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There was a beautiful unveiling on the St. Mary's University campus the evening of Nov. 29. On that night, projected onto the facade of St. Louis Hall for the first time was an image of the Holy Mother and Baby Jesus, commemorating the true meaning of the Christmas season. A life-sized display of the Nativity, nestled beneath the stained glass windows of Reinbolt Hall Chapel, was also introduced to the St. Mary's community. You are invited to visit the campus during the holidays to see our new Christmas decorations.



On the Covers

On the front cover: The lessons St. Mary's students are learning in the new Bill Greehey School of Business trading room are augmented by up-to-the-minute stock information and cutting-edge technology. *(Read more about this exciting opportunity for students on page 8.)*

On the back cover: As undergraduate enrollment increases, so does the need for on-campus housing. Ground was broken on Nov. 8 for what will be St. Mary's largest residence hall.

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fosters the formation of people in faith
and educates leaders for the common good
through community,
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and academic excellence.

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2006 - 2007 Honor Roll of Donors

From the Editor

We lost a true icon at St. Mary's this fall. Brother Paul Goelz, S.M., Ph.D., who will be remembered by generations of business students as professor, mentor, dean and scholar, died in late September. He was "Mr. Business" at St. Mary's, best known for building a modern business curriculum and passionately promoting our country's system of free enterprise. He'll be missed.

Something that Brother Goelz wouldn't have thought of during the early days of the business school is the advancement – some might say encroachment – of technology not only in business operations but in almost every aspect of our daily lives. Wenbin Luo, Ph.D., and his computer and engineering students are exploring the field of computer and wireless security and how it affects us as individuals and as a society, with the goal of finding ways to lessen our potential vulnerability. I think you'll find his observations about this emerging field of study interesting.

Pre-dating even Brother Goelz's arrival at St. Mary's was Martin "Deadline" Duggan. This octogenarian and former editor of *The Rattler* is still going strong as host and provocateur of St. Louis public television's popular "Donnybrook" talkfest. Even more enduring than his career as a journalist is his 65-year marriage to his lifelong partner, Mae.

Jacqueline Dansby, Ph.D., is another longtime member of the St. Mary's University community. How she has influenced thousands of young peoples' lives over the past four decades, put simply, is amazing. Her former Upward Bound students are always eager to sing her praises as St. Mary's celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Upward Bound program.

Very exciting on the St. Mary's campus this past fall was the unveiling of the Bill Greehey School of Business trading room, a real-world 'lab' in which business students buy and sell stocks in real time with real University endowment dollars. With the stock market's recent volatility, it's assuredly been a bumpy ride but one in which a lot has been learned.

Please enjoy this issue of Gold & Blue, and be sure to peruse the annual Honor Roll of Donors. Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Mission of St. Mary's through your generosity. And at this most special time of year, Merry Christmas to you and your family.

—Candace Kuebker

NEWS

FROM AROUND THE GROVE



■ SHORT SUBJECTS



E-Talk Enters Second Year

E-Talk, a quarterly electronic newsletter from President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., is sent to all alumni with current e-mail addresses. The newsletter, in which the president provides up-to-date information on progress and activities at St. Mary's, also links graduates of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the Bill Greehey School of Business and the School of Science, Engineering and Technology, to newsletters designed to address the happenings in their specific schools.

To read the most recent issue of E-Talk, and to submit or update your e-mail address to receive E-Talk, visit www.stmarytx.edu/etalk/.

School Named Among Best

The Bill Greehey School of Business has been included in The Princeton Review's "Best 290 Business Schools" graduate school guide for the second year in a row.

St. Mary's was ranked fifth in the nation for "Greatest Opportunity for Women," a ranking based on the percent of female students, the percent of faculty who are women and results of the student assessments of a variety of factors, including resources for female students, how supportive the culture is of female students, whether the school offers coursework for women entrepreneurs, and whether case study material for classes proportionately reflect women in business.

The School of Law is also included on a list of the nation's best law schools, with its students considered

among the most competitive in the nation, according to a survey released by The Princeton Review.

St. Mary's ranks fifth nationally for "most competitive students" in the publication's 2008 edition of the "Best 170 Law Schools."

St. Mary's Earns Top-Tier Ranking in "Best Colleges" Report

St. Mary's again has been recognized as a top-tier institution and one of the best values in the West by the annual U.S. News & World Report's



"America's Best Colleges" guide.

In the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category,

St. Mary's ranked seventh in the West region. In this category, schools are evaluated by relating academic quality to the net cost of attendance. In the "Universities-Master's" category, which includes schools with a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, St. Mary's was listed 16th in the West region. This is the 14th consecutive year that the University has earned a top-tier ranking.

Agreement Signed with Second Chinese University

St. Mary's formalized in September a new educational partnership with Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce that will foster international learning and research opportunities between the two schools.

This is the second such agreement between St. Mary's and a Chinese institution of higher learning signed this year.



Presidents Tang Haiyan and Charles L. Cotrell met on the St. Mary's campus in September to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to benefit students of both St. Mary's University and Shanghai Lixin University of Commerce.

In March, St. Mary's signed a similar agreement with Wuxi South Ocean College in the People's Republic of China. The five-year agreement will allow undergraduate and graduate students to complete course work at both institutions, while also allowing faculty from both to teach and collaborate on research.

This latest agreement is part of a concerted effort by St. Mary's to internationalize the educational experience by partnering with institutions both in the Americas and overseas.

PREP Students Awarded \$4.5 Million in Scholarships

St. Mary's awarded almost 300 scholarships worth a total of \$4.5 million to promising high school students who recently completed their third year of the San Antonio Pre-freshman Engineering Program (PREP).

The top 25 graduates of the program were awarded scholarships of \$10,000 a year, renewable for four years, with an additional year available for engineering students. Another 262 students were awarded scholarships of \$2,500 a year, also renewable for four

years, with an additional year available for engineering students.

Students in the seven-week PREP summer program took a variety of courses, including statistics, technical writing and math problem solving. They participated in hands-on engineering projects and learned about career possibilities in math, engineering and science. About 99 percent of the students who participate in the San Antonio PREP program graduate from high school and 90 percent go on to college.

Drama Department Stages Fall Production



The drama department staged a fall production of Joanna Halpert Kraus' *The Ice Wolf*.

From the East Coast Hudson Bay Eskimos comes this exciting, authentic tale of a pale-haired child who is exiled by her own people because she was "the different one ... Anatou." Anatou is cast out, and she seeks out the forest, begging the Wood God to turn her into a wolf.

The production used movement and the beat of Eskimo drums, spare and poetic language, and striking visual imagery to create a haunting theatrical experience that illuminates the social problems of today and explores prejudice and the passion for revenge that it inspires.

Continuing the Heritage Breaks Participation Records

At the beginning of the fall semester, more than 300 students, their parents, alumni, faculty and staff gathered for a day of service to lend a helping hand to some 20 local organizations through Continuing the Heritage. In one day alone they provided more than 1,100 volunteer service hours.

Activities such as Continuing the Heritage fulfill the desire of St. Mary's students to be civically engaged in and provide service to their community. In recognition of St. Mary's annual Marianist Heritage Celebration, the next Continuing the Heritage service day is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 26. Alumni interested in participating in additional service projects may contact the Service Learning Center at (210) 431-2108 or ngaier@stmarytx.edu.

Freshman Class is Largest in Years

Fall 2007 saw the largest freshman class in recent years – 565 new students – enrolled at St. Mary's, and their varied experiences and interests have energized the campus. Suzanne Petrusch, Vice President for Enrollment Management, and her staff worked diligently to reach this year's goal for incoming freshmen. Overall, fall semester enrollment of 3,920 students is an increase over last year. The Evening Law Program enrolled 66 students.

PPC Examines Issues Surrounding Darfur

The President's Peace Commission (PPC) of St. Mary's was established 23 years ago to raise awareness among the St. Mary's and San Antonio communities about issues of peace and justice. The commission realizes this goal by developing and hosting multi-day programs every fall and spring semester.

In October, the PPC program addressed "Genocide in Darfur: Responding to Their Cries." The commission hosted a series of panel discussions during the three-day symposium, notably presentations by the Rwandan Ambassador to the United States, H. E. Eng. James



Kimonyo, as well as by Jason Small, Deputy Director of African Affairs, Sudan Policy Group, of the U.S. Department of State.

St. Mary's ethical commitment to work towards peace and social justice calls the campus community to grapple with issues such as the genocide in Darfur, and the questions it raises about faith, poverty, race and ethics.

Marianist Culture Focus of Series

The theme of the 2007-2008 Catholic Intellectual Tradition lecture series is "Probing Marianist Culture at St. Mary's University." The Rev. Rudy Vela, S.M., Assistant Professor of Theology at St. Mary's, opens the series on Jan. 23 with his lecture, "Extreme Marianist Witnessing Martyrdom," in which he will reflect on the lives of the four Marianist martyrs beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 28. (See news item on page 5.)

Three additional lectures will be held during the spring semester:

- Feb. 20 – "Social Trust and Leadership: Created or Destroyed From Above" – featuring Michael Cowan, Ph.D., an expert in community leadership formation and a leader in the reconstruction of post-Katrina New Orleans
- March 26 – "The Quest for the Historical Mary" – featuring Sister Elizabeth Johnson, C.S.J., Ph.D., author of several books that have impacted Catholic thought, and past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America
- April 16 – "Community: Marianist Remedy for University Silos" –

featuring John Bennett, Ph.D., former provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, Quinnipiac College, and author of several books on the potential of community and hospitality in academic institutions

The University-sponsored lectures, held at 7 p.m. in Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel on the St. Mary's campus, are free of charge and open to the public.

Campus Structure Wins Award



The Barrett Memorial Bell Tower received a first place 2007 Golden Trowel Award in the category of College/University Educational Facility by the San Antonio Masonry Contractors Association. The award recognizes the quality craftsmanship and design of the tower and the contractors: Rudd & Adam Masonry Inc., Jerry Theiss Associates, Acme Brick, and Pyramid Stone Co. Inc.

A lead gift by St. Mary's Trustee Charles Barrett and his wife, Melissa, made this striking addition to the St. Mary's landscape possible.

Alumni Association on the Move

The 2007-2008 St. Mary's Alumni Association Board of Directors is moving forward on a year's worth of events and programs for all St. Mary's alumni. Led this year by the Executive Committee, which includes Ed Boyle (B.B.A. '71), president; Jim Forkenbrock (B.A. '63), president-elect; Doris Slay-Barber, (B.A. '74), past president; Doug Brown (B.B.A.



Association Fulfills AA&CC Pledge and More

A check for more than \$417,500 was presented to President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., by 2007 Fiesta Oyster Bake Chair Jeanne Champion (B.A. '91, M.B.A. '95) and Alumni Association President Ed Boyle (B.B.A. '71) at the annual San Antonio alumni holiday reception held Nov. 28. A portion of the gift is the final payment on the association's \$3.1 million pledge to the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, and the remainder will go to scholarships and alumni programs and services.

'70), vice president; Chris Martinez (B.B.A. '00), vice president; Helen Butler-Nicholson (B.A.S. '88), treasurer; and Ed Shaughnessy (J.D. '81), 2008 Fiesta Oyster Bake chair, the Alumni Association continues working to support scholarships and University and alumni programming.

This has been a year of celebration for the association. Capping off 2007 is the association's fulfillment of the \$3.1 million pledge to the Alumni Athletics & Convocation Center, made possible by the generosity of alumni and volunteers, including past Fiesta Oyster Bake chairs and past presidents of the Alumni Association.

Visit www.stmarytx.edu/gallery/ to see photos of recent alumni events.

NEWSMAKERS

New Trustee Joins Board

The St. Mary's Board of Trustees welcomes new member Fernando Reyes, who is president and owner of Reyes Industries Inc. and chairman and CEO of Reyes Automotive Group. He will serve a two-year term.

Reyes, a San Antonio native, founded Reyes Industries in 1984. It is primarily a contractor for the U.S. military, manufacturing a variety of products including aluminum folding cots, vests, canteen covers and duffle bags. Reyes is the 2007 Board Chairman of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and serves on the board of directors of the San Antonio Parks Foundation and the Free Trade Alliance.

Semel Celebrates 40th Year at St. Mary's



Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D., Ph.D.

During the 2007 University Convocation, Sister Ann Semel, S.S.N.D., Ph.D., was recognized for her 40 years of teaching and service to St. Mary's

students. Sister Ann received a bachelor's degree from Notre Dame College and both her master's degree and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame before arriving on the St. Mary's campus in 1967.

Semel teaches courses in American literature with special attention to American transcendentalism, the literature of peace and war, American minority literature, Southern literature, and Japanese fiction. She has helped countless students preparing to start careers through her popular English-communication arts career seminar, and many of them return to St. Mary's as alumni to speak to her class. Her goal in teaching is to get students involved in the class and to make the learning experience fun and exciting.

Several years ago, Sister Ann's colleagues, friends and former students initiated the Sister Ann Semel Scholarship Fund which will benefit deserving undergraduate students majoring in English and English-communication arts. For more

information, visit the St. Mary's Web site at www.stmarytx.edu/semel/.

Four Marianists Beatified by Pope Benedict XVI

On Oct. 28, 2007, four Marianist martyrs were named blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. Padre Miguel Léibar Garay, S.M., Don Florencio Arnáiz Cejudo, S.M., Don Sabino Ayastuy Errasti, S.M., and Don Joaquin Ochoa Salazar, S.M., were beatified with 494 others who were martyred during the Spanish Civil War.

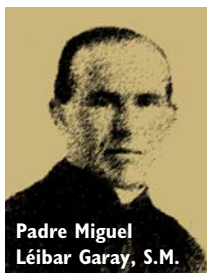
Garay, 51, was executed by firing squad on July 28, 1936, on the Madrid to Valencia highway. His crime was being a religious and priest. The three Marianist brothers – Cejudo, 27, Errasti, 25, and Salazar 26 – were executed by firing squad Sept. 14, 1936, on the highway from Madrid to El Pardo. Like them, more than 6,850 priests and religious men and women were executed for the crime of being Catholic.

The Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder in 1817 of the Marianists in Bordeaux, France, was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Sept. 3, 2000.

Cotrell Honored by Women's Professional Guild

Doris Slay-Barber (B.A. '74), immediate past president of the St. Mary's University Alumni Association, nominated St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., for the "Yellow Rose of Texas Education" award given by the Constance Allen Heritage Guild for Lifetime Learning. Cotrell was given the award at a ceremony earlier this fall in recognition of his dedication as an educator.

Slay-Barber nominated Cotrell for the award because of his reach in education locally, nationally and internationally.



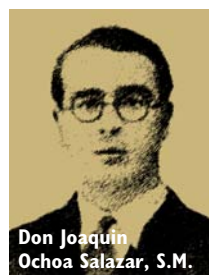
Padre Miguel Léibar Garay, S.M.



Don Florencio Arnáiz Cejudo, S.M.



Don Sabino Ayastuy Errasti, S.M.



Don Joaquin Ochoa Salazar, S.M.

Lopez, Walker Honored as Distinguished Law Graduates

Fourth Court of Appeals Chief Justice Alma López and the late Harold H. "Hal" Walker Jr., founding partner in the Dallas law firm Rose Walker LLP, were honored by the St. Mary's University School of Law as the 2007 Distinguished Law Graduates at an awards dinner held in October.

López (B.B.A. '65, J.D. '68) was the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Fourth Court of Appeals and the first Hispanic woman to be elected chief justice of an appellate court in the United States. She was in private practice for 25 years before being appointed to the Fourth Court of Appeals in 1993.

Walker (J.D. '80) specialized in complex commercial litigation, with expertise in the areas of business torts, officer and director liability, technology and joint venture liability. At the time

of his death, he held the positions of vice president and director of the St. Mary's University Law Foundation. Walker's wife and family, along with his partner Marty Rose, created the Hal Walker Memorial Scholarship at the law school.

The Honorable Barbara Hervey, center, Mistress of Ceremonies during the 2007 Distinguished Law Graduate Awards Dinner, is joined by Nona Walker, left, widow of Distinguished Law Graduate Harold H. "Hal" Walker Jr., who was honored posthumously, and the Honorable Alma López, Chief Justice of the Fourth Court of Appeals, also honored during the festive ceremony.

New Dean of Students Joins Community



Judy M. Deshotels, Ph.D., has joined the St. Mary's University community as the dean of students. Deshotels comes to

St. Mary's from the University of West Florida in Pensacola, where she served as dean of students.

Deshotels holds a doctorate degree in education policy, planning and administration from the University of Maryland. She also holds master's degrees in both college student personnel administration and pastoral studies and brings with her more than 15 years of experience in a variety of students affairs areas with several years in academic affairs as well. Her doctoral work included research on mission and identity in Catholic higher education.

GOOD DEEDS

Computer Labs Funded by \$308,000 in Grants

In a society that is increasingly dependent on computer networks for everyday transactions, threats to those networks are becoming more and more sophisticated. With the help of two federal grants, soon engineering and computer science students at St. Mary's will have a hands-on lab to help them find solutions to computer security problems.



The Department of Engineering has been awarded a \$221,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense's Infrastructure Support Program for Minority Institutions to enhance teaching and research in wireless communications and computer security. The grant will fund a computer lab to support classes with up to 40 students. Students and faculty members will conduct research on a variety of topics, such as securing electronic cash over the Internet, cooperation among mobile devices and security and encryption for mobile devices.

Another \$87,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program will be used to develop a computer security laboratory to enhance teaching and research capabilities at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in this critical field.

Wenbin Luo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering, wrote the grants and will help direct the programs. (See *Q&A with Luo* on page 12.)

Province Supports Scholarships, Mission and Identity Efforts

The Marianist Province of the United States has given St. Mary's University \$100,000 in support of scholarships and projects associated with the Office of Mission and Identity. The scholarship support will be directed to the Eva Moran/Marianist Province Endowed Scholarship which provides support for Marianist religious who wish to attend classes at St. Mary.

Rev. Bernard Lee, S.M., Vice President for Mission and Identity, works collaboratively with the University to ensure the Catholic and Marianist character of St. Mary's. Included in this responsibility is the promotion of the Catholic intellectual tradition and the Marianist educational heritage.



S.A.L.E. scholarship recipients, joined by St. Mary's President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D., meet with their benefactors from the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc. during a luncheon held on campus early this fall.

Scholarships Focus of Area Organizations

A number of San Antonio and Texas-based organizations are providing scholarships to St. Mary's students pursuing degrees in a variety of academic disciplines.

The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio has awarded \$9,000 to St. Mary's for scholarships for students pursuing a health care education. The four students selected to receive the scholarship funds are pursuing master's degrees in Marriage and Family Therapy, Community Counseling and Mental Health Counseling. The foundation was incorporated in September 2004 to fund not-for-profit healthcare services and education throughout Bexar County and South Texas.

The South Texas Chapter Risk & Insurance Management Society has contributed \$12,000 in support of scholarships for students pursuing degrees in risk management. The chapter has provided nearly \$60,000 in scholarship support to St. Mary's since 2001.

The USAA Foundation recently contributed \$50,000 to the St. Mary's University Service Scholarship. The award is designated for those students who have made a commitment to improve their community through acts of service, and honors the students' commitment and the impact they have made on the lives of those they serve.

For the seventh consecutive year the San Antonio Livestock Exposition Inc. has committed \$100,000 in support of scholarships for 10 students majoring in the biological sciences. The funds committed will be used in recruiting fall 2008 freshmen and will

be dispersed over a four year period.

The Mattie-Jennie Fund Trust managed by Frost Bank National Trustees has granted \$1,500 in support of the Music Department Development Fund, which support a variety of programs including musical performances.

The George W. Brackenridge Foundation continued its tradition of support by providing \$37,500 in scholarships for undergraduate and law students for the 2007-2008 academic year.

For the third consecutive year, The John G. and Marie Stella Kenedy Memorial Foundation has awarded \$25,000 in support of scholarships for students who have demonstrated financial need.

St. Louis Hall Project Receives Boost from Estate

The Estate of Mary P. Lagleder recently gave more than \$183,000 to St. Mary's University. The funds will be applied to fundraising efforts for the refurbishment of the University's historic administration building, St. Louis Hall. Thus far, some \$2.6 million has been raised in support of this project.

SPORTS CORNER

Five to Enter Hall of Fame

In January, five exceptional athletes will be inducted into the St. Mary's University Athletics Hall of Fame. A luncheon and induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008, at 11 a.m. in Bill Greehey Arena.

The newest members of the Hall of Fame are: Lacy Hampton (B.B.A. '98, M.B.A. '01), basketball; John Kosub (B.S. '83), baseball; Chris LeGrand

(B.A. '95), basketball; Aimee Silva (B.A. '94), softball and volleyball; and Mike Zolecki (B.B.A. '98), baseball.

Both Kosub and LeGrand follow in the footsteps of their fathers. Longtime Rattler baseball coach Elmer Kosub (B.A. '54) and basketball standout Robert "Snake" LeGrand (B.A. '70) entered the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1987.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact the director of special projects by telephone at (210) 431-4376, or e-mail ckuebker@stmarytx.edu.

Soccer Teams Score High in Post-Season Honors

Led by the play of freshman David Peterson, the men's soccer team finished the fall with its best season in six years. Peterson led the Heartland Conference and ranks nationally in goals per game and points per game this season. He was named Heartland Conference Offensive Player of the Week twice this season, was a second team All-Heartland pick and earned second team All-Midwest Region honors.

A total of six Rattlers earned All-Heartland honors, including Kyle Farrell, Scott Kilpatrick, Bryon Plagge, Luke Smith and Kris Sumter. In addition, Plagge and Smith were named All-Midwest Region, with Smith earning a first-team honor.

The men have also overcome adversity in their run to success. Last year's All-Heartland Conference goalkeeper Brett Collier suffered a season-ending injury halfway through the season; however, junior Jayson Horn picked up where Collier left off and posted three shutouts.



Soccer forward Elizabeth Hoffman

Despite a rash of season-ending injuries that left Head Coach Corwyn Ritch without seven of his starters, including his top two goalkeepers, the women's soccer squad continued to be one of the top teams in the Midwest Region.

The offense was the key to the Rattlers' success as they averaged nearly two goals per game and had six players with four or more goals scored this season. Five Rattler women earned All-Heartland honors: Deann Lopez, Amanda McMullen, Christian Mercedes, Elizabeth Redmond and Toni Tullius.

Volleyball Squad Leaders On and Off Court

The Rattlers were led again this season by the dominant play of Samantha Weber, who followed up her All-American season of 2006 with an even stronger performance this fall. She was named to the all-tournament team in all three tournaments the Rattlers competed in, and earned Heartland Offensive Player of the Week honors three times.

Freshman Kori McCarver, a San Antonio native, was impressive in her first season as a Rattler. She ranked among the team leaders in nearly every category and was the only player on the team to post a triple-double.

Weber, McCarver and Matula earned All-Heartland recognition for their play.

The volleyball squad continued to excel in the classroom. For the third time in the past four years, the team was recognized by the American Volleyball Coaches Association with the prestigious Team Academic Award. St. Mary's was one of just 29 schools in NCAA Division II to receive the award, which requires a team to post a cumulative 3.30 GPA for the academic year.

Cross Country Led by Senior Wicketts

New coach James Kling kept the Rattlers running with the best in the Heartland Conference this season. Senior Tara Wicketts finished in the top 15 at five meets, including an eighth place finish at the Heartland Conference Championships. The top-10 finish was her fourth straight at the Heartland Championships, the only



Rattler runner ever to accomplish that feat.

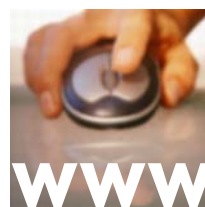
Sophomore Amy Crissman placed 11th at the Heartland meet, while Jesse Smith, who also plays basketball for the Rattlers, took 15th place in her first season with the cross country team.

Fan Support on the Rise

The University community has focused efforts to increase attendance at sporting events on campus, with several offices coordinating programming and promotion to maximize student participation. The result has been a dramatic increase in attendance at Rattler sporting events. Besides traditional ways of communicating with students about upcoming games such as posters, flyers, and announcements in *The Rattler*, new initiatives are in place including game alerts on the University Web site and campus-wide e-mail announcements before big games.

The efforts to increase attendance have already resulted in one recognition for St. Mary's. The softball team had 3,688 fans attend their games last spring, the second highest total in the nation and the highest in school history.

Local alumni are encouraged to attend Rattler home games. Schedules, rosters and updates for all sports can be found at www.rattlerathletics.com. ■



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Playing the Market – for Real

by Gina Farrell, Director of Media Relations

When students in a new finance class at St. Mary's discuss corporate earnings projections or debate the value of including stops on stock purchases, they aren't looking at case studies or talking in the hypothetical. They are in it for real.

The finance special topics course taught in the Bill Greehey School of Business includes a mix of 15 graduate and undergraduate students. The name of the course is Student Managed Investment Portfolio, and that is exactly what they are doing – investing up to \$1 million of the University's endowment.

"You can talk about limit orders and stops, but you don't really know what to expect until you see it," said Adrian Cowan, Ph.D., who is co-instructing the class with Richard Bauer, Ph.D.

Adding to the reality is the actual setting where the students and professors have lively debates about earnings histories and past performances. It's a classroom that feels more like a laboratory thanks to some \$175,000 put into redesign and technology. Amenities include a live stock ticker and data board, an LCD television for the latest financial breaking news, and a state-of-the-art instructor podium linked to massive screens that allow the entire class to use top-notch stock research services and software during their discussions. Students and faculty in the class have 24/7 access to financial information necessary to develop trade recommendations and support trade decisions.

While Cowan and Bauer advise and guide the students, ultimately the decision to buy a stock or not is up to the students and two-thirds must agree for a purchase to be made. The class follows the same socially responsible guidelines required of all University endowment fund managers.

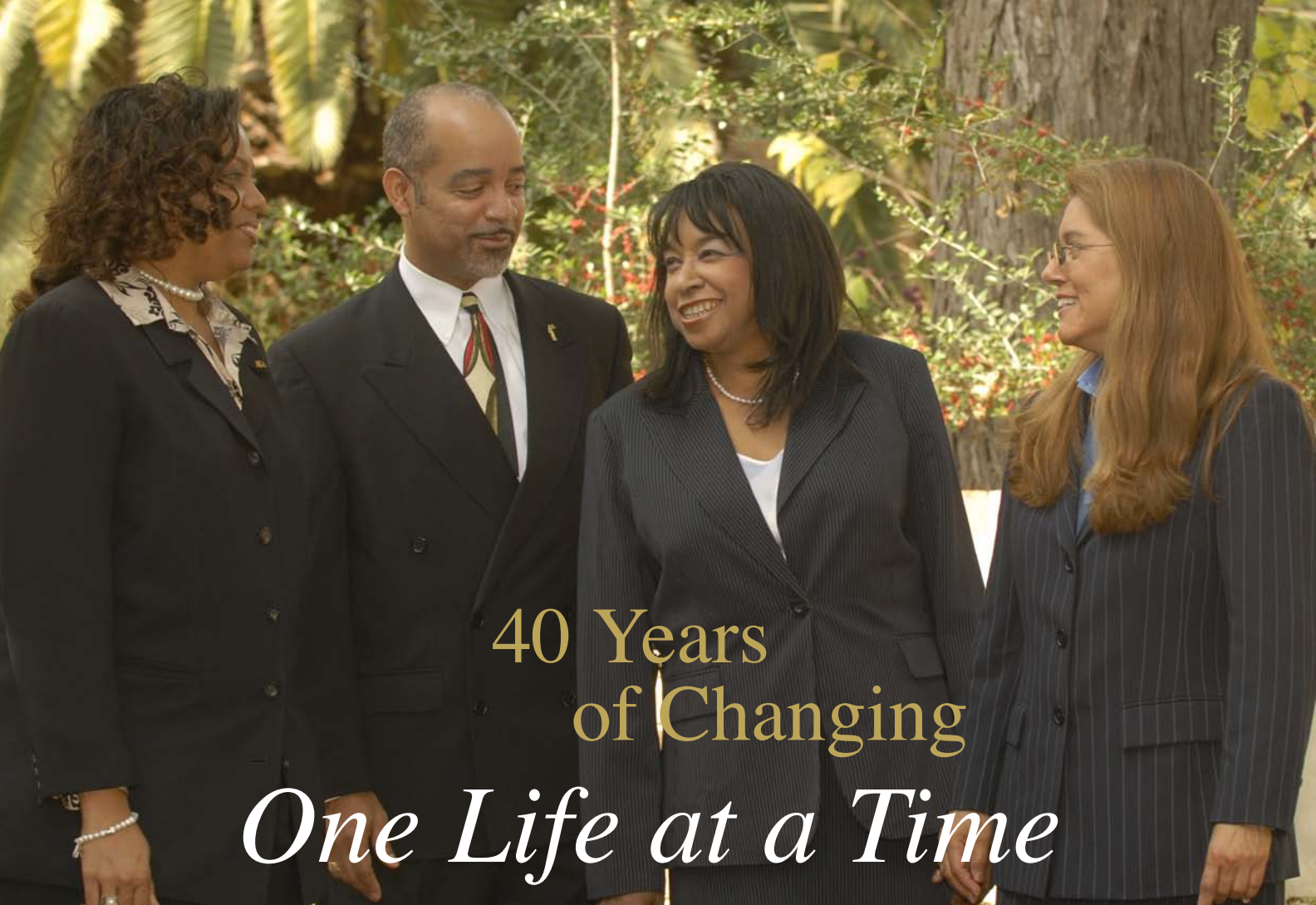
The class' first investment was made in mid-October – unfortunately, on the 20th anniversary of Black Friday – and the student investors have had a wild ride since then. As of mid-November, the group had a total of about \$100,000 invested, with the portfolio down about \$4,000. But there is a silver lining, Bauer pointed out: "In comparison with Standard & Poor's, we are up \$300. That means we are outperforming the market."

While the class is authorized to invest a total of \$1 million, Bauer expects that it will take at least another semester to get to that level, since they've started slowly, researching, debating and voting on each stock purchase individually.

Student-managed portfolios are a growing trend at top business schools nationally. In fact, St. Mary's is only the second in San Antonio to have such a course. Enrollment is competitive, and students can only take the class two semesters.

Rudy Torres, who graduated from St. Mary's with a finance degree in 1989, owns Torres Financial Services in San Antonio. He talked to the class during Business Week in November about the nuances of investing and was impressed with the course, the classroom's technology, and, most of all, the lessons these students are learning.

"This is giving the students a hands-on approach to investment management. It is real-world, practical experience for them, even if they do not intend to make investing a career," Torres said, adding that he likes the direction the Bill Greehey School of Business is heading in. "This kind of program is now the standard in most class A business programs, and it's just what we need to be doing to keep up and to take it to the next level." ■



40 Years of Changing *One Life at a Time*

by Gina Farrell, Director of Media Relations

The St. Mary's University Upward Bound Program this year celebrates its 40th anniversary. For most of that time, Jacqueline Dansby has been there ushering students through the process of preparing for – and succeeding in – college. Each time she tells them success is possible, she knows what she is talking about.

“Jackie is in tune with us because she is one of us,” said Leticia Rodriguez, who started in Upward Bound in 1972. “She understands the obstacles we have to face and, most importantly, the potential all Upward Bounders possess. She gave us unconditional support and love.”

Today Dansby is director of the St. Mary's Upward Bound Program. As a young San Antonio teenager, she was herself an Upward Bound participant, identified with the potential for college but considered at risk of not succeeding as a first-generation college student. Dansby was in the Upward Bound pilot program at Southwest Texas State (now Texas State University) in San Marcos.

Thanks to her Upward Bound experience, Dansby earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics and chemistry within three years, and later earned master's degrees in guidance and counseling, educational psychology and higher education administration. She holds a doctorate from Texas A&M University in higher education administration.

Giving back to Upward Bound

Wanting to give back to the program that had meant so much to her, Dansby began tutoring participants in the St. Mary's program in mathematics and science while still attending college. After graduating in 1971, she went to work full time for the program, becoming the director in 1977. “When the job was offered, I went for it. To me this is not a job, it's a ministry.”

Perhaps it is that idea of her job as a “calling” that rings true to program graduates like Rodriguez, who was a student at San Antonio's L.W. Fox

St. Mary's Upward Bound Director Jacqueline Dansby, Ph.D., second from right, visits on campus with Upward Bound graduates, from left, Oanh Maroney, David Allen and Leticia Rodriguez.

Vocational and Technical High School when she was called to the counselor's office in 1972 to meet Dansby for the first time. “If it hadn't been for the program, I would have never gone to college or had the successful life I have today,” Rodriguez said.

That successful life includes a bachelor's degree from The University of Texas, and graduate degrees from both Harvard University and Trinity University. She is an educational consultant in San Antonio, and continues to contribute to Upward Bound, serving as an instructor.

'One life at a time'

Upward Bound provides a variety of services and support to students in the San Antonio Independent School District. The program works with school counselors to identify talented students with possible barriers to college, such as being from a low-income family or a family in which neither parent has a college degree.

In addition to academic instruction, students learn about the admission process and financial aid, and are given opportunities to develop public speaking and leadership skills. It is a rigorous program, demanding a serious commitment from the students and the volunteers since virtually every Saturday and several weeks in the summer are spent at St. Mary's. "The people doing the program are so committed. We see ourselves as a family," Dansby said.

That dedication pays off. More than 90 percent of those in the program enroll in higher education the first semester after high school graduation, and more than 70 percent earn their degrees. The number of program graduates must be in the thousands, but Dansby doesn't think of success that way. "I could pull the list and count them, but this is really about changing one life at a time."

Starting a chain reaction

David Allen, now a certified identity theft risk management specialist in San Antonio, started in Upward Bound as a student about the same time Dansby was joining the program full time.

"No one in my family had gone to college before me. Everyone was telling me 'You should go to college.' I wanted to go but had no idea how to do it," Allen said. After Upward Bound, Allen graduated from Prairie View Texas A&M University with a degree in business, spent time in the Army, and then went back for his master's of business administration.

Allen's Upward Bound experience changed not only his life, but also the lives of his brothers and sisters. The middle child of seven siblings, Allen was the first to go to college, but others soon followed. "It's incredible what happens once the chain reaction starts. Now not only do most of the kids in my family have degrees, several have graduate degrees."

Because of Allen's Upward Bound experience more than 30 years ago, his 12-year-old son has no doubt about his own future. "He's been telling people he's going to go to college since he was three." ■



One Changed Life

by Oanh H. Maroney

Growing up on San Antonio's Eastside as a low-income, bi-cultural/bi-racial girl with big dreams was not always easy. My African-American father, whose own father was a slave, served in the Army for 20 years, and then established a furniture re-upholstery business. My mother, a Vietnamese immigrant who spoke limited English, did not work outside the home. Neither completed formal education, but both wanted their three daughters to find academic

and career success. It was the Upward Bound Program at St. Mary's that bridged the gaps between my parents' desires, my own hopes and dreams, and the opportunities to make them a reality.

I was an academically gifted student, but I had no clue about the many challenges that low-income, first-generation students could encounter on the pathway to higher education. The many Saturdays and summers that I spent in Upward Bound's academic enrichment courses helped prepare me for the rigorous and challenging courses I would experience in college. More than that, the experience enriched me personally. The care that was given to each individual helped me build confidence in my own abilities, and the program's staff, instructors and volunteers provided encouragement for us to set goals and make them happen. Upward Bound not only nurtured my intellect, it nurtured my spirit.

I graduated sixth in my class from San Antonio's Sam Houston High School in 1990, and attended Stanford University in California. I quickly found the Upward Bound Program at Stanford and remained connected throughout my undergraduate career. I found myself giving to these young people what Upward Bound had given to me. Working with them was a constant reminder that Upward Bound was a significant factor in accomplishing my goal of attending college. It was up to me to repay the debt by graduating with a degree and by doing all I could to help others reach their goals. Upward Bound not only got me to college, it got me *through* college.

Many people wonder why I returned to San Antonio after graduation. There is a world of opportunity out there, but I deeply believe I owe something to the community that sowed my seeds of potential, nurtured my roots, and whose many hands helped prune and shape me into the young woman I became. As a result, I have continuously sought out professional and volunteer opportunities that have allowed me to repay the debt by serving, nurturing and developing others in the San Antonio community, and especially in the Eastside community where I grew up.

It has been 20 years since my first day at Upward Bound, and my experience there continues to shape and influence my life, personally and professionally. I have remained closely connected to Dr. Jacqueline Dansby, and she is still a mentor and a source of inspiration and encouragement. I am grateful to Dr. Dansby and the program for helping to build a foundation of hard work, determination and perseverance in a young girl for whom the potential was high but the opportunities were limited. Since the day that I was inducted into the Upward Bound family, my testimony has been that I have run the race and have managed to come out a winner – even against all of the odds. Truly, that is the essence of Upward Bound.

Oanh H. Maroney, is director of community programs for Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas Inc., a large non profit organization serving underserved communities in 78 counties throughout South Texas. She graduated from Stanford University in 1994 with a bachelor's degree in African and Afro-American Studies, and earned her master's degree in bicultural-bilingual studies in 1999 from The University of Texas at San Antonio.



Deadline Duggan Still Making News

by Candace J. Kuebker

Martin Duggan isn't a capricious man. Whether in his role as newspaperman, husband, or host and producer of "Donnybrook," his no-holds-barred, issues-oriented weekly public television program, Duggan sticks to his guns.

After graduating from the Marianists' Southside High School in St. Louis in 1938, Duggan arrived at St. Mary's with a full-tuition scholarship. He remembers love at first sight when he stepped on campus, even though it was austere and the landscape bare.

"Chaminade Hall looked like a grain elevator sticking up out of the ground," he said, and the sum of the campus was St. Louis and Reinbolt halls and Alumni Gym. Regardless, "I fell in love with St. Mary's from day one."

Duggan's lifelong ambition was to be a newspaperman, and on the St. Mary's campus he quickly became one. He joined the staff of *The Rattler*, where he garnered writing awards and the nickname "Deadline Duggan." Coupled with summer jobs at the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Duggan left St. Mary's well prepared for what would become a 45-year newspaper career.

Because of the war and the demand for people back in St. Louis, when Duggan traveled home for Christmas break in 1941, the Globe-Democrat offered him a full-time job. "They asked if I could live on \$45 a week; I said I could do anything for \$45 a week!" Brother Gerald Schnepf, S.M., Duggan's mentor and favorite professor at St. Mary's, made arrangements with St. Louis University for Martin to take his final nine hours there and transfer the credits back to St. Mary's.

"It was wartime. People of my age didn't transition 'normally' from school into the work world," Duggan said. "Mae and I got married on May 26, 1942, and boarded a train to San Antonio. We arrived on May 27, I took my oral and written comprehensive exams the following day and graduated June 2 in Municipal Auditorium. I turned 21 the next day."

It was a jumpstart on a career that would last until 1984, when he retired after working his way from summer intern to editorial page editor of the Globe-Democrat. Lasting even longer than his newspaper career is his marriage to his high school sweetheart. This past May, he and Mae celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. They have five children, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. "We enjoy each other – Mae is a woman of deep faith and some has rubbed off on me," he said, adding they go to Mass most every day.

Martin Duggan, third from left, host and provocateur of "Donnybrook," tangles with his talkfest cohorts.

Duggan wasn't quite ready for full retirement. After watching television's original political talkfest, "The McLaughlin Group," Martin told Mae he thought he could pull off a similar program locally. The program, "Donnybrook," with its tongue-in-cheek subtitle, "polite conversation on the issues," was launched on St. Louis public television station KETC in 1987 and has been on the air every week since. Now in its 20th year, "Donnybrook" is the highest rated, most popular local public television show in the country, winning several Emmys.

Duggan also was in the inaugural print class of the University of Missouri–St. Louis and St. Louis Mercantile Library Media Halls of Fame (in print, radio and television) in 2006 and was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus of St. Mary's University in 1972.

When reflecting on his life, Martin says he and Mae have no regrets. And about his experience at St. Mary's he says, "I thank God for the benefit of having gone to St. Mary's. It was really a joy and I'm grateful I made some good friends. I'm blessed that my formative years were spent there with the Marianists." ■

According to the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Survey Report, approximately 10 million American consumers discovered that their personal information has been used to open fraudulent accounts or commit other crimes. Every 8.5 seconds, a computer attracts a virus and 75 percent of all computer servers are vulnerable to exploitation. Since virtually every aspect of our lives depends on computer networks and wireless technology, we've asked Wenbin Luo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Engineering at St. Mary's University, to answer questions regarding computer and wireless security and what we can do to prevent becoming a victim of identity theft and other common computer-related crimes.



Computer and Wireless Security 101

Q & A with
Wenbin Luo, Ph.D.

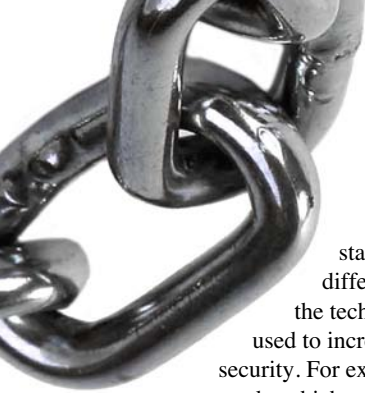
by Nina Duran

Q. Can you define computer security and how it affects our daily lives?

A. Computer security studies the theories and tools to protect computer systems from unauthorized access, use, modification, destruction, and the like. Computer security continues to be a growing concern because the number of viruses, intrusions, and other attacks on computer systems increases every year. Without robust computer security systems, financial transactions, business transactions, as well as the larger infrastructure – the power grid and gas pipelines – would be unable to efficiently function. Personal information that exists in electronic formats is extremely vulnerable.

Q. With today's technology, how easy is it to access someone's computer, wireless phone, or even bank account?

A. Building dependable computer systems is a very complex, multifaceted, and painstaking process. A system's security



status is different from the techniques used to increase its security. For example, passwords, which are the foundation on which much of computer security is built, are one of the biggest practical problems. Nowadays, people are asked to choose passwords for many different Web sites. Sometimes they use the same passwords over and over again; therefore, attacks may not only be carried out by outsiders guessing passwords, but also by insiders in other systems.

As for the vulnerability of wireless phones, interested readers are referred to the story of “The Athens Affairs” published in the July 2007 issue of IEEE Spectrum (online version: www.spectrum.ieee.org/jul07/5280) to see how the Greek prime minister’s cell phone was illegally wiretapped.

Q. Is there anything that we can do in order to better protect our privacy and identity?

A. The need for well-prepared graduates entering the field of computer security is widely recognized. Improving computer-security education will help generate better research and more graduates in the field who are prepared to find solutions to security problems. It is also important for us to keep an eye on the advances and technologies in the field of computer security. For example, if you do not know how to configure your wireless router at home securely, a neighbor might use your wireless network or could use a packet sniffer to watch all the Web sites you go to, the e-mail you send and receive, or passwords that you send when you log in to various Web sites.

Q. Why do so many computer systems that contain personal information, government information, and other important files have such huge security flaws?

A. Although most of the fundamental technologies for computer security, such as cryptology and tamper resistance are relatively well

understood, the knowledge and experience of how to apply them effectively is much scarcer. As a well-known security expert, Ross Anderson, Ph.D., at the University of Cambridge said, building systems that continue to perform robustly in the face of malice is one of the most important, interesting, and difficult tasks facing engineers in the 21st century.

Q. Is there a difference between computer security and wireless security?

A. Computer security is the generic name for the methodology and tools designed to protect data and to thwart unauthorized intruders. Wireless security, on the other hand, focuses more specifically on the study of methods and tools used to secure wireless networks. Wireless networks provide great benefits compared with wired ones. Although it may be much faster to set up a wireless network than the wired one, there are many security issues. People can easily intercept wireless signals; therefore, it is relatively easy to break into wireless networks. Intruders even use wireless technology to crack into wired networks.

Q. How will the skills taught to our students here on campus benefit those outside of St. Mary’s?

A. First of all, training our students with the skills is a way to grow and produce for the computer security community. It will definitely benefit the whole society in the long run. Secondly, we anticipate that our labs will increase opportunities for collaborative research with some of our partner institutions as well as to offer multiple outreach opportunities for our alumni to learn about these evolving critical research fields.

Q. How important is it to constantly add and upgrade our research and teaching labs and why?

A. It is very important and crucial to constantly add and upgrade our research and teaching labs because up-to-date laboratories provide St. Mary’s

University with necessary components to improve the effectiveness of courses. It enhances our teaching and research capabilities at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The laboratories also serve the secondary goal of increasing interest in engineering and other fields among prospective students, thus serving as a recruiting tool.

The engineering department is constantly adding and upgrading its research and teaching labs under the leadership of Engineering Department Chairman Bahman Rezaie, Ph.D. This year, we are upgrading the main engineering lab. At the same time, we are building two new labs for wireless communications and computer security, which Vahid Emamian, Ph.D., and I are setting up, and the mobile computing lab, which I am working on.

Q. How soon do you think it will be before we see an actual change in the level of computer and wireless security?

A. As I said before, building dependable computer systems is a very complex, multifaceted, and painstaking process. In security engineering, we need to figure out not how something works, but how something can be made not to work. We have to consider all the ways a system can fail and look at everything from many different angles by imagining an intelligent and malicious adversary inside your system. It is very difficult to prove that a system is absolutely secure. Eugene H. Spafford, Ph.D., a leading computer security expert at Purdue University, once said, “The only truly secure system is one that is powered off, cast in a block of concrete and sealed in a lead-lined room with armed guards - and even then I have my doubts.” ■



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*He Took Care of Business
at St. Mary's*

Brother Paul C. Goelz, S.M., Ph.D.

by Candace J. Kuebker

To hear his former students tell it, Brother Paul C. Goelz, S.M., was a real taskmaster in the classroom. His expectations for his students were high, but they appreciated his dedication to teaching and weren't likely to forget him after they left. Brother Paul's impact on his students was great, and so was his impact on the University as a whole, where he built the foundation for the modern business school at St. Mary's.

A professed religious for 67 years, Brother Paul Goelz died Sept. 27, 2007, at the Marianist Residence at the age of 92. He spent more than 60 years at St. Mary's, 55 of them in the classroom teaching business to thousands until his retirement in 2001. At his funeral were hundreds of former

answering the call to religious life at the advanced age of 26. He made a big impression on the other novitiates, among them the late Rev. J. Willis Langlinais, S.M., longtime St. Mary's professor and administrator, who remembered Brother Paul "...was impeccably dressed in a well-pressed



students and business leaders, among them Houston oil magnate Dennis McCarthy (B.B.A. '51), business mogul and New Orleans Saints owner Tom Benson, and NuStar Energy chairman Bill Greehey (B.B.A. '60).

Born in 1914 in Bartelso, Ill., Goelz attended school in East St. Louis, including at the Marianists' Central Catholic High School. His entry into religious life wasn't typical. While his contemporaries entered the Novitiate as teens, Brother Paul earned a degree and worked several jobs – including in the shoe, oil equipment and automotive industries – before

suit, French cuffs with jeweled links, high starched collar and gleaming shoes."

At his funeral almost 70 years later, McCarthy recalled that Brother Goelz "always looked like a million bucks." So inspired by Brother Paul was McCarthy that he and his wife, Del, endowed a scholarship in Goelz's name in 2000 with a \$1 million gift.

After earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees, Brother Paul headed to South Texas. His lifelong love for St. Mary's began in 1946 when he was summoned to help Brother George Kohlen, S.M., Ph.D.,

build a top-notch business school.

After leaving temporarily to earn his doctorate at Northwestern University, Brother Paul returned to St. Mary's in 1953, and remained until his death.

Goelz was the business school's second dean. During his tenure he initiated Business Week, designed the entrepreneur curriculum and established a free enterprise lecture series that attracted Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan to speak, among others. He held the Myra Stafford Pryor Professor of Free Enterprise and directed the Algur H. Meadows Center for Entrepreneurial Studies. He helped secure a multi-million dollar gift that built the Albert B. Alkek Business Center and, in 1997, he saw his dream of AACSB accreditation of the business school realized.

Brother Paul was one of the most widely known and respected Marianists in the world of business both in this country and abroad. Benson said after his friend's funeral, Brother Paul "...made a big splash in the San Antonio business community."

Goelz's reach and influence beyond St. Mary's took many forms. He established the Forum on Entrepreneurship for the continuing education of area businessmen and women and was named Entrepreneur of the Year by the Institute of American Entrepreneurs. He received the George Washington Honor Medal for contributions to economic education and the Ford Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. He also wrote a comprehensive history of the business school which serves as a rich reference for students and historians alike.

Above all, Brother Paul was a gentle and deeply religious man. Even though his travels took him around the world, and he was at home rubbing elbows with corporate leaders, with all of his worldly wisdom and involvement it was Brother Paul's vocation that he found most satisfying. When, after all of the accolades and praise, he was asked what made him most proud his answer was simple, "Being a Marianist." ■



Service First for David Courreges

The paths of David Courreges and Sarah K. Thompson, both St. Mary's University law students at the same time, never crossed while they were in school. But years later, when the Thompson family needed help, it was Courreges who stepped up to give it.

By the time Thompson was a third-year law student in 2005, Courreges had graduated and was practicing law in Austin. That year, while she was preparing for graduation and getting ready for bar exams, Thompson was killed by a hit-and-run driver while crossing the street.

The driver of the car was convicted to five years in prison for failing to stop and render aid – much lower than what he would have received if he had stopped and been found to be intoxicated. At the time he was convicted, that was the maximum penalty regardless of whether the accident resulted in serious injury or death. Thompson's family felt that this penalty provided an incentive for drivers under the influence to flee, rather than stay and face more serious charges.

That's when the Thompsons contacted Al Hartman, the law school's alumni relations director, asking for help to change the law. Hartman contacted Courreges, who practices with the Austin firm De Leon, Boggins & Icenogle PC, who was moved to take on the case bono. Courreges and the Thompson family spent countless hours advocating for changes in the legislation on Sarah Thompson's behalf.

"Sarah's tragedy brought the St. Mary's law school family together. It is a testament to the University, not only that it supports its students, but works to right legal wrongs. I am proud I could play a part in it," Courreges said. "Getting to know the Thompson family has been very influential to me. We *had* to succeed with changing this law for this family and other families that are impacted by such selfish acts."

Success came this summer when Gov. Rick Perry signed into law the Sarah Kathryn Thompson Act, which increases the maximum penalty for hit-and-run to 10 years if the accident causes serious injury or death. The bill was introduced by State Rep. Dennis Bonnen of Angleton.

"Working with the Thompson family and Rep. Bonnen to pass the Sarah K. Thompson Act is the biggest sense of accomplishment I've ever felt," Courreges said. "My legal passion is to help those who wouldn't normally have the opportunity to help themselves, who don't know what their options are. That's why I owe so much to St. Mary's. They taught us public service first, financial gain second."

—Beth Barbee



An Education Two Decades in the Making

Diane Gaither

Diane Gaither first gave college a try right out of high school. But it was more than 20 years, four kids and a husband later before she would finish – and now she’s hooked.

Gaither graduated from St. Mary’s in May with a bachelor’s degree in computer science application systems with a focus on game development. She is a Web developer at the Southwest Research Institute, and this fall started her master’s work at St. Mary’s.

During her 17-year break from college, Gaither kept busy homeschooling her four children. However, it was during the confusion over how the year 2000 would affect computers worldwide that she started picking up books about programming. She fell in love with what she found, but felt she lacked the logic and reasoning skills required. So she enrolled at San Antonio College. “I realized I could be an A student and really make things happen for me and my family.”

After earning her associate’s degree, she was accepted to St. Mary’s on an honors scholarship. “I really jelled with the professors in the computer science department, and was impressed by their support of me as a person and my goals. That really motivated me,” Gaither said, pointing to Carol Redfield, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Computer Science, as both her mentor and friend.

Gaither drew on her own life experiences to guide the course of her study. “As a homeschool mom, I understood that many different media can motivate children to learn. My husband and boys liked to play computer games, and I could see that they would learn something even if it was not an overtly educational game,” she said.

Using that as her basis, Gaither launched an undergraduate research project investigating the benefits of a computer game on algebra students. And she found they do work – even testing the effects on bright students at a local magnet school, Gaither found an improvement in the students who used the game.

Gaither, who lives with her family in Pleasanton and commutes to her job and school, is enjoying her first semester of graduate work in computer information systems. She is joined at St. Mary’s by one of her four children, David, who is also studying computer science.

“It is rewarding to know that he is paired up with some of the same teachers that I have had and to see that they are really inspiring him to catch the fire,” Gaither said.

—Gina Farrell

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A culture of giving, a message of thanks

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” Many sources attribute this quote to Winston Churchill, although it is unclear if the words are actually his. Whoever first spoke them, they appropriately address the Mission of St. Mary’s University: to give our graduates not only the academic capacities they need to flourish professionally, but also to instill in them a passion for service and the desire to make a positive difference in the world.

In the Marianist tradition, St. Mary’s asks our students and graduates to give of themselves – their time, their talent and their treasure – to serve the community and advance the common good. This is a profound Marianist value that informs and inspires civic virtue and one that makes our neighborhoods, our communities and our nation better places. It is a value that our campus community embraces. In fact, this year’s National Survey of Student Engagement found that by the time St. Mary’s students reach their senior year, more than 70 percent have participated in community service or volunteer work. These service learning experiences provide the foundation of developing graduates who will continue the University Mission long after graduation.

The support of our alumni, friends, and corporate and foundation benefactors has had a monumental effect on St. Mary’s. Consider that in the past decade alone, our University endowment has grown from just over \$51 million to the \$155 million it is today. While several large gifts have had a great impact on our campus – and we are profoundly grateful for their impact – everyone’s gift matters, every gift makes a difference.



“We make a living by
what we get. We make
a life by what we give.”

Consider the scholarship endowed in the name of Sister Ann Semel, who this year celebrates 40 years of teaching at St. Mary’s. She has touched and inspired literally generations of St. Mary’s alumni. More than 85 people feel strongly enough about Sister Ann and her impact on their lives that, with an average gift of about \$350, they have built the endowed scholarship in her name. Or the Turgut Ozan Endowed Scholarship in Engineering, in honor of the founder of the University’s engineering department, which has been built one gift at a time

by more than 50 donors with an average gift of \$924.

American anthropologist and writer Margaret Mead said “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” While individually these friends and alumni did not have major gifts to give, the aggregate of what they were able to do means that many more generations of St. Mary’s students will benefit from scholarships honoring these two great educators. What a meaningful and enduring legacy.

Your gifts to St. Mary’s, both large and small, allow a new generation of St. Mary’s students to benefit from the people, spirit and living traditions that are the hallmarks of academic and leadership development in the Marianist tradition. Thank you for your support!

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As St. Mary's University continues moving towards national prominence, we welcome the growing interest and participation of our alumni. Last year more than 70 St. Mary's events were held throughout Texas and in cities around the country, among them St. Louis, Chicago, New York, Washington and Phoenix. Some 40 percent – or 12,000 alumni – attended our functions. It's wonderful to see alumni from many decades mingling and sharing stories about their college experiences. This was the highest level of alumni participation I've seen in my 13 years at St. Mary's. Thanks for your interest in St. Mary's and we'll work hard to maintain our connection with you.

The St. Mary's Alumni Association's legendary Fiesta Oyster Bake netted \$635,000 last April, the second highest dollar amount ever for student scholarships and alumni programs. At the 2007 Texas Festival and Events Association meeting, the association received highest recognition for best charity event, best event security plan, and best organization newsletter. We're proud of the association for continuing to conduct a family-friendly event during Fiesta Week.

I want to thank Alumni Association President Ed Boyle (B.B.A. '71) for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the Mission of St. Mary's. It has been a pleasure working with Ed and the members of his executive committee.

We've added some new faces to our development staff, so be on the lookout for them as we travel around the country this year. Paul "Rocky" Kettering joined our team as Executive Director of Development, and I appreciate the enthusiasm and knowledge he brings to the position. Two development officers, Jessica Harbin and Lindsay Wilson, recently joined our team. Jessica (B.A. '07)

was an All-American golfer at St. Mary's and Lindsay previously worked as a development professional at Southern Mississippi University. Both women bring great energy and commitment to our Mission.

At the request of many alumni over the years, we are poised to unveil an easily navigable gift/estate planning addition on our Web site. There you'll find answers to many of the questions alumni have asked concerning gift and estate planning. I hope you enjoy visiting the site and should you have questions, please call our development office at (210) 436-3146.

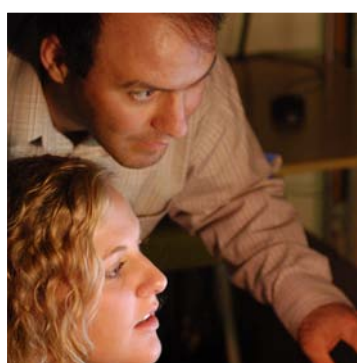
St. Mary's strategic plan, *Vision 2012*, challenges us to conduct a comprehensive capital campaign to build a new complex for the sciences, engineering and technology, a significant need at the University. Currently we are researching national firms to assist the University with a campaign readiness study. Stay tuned for updates on this important initiative.

Fundraising for the St. Louis Hall renovation is almost complete, with more than \$2.6 million of the \$4 million needed in hand. We believe with the continued help of alumni and friends, we will complete fundraising by next spring. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this project to keep our signature building functional and beautiful.

Finally, our communications staff continues to promote the St. Mary's story of quality, innovation and excellence through our own publications such as the Gold & Blue magazine, feature stories in printed and virtual news outlets, as well as real time information through our Web site. Last year alone, St. Mary's had some 900 media hits nationwide that touted the University and quoted our faculty experts. The ad value of these hits exceeded \$1 million and reached almost 233 million readers and viewers.

Vision 2012 serves as a guide and a challenge to St. Mary's University and our advancement division. I am confident that with your continued financial support we will make our institution one of the very best in Texas and the nation. *Thank you!*

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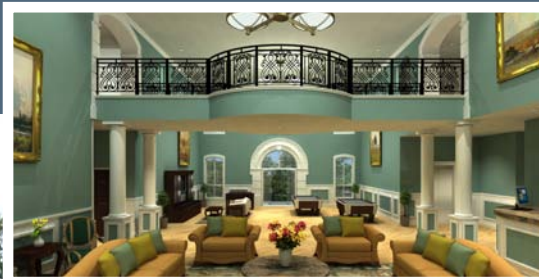
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New Hall Honors History While Moving St. Mary's Forward

On a beautiful day in early November, amid music and celebration, the St. Mary's University community came together to break ground for the University's newest facility. Designed to honor St. Mary's history, the new residence hall will reflect the French Romanesque architectural style of St. Louis Hall, St. Mary's signature building. An important priority of the University's Facilities Master Plan and *Vision 2012*, the nearly 300-bed residence – complete with cyber café, appointed courtyard, gathering spaces, and state-of-the-art in-room technology – will house new students when it opens in early 2009.



Pictured, from left: Alyssa Gonzalez, Residence Hall Association President; James Villarreal, Director of Residence Life; Chairman of the Board of Trustees Ruben M. Escobedo; President Charles L. Cotrell, Ph.D.; Kathy Sisoian, Vice President for Student Development; The Rev. Bernie Lee, S.M., Vice President for Mission and Identity; Dean of Students Judy Deshotels, Ph.D.; and Cesar DeLeon, Student Government Association President