructure and quality of life improvements.

The task force is chaired by Ramiro Cavazos (M.P.A. '03), vice president of Research and Economic Development at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Task force members represent the city, University, neighborhood and business interests.

#### Alumni Chapters Expand

Alumni in Chicago and the surrounding area have initiated the Great Lakes Alumni Chapter. The Alumni Board of Directors approved the chapter earlier this year. St. Mary's newest alumni chapter will include former students from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Elected to lead the Great Lakes chapter are: Dave Ronzani (B.A. '78), president; Andre Frieden (B.S. '91), vice president; and Doug MacLachlan (B.B.A. '98), treasurer. The group's inaugural fundraiser was operating a soda booth at the Fiesta Oyster Bake this past April, followed by the Great Lakes Chapter Golf Tournament for Scholarships, held June 29 at the Boonie Brook Golf Course in Waukegan, Ill.

#### Lin Series to Focus on Interfaith Dialogue

The theme for the 2007-2008 Lin Great Speakers Series is "Interfaith Dialogue: A Pathway to Peace." St. Mary's has extended invitations to representatives of Islam, Judaism and Catholicism, the three religions whose traditions reach back millennia into the Holy Land, to address the religious and theological issues that impact attempts to establish a viable peace in that land.

Speakers and dates are to be determined. Visit [www.stmarytx.edu](http://www.stmarytx.edu) for updates.



#### Learning Exchange Starts in Germany

Five St. Mary's business students traveled to Schmalkalden, Germany, this summer with Keith Russell, dean of the Bill Greehey School of Business (back center), and his wife, Margaret (at his left), to participate in the 2007 International Summer School. The St. Mary's students are Lucia Sobrevinas (far left), Curtis Lucas (third from left in white shirt), Sarah Ingram (fourth from right in yellow shirt), Michelle Wolford (back row) and Lindsey Magaro (far right). Also pictured are three of the five Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences students who will attend St. Mary's this fall for the one-year M.B.A. program. This learning exchange is the result of a new agreement between the two institutions, which is part of the University's effort to broaden international learning opportunities available both on campus and abroad for St. Mary's students.

#### All in the family

Three members of one family – spanning two generations – all walked the stage on the same day during the May commencement exercises. Nelson Sigoloff (from right to left) earned a degree in applied management, his son Samuel Sigoloff earned his biology degree, and his nephew Bryan Sigoloff earned a marketing degree. Samuel, a member of the Army ROTC while at St. Mary's, was commissioned as an Army officer in May and will start medical school in the fall at the University of Ohio. The three began their studies at different times, with Nelson completing his degree through the evening studies program. Nelson had started his degree years ago and decided to return to finish after Samuel entered St. Mary's.





## Forum on Entrepreneurship Announces 2007-2008 Speakers

Curtis V. Anastasio, president and CEO of NuStar Energy LP, will kick off the Forum on Entrepreneurship Breakfast Series on Sept. 20. Other speakers scheduled to discuss their stories of entrepreneurship include:

- Nov. 20, Ray L. Hunt, chairman, president and CEO of Hunt Consolidated Inc.
- Jan. 31, Gordon Hartman, founder, Gordon Hartman Family Foundation
- March 27, Jeanie Wyatt, founder and chief investment officer, Southwest Texas Money Management Ltd.

All programs are held at the Pearl Brewery's Pearl Stable in San Antonio. For ticket information, contact the Algur H. Meadows Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at the Bill Greehey School of Business at 210-436-3124, or e-mail [pduffy@stmarytx.edu](mailto:pduffy@stmarytx.edu).



### Law Students Stage 'Puttin' on the Writs'

Third-year law student Jack Reid (above) performs with his guitar at "Puttin' on the Writs" law revue and talent show, sponsored by the Student Bar Association this past semester at the Josephine Theater in San Antonio. The Bar Association resurrected the show after many years of hibernation. Students performed various comedy and musical sketches, many of which parodied law professors, to raise \$1,200 for programs at the Center for Legal and Social Justice. Reid was the grand prize winner.



### Four Women Receive Franzke Feminist Award

As part of Women's History Month, the Women's Caucus of St. Mary's presented the 2007 Alice Wright Franzke Feminist Award to four members of the St. Mary's community who promote peace, empowerment, civic engagement and respect of all persons. The recipients included (from left) Patricia J. Mejia (B.A. '01, M.A. '04), director, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Center; Maria Elena Torralva-Alonso (B.A. '70), co-owner of Creative Events Plus; Carol Redfield, Ph.D., professor, Department of Computer Science; and Tonya Hammer, doctoral student, counselor education and supervision.

### Workshops Assist Local Businesses

St. Mary's recently hosted two business workshops on campus, offering outreach to local businesses.

On May 7, St. Mary's partnered with District 7 Councilwoman Elena Guajardo to present the "District 7 is Open for Business Summit." The event focused on topics such as writing a business plan, exploring financing options and fraud protection.

St. Mary's then joined with Texas A&M University for a May 11 conference to help local companies better prepare to do business with the European Union. The program was sponsored by the Texas A&M European Union Center of Excellence, the Center for International Business Studies of the Mays Business School at Texas A&M, and the Center for Global Business Studies within the Bill Greehey School of Business.

### Law School Web Site Offers Texas Supreme Court Arguments

This past spring St. Mary's began offering live video webcasts of oral arguments before the Texas Supreme Court through the School of Law Web site.

The court proceedings are archived on the Web and can be accessed by visiting [www.stmarytx.edu/law](http://www.stmarytx.edu/law). Remote access to the proceedings of

the Supreme Court of Texas are a valuable teaching tool for St. Mary's students and promotes the mission of the University by opening a window into our legal system for the citizens of Texas.

St. Mary's is one of only a few universities nationwide to provide such public access to a state supreme court.

### External Advocacy Teams Vie in National Contests

Four separate external advocacy teams from the School of Law competed in national tournaments during the spring semester.

St. Mary's finished as one of the top 10 schools in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition sponsored by the American Bar Association in Chicago. The moot court team of third-year law student Kimberly Phillips and second-year law student James Rodriguez missed the round of eight by less than a point. However, both Phillips and Rodriguez were individually recognized: Phillips as the best advocate in the nation and Rodriguez with the sixth best oral advocate award.

Third-year law students Robert Almonte and Pete Serrano went undefeated in the preliminary rounds of the Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Competition in Minneapolis and reached the quarterfinals. They finished as one of

the top eight schools at the competition and were recognized as having the best respondent's brief at the competition.

Third-year students Jessica Baruch, Rebecca Lively and Brian Lewis finished in the top 10 teams at the 32nd Annual National Trial Competition, sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers, in Houston.

And, third-year students Mark LaHood, Keaton Kirkwood, Sonja Sims and Patricia Aguayo made it to the quarterfinals of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association in Atlanta, Ga.

### Former Ambassador Addresses May Grads

Almost 400 graduates received their diplomas for the successful completion of studies leading to the bachelor's or master's degree. This diverse graduating class included two married couples, one soldier currently serving in Iraq, and almost an entire family – father, son and nephew – all walking the stage. (See photo, page 3.)

The keynote speaker was Henry E. Catto Jr., former U.S. ambassador to the United Kingdom and a San Antonio native, who addressed the topics of free speech, democracy and civility. Ambassador Catto's distinguished career of public service includes positions as director of the United States Information Agency, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs, Chief of Protocol of the United States of America, Ambassador to El Salvador and Deputy Representative to the Organization of American States.

### Undergraduate Research Spotlited

The eighth annual Undergraduate Research Symposium and Creative Activities Exhibition was held March 30 on the St. Mary's campus.

About 100 St. Mary's students presented their research in areas from biology to literature during the event in the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center.

The first Louis J. Blume Library Undergraduate Research Awards were presented to Lucia Sobrevinas for her research titled "The Role of High-Tech Industry Clusters in the Face of



### Student Leaders Recognized

Fourteen St. Mary's students were recognized with the 2007 Presidential Award for their success in academics, service, and leadership during the annual Distinguished Leaders Night on April 18. Pictured are (from left): Nicholas A. Sisoian, law, San Antonio; Rebecca J. Viagran, public administration graduate student, San Antonio; Migdalia Garcia, international relations graduate student, El Paso; Samantha A. Karam, entrepreneurial studies, San Antonio; Sara M. Reinhard, biology, San Antonio; Henry Van de Putte III, political science, San Antonio; Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., president; Ashley L. Shaw, physics/psychology, San Antonio; Christopher X. Cantu, exercise and sport science, Victoria; Matthew C. Jones, international relations, San Antonio; Tessa M. Pinon, physics, El Paso; Jessica M. Rodriguez, English-communication arts, San Antonio; Robert P. Manuel, philosophy, San Antonio; and Protasahana Hamal, accounting, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal. Not pictured is Nicolas J. Frech, economics, Managua, Nicaragua.

Globalization: Analyzing Austin and Guadalajara's Journey Towards Siliconia," and Claudia Lizbeth Valladolid for her research titled "College Preparedness of Minorities and St. Mary's University."

### MOU Signed with China's Wuxi College

A new partnership will extend the bridge of knowledge between St. Mary's University and Wuxi South Ocean College in China.

Wuxi College President Zeng Honglu, Ph.D., and several Wuxi Board of Trustees members came to St. Mary's in March to sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will allow Wuxi students to spend three semesters at St. Mary's taking undergraduate-level courses in selected business areas and computer science. The memorandum includes plans for expansion into other subjects and graduate-level programs.

Cooperative agreements with Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO), a Jesuit university in Guadalajara, Mexico, and the University of Applied

Sciences in Schmalkalden, Germany, were also signed during the 2006-2007 academic year.



Wuxi South Ocean College President Zeng Honglu, Ph.D., and St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., capped a momentous day on March 7 with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding that will welcome Chinese students to St. Mary's next fall.



## ■ Newsmakers

### Cantú Plans Active Agenda at Helm of Law School

Charles E. Cantú, interim dean at the School of Law, plans to focus primarily on advancing excellence in the classroom, engaging alumni to become more active and expanding international opportunities for students.

Cantú, the longest-tenured Hispanic law professor in the country, took over his new post on June 1 with an almost immediate impact on the future of the law school – the announcement of a \$1 million gift from the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust for scholarships.

Cantú believes promoting collaboration with alumni, students, faculty and the University administration will further everyone's interests with the specific goals of advancing the law school and helping students succeed in their studies and future careers.

Cantú, a 1964 graduate of the school, returned to campus in 1966 as professor of law, and he has remained for more than 40 years.

Cantú received a business degree from The University of Texas, an M.C.L. from Southern Methodist University and the LL.M. from the University of Michigan. Before joining the faculty he traveled extensively in South America, and for one year was a Fulbright Scholar to Bolivia.

His steadfast dedication to students and his involvement in many social and civic causes throughout the region exemplify his commitment to South Texas and the School of Law. The law school class of 1997 thought so much of Cantú's mentorship that it started the Charles E. Cantú Fund, which is used by law campus ministry to support many ongoing activities throughout the year. The St. Mary's Law Alumni Association recognized him with the Distinguished Law Graduate Award in 1999.

### New Members Join Board of Trustees

St. Mary's this year welcomes six new members to the Board of Trustees. Each will serve a two-year term.

Edward C. Benninger, vice chancellor for administration for the Archdiocese of San Antonio and former president of Valero Energy Corp., previously served on the St. Mary's Board of Trustees from 1996-1999. As vice chancellor for administration, Benninger leads the effort to establish modern business practices in the archdiocese's fiscal operations. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University and a member of the Order of the Knights of St. Gregory, a high papal honor.

David C. Dickson (B.B.A. '68) is the president of Great Central Mortgage Ltd., a securities firm that he established in the 1970s. A former member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, Dickson also served as a longtime Fiesta Oyster Bake volunteer. He was a member of Rho Beta Gamma fraternity while attending St. Mary's.

Claude E. Ducloux (J.D. '77) is an attorney with Hill, Ducloux, Carnes & Youngblood in Austin. Board certified in civil trial law and civil appellate law, he is a member of the Law Alumni Association Board of Directors and is a board member for the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. Ducloux has served as an assistant general counsel for the State Bar of Texas, president of the Travis County Bar Association and chairman of the State Bar College.

Edward B. Kelley (B.B.A. '64) retired in 2005 as president and CEO of USAA Real Estate Co. Kelley previously served on the Board of Trustees from 1984-1991 and 1994-2002, including as chairman from 1989 to 1991. In addition to USAA Real Estate Co., he has worked with La Cantera Development Co., and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Kelley was a 1993 Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient. He earned a master's degree in business from Southern Methodist University.

Susan Romo (B.A. '85) is director of the Global Markets Solution Group at Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. She previously served as vice president of the Asset Finance Group

at Credit Suisse and as an investment banker at ContiFinancial Service Corp. She holds a master's degree in finance from New York University.

Brother Edward Violet, S.M., Ph.D. (B.B.A. '82) was elected in July 2006 to the General Council of the Society of Mary as assistant general for temporalities. Before assuming his current post in Rome, Violet taught in the international relations graduate program at St. Mary's, serving as the program director. He earned his master's degree in administration from the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate from the London School of Economics in international social policy.

Ruben M. Escobedo will continue to helm the board as its chairman, vice chairman duties remain with David W. Biegler, and Jack Paul Leon takes over responsibilities as secretary of the board.



### Associate Dean Selected as Faculty Fellow

Steve Calogero, Ph.D., associate dean of the School of

Humanities and Social Sciences and professor of philosophy, has been named a 2007-2008 Texas Campus Compact Faculty Fellow. The Faculty Fellows Program is an academic initiative that supports faculty in developing many different aspects of scholarship, including teaching, discovery, integration and application.

### Notable Alumni Recognized at Law Commencement

The School of Law honored three alumni at this year's commencement exercises in May.

Charles L. Smith, of counsel in the litigation section of the San Antonio office of Jackson Walker, received the 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award for his years of service in the legal community. A 1955 magna cum laude graduate of St. Mary's School of Law, Smith has more than 50 years of litigation experience.

David A. Ezra (B.B.A. '69, J.D. '72), U.S. District Judge for the



Charles L. Smith

District of Hawaii, received the 2007 Rosewood Gavel Award, presented to an outstanding judge or justice for contributions to our system of constitutional democracy.



David A. Ezra

Stuart Bowen Jr., a 1991 law school graduate and the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction since 2004,



Stuart Bowen Jr.

received the 2007 St. Thomas More Award, presented to a judge, lawyer, law teacher or layperson for exceptional contributions to legal education, the legal

profession or government. (Read a profile on Stuart Bowen on page 14.)

### Stanush Inducted Into Texas Institute of Letters

Claude Stanush, a 1939 honors graduate in English and recipient of the St. Mary's University Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991, was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters (T.I.L.) at its annual spring banquet in Dallas. T.I.L. was founded in 1936 during the centennial celebration of Texas independence for the promotion and recognition of literature.

Stanush is a nationally acclaimed journalist and author. He spent many years at Life magazine and, as an author, may be best known for his stories and books about the Texas bank-robbing clan, the Newton Boys, as well as the screenplay for the 1998 film of the same name. His latest collection of stories, "Sometimes It's New York," was published this past spring.

### New Development Executive Director



Paul Kettering

Paul "Rocky" Kettering has been named executive director of University Development at St. Mary's. Kettering joins the University Advancement team after having served as the associate executive director of the University of Southern Mississippi Foundation.

At Southern Miss, Kettering developed a prospect identification and management system that contributed to a new university fundraising record. In addition to carrying his own portfolio of major gift prospects, Kettering also managed a team of development officers for each college, including annual and planned giving programs.

### Law Professor Leopold Marks 40 Years of Service



Aloysius Leopold

Aloysius Leopold was honored during Homecoming festivities this spring as he marked 40 years as a law professor at St. Mary's, and his portrait was unveiled during the Dean's Homecoming Reception.

More than 150 friends, family, students and former students gathered in the Law Alumni Room of the Sarita Kenedy East Law Library to honor Leopold.

After graduating from St. Mary's law school in 1962, Leopold



### Alumni Association Honors Three Distinguished Graduates

The St. Mary's University Alumni Association honored three graduates at the annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner in March. The honorees (pictured above) were Barbara B. Gentry (B.A. '71), senior vice president of community affairs for USAA and president of the USAA Foundation; Ronald J. Herrmann (B.A. '57, J.D. '59), who chairs various family-owned businesses; and Douglas W. Cross (B.S. '68), president and CEO of Zulu Investment Corp., which owns AAA Auger.

entertained several job offers, including one to teach law at the University. Deciding he should have some practical experience before teaching, Leopold and his wife, Agnes, moved to the Rio Grande Valley where he practiced real estate law.

When Leopold joined the law faculty in 1967, he was assigned to teach wills and estates. He finally got to teach his real love – real estate law – to many of the more than 7,000 law students he has touched over the years.

### Crump First Distinguished Young Law Alum

Karin Crump (J.D. '97) was honored with the Distinguished Young Alumna award, presented by the Law Alumni Association. Crump, of counsel in the Austin office of Martin, Disiere, Jefferson & Wisdom, is the first recipient of the award, which recognizes a graduate from St. Mary's within the past 10 years who has shown outstanding achievement in the legal profession and service to the community.

Crump, president of the Texas Young Lawyers Association, is a civil litigator and mediator.



Karin Crump

## ■ Good Deeds

### Estate Gift Directed to Renovations of St. Louis Hall

More than \$110,000 from the Estate of Winston R. Norris (B.B.A. '59) has been directed to the renovations of St. Louis Hall, the University's historic administration building. Some \$2.2 million has been raised in support of this project.

### Marianist Trust Gives \$371,000

The Marianist Trust Board allocated more than \$371,000 to St. Mary's scholarships and programs for the coming academic year.

Most of the funding will be used for scholarships, with \$298,000 dedicated to undergraduate scholarships and \$44,500 for graduate scholarships. The University's Marianist Leadership Program will receive \$23,328. Continuing the Heritage, a twice-yearly project that brings faculty, staff, students, alumni and University neighbors together to help others through community service, will receive \$5,400.



### Law School Secures Support for Scholarships

Four days into his term as interim dean of St. Mary's School of Law, Charles E. Cantú announced the law school had secured a \$1 million gift from the Lamar Bruni Vergara Trust. The gift will establish an endowment that will provide scholarships for students from Webb County. The first awards will be made in Fall 2008. Pictured with Cantu are (from left) The Hon. Solomon Casseb Jr. (B.A. '38) and J.C. Martin III (B.A. '62).

### Local Foundation Continues Support

The Sembradores of San Antonio Educational Foundation added another \$8,000 to their existing endowment at St. Mary's University. Earnings from the endowment support scholarships for students originating from Bexar County.

### Alkek Foundation Grants \$200,000 for Computer Lab Classrooms

The Margaret and Albert Alkek Foundation awarded a \$200,000 grant to St. Mary's to create two technology-based classrooms for students studying languages and English-communication arts.

The 'studio classrooms' will create specialized learning environments that augment traditional teaching. The languages studio will include 25 computer stations and accommodate standard-sized classes while allowing individual students to access the studio to practice their language skills. The English-communication arts classroom will be a multimedia production studio including 11 computers and industry-standard software.

### SALE Support Tops \$700,000

Since 2002, the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc. (SALE) has supported students pursuing studies in the biological sciences at St. Mary's University. Since then, SALE has committed more than \$700,000 in scholarships to St. Mary's students, which includes the most recent gift of \$100,000 for 10 incoming freshmen in Fall 2008.

Over the years, more than 50 students have received \$10,000 scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition.



### Graduates Remember the Good Ol' Days

Members of the Heritage Club – graduates of 50 and more years ago – gathered at a reception during Homecoming to share memories and get re-acquainted. The club, which annually conducts a fundraising campaign, presented the University with \$169,331. The money will support University needs through the St. Mary's Fund as well as student scholarships.



### Couple Establishes Endowment

Tino (B.A. '63, M.S. '77) Duran and his wife Millie have established the Tino and Amelia Duran Endowed Scholarship for undergraduate students. Duran (far left) and his daughter Nina presented St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., with a \$10,000 check to establish the endowment. Scholarship awards will be made when the endowment reaches \$25,000.



## ■ Sports Corner

### Record Year for Academics and Athletics

Cross country runner Tara Wickets became the fourth St. Mary's student-athlete this spring to earn ESPN the Magazine/College Sports Information Director's of America (CoSIDA) Academic All-District honors in 2006-2007. The four Academic All-District honors this year represent a school record for a single year. Jason Anderson was a second-team selection in baseball, Joe Dinkins was a first-team pick in men's basketball and Deann Lopez was a second-team honoree in women's soccer.

### Baseball Team Fields Honors

The Rattler baseball team posted its 21st winning season in 22 years under head coach Charlie Migl and they were rewarded accordingly for their play on both the conference and regional levels.

Eight Rattlers earned All-Heartland Conference recognition this season. Making the first team for the Rattlers were Michael Brzezinski, Ray Camacho, Jonathon Cisneros, Frank Flores and Tommy Vrzal. Earning second-team honors were Jason Anderson, Zach Kucera and Cody Pyle. Vrzal, Brzezinski and Camacho were also recognized as all-region. The Rattlers finished the regular season with a 38-16 overall record and a 30-10 mark in Heartland Conference play, just missing the NCAA Regional Playoffs.

### Softball Wins Title, Two All-Americans Named

St. Mary's won its seventh straight Heartland Conference Tournament title and advanced to the NCAA South Central Region for the seventh-straight year. The Rattlers finished the season with a 45-18 record. Leading the way for the team were Malissa Magee and Kelcy Walker. Magee was named Heartland Conference Pitcher of the Year, South Central Region Pitcher of the Year and second-team All-American after winning 30 games and leading the Rattlers to within one win of the College World Series.



Caleb Staudt

### Staudt Drafted by Major League Baseball

Rattler senior right-handed pitcher Caleb Staudt was selected in the 39th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the Washington Nationals. Staudt overcame an early season injury to finish with a 5-1 record with one complete game in 41.1 innings of work. He started eight games and had a 3.48 ERA. Staudt was named Heartland Conference Preseason Pitcher of the Year.

Walker earned second-team All-American honors for the first time after hitting .384 with 15 doubles, 10 homeruns and 49 RBI. She was a first-team All-Heartland pick and a first-team All-South Central Region selection. The two All-American selections this season give the Rattlers 37 in their 27-year history of softball. The Rattlers now have 13 NCAA Division II All-American selections and have had at least two All-Americans five of the last six years.

Magee, Walker, Lindsay Barnes and Brittany Kettinger were all named National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-South Central Region. Magee, Walker, Barnes and Pederson were named first team All-Heartland Conference. Five Rattlers earned second-team All-Heartland honors: Brittany Kettinger, Lindsay Magaro, Jenna Saucedo, Sarah Cooper and Sade Moore.

### Amoretti, Lim Honored for Play on the Links

Men's senior golfers Jamie Amoretti and KC Lim were recognized as the top players in the conference and the nation for their play this season. Amoretti, a San Antonio native, was named All-American for the second-straight season. He was a first-team selection in 2006 when he won the NCAA Division II individual national championship. Amoretti is the second St. Mary's men's golfer to earn NCAA Division II All-American honors twice in a career.

Lim, also from San Antonio, won the Heartland Conference individual title for the first time and tied the school record with three tournament victories. Both he and Amoretti earned All-Heartland honors for their play and also were recognized as all-region.

### Harbin Wins Heartland Women's Golf Title, All-American Honors

St. Mary's senior golfer Jessica Harbin was named National Golf Coaches Association second team NCAA Division II All-American and first team All-West Region. Harbin finished 18th at the NCAA Division II Women's Golf Championship. Her finish is the second best for a St. Mary's individual at the NCAA Championships. Harbin had her best season to date, winning four tournaments and finishing in the top 10 in nine of 11 tournaments. She was named Heartland Conference Women's Golfer of the Year and was a first-team All-Heartland selection for the third-straight year. ■



Jessica Harbin



# A Call to Serve: Ruben and Veronica Escobedo Live the Mission

by Gina Farrell, Director of Media Relations

Ruben and Veronica Escobedo have made service to community their life's work. Each has a long list of activities, boards and accomplishments, but together they are a team with a vision – a vision based in faith – to make the community a better place.

Ruben, a 1960 St. Mary's University graduate and current chairman of its Board of Trustees, is a San Antonio certified public accountant well-known for giving his money, time and talent to causes he believes in. Veronica Salazar Escobedo retired in 2006 from a 35-year career at the San Antonio Express-News, where she built the community relations and philanthropy department from the ground up.

Both their professional and personal lives have been guided by their Catholic faith and their heartfelt belief in giving back.

"They make a real dynamic duo," said St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D. "Ruben and Veronica truly live the mission of St. Mary's."

## A humble start

Ruben grew up poor on San Antonio's South side. He worked his way through college, earning an associate's degree before landing at St. Mary's, where the Marianists were willing to help out those with more drive than money. "If you had enough money for books, the brothers would let you come to school. So every week we lined up on the first floor of St.

Louis Hall to pay what we could."

After graduation, Ruben spent a few years with Price Waterhouse in New York before returning to San Antonio as an internal auditor for Handy Andy grocery stores – the very place he had worked to put himself through St. Mary's. He eventually rose to company president before starting a CPA firm in 1977.

Ruben attended only three semesters at St. Mary's, but took the lessons of service, professional ethics and human dignity to heart. He remembers one class in particular, Brother John Totten's ethics course. "Brother Totten said we have a responsibility to always pay people a salary that affords them the opportunity to live in human dignity. As an employer, I always asked myself if I was doing that."



## The essence of St. Mary's

The list of corporate and civic boards Ruben has served on and continues to serve on is long: Valero Energy Corp., United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County, San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc., Mexican American Cultural Center, and the San Antonio Museum of Art, to name a few. He has served on boards of two other area universities, and co-chaired the successful \$22 million fundraising campaign to renovate San Fernando Cathedral – the cultural and spiritual center of San Antonio.

Ruben has received the Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals' local chapter, and this year, he was honored with the Soul of the City Award for his work on the Cathedral project.

He credits much of his business success and his dedication to service to the Marianists. "I only attended St. Mary's for a year and a half, but the impact was great. St. Mary's not only taught me how to make a living, it taught me how to live. That's the essence of St. Mary's."

## A foundation of faith

Veronica credits her parents with the foundation of faith that became the cornerstone of her life. Growing up in Rio Grande City her mother taught CCD to children of migrant workers. "My parents taught me to love people and use things, not love things and use people."

After graduating from Our Lady of the Lake University, Veronica worked for the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce as a translator and interpreter. Soon she met Charles Kilpatrick, then-editor of the San Antonio Express-News, who asked her to work as his secretary.

"I leapt at the chance to work for a newspaper. I love to talk about the good things that people do." However, Veronica noticed that minorities – particularly Hispanics – rarely made the paper for good news. That led to the start in 1973 of "Dedication Rewarded," a column in which she highlighted the accomplishments of people who made up the fabric of San Antonio.

By 1982, the overwhelming response to her column led to the newspaper asking her to build a community relations department. In 1993, she became a vice president. Veronica retired in 2006, proud of her work at the Express-News. "For 35 years, my job was giving back to the community."

It was while Veronica was writing the column that she met Ruben. "I was doing profiles on people with humble beginnings. He had started as a stock boy at Handy Andy and ended up president." A few years later, Ruben contacted her with ideas for future columns. Soon she realized he had another motive for calling.

Veronica enjoys a challenge, but she did not realize how big – or rewarding – this challenge would be. "When we met, he was the single father of four teenagers. I didn't even know how to cook."

Veronica took on the role of stepmother with the faith, grace and love she is known for. Recently she

was honored at the Avance Mother of the Year Luncheon with the Chairman's Award for her role as a mother, civic leader and community volunteer.

In an emotional speech during the luncheon, their daughter Diana, now a mother herself, said: "Throughout the years with tireless energy Veronica showed a dedication and enthusiasm to her family, her career and her community. She managed to make a lasting impression, becoming a role model for us...she taught us that we could achieve whatever we aspired to be."

## Coming full circle

After Cotrell became St. Mary's president, he approached Ruben about an open seat on the Board of Trustees. Having worked together on several community initiatives, Cotrell knew Ruben was right for St. Mary's.

"He understands not only the history and background of St. Mary's, but also the great possibilities that lie ahead as a Catholic, urban university – one that is prominent in the region and statewide," Cotrell said.

Ruben's most remarkable quality is his humility, Cotrell said, recalling a day when the Escobedos were awaiting the start of Mass at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Once it became clear there were no alter servers for the Mass, unprompted, Ruben filled in.

Pastor Monsignor Lawrence Walsh remembers that day and says it was no surprise. "The Escobedos are very gracious people...they are there to assist you if you need help."

Both Ruben and Veronica are called by their faith to reach out to their community, and today much of their volunteerism centers around the Church. They are co-chairs of a capital campaign for the Archdiocese of San Antonio, helping plan the 35th anniversary of the Mexican American Cultural Center, and Veronica has joined the pastoral council of Our Lady of Grace Parish. "We are very blessed. The more we give, the more we receive," she said.

"What Veronica and I have in common are the same values that the Marianists bring to the community we live in and the community of humanity," Ruben added. "Hopefully those same qualities are expressed in the work we do." ■



# Marianist Leadership Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary

by Christopher Cantu (B.A. '06), and Sister Gretchen Trautman, F.M.I. (B.A. '73),  
Coordinator of the Marianist Leadership Program

Many St. Mary's students hear the call to community service first sounded by the University's founders. For 10 years, the Marianist Leadership Program has invited students to answer that call by living their lives in the formation of the Marianist charism and through Mary.

The Marianist Leadership Program, commonly referred to as MLP, has been an essential part of the University in raising awareness of the Marianist charism and values. Greg Gomez (B.A. '04) was drawn to MLP as a student at St. Mary's.

"The sense of service is what

takes inspiration from the history of the Marianist founders, who worked in social justice and developed experiences of communal spirituality. The MLP is a four-year scholarship program that seeks to educate individuals in lifelong habits of awareness of faith and culture, leadership, and service in the Christian tradition. The requirements of the program include attendance at weekly meetings, educational classes about the Marianist charism and service.

Based within St. Mary's Service Learning Center, which is responsible for organizing and offering service

of graduates have gone on to become successful leaders in their communities. San Antonio-based service initiatives, such as the tutoring programs set up at Holy Rosary Parish School and Holy Cross High School, were started by current MLP members Staci Gangnon and Frank Gonzalez.

Not only do MLP members aim to grow in servant leadership for themselves but they also seek to teach and foster the growth of servant leadership on campus. One way the program reaches out to the University community is through the Continuing the Heritage service event. At the

## A DECADE OF GROWING IN THE



attracted me to the MLP, and indeed, it continued after my graduation from St. Mary's," said Gomez who has gone on to join the Alliance for Catholic Education, a master's program at Notre Dame University that places teachers in impoverished communities.

Gomez's dedication to service continues today, and he is reminded daily of what he learned in the Marianist Leadership Program.

This call to serve has attracted students like Gomez to the Marianist Leadership Program. Since its inception, the program has touched the lives of many students with the opportunity to explore Marianist traditions through service, education, and spirituality.

Instituted by the professed Marianists of St. Mary's, the program

outreach for everyone in the St. Mary's community, MLP encourages members to develop servant leader skills by coordinating and participating in service.

"I know that the original mission statement was centered on the idea of service ... I believe that idea is at the core of the program," Gomez said. "The idea of strengthening the surrounding community and each other through service is extraordinarily powerful and is what the MLP attempted to accomplish in its first years."

### Reaching Beyond Campus Borders

In the past 10 years, MLP students have dedicated their time and energy to making the program grow. A number

beginning of each semester, the Marianist Leadership Program and the Service Learning Center co-sponsor a Saturday community service experience involving St. Mary's students, faculty, staff and alumni. From picking up trash in the surrounding neighborhoods and painting area houses, to making and serving lunch to those who are less fortunate or playing dominoes with Alzheimer's patients, Continuing the Heritage volunteers realize the satisfaction derived from serving others. Continuing the Heritage continues to grow each year, with the January 2007 event attracting more than 275 people – including parents of current students – who collectively provided more than 1,000 hours of direct service in our community in one afternoon.



## About the Program

Over the years the program has grown and adapted to new students and coordinators. Throughout the years, different coordinators have brought with them their unique style of leadership which has helped shape the program into what it is today.

### Coordinators

Judy Geelhoed (1997-2000)  
 Neomi de Anda (2000-2001)  
 Marida Carmona (2001-2003)  
 Brother Ed Longbottom, S.M. (2003-2005)  
 Rev. Cris Janson, S.M. (2005-2006)  
 Sister Gretchen Trautman, F.M.I. (2006-present)

For the past decade, the Marianist Leadership Program has transitioned itself into the blossoming program it is today. Senior member Jennifer Buchmeyer points to the program's successive growth.

"When I first joined the program in 2003 there were about 40 people involved and now there are approximately 60," she said. With the

### Developing Leadership Skills

Through Marianist online courses based at the University of Dayton, MLP students develop deeper insight into the struggles the Marianist founders had to overcome to carry out the mission of God, and how each student can carry on that mission today. The classes also teach the basics of what community means and how it

their example the Holy Mother Mary who said "yes" to God's will in her everyday servant leadership role within the creation of the church.

As St. Mary's celebrates 10 years of success of the Marianist Leadership Program, its participants have also witnessed and shared in the development of a related student program at sister school, the University

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strong financial support of the Marianist Trust, in the fall of 2007 membership expands to 75 students, each of whom receives an MLP scholarship funded by the Trust.

"I came into MLP with Brother Ed Longbottom as coordinator and the program really started changing my sophomore year when MLP participants began to take ownership of the program," Buchmeyer said. "It is important, especially now, that the participants put themselves directly into the program; it is how they benefit from it – by letting it form them. Change is good. It is part of the Marianist charism to educate for adaptation and change."

works, especially in the Marianist family.

Weekly meetings give students a chance to learn about the different aspects of Marianist life. The program educates its members to learn and practice leadership skills by educating others and organizing meetings. Trust, communication, and group facilitation skills are practiced during retreats, meetings, projects, and events. Communication is fundamental to the success of the MLP program as it teaches students to move beyond conveying their own ideas, and to listen and be open-minded to different perspectives, which is a skill vital to living in and understanding the world today. Students recognize the heart of the program is learning about Marianist spirituality and they have as

of Dayton. Chaminade University in Honolulu, the Marianists' third post-secondary institution, is considering adopting a similar program.

Answering the call of those in need in San Antonio and beyond through servant leadership is how St. Mary's MLP students describe their experience. Each day, they challenge each other to love and understand their neighbor through spiritual reflection and discovery.

"The MLP has grown and continues to grow and foster Marianist values. To be a good leader, we must learn to be servants of others," said Chris Cantu, a recent graduate of St. Mary's and a former member of this program. "I can say that it has helped form me into the person I am today, and I couldn't be more grateful." ■

A portrait of Stuart Bowen Jr., a man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a dark red tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred indoor setting with warm lighting, possibly a lamp.

## Law Alum Takes His Legal Education to Baghdad

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

Nothing could have prepared Stuart Bowen Jr. for the challenges of doing his job in a war zone, but what he learned from his St. Mary's School of Law professors became the educational foundation for his work as the top watchdog in Iraq for the American taxpayers.

Bowen, a 1991 graduate of the School of Law, has served as the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction since 2004. His job description is simple, even if the work isn't: Bowen oversees the \$22 billion the American government is spending on Iraq reconstruction efforts. He has made 16 trips to Iraq and has issued 13 reports to Congress detailing the results of his inspections and investigations of both the U.S. and Iraq systems.

"Everyone has told a mixed story. We have had some successes and some failures," he said, explaining that his office spends substantial time investigating suspected white collar crimes by U.S. and Iraqi personnel. "So far we have put four people in prison. We have 78 cases ongoing and 28 cases under prosecution."

The most serious impediment to his job is the political instability and the continued insurgent attacks throughout the country. "This is probably the most difficult oversight job in the history of this country because of the severity

and frequency of attacks," Bowen said, adding that one of the attacks breached the Green Zone in Baghdad while he was there.

Bowen, 49, a Washington D.C. native, was back in San Antonio to attend the law school's commencement exercises in May. At the ceremony, Bowen was presented with the St. Thomas More Award, which recognizes exceptional contributions to legal education, the legal profession, or government. It is an award that one of his former professors and mentors, interim Dean Charles E. Cantú, had won just the year before. "I am honored to receive this award the year after he did," Bowen said.

In addition to Cantú, several St. Mary's law professors were instrumental in guiding the direction of his career, including Geary Reamey, who taught criminal law, and Michael Ariens, who Bowen called "one of the most intellectually challenging constitutional law professors."

Ariens remembers Bowen as a gifted and dedicated student. "He was deeply engaged in the material, and asked probing, challenging questions, which enhanced the learning of all of the students in the class. I was fortunate to teach Stuart in other classes during his time at St. Mary's, and his thirst for learning made him a wonderful student," Ariens said.

After graduating in 1991, Bowen was a briefing attorney to Texas Supreme Court Justice Raul Gonzalez, and then an assistant attorney general of Texas before joining the staff of then-Gov. George W. Bush. He served on the Bush-Cheney transition team after Bush was elected president and held other positions in the Bush administration. Prior to joining the White House, he was a law partner in the Washington D.C. office of Patton Boggs.

One of his first experiences in international law came not on the St. Mary's campus, but during a summer in Innsbruck, Austria, attending the St. Mary's Institute on World Legal Problems. Bowen counts that educational experience among the most unique he had, particularly Dave Schlueter's jurisprudence class there. "We would go to cafes around Innsbruck and talk about jurisprudence," Bowen said. "What a wonderful way to study law." ■





# We can, but *should* we?

## Examining the Moral Implications of Science

*by the Rev. John A. Leies, S.M., S.Th.D., President Emeritus and Professor of Theology*

We live in a new era of science, an age of biomedicine in which questions of science and public policy also require moral evaluation. Think of the issues we hear of so frequently – stem cell research, abortion, assisted-suicide, euthanasia, organ transplants, in vitro fertilization, designer children, contraception, to list a few.

Often scientists begin their research with the question: “*Can* we do this new procedure or develop this new drug?” But from the Catholic perspective, the opening question ought to be: “*Should* we do it?” Scientists are often loathe to ask professionals outside their field for advice. Yet it is precisely outside the scientific fields that the moral issues must be discussed—in philosophy, theology and ethics.

To that end, the Catholic Church takes to heart its responsibility to examine biomedical developments in the context of the Gospel and Christian tradition, and the Church is in fact doing so through the work of a little-known center dedicated to addressing these challenging questions and creating a dialogue to benefit all within the Church.

### **Morality and medicine**

The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia is one of the best-kept secrets of the contemporary Church. It was founded in 1972 in St. Louis, Mo., with the assistance of the Catholic Hospital Association, as the The Pope John XXIII Center. The Rev. Albert Moraczewski, O.P., a practicing pharmacist before he entered the Dominican Order, was the first president of the center, which has a mission “to promote and safeguard the dignity

of the human person through research, education, consultation and publishing in the medical and life sciences.”

In 1985, the Bioethics Center relocated to Boston, Mass. I worked there for six summers in the early 1990s after making the decision to concentrate my theology research on bioethics, convinced that this is where the moral action would be in the 21st century.

At the Bioethics Center, I was involved in daily consultations, replying to inquiries by bishops, parish priests, hospital administrators, doctors and nurses. They posed questions such as “What ethical policies should be established when a Catholic and a non-Catholic hospital merge?” “What is the moral way to handle ectopic pregnancies?” “What kinds of reproductive technologies are allowed by the Church?”

The center’s responses to these issues went to the highest levels of the Church. In 1990, I was asked to put together a report for then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI) on what American Catholic theologians were saying about the conditions under which a person could be removed from life support. The Cardinal and I corresponded over the report.

In addition to a monthly bulletin called “Ethics & Medics,” the center publishes books, and today has become the largest producer in the United States of books on Catholic medical ethics. Seven years ago, it began a “National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly,” a periodical that even in its short existence has garnered several first place Catholic Press Association awards.

Not long ago the center was re-named “The National Catholic Bioethics Center,” an indication of its importance in the minds of the Catholic bishops, and it moved to Philadelphia.

### Conversations in ethics

This delving into the moral questions of biomedicine is not done solely within the walls of the Bioethics Center. To bring the dialogue out, the center for 27 years has held annual or biennial workshops in Dallas for Catholic bishops, bringing to these meetings outstanding authorities in medicine, scientific research, public policy, and moral theology who advance the discussion.

As many as 200 bishops from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean attend each workshop, with their expenses covered by the Knights of Columbus – just one of the many magnanimous things the Knights do for the Church.

At this year’s conference were some 160 bishops, eight of whom were

Cardinals of the Church. A keynote address titled “The Role of the Magisterium in Bioethics,” was given by Cardinal William Levada, the former archbishop of San Francisco and successor to Cardinal Ratzinger in the Vatican’s Congregation for the Faith. This was not the first time the head of the Congregation addressed the Bishops’ Workshop, as Cardinal Ratzinger gave the keynote address in 1991.

Incidentally I had the occasion at that workshop to speak with the future Pope several times. He readily granted me an interview for an article for San Antonio’s archdiocesan paper “Today’s Catholic,” and I found him to be a gracious man, well-versed in English and unlike the image the press gave him in those days (the “Grand Inquisitor”). We spoke about the various ethical questions that were being referred to Rome, especially concerning end-of-life issues.

### Continuing the dialogue

A second keynote address at the 2007 workshop was given by Edmund Pellegrino, M.D., former president of Catholic University of America, former director of the Georgetown Kennedy Institute of Ethics, and current director of the President’s Council on Bioethics. Pellegrino, who spoke on “Bioethics in a Pluralistic Society,” knows well the difficulties of a Catholic moralist engaged in conversation with secular ethicists, where there is no place in the conversation for religious arguments or moral absolutes. But, as he remarked, “with the cessation of dialogue, civility ends – and so does civilization.” The conversation of Catholic ethicists with the scientific world needs to continue, Pellegrino insisted.

The Apostolic Delegate to the United States, Archbishop Pietro Sambi gave greetings to the bishops, as did the head of the Knights of Columbus, Carl Anderson, and John Haas, Ph.D., president of the National Catholic Bioethics Center. The issues addressed during sessions at the workshop were the same ones being discussed daily by the media and in politics – the latest developments in stem cell research, the legitimacy of “adopting” frozen embryos for gestation, the necessity of supplying nutrition and hydration to patients in a permanent vegetative state, the latest

research on determining “brain death,” the morality of various reproductive technologies, rape protocols for Catholic hospitals, and the controversies over vaccines including the HPV vaccine. (At the time, Texas Gov. Rick Perry had mandated the HPV vaccine be administered to all nine- to 11-year-old girls in Texas.)

One of the presenters, Marie Hilliard, J.C.L., Ph.D., spoke on the alarming movement to impose upon Catholic institutions and professionals what the Church considers unethical conduct, such as, mandatory contraceptive coverage in insurance policies, giving abortifacients to rape victims at Catholic hospitals, placing orphaned children in homosexual homes, and dispensing of abortifacients by Catholic pharmacists. There was a time when conscience informed by religious convictions would be respected; however, in many states and civil jurisdictions that no longer is the case. Needless to say, the data which Hilliard presented showing the growth of this movement across America impressed – and disturbed – the bishops.

The Bioethics Center in recent years has instituted seminars, meetings and workshops for priests, deacons, doctors, nurses, teachers and lay ministers, striving to reach parishes and pews as well as bishops. Because of the existence of the National Catholic Bioethics Center – and other Catholic centers and institutes – bioethics is alive and well in the Church today. ■



Rev. John A. Leies, S.M., S.Th.D., St. Mary’s University President Emeritus, recently edited the “Handbook

on Critical Life Issues” for the National Catholic Bioethics Center, which looks at major bioethics issues of the day from the standpoint of the Catholic Church. He first came to St. Mary’s in 1974 as an assistant professor of theology and director of Campus Ministry. He later served as chair of the theology department, the graduate theology department, and then vice president for Academic Affairs. From 1985 to 1988, he served as president of the University.

# Former Rattler Catches Dream Job

by Derek Smolik, Sports Information Director

Just about every college graduate has a dream job they hope for. St. Mary's alum Brian Anderson wanted to be a major leaguer.

Anderson's original plan was to get to the majors as a baseball catcher. In the end, he made it there, but not the way he planned. Earlier this year, he signed with the Milwaukee Brewers as the club's play-by-play announcer.

Anderson's broadcasting roots took hold with the Rattler baseball team where he played catcher in 1992 and 1993. During his first season he became known for his unique brand of play-by-play announcing in the dugout; however, it was in the classroom studying English-communication arts, where Anderson was inspired to move his skills into the real world. He credits mentors Richard Pressman, Ph.D., Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D, Ph.D., and Sister Christine Catron, S.S.N.D. with showing him what he was capable of.

"I don't think they knew I would be a broadcaster. They knew they had to get on me a bit. I needed a little more pushing, and when I got in front of them, they raised the bar," Anderson said.

More than a decade after leaving St. Mary's, Anderson still hears Pressman's direction and advice. "Being a broadcaster, you have a lot of writing that you have to do in your head. Dr. Pressman is the voice in my head when I write and when I talk."

But the advice is not just in Anderson's head; Pressman continues to mentor him to this day. "When I write something on paper I send it to him and have him edit it. If what I produce is satisfactory to him, I'm good to go," Anderson added.



Photo by Scott Paulus, Milwaukee Brewers

Pressman has followed Anderson's work since he graduated with an English-communication arts degree in 1993. He's not at all surprised by Anderson's jump to the big leagues. "Because I care so much about him, his integrity, his talent, I have been frustrated for a long time with his lack of success getting this kind of job. He was a great student and open to criticism. That never stopped. He's a perfectionist in the sense that he wants to get better," Pressman said.

Anderson's start in professional baseball came quickly. At 22 years old, Anderson was the youngest announcer in professional baseball after joining the San Antonio Missions as a radio play-by-play announcer. Later he was a sideline reporter for the San Antonio Spurs, and then landed a job with the Golf Channel. Anderson thought then that his days as a baseball announcer were over.

"It's hard enough to get a job in baseball when you work in it," Anderson said. "It's even harder when you're not plugged in any more. I just felt that my time had passed."

Before going to the Golf Channel, Anderson unsuccessfully applied for nearly every opening as a play-by-play person in major league baseball. When the Brewers approached him this past winter, he decided to take a look but wasn't expecting anything to come of it.

"I was pretty committed to staying (at the Golf Channel) until I arrived in Milwaukee and walked into Miller Park," Anderson said. "I said, 'this is where I need to be.' After a painful call to the Golf Channel, I signed with the Brewers."

Anderson's first season in the major leagues has been a dream come true.

"It's been great. It's been everything that I imagined and more." ■





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## Always International and Global

*by Brother Robert Wood, S.M., Ph.D., University Archivist*

International students and faculty unquestionably add richness and diversity to campus life, along with a global dimension that is necessary in the evolution of a community-based institution such as St. Mary's. That is why the goal to increase the number of international students as set forth last fall in the University's strategic plan, Vision 2012, by President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., and supported by Suzanne Petrusch, vice president for Enrollment Management, is so commendable.

Historically, diversity among students is nothing new for the Marianist educational institutions in San Antonio. From the first day its doors opened in 1852, St. Mary's Institute – the forerunner to St. Mary's University – welcomed students of all

nationalities and religions. And, from the start, there was a kind of cosmopolitan environment that

characterized the school in downtown San Antonio. The institute's founding Marianists all were from France, especially the Alsace-Lorraine region, and the name of the school was a direct translation from the French. For several years, in fact, St. Mary's Institute was known as "the French school."

Within a decade the international aspect had increased, both in the number of students and teachers. By 1860 six teachers were from France, two from Baden (a Dukedom at the time), and one from Ireland. Three grade school boarders represented Baden, Germany and Mexico.

Some 20 years later, the school had eight foreign-born Marianist teachers representing Canada, France and Germany, and 15 foreign-born students – 14 from Mexico and one from Ireland. That trend continued over the years, and in 1894 the new St. Louis College – site of today's St. Mary's University – was built mainly to accommodate the growing number of boarding students who moved from the downtown school. There were still Marianists from France and Germany on the faculty, most notably Brother

Damien Litz, one of the "founders" of the Society of Mary in the United States, and the 1900 census notes 47 foreign students from six countries: Austria, England, France, Germany, Mexico and Spain, most of whom were from Mexico.

We know from the 1910 St. Louis College catalogue that four Mexicans graduated that year. At the time, there were eight foreign Marianists, among them Finland-born Brother Louis Garni who, in his short life (he died at 27), gained recognition as a biologist. Today his name is perpetuated in Garni Hall, the building that houses chemistry, earth sciences and physics.

The international influence continued through 1930 as

Marianists from Canada and Hungary, were listed among St. Mary's faculty. At the high school division there were 36

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boarders, 24 of them from Mexico, including Pedro Viyao de la Prida, a 1932 graduate, who with his wife, Alicia, left a legacy of more than \$8 million to the University in a 2002 bequest.

The number of international students and their influence at St. Mary's continually increased after World War II, and the faculty always included several foreign-born professors. From 1950 to 1970 the number of international students averaged 50 each year and since then, at least 100 international students have been enrolled annually. By 1980, there were 123 students from 27 countries, and 10 years later the number of countries represented at St. Mary's had risen to 42. Since 2000, more than 200 international students study each year at St. Mary's.

Our international professors and students – a sort of miniature United Nations – coexist peacefully in the pursuit of knowledge, education, and spiritual development. This international spirit of cooperation enriches and benefits our University community daily, and is a lesson that, if embraced by the global community, would benefit humankind. ■



## Marianist Experience Transforms Alumnus

### Paul Garro

Inspired by the influence of the Marianists and his experiences at St. Mary's University, Paul Garro (B.A. '84) is using his talents to develop future generations of servant leaders.

Garro's lifelong relationship with the Society of Mary began when he attended the Marianists' Daniel Gross High School in Omaha, Neb. There he took the challenge to be a leader to heart, becoming student council president and student representative for public affairs.

"(At Gross) I learned about Christian life community and the value of authentic relationships," he said. To Garro, being a servant leader meant integrating the mission of the Church, the mission of the school, and his own mission of being a leader making a difference in the lives of children.

"(Through) the Marianist influence and the understanding of community, we can discover our gifts and give those blessings to others through volunteerism and service," he said.

Garro credits St. Mary's political science professors Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., and Bill Crane, Ph.D., with cultivating students to be leaders.

Garro also called English professor Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D., Ph.D.,

instrumental in setting the direction of his life. "She fostered the idea of who we are as human beings and our obligation to contribute to the greater community."

Still today, Marianist Brothers Cletus Behlmann and James Jaeckle influence Garro's life as friends and mentors. He also is well-connected with the Tecaboca community, a Marianist retreat in the Texas Hill Country, and is chairman of its advisory board.

The Marianists' influence led Garro to volunteer in Appalachia and Southern Mexico, and he aspired to do missionary work in India and Bangladesh. Instead his journey took him to other Marianist schools – Vianney and Assumption high schools, both in the St. Louis area – where he coached and taught. From there, Garro served as a high school principal of a local school for "at-risk" students, then as director for school improvement of a large San Antonio school district.

"I've always thought I was called to be an agent of hope in the lives of youth," he said. "They have the genuine spirit, the idealistic disposition and the willingness to be optimistic, of which I feel privileged to be a part."

Now, as executive director of City Year San Antonio, Garro is helping young adults build a democratic society through service learning. Partnering with the community, the City Year AmeriCorps members serve the city's most critical needs.

"City Year has huge potential. This could be the signature nonprofit organization that sends a message to the entire community that young people do have the enthusiasm and the skills to build genuine community," he said. "I think City Year offers the answers."

—Anastasia Cisneros Lunsford (B.A. '92)



## Heart Sounds: Student Uses Personal Challenge to Help Others

### Sarah Proper

Even under the best conditions, the life of a college student can be tough. For St. Mary's student Sarah Proper, a senior studying corporate finance, her medical issues have added another level of difficulty.

In 2001, at the age of 15, Sarah experienced a series of strokes over the course of four months leading to open heart surgery to repair the problem. While she hasn't had another stroke since then, Sarah deals with a number of related medical issues such as headaches, loss of sleep, nausea, episodes of vision problems and seizures. Her regular checkups include medical tests and repeated surgery to remove scar tissue.

With all of that, one might be pessimistic. Instead, Sarah continues to push forward with her life and her studies at St. Mary's. She considers

herself a normal college student, and sees the good in what she has been through. "I've never given up hope; I feel that this experience gave me an opportunity to become a stronger, more independent person," she said.

It is unusual for a person so young to experience strokes, but Sarah's youth and athleticism actually helped her recover. Even now, she makes a point of doing cardiovascular workouts to keep her heart healthy and plays a variety of intramural sports, including football, volleyball, soccer and softball.

Sarah is dedicated to using her own experiences to educate people of all ages about stroke prevention. It was Tim Derk, the former Spurs mascot who suffered a stroke in 2004, that first encouraged Sarah to get involved with the American Heart Association and share her story. Since then, she's shared her experiences with stroke victims and frequently gives speeches at local American Heart Association events about the importance of heart health and stroke prevention.

An active and dedicated St. Mary's student, Sarah is involved in numerous organizations, including the President's Ambassadors, Beta Gama Sigma, Psychology Club, and Math Club. Once she graduates, Sarah hopes to work in insurance and one day make a career of helping others through the American Heart Association.

"There is a reason God gives us the obstacles He does," Sarah said. "I feel that as long as I've helped one person, then everything I've gone through has not been in vain."

—Valerie Sanchez, sophomore





## Law Grad Promotes Excellence

### Theodore F. Craver

Theodore F. Craver (B.B.A. '56, J.D. '57) devoted 45 years to fighting for fair competition in the marketplace and for a cleaner environment. He credits his St. Mary's education for providing the foundation upon which he built a rewarding and successful career. "The principles and ethics propounded by my professors gave me the mindset and intuition to be able to sift the facts from conjecture and the truth from falsehood."

With the onset of the Korean War, Craver enlisted and was assigned to Lackland Air Force Base. He started taking night courses in business law at St. Mary's, but his education was cut short when he was shipped off to Okinawa. Upon his return he wrote a letter to the law school dean, Ernest Raba (B.A. '34, J.D. '37), seeking readmission. Craver learned that the law school's standards had increased and students now were required to have an undergraduate degree. Based upon his past performance, Raba agreed to "grandfather" Craver's request and he completed his undergraduate courses while attending law school.

Craver's years at St. Mary's were filled with a close camaraderie with his fellow students and professors. His

class had 20 students, providing ample opportunities for personal attention from the faculty. He remembers taking classes from such St. Mary's luminaries as Carlos Cadena and James Castleberry (J.D. '52), as well as Raba, all of whom ignited a passion through their own commitment to promoting the law as a calling, not just a profession. "All of the professors stressed the importance of ethical behavior in the law. Those lessons are ones that I followed throughout my practice," Craver said.

Shortly after graduating, Craver spent five years as an antitrust attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., followed by five years in a private law firm. He then joined Litton Industries Inc. – now Northrup Grumman Corp. – as antitrust counsel. "I had the dream experience of spending my law career fighting against monopolies, conspiracies, unfair competitive practices, and environmental pollution," Craver said.

After reflecting upon his success and experiences, Craver decided to give back to the institution and people who had made it all possible.

"Throughout my career, St. Mary's was always in my mind. The education and support I received meant so much to me and I wanted to give something back to honor that experience." In addition to supporting the renovations of the law school's courtroom, Craver established the Theodore F. Craver Endowed Law Scholarship, to provide assistance to law students who clearly demonstrate exceptional leadership qualities and a high propensity for academic success.

"I established this scholarship in appreciation for the opportunities made possible by the education I received at St. Mary's and to help others experience the same opportunities."

—Melissa Valek,  
University Development

# The 2007-2008 St. Mary's Fund Campaign Begins

## Academic Excellence



Educating the whole person through transformational teaching and scholarship produces exceptionally well-prepared graduates whose experience integrates the liberal arts and professional studies.

## Community Building



Connecting with the tenets of Catholic social teaching and Marianist values inspires St. Mary's students to advance the common good and to lead extraordinary lives.

## Marianist Tradition



Giving St. Mary's students a sound foundation in faith and ethics instills in them the desire to reach their full potential as human beings and to make a positive difference in their world.

May 31, 2007, brought to an end another successful St. Mary's Fund campaign and we sincerely thank the thousands of St. Mary's alumni and friends who support the mission of the University through their generous gifts.

With the University strategic plan, Vision 2012, as our blueprint, on June 1, 2007, we enthusiastically launched the 2007-2008 St. Mary's Fund campaign. A St. Mary's education is a unique experience and one that can only be continued with your support. Donations to the St. Mary's Fund enhance the student experience, provide an increased opportunity for personal growth, and lead to professional success through powerful academic programs.

## Senior Class Gift

The 2006–2007 Senior Class Gift Campaign successfully garnered 20 percent participation from the graduating classes of Fall 2006 and Spring 2007.

Senior Class Gift Coordinator, Jessica Rodriguez, along with fellow seniors on the committee, strived to carry on the senior tradition of continuing the legacy of success. This year's Senior Class Gift Campaign raised more than \$1,700 to help fund student scholarships through the St. Mary's Fund.



Making up the Senior Gift Campaign Committee are (from left) development staff member Gerald Gonzales, students Iliana Santillan, James Chavez, Claudia Molinar, Melinda Perez and campaign coordinator Jessica Rodriguez, and Benjamin Hart, director of St. Mary's Annual Fund.

## Spotlight on Top Phonathon Team

St. Mary's University would like to thank a very special group of student callers. Not only do these students hit the books, they hit the phones during the semi-annual St. Mary's Fund phonathon, seeking alumni support for the University. Our top calling team met the challenge head-on by consistently raising more funds for the University than any other team. As a group, they raised nearly \$20,000 to further the mission of St. Mary's University.



Top callers during the spring phonathon included (top row, from left) Shanik Pipkin, Jennifer Ramirez, Tasha Turnblom and Marissa Garcia; and (bottom row, from left) Keva Burns, Erica Garcia and Lisa Ibekwe.

Support the St. Mary's experience. Your gift today leads to the success of a student tomorrow. To make your gift, call (210) 436-3303 or go online to our secure Web site at [www.stmarytx.edu](http://www.stmarytx.edu).

## Separated by Miles, United in Spirit

On April 19, 2007, students at St. Mary's University gathered in a display of unity to remember the victims of the tragedy at Virginia Tech. The candlelight prayer vigil was part of Virginia Tech Solidarity Week at St. Mary's.

