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Kendra Sacks '07 (left), a physician assistant, says the Franciscan presence at Saint Francis University greatly influenced her decision to make a one-year commitment to serve in Haiti. See page 11 for more.



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GOALS OF A FRANCISCAN HIGHER EDUCATION:

- ▶ A humble and generous attitude toward learning
- ▶ Reverence for all life and for the goodness of all humanity
- ▶ A global vision
- ▶ Service to the poor and needy
- ▶ Respect for the uniqueness of individual persons
- ▶ A community of faith and prayer
- ▶ The spirit of simplicity and joy
- ▶ Franciscan presence

REACH HIGHER. GO FAR.

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A society to reach higher and go farther... the Saint Francis Society

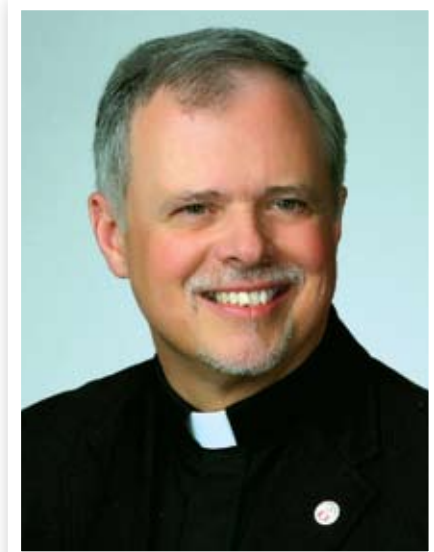
It is all about who you know, and what you get them to know. That's the essence of good marketing; it's the very heart of gathering support for each and every enterprise. That's how St. Francis of Assisi understood his mission in the world. It was all about getting out and among the people of Assisi and the surrounding community. It was about getting to know them, their personal circumstance, the longing of their hearts. Once he mastered the art of listening, hearing and understanding, then he offered them knowledge, an insight into life and its mystery. He taught. Once he conveyed the good news, the message of God's love, he invited them to be a part of an enterprise, to join a society, a set of followers, believers. This was the foundation of the Franciscan community, a community that is diverse and unique, but a society none the less.

In 1910, a small community of Franciscans calling themselves the Order of Saint Francis, with origins in Ireland, joined themselves to a larger community of Franciscans called the Third Order Regular. With this union, a society was formed called The Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus of the Third Order Regular. Today, it is this group of Friars who continue to serve two universities: Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pennsylvania and Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville, Ohio.

For us at Saint Francis University, this is truly a milestone, a centennial to be celebrated. For one hundred years this community of Friars has endeavored to build a community in the Allegheny Mountains, to continue the work of their founder, St. Francis of Assisi. It is the work of getting to know those they are called to serve, to listen, to hear and to understand, and finally to teach. It is more than just the art of teaching; it is the art of society building, the forging of a community for life. The thousands of students who have spent time at Saint Francis University, fashioned lasting friendships here, and finally took away with them a diploma; they came to realize that they were always a part of something special, a unique society that would last long beyond their official time at the University.

It is with this in mind, that I ask that we continue that same enthusiasm through membership in another society, The Saint Francis Society. This will be explained on page 22 of this magazine. Simply put, it is a way for the University to celebrate a community of donors who have pledged to become partners in a shared vision for the development of the University. Not unlike the coming together of the Friars one hundred years ago to fashion a new direction, a more universal path, we are fashioning a new pathway to assist the University to make its way into another one hundred remarkable years of sharing the good news of God's love through the principles of that little man from Assisi, St. Francis.

I encourage all who can to join this Society and start out together in fellowship to celebrate the future of an enterprise that lives because of the good will of so many, that enterprise is Saint Francis University. ■



Fr. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.

Preparing students for the new world of many careers

By **Dr. Timothy Whisler**, dean

Given the emphasis so many place on preparing for a job, we often are questioned on why a college student should choose a major in the School of Arts & Letters and not major in something that leads directly to a career?

WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF ARTS & LETTERS

MAJORS:

American Studies
Criminal Justice
Elementary/Middle/Secondary Education
English/Communication Arts/Foreign
Language, including French and
Spanish
Fine Arts
History/Political Science
International Business in French
or Spanish
Philosophy and Religious Studies
Psychology
Public Administration and Governmental
Service
Social Work
Sociology

MINORS:

Ethics
Fine Arts
Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies
Interdisciplinary Minor in the History
and Philosophy of Science and World
Medicine
Pre-law Concentration
Social Responsibility
Spanish for Health Care
Spanish for Law Enforcement
World Languages

*That is a good question.
And, there is a good answer.*

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average American worker will spend barely four years in each job and will hold 7-10 jobs in a lifetime. More importantly, though, they will have *five to seven career changes* over their lifetime. Career change means a completely different industry or sector, or a departure from original education.

Given this trend, wouldn't a broad education be more important than a narrow one?

Isn't life and work really more multi-dimensional and multi-disciplinary than one-dimensional?

Wouldn't a liberal arts education — one in which knowledge, values and skills are designed to promote life-long learning — be more suitable for a lifetime of career and job changes? The educational experiences we provide in the School of Arts & Letters are the foundation upon which students build the rest of their lives, whether they take only the courses that we offer as part of the general education curriculum, or they major or minor in one of our disciplines.

We help students fulfill their curiosities and goals.

We teach them how to read, write, think, experiment, and research critically and carefully.

School of Arts & Letters
Dean **Dr. Timothy Whisler** with
Laurie Madison,
administrative
assistant.



We offer up abstract ideas, models and problems, and then ask them to apply the concepts to practical concerns and situations.

We prepare them to be well-rounded, inquisitive and skeptical life-long students who appreciate diverse peoples, interpretations, methodologies and mediums.

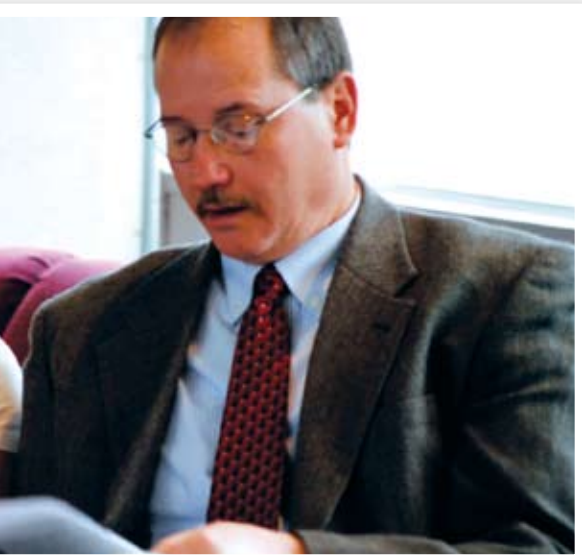
We ensure that they have wider opportunities to study the wider world and to take advantage of internships, study abroad programs and student research courses.

We expose them to values, ethics and morals that apply to living. We teach them about the life of St. Francis of Assisi and why the values he embraced matter.

We urge our students to move beyond the classroom and assigned tasks so that on their own they can think and research issues and topics that fascinate them. We help them take responsibility for their own education.

Guiding them along the way are high-caliber faculty who have studied at and earned

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degrees from the finest universities in the United States, Britain, Europe and China. They are active scholars, publishing books and articles on a worldwide basis. They edit scholarly journals and present papers at academic conferences. They have been nominated for and won numerous University teaching awards. They are devoted to serving Saint Francis and the wider community. Most of all, they are devoted to their students, engaging in a personal approach to teaching.

Our faculty enable our students to engage in experiences that help them develop knowledge, skills and values that transform them into alumni who can navigate a successful and balanced work and personal life in an uncertain world.

Whether graduation is a spring board into post-graduate study or into the first of those many careers, our alumni will be prepared to be decent and productive members of a national and global society, ready to engage in today's economy: the so-called "global information and innovation" economy.

On the following pages we present a sampling of the way our faculty and students are reaching higher to achieve important goals and going far in sharing their accomplishments beyond our campus. ■

Faculty active in marketing

While personal attention from faculty has always been a hallmark of a Saint Francis education, School of Art & Letters faculty are getting to know prospective students before they even enroll. "Our faculty are taking much more of a hands-on role in marketing their programs," says Dean Whisler. "Student recruiting is becoming more and more competitive, and we must do our part to assist the admissions office in showing off the distinctiveness of our offerings."

The school's recruitment taskforce brings together representatives of the various departments to assist the dean in projecting enrollment numbers and in developing ideas to assist in recruiting. "While there are segments of the population that do not value a liberal arts education, we believe that the image of the humanities, behavioral sciences and education can be enhanced through our own actions and activities," explains Whisler.

One example of a department that has become highly engaged in marketing is sociology and criminal justice. "The first step is communicating more clearly what our department is about and the interesting variety of career and graduate school options available to our graduates," explains **Dr. Teelyn Mauney**, department chair.

"I knew I didn't know much about marketing," Dr. Mauney said, "so I talked to **Dr. John Harris** in computer science because I had heard they had some interesting content on their web site. I talked to the admissions and marketing staffs. And, I talked to students. I needed to learn how we should communicate with prospective students and when."

Dr. Mauney found a "gem" in **Curtis Webb**, a student in the School of Business who already is an entrepreneur with his own company: www.curtiswebbjr.com. "Curtis is very creative. He took photos for us, developed post cards to send to prospective students, and produced video for our web site. We now have a YouTube channel and a Twitter feed, too."



Dr. Teelyn Mauney,
chair, sociology and
criminal justice.

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Psychology student **Caroline Sandrick** (right), from Manor, PA, is interviewed by **Curtis Webb** for a recruitment video for the psychology department, which requested a series similar to what Webb produced for sociology criminal justice.

Student recruitment postcard developed by **Dr. Mauney** and student **Curtis Webb**. Video selections can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/CJSOCFSU>.



FACULTY BECOME MARKETERS (continued from previous page)

Webb, who describes marketing as a "passion," teamed up with **James Geraughty**, electronic classroom manager with the University's Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Under-Served Areas to shoot video interviews with sociology and criminal justice students and faculty so they could share first-hand their experiences at Saint Francis.

Soon the psychology and education departments heard about Webb and Geraughty's work and retained them to produce a similar series of videos.

"The key is having faculty and students using the web to tell prospective students what living and learning is like at Saint Francis," says **Erin McCloskey**, vice president for enrollment management.

Dr. Mauney is seeing results. "We are better able to show specifics to prospective students. We can frame our values better and explain why we are different. And prospective students can hear directly from our students. We are receiving more applications from high quality students and increasing our enrollment."

"This has been a real team approach," she emphasizes. "I was allocated additional funds from the provost's office and from University marketing. I had support from my faculty colleagues and students, and from admissions and marketing. Most importantly, I had Curtis, who kept me on task, listened, and was extremely creative." ■

The significance of

The wooden object in the photo below is $P < .05$, "a statistical measure in psychological research that suggests one's findings are unlikely to have occurred by chance and thus one's research is statistically significant," explains **Dr. Richard Bargdill**, associate professor of behavioral sciences. "Most research journals prefer studies that have at least this level of significance."

Saint Francis students understand that significance. Their work is regularly accepted for presentation at national and regional conferences. The University was well represented, for example, as five students made presentations at the 81st Annual Conference of the Eastern Psychological Association held in Brooklyn, NY, in March.

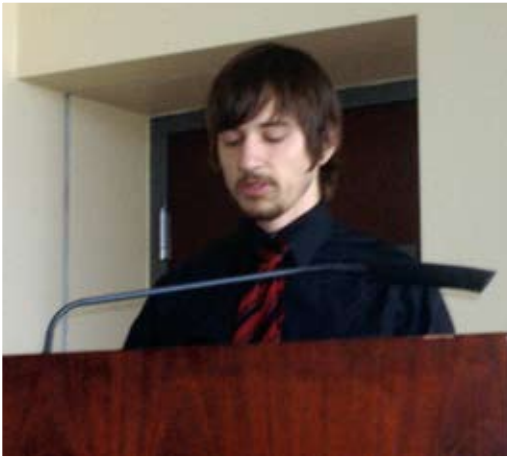
Psychology graduate **Kristie Scheib '10**, along with **Alycia Gorlaski** and **Caroline Sandrick**, supported by adjunct faculty member **Barbara Shaffer** and **Dr. Stephen Baker**, assistant professor of psychology, presented a research poster titled "The Effect of Birth Order on Achievement Motivation."

Emily Lasinsky and **Eric Sepich**, also working with Shaffer, presented on their "Examination of Gender Differences in Online Dating Advertisement." Sepich also presented in Pittsburgh on his research into existential concerns found in Hermann Hesse's novel *Siddhartha*, along with **Tatyana Fox**, who took on existential themes in P.K.Dick's *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep*. ■



This group of psychology students, working with faculty members **Dr. Richard Bargdill** and **Dr. Stephen Baker**, produced a significant amount of research and presented at several conferences. Seated are (l-r): **Shelly Schmachtenberger**, an occupational therapy major from Carrollton, OH; **Tatyana Fox**, an occupational therapy major from Pittsburgh; **Erich Sepich**, a psychology major from Saxonburg, PA; and **Alycia Gorlaski**, a psychology major from Lititz, PA. Standing (l-r) are: Bargdill, **Raymond George**, a psychology major from Cassandra, PA; **Erin Briley**, a psychology major from Vista, CA; **Caroline Sandrick**, a psychology major from Manor, PA; **Kristie Scheib**, a psychology major from West Hazleton, PA; and Baker.

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CO-FOUNDER OF NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Dr. Arthur Remillard '00, assistant professor of religious studies, collaborated with faculty at Westminster College to form the North American Undergraduate Conference in Religion and Philosophy. Alternating between the two campuses, this year's fourth annual conference was held at Westminster.

Among the 17 students attending, some coming from as far away as Vermont and Kentucky, were **Andy McKee** (above, top photo), a history and political science major from Pittsburgh, PA, whose topic was "Running into the Unknown: The Religious Dimensions of Distance Running," and **Erika Link** (above, bottom photo), an elementary/special education and philosophy major from Patton, PA, who presented on Plato's "Republic."

In recent years, the conference has drawn student presenters from Vermont, Tennessee, Indianapolis, Wisconsin, and even Norway.



Dr. Timothy Bintrim, assistant professor of English (right) and **Aaron Rovin '09**, along with **Dr. Robin Cadwallader, '94**, associate professor of English, organized the 2010 Western Pennsylvania Women's Writers Retreat on "Regaining a Sense of Wonder," featuring selected works of Rachel Carson and Annie Dillard.



DELVING INTO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LITERATURE

English graduate **Aaron Rovin '09**, from Johnstown, PA, is another who set a standard for academic pursuit. He presented papers at conferences on the topics: "Rethinking Americanization: Three Generations in Thomas Bell's *Out of This Furnace*," "To Blossom in a Mud Puddle: Stephen Crane and Issue of Place" and "Images of Transformation: Religious Murals in the Life of the Immigrant."

He organized a panel titled "Changing Images of Pennsylvania's Immigrants" at the Society for the Study of Multi Ethnic Literature of the United States conference and, later this year, will be in San Francisco presenting on "Men of Peace, Men of War: Conflicting Views of Abolition in Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and Rebecca Harding Davis' *John Lamar*" at the American Literature Association's conference.

Rovin, who graduated summa cum laude with departmental honors in English, will attend graduate school at Duquesne University to study 19th to 20th century American immigrant literature and serve as a teaching fellow. ■

English graduate **Aaron Rovin '09**, took time out from attending a literature conference in Boston to visit the grave of Nathaniel Hawthorne.



Minds of excellence turned to service

"St. Francis had a mind for excellence that took him everywhere and to everyone," says University president, the **Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.** "It taught him to build churches, write poems and plays, to sing and to compose songs. It took him into the service of the underserved."

Similarly, students and faculty in the School of Arts & Letters travel into the community and the world beyond to serve others.

To foster greater understanding among cultures, for example, **Dr. Margaret Morales**, associate professor of Spanish, serves as co-coordinator of the Appalachian Language Educators' Society (APPLES) and organized this year's APPLES Annual Foreign Language Festival for Junior and Senior High School Students of French, German and Spanish that drew some 300 students from 13 area schools.

Dr. Frances Boyd, associate professor of education, founded the Saint Francis University Reading Clinic, which operates on campus and in nearby Nicktown. "The goals of the clinic are to help children build reading skills and develop a passion for reading," explains Boyd.

Supported solely by donations and the volunteer hours of University students who serve as tutors, the clinic received a significant grant this year when the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies contributed \$1300.

Much like St. Francis is known as the "troubadour," **Jim Donovan**, instructor of music and founding member of the multi-platinum band Rusted Root, takes his drumming to wherever people are willing to thump along with him and learn how hand drumming can renew spirit and accelerate personal growth.

Having founded the Saint Francis University World Drumming Ensemble, Donovan led the troop out into the community for a series of free (donations welcome) spring concerts, one of which benefited the Healing Patch Organization, which provides assistance to children who have recently lost a parent, and to the Central Cambria band.

STAR Productions (Students Theatre Area Residents) has developed a following of local theater aficionados who particularly enjoy the unusual performances. Many of them take advantage of the themed dinners offered prior to certain evening theatrical performances.

Death Train, a dramatization of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*, was this spring's presentation. "STAR's mission," says **Kenneth Resinski**, assistant professor of drama, "is to create a provoking engagement between theatre artists and the audience by producing new or unusual plays that explore

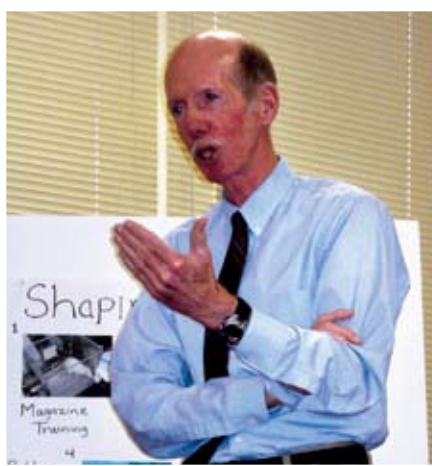


Religious studies and communications major **Liz Heckman** goes out on a limb to help others.



The University's World Drumming Ensemble, a performance group made up of students, faculty, staff and members of the local community, prides itself on providing interactive, multi-cultural benefit concerts that support music programming in kindergarten through twelfth grade students throughout the region.

Dr. Margaret Morales (right) listens to a competitor in the language competition that drew some 300 junior high and high school students to campus for competitions in French, German and Spanish languages.



Dr. Steve Gilmour will be using dogs to serve local correctional institutions with a new program to help prisoners and the community.



Students from the Saint Francis University Reading Clinic present a play at this year's Reading Day, which attracted elementary students from area schools.

the edges of theatrical style and the edges of human experience."

Majoring in religious studies and communications, **Liz Heckman** from Reading, PA, is putting her interest in youth ministry into action helping others and creating awareness of eating disorders. She was featured in a front-page story in the *Altoona Mirror* explaining that "I was always consumed with thoughts about my eating disorder."

Having undergone treatment herself, Heckman focuses on helping others. On campus she has organized a fashion show to promote awareness and has been involved in other activities to educate others. "It's getting the information out there that's important," she says. "To go out on a limb, I've discovered the benefit far outweighs the risk."

For three other Arts & Letters students, going out on a limb meant traveling to the

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In April, STAR Productions presented *Death Train*, an adaptation of Agatha Christie's *Murder on the Orient Express*. The cast of students, alumni, and local residents included (front row): Brady Saksa, **Jarred Kyser**, **Alan Zajdel '72**, Nancy Jo Saksa, **Anne Volk '81**, **Chelsea Rose**, (back row): **Rob Callis-Keiser**, **Zak Campbell**, **Lizeth George**, **Jen Ganassi**, **Addison Fox**, **Anita Fusco Baumann '90**, Ethan Leydig, **Bronwyn Stevens '98**, **Ashley Gottron**, **Mike Gagliano**, **Kevin Richardson**, and Brian Davis.



(Left photo): **Allison Gauthier**, an English major, **Olivia Stover**, a social work major and **Bethany Bloise**, a communication arts major, use the communications graphics lab to look over some of the promotional materials Bloise developed to help recruit students for the mission trip to the Dominican Republic. (Top photo): Bloise and Stover are shown with some of the Dominican Republic students to whom they taught English.



MINDS OF EXCELLENCE (continued from previous page)

Dominican Republic to teach English to children. "It was probably the most challenging and strengthening experience of my life," **Bethany Bloise** told a *Pittsburgh Tribune Review* reporter. "I was scared going into that classroom knowing that I had to rely on my high school Spanish to get me through. It's important for the children there to learn English because they are so dependent on tourism," she says.

Bloise, a communication arts major from Pittsburgh, PA, **Olivia Stover**, a social work major from Quantico, VA, and **Allison Gauthier**, an English major from Glen Burnie, MD, accompanied a team of physical therapy students who were volunteering at health facilities in Monte Cristi.

Dr. Stephen Gilmour, professor of psychology, is applying his dedication to research with animals during an upcoming sabbatical to develop a local "dogs in prison" program like the one started by Sister Pauline Quinn at the Washington State Correctional Center for Women.

"The program teaches prison inmates how to train, groom and board dogs," explains Gilmour. "The inmates benefit from acquiring valuable training skills for use after they are released, and they gain from performing productive work for the community since the dogs may be rescue dogs that become trained and more suitable for adoption." ■

New faculty member helping athletes

In addition to offering psychology students exposure to a new specialty, sports psychology, **Dr. Lindsey Ross-Stewart**, assistant professor, volunteers to help athletes who request it. "Athletes have strength and conditioning coaches to help them become more prepared physically and, of course, coaches that help them learn the sport and develop the necessary skills. Sports psychologists help them become better prepared mentally," she explains.

Noting that Olympians and other elite athletes work with sports psychologists, Ross-Stewart says that athletes can benefit from developing strong mental skills to build their confidence and cope with the ups and downs of competitive sports. "Many of our athletes were among the best on their high school teams," she says. "Then they come to the high level of NCAA Division I competition and they may struggle with their confidence. As a sports psychologist, I can help them regain their confidence."

Ross-Stewart said that she can also help individuals become more team oriented through team-building and other group activities with a team. She works with only those teams or athletes who request her services. "I also pledge to the athletes and the coaches that our work is confidential," she says. "It is important that those I work with have certainty that I will not divulge something to a coach or team-mate."

In her first year, though, she has become very popular with athletes and a frequent fan at games. "I love sports. I played practically everything in high school, including curling (I'm Canadian), and played soccer at the premier level," she says.

"Lindsey is another example of the growing resources we have for our student athletes," says **Bob Kimmel**, athletic director. ■

Dr. Lindsey Ross-Stewart (right), psychology, and **Susan Robinson Fruchtl**, head women's basketball coach, discuss how student athletes can benefit from having a sports psychologist on the School of Arts & Letters faculty.



Serving their disciplines

In his 45th year of teaching at Saint Francis, **John Ruggiero**, associate professor of history, continues to be active in writing and conference presentations. Last October, he traveled to Warsaw to address an international conference of scholars commemorating the 70th anniversary of the invasion of Poland.

The author of the book *Neville Chamberlain and British Rearmament: Pride, Prejudice and Politics*, his presentation focused on the influence of public opinion on government policy. "Had Chamberlain taken a strong stand against Hitler, as the British people wanted to do, there is good reason to believe World War II might have been avoided," Ruggiero said.

Other faculty in the School of Arts & Letters are equally active in publishing and presenting at conferences, and bringing speakers to campus.

Dr. Michael McKale, professor of religious studies, through the Saint Francis University Institute for Ethics, provides an opportunity each year for the campus and local community to hear a notable speaker on issues such as ethical obligations in business, ethics in sports, and the clash between America and Islam. This year's 18th annual lecture presenter was Dr. David Loy of Xavier University, who spoke on Buddhism and ecology.

With the topic of health care at the forefront of national discussion, the School of Arts & Letters co-sponsored a visit by Dr. Gregory Marchildon, a Canadian expert who delivered an interactive presentation entitled "Health Care in Canada and the United States: Consumer Good, Social Service, or Right of Citizenship?"

Dr. Joseph Melusky, professor of political science and chair of the education department, is an example of the prolific scholarly contributions and service faculty give to their profession. As a fellow in the Pennsylvania Education Policy Fellowship Program this year, he participated in the opening retreat sponsored by the Education Policy and Leadership Center.

He also participated in the Regional Leadership Forum at the Gettysburg National Military Park and at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, PA. He mentors students who intend to pursue a career in the law, and is frequently sought by news reporters for his insights on politics.

Assessing the quality of an education has become another important topic in discussions about higher education. Perhaps no one delves into that topic more at Saint Francis than **Dr. Marnie Moist**, associate professor of psychology.

In the last year alone, Dr. Moist completed more than a dozen research projects, reports, or conference presentations related to assessment. She was a consultant to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, presented at a Pennsylvania/New York conference on partnerships, examined the information literacy and writing competency of students as part of the University's general education requirements, evaluated the physical, mental, and spiritual health/wellness of first-semester students, and oversaw student presentations at the Laurel Highlands Undergraduate Psychology Conference.

Dr. Lening Zhang, professor of sociology/ criminal justice, is a prolific scholar and serves as the director of the University's Rural Center for Applied Social, Health and Behavioral Research. The center successfully completed the first phase of a project on community acceptance of wind energy. The major findings were presented in San Francisco at the annual meeting of American Sociological Association in August of 2009, and the paper was further developed as a research publication. The center developed a proposal for a project that would review and analyze current documents and data for community health needs in Blair, Bedford, Cambria and Somerset counties. Dr. Zhang and the Center's associate directors, **Dr. Mark Lynch**, professor of social work, and **Dr. Sara King**, professor of psychology, will continue to work to grow the Center with more research projects and services for the University.



John Ruggiero speaks at an international conference in Poland.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MINOR (SRES)

Saint Francis students in the Social Responsibility minor (SRES) grapple with important questions: What does "citizenship" mean? What ought it mean? How does it relate to perspectives on justice, community, and diversity? In what ways can people make a positive difference in their world? This interdisciplinary program, inspired by the Goals of Franciscan Higher Education and the Goals of the Saint Francis General Education program, helps students consider, from both theoretical and experiential perspectives, the nature and responsibilities of democratic citizenship in our time. SRES students have helped local grade school children learn about sweatshops and the global economy and have taken initial steps to get University surplus (otherwise thrown away) to local shelters. They've traveled to the National Women's History Museum in Seneca Falls, New York, and they have re-started the campus Fair Trade Store — a project first brought to campus by University president, the **Rev. J. Gabriel Zeis, T.O.R.** Last year the SRES minor sponsored a campus visit by the nationally renowned social justice artist group, The Beehive Collective. **Dr. Sara King**, professor of psychology, and **Dr. Robin Cadwallader '94**, associate professor of English, have co-directed SRES classes and nearly two dozen University faculty members have contributed their time to this program. Social Responsibility graduates have accomplished much. Some have joined community service groups, including the Peace Corps and CityYear. Others have finished social-justice focused graduate programs. All are leaders who continue to inspire us. ■

On March 14, Saint Francis University lost one of its beloved educators. **Dr. G. Steven Neeley, Esq.**, 52, passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Dr. Neeley was professor of philosophy in the School of Arts & Letters since 1993. He received his bachelor's degree from Xavier University, and his master's, juris doctorate and doctorate degrees from the University of Cincinnati. He published over twenty articles and two books on a wide range of topics, including Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Sartre, constitutional law, bio-medical ethics, and philosophical psychotherapy. His law article "The Psychological and Emotional Abuse of Children" was cited by the State of Wyoming's Supreme Court in 2002.

He was the recipient of the Saint Francis University Honor Society Distinguished Faculty Award in 1994, the Swatsworth Award in 1997 and the American Philosophical Association Excellence in Teaching Award in 1998. He was Student Government Association Educator of the Year in 2004, 2006 and 2009.

"Dr. Neeley was a remarkable member of our community because he embraced the uniqueness of each member as someone to learn from and with," says the **Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.**, University president.



"Like Schopenhauer, for Steve, the arts, especially music, and his beloved writing and conversation were the only escape from a world frequently without reason," Dr. McKale added. "For his family, friends, and students, it is up to each of us, no matter how great our own suffering, to reach out as Steve did with compassion to comfort the suffering of others. Please, let us take his legacy and put it into practice in our own lives."

A TRIBUTE BY KRISTINA CHUNKO '10

I was seated in the front of the classroom. An intimidating, Viking-like man with a long, salt and pepper beard stood before me dressed to impress in dark blue jeans, sneakers, and black t-shirt. The room was cold, with the windows open. That's how he liked it. He began class by professionally passing out his syllabus and reviewing his various policies. However, his tone quickly turned from serious to fun loving. Laughter filled the classroom as he began sharing a story about his personal life. An atmosphere once filled with intimidation and fear, quickly became comforting and sincere.

Dr. Neeley had a unique ability to relate to every student within his classes. He walked to the beat of his own drum and respected those who did the same. He was truly an engaging, motivational professor capable of entertaining and educating the least motivated student. He had the ability to hold the attention of every student with his compelling stories, raw humor and philosophical expertise. He provided only positive criticism and always pointed out strengths in student presentations,

In memory of beloved Dr. Steven G. Neeley

In a memorial service held in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, colleague **Dr. Michael McKale**, professor of religious studies, read the following passage from Dr. Neeley's beloved German philosopher Arthur Schopenhauer:

"The Ethics of Compassion: Our human bodies are but manifestations of the undifferentiated one. This one is the basis of morality and the foundation of ethics. It is only in this world of phenomena that we appear to be separate individuals. In the ultimate ground of our being, we are one and undifferentiated.

"This explains compassion, the ability of human beings to identify with one another, and feel for one another, sharing one another's sufferings and joys. If I hurt you, I am damaging my own ultimate being. It is this art of compassion that is the foundation of all ethics. Compassion is the basis of our interpersonal relationships and the true foundation both of ethics and of love."

Dr. McKale recalled that "when I first encountered Steve, I had no idea he would become such a beloved professor, respected colleague and my most loyal friend. Now, I realize we have been carrying on one long conversation on the human story for over 17 years.

papers or comments during class. He had a distinctive teaching style that allowed students to teach one another and share their personal stories or theories about a particular subject.

Last semester, I was enrolled in Dr. Neeley's class on death and dying. Dying and death have always terrified me. Yet, I needed to take a philosophy elective and I wanted Dr. Neeley again.

It turned out to be therapeutic. I was able to discuss and share with the class how I personally lost a loved one, how I viewed death and if I believed in the afterlife. Dr. Neeley truly opened my eyes to death and dying. I feel confident that I will be able to accept death and have closure of dead loved ones. Dr. Neeley was a true inspiration. He has taught me a great deal about myself. He has taught me to live life to the fullest because one never knows when death shall come. I would like to give Dr. Neeley an A plus plus on life.

Dr. Arthur Remillard '00, assistant professor of religious studies, created the *Dr. G. Steven Esq. Beard Growing Contest* to raise funds a memorial fund (see Facebook page "In Loving Memory of Dr. G. Steven Neeley, Esq."). Donations may be sent in the name of Dr. G. Steven Neeley to the Advancement Office, Saint Francis University, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA, 15940-0600.

Joy abounding

By Kendra Sacks '07

A physician assistant in the Boston area, Sacks credits **Dr. Thomas Woods '87**, associate professor of physician assistant science, for teaching her "how to be a practitioner and how to care for people. He cared for us with inexhaustible compassion. That idea — always being present — was something I found in him, and in the faces of the Friars that I passed on the brick paths."

She also notes that her directed reading in death and dying with **Dr. Neeley** influenced her desire to delve into cultural differences in life circumstances. And she says her experience in social psychology and other arts and letters courses encouraged her to have an open mind, open to accepting the call to a mission trip to Haiti. Excerpts from her journal follow:

In March, I was able to travel for four days with a group called Mission Haiti to investigate the devastation from the recent earthquake and prepare for at least a one-year commitment to the group beginning in July.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH ABOUT 8 PM

Writing by headlight on the way to Duverger (about 70 miles north of Port-au-Prince). We are riding in a "cantar," a kind of delivery truck with picnic table benches for seats. The sides of the truck have been replaced by sturdy crossed wires, so we can see the city as we drive through. Seeing Port-au-Prince for the first time in our plane descent was like viewing ancient Roman ruins, except for the blue tarp roofs and the mass of people.

When we landed, we were warned by American guards to stay close on our way out of the airport because we would be swarmed by Haitians looking to take our bags and transport us for a fee. The sidewalk outside was thronged by escorts, but Louis (our Haitian-American friend and fellow missionary) got us quickly to our trucks. I don't think I felt unsafe on my way out of the airport. I just felt sad. There were so many people around, some just standing and watching because they had nothing more dignified to do, and others just begging to make a living with not enough travelers coming through to give them that opportunity. I didn't even have to leave the airport to feel the depth of poverty.

THURSDAY, 9 AM

Everything is new to me in a beautiful, breathtaking way. Light embraces Haiti. The stars seem to hang lower to the ground as

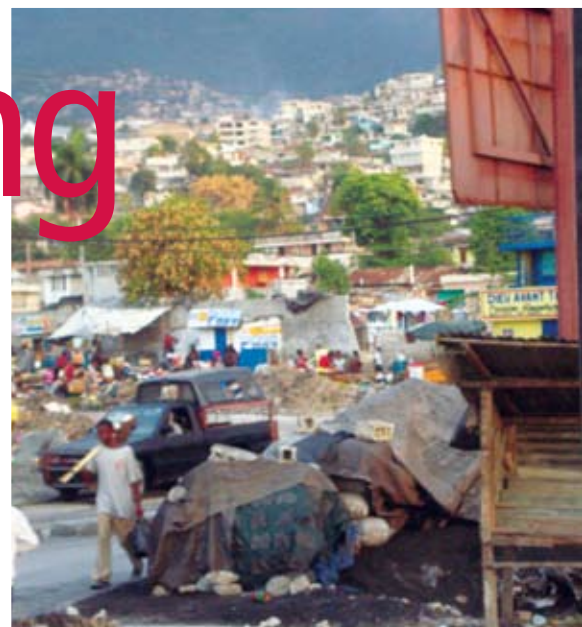


if my chances of touching them are better here than in the United States. The sun feels different as I sit writing in it now. I imagine that God showering grace would feel something like this.

Yesterday, the first Haitian "zanmi" (friend) I met was a little boy named James. I wanted to give him everything, but all I had was a granola bar. It meant so much more to him than it did to me that I was happy to be hungry. He waved goodbye to me for what seemed like several minutes.

Our first stop was an orphanage not far from the airport. When we arrived, the gates to the house opened and hundreds of children poured out — yelling, laughing, and jumping into our arms with hugs and kisses. I'd never felt so confused by my emotions, half of me wanting to laugh back and half wanting to cry with joy.

One young girl clung to me immediately. She called me "manman," or mother, and laid her head on my shoulder the whole time



we were there. We danced with the children, hugged them over and over again, gave them kisses, and bent low for them to pet our hair. Haitian kids are fascinated by American hair.

The ride to the orphanage was long and bumpy. Demolished buildings lay in ruin next to others completely intact. These were winged by mile-long tent cities or tiny tin, wood, and fabric shelters in areas that reeked of sewage. Piles of rubble lay strewn along roadsides rummaged by adults and children and pigs the size of small children.

I had asked God to prepare me ahead of time, and I am so grateful He did. I think one of the things that helped me was seeing Jesus. Everywhere. It seemed every other truck on the road — and the roads were packed — said "Merci Jesus" or "I Love You Jesus" or bore some Kreyol praise in large rainbow painting across the windshield, not just a bumper sticker or a rosary in the mirror. Every time we passed someone slowly enough to make eye contact, they would wave and smile broadly.

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Picking up writing again. This takes very long because I have so much to write and because every time I start writing a child crawls into my lap and takes over my hands. This time, though, I'm writing on the roof with a view of the mountains, a little piece of heaven.

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At 10:30 on Wednesday night, we finally arrived at our orphanage in Duverger. The gates opened, and I was welcomed with hugs. We gave praise in Kreyol in a prayer circle – men, women, children; Americans and Haitians alike. I closed my eyes and just let the whole depth of it soak in.

I had hardly unpacked my things when I heard of a man in DanDann who had cut himself with a machete in the early afternoon. I was asked to travel to the man's house to see him. Although he would need to go to the hospital because I had no suture supplies, it would be a 45-minute ride to the hospital so my job would be to clean him and wrap him before that. Louis drove the four of us – Erol, our guard, and Louis' father. Even in the pitch black, I could take in my surroundings by headlight. Louis and I joked about trying to get my Hyundai Accent over the treacherously rocky dirt "roads" and through many rivers and streams. We passed what I thought were wild horses, but Louis told me were actually bred horses that Haitians allow to run free. They are beautiful and well behaved, but so skinny.

When we finally got to the man's house, we had to walk the steep path to his door. This was easy for me, but I got queasy thinking of my poor patient getting to our car. Inside, I found him and his wife already in bed waiting for us. I irrigated his wound, eight hours old, working only with sterile saline, gauze, and tape. I removed the bed-clothes bandage that covered his dirty skin and unclotted the deep wound to make suturing possible in the journey ahead. I left his wife with dressing change supplies to use after he was sutured and, with Louis translating, showed her what to do. I lacked so many supplies, but for where we all were, my intervention was big. In our small makeshift clinic of a one room, low roof cement shack with a head lamp being held by Louis to illuminate my work, I became "dokte-a," the doctor, in DanDann.

After we got back from the hospital, I fell asleep under the stars on the roof. It was cold, and there were only a few hours until the morning, but I loved mountain life so much that night that I couldn't possibly care about waking up tired.



FRIDAY, 8:40 AM

I woke up to the sound of pouring rain. I was freezing, but so happy to be alive and feeling more joy than I thought I had room for. Soon, my senses were captured by the most pleasant aroma – Haitian coffee and cinnamon-infused hot cocoa. It beats any American mocha. We're preparing our house and hearts for additional orphans. I feel like a new mother. Last night, we were singing a song with words something like "Jesus is here in this place." He is here.

I've gotten a little ahead of myself and not written about Thursday. It was an "ordinary" orphanage day, if there can be such a thing with fifteen white missionaries visiting. I tended to small wounds and ailments of the children. I loved that, about halfway through the day, the children started bringing each other to me with problems instead of adults bringing things to my attention. I would feel a tug on my skirt or an arm grab me from behind as I was sitting holding another child on the front stoop, and a dirty, bleeding elbow would be pushed into my face by the hands of another. By the evening, children felt comfortable enough coming to me themselves. I couldn't help but feel honored to have earned the trust of the children so quickly.

We took a bunch of the girls to the river to swim and wash up. They jumped at any chance to do something for us – grabbing our hands as we crossed the river, washing our hair for us, taking off jewelry we forgot about and running out of the water to hang it on the tree with our towels. I was struck and amused by how natural they were in the river and how awkward we were. They pulled our arms to lead us the right way, laughed as we slipped while crossing to the

other side, and took our hands to hold us steady. They splashed us in fits of giggles as we got caught up in mini-currents and again fell over. They were as much a part of the river as the stones on the bottom.

SATURDAY, 5 AM

Departure day. The light is just coming up in Haiti (barely enough to write without my flashlight). I was mesmerized by shadows coming from all corners of the roads that spill into the gated Kay Mari Manman Tout Timoun property: "House of Mary, Mother of All Children." It looked so dance-like, rhythmic, it could have been rehearsed. A village woman greeted me in Kreyol, and it brought tears to my eyes.

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We're on the plane waiting to depart Haiti. Leaving was even harder than I expected. I was locked into an embrace with Alina on two separate occasions for close to 20 minutes. Alina is 12, and the daughter of a worker living on the property, not actually an orphan. She lost her sister in the earthquake. She had talked to her for days as her sister was trapped in a building until Alina couldn't hear her anymore. Alina speaks Kreyol, English, French, and Spanish. She is brilliant. When I miss someone in Duverger, it's usually her. I started crying, and a flock of girls gathered around me in amazement with sighs of "Kendra, kriye!" and proceeded to wipe the tears from my face. They are the most tender, affectionate children I have ever met, many of them caring for their younger siblings, although they are only children themselves. When I told Alina I would be returning soon to stay, she couldn't hold back a shy smile, and I asked her to pass it along to the other girls in Kreyol.

How do I bring my writing to an end? Perhaps I find it hard because I know this is actually just the beginning of my journey in Haiti. Every moment since I've returned feels like preparation for my life ahead as an "American-Haitian." So, perhaps I should end in what little broken Kreyol I have: Mwen renmen zanmim ak fanmim Duverger. I love my Duverger friends and family.

For more information about Mission Haiti, visit www.mwts.org/missionhaiti. ■



100 years of blessings and service

THE FRANCISCAN PROVINCE OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS T.O.R.

Celebrating 100 years since its founding, the friars of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus look back on a history that fostered the growth and vitality of two universities, the development of new provinces in other countries, and service to many parishes, schools, and other ministries. And the **Very Rev. Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R.**, has participated in half of it.

As minister provincial, Fr. Christian also chairs the boards of trustees at Saint Francis University and Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio, both sponsored by the province. Previously, he had been president of Saint Francis for 27 years.

"This has been 100 years of thanking God for calling us to be Franciscans," says Fr. Christian. "We thank Him for blessing us with men who desired to become priests and brothers. We thank Him for the two universities that provided many of those men. We thank Him for those who have accompanied us, supporting us with prayers and funds. This is a special year of celebration and gratitude."

The history of the province really began with those six Irish friars who came to Loretto in 1847 and began what is now Saint Francis University. "We don't have their photos, but we certainly have their spirit," he says.

In his recently published book, *History of the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Third Order Regular*, local writer Dave Hurst reports that the then bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Most Reverend Michael O'Connor, knowing that the Franciscan community in Ireland was comprised of teachers, had invited the six Irish brothers to the United States. They traveled from the monasteries of Roundstone and Clifton to the Pittsburgh Diocese, arriving in October, 1847, and quickly accepted the offer of 112 acres of land in Loretto that had been willed to the Church by Fr. Demetrius Gallitzin.

There are conflicting reports on the identities of those six friars. However, there is record of a petition submitted to Rome in 1848 signed by these six: Br. Giles Carroll, Br. Domenick Lee, Br. Joseph Corcoran, Br. Peter McDermott, Br. Jerome O'Keefe and Br. Vincent Welstead who sought permission to "establish a house of our Order near Loretto."

The community of brothers grew to 23 by 1850—all but two being Irish. In that year, Bishop O'Connor celebrated the first Mass in their new chapel. Located on what is now the campus mall, they had built the first monastery and school, a two-story building that contained 10 rooms.

"More cells and classrooms were added within the next six years. The initial sections of what would eventually be known as 'Old Main' were



Minister Provincial the **Very Rev. Christian R. Oravec, T.O.R.**



The **Very Reverend Jerome Zazzara** was appointed the first minister provincial of the Sacred Heart Province in 1910.

added to the front by 1863. A large study was completed in 1868, and a new chapel was added in 1872," Hurst writes.

As early as 1902, Franciscans were on record of favoring union with the Third Order Regular, an international congregation of Franciscans under the authority of Rome, not local dioceses.

"It was necessary to have at least three communities in order to become a T.O.R. Province," explains Fr. Christian. "By 1910, there was a community in Spalding, NE. that also desired become T.O.R. and the Loretto brothers had developed friar houses to work with Italian immigrants in Johnstown at St. Anthony's Parish and in Altoona at Mt. Carmel Parish. Together, that made four communities."

The Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus was officially established on Sept. 25, 1910.

LARGEST IN THE WORLD

"At our largest, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Province numbered more than 200," says Fr. Christian. "Today, we are about 150, which still makes us the largest T.O.R. province in the world." There are two provinces in Italy, two in India, one in Croatia and one in Spain, in addition to the two in the United States and communities in Sri Lanka, South Africa, Paraguay, Brazil, Sweden, Bangladesh and Mexico.

"The communities in India, Brazil, Sri Lanka and South Africa all were aided in their development by our province," says Fr. Christian.

The responsibilities of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus friars extend throughout the United States and into other parts of the world.

There are two friaries in Loretto, the main one across the road from

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campus, named the Saint Francis Friary, and a new one on campus, called the Sacred Heart Friary, and others in Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C. There are also friars serving five parishes in Fort Worth, Texas; five parishes in Florida; two parishes in West Virginia; two parishes in Maryland; two parishes in Virginia; two parishes in Sioux Falls, SD; parishes in Pittsburgh and Charlotte, NC; and in the Byzantine Archeparchy of Pittsburgh. There are individual friars stationed in California, Minnesota, and Delaware, three friars in Austria, and two friars in Rome.

"Our work is varied," Fr. Christian explains. "The first decision for a new friar is whether to become a priest or a brother. They are separate callings. At first, you take temporary vows of poverty, chastity and obedience for four years; these vows may be renewed for a longer period. Then, you are asked if you wish to take Solemn Vows, which are life-long. If you are called to the priesthood, studies will take several years, depending on the degrees friars may have earned before entering the community. Those who are called to the religious brotherhood are educated for various ministries. They may be teachers, administrators, health care workers, or engaged in other ministries of the Church.

As minister provincial, Fr. Christian is responsible for providing leadership for planning and budgeting. "It's a significant business," he said. "We have to plan for replacing friars in certain occupations. We must provide health care, especially for our infirmed. We must be excellent stewards of our resources."

In earlier years, the friars did not draw salaries. The financial resources of the province were totally dependent on benefactors. Today, they receive salaries, which go to the province. Each friar receives a certain allocation for living expenses.

"We have to budget very carefully," Fr. Christian says. "We have the same costs of any family, but many times greater."

BENEFACTORS ARE A BLESSING

"There are many God-filled people who have given us wonderful gifts over the years, and we have people who remember us in their wills," Fr. Christian adds. "We also have our own fundraising operation."

One of those gifts is especially significant as it serves as the headquarters for the province, the residence for many friars, a chapel, and an infirmary with 24-hour, seven-day-a-week care by healthcare professionals and a friar who is a nursing graduate of Saint Francis and serves as director of health care.

That gift is the Saint Francis Friary property, which was the estate of industrialist Charles Schwab, a graduate of Saint Francis College in 1880, who went on to become the first president of U.S. Steel. He later moved on to Bethlehem Steel, which he turned into the second-largest steelmaker in the world. Although he had left Loretto, he returned often and by 1889, had developed a summer estate in Loretto he called Immergrün (German for ever-green), just across the road from Saint Francis campus. By 1919, the estate had grown to 940 acres, a 24-room Victorian house, and a 44-room mansion constructed of Indiana limestone.

The Wall Street Crash of October 1929 consumed most of Schwab's fortune. He died in 1939 leaving the estate \$338,000 in debt. Three



Fr. Ronald Bodenschatz lovingly restored the Schwab estate gardens after the T.O.R.s assumed ownership of the property thanks to benefactors.



The main building at Mt. Assisi.

years later, a public auction took place and a group of area business leaders organized the Friends of Saint Francis and raised money to purchase 346 of the acres and the buildings for \$32,500.

Twenty-seven days after the Schwab property was purchased, the tragic fire occurred on the Saint Francis campus that took Old Main. The loss was overwhelming: three chapels, classrooms, offices, the library, residences, dining halls and all of the personal belongings of friars and students alike were gone.

Hurst puts the next step this way in his book: "The friars turned their eyes from the charred brick skeleton of Old Main toward the old Schwab estate — now overgrown but still ever-green." With surplus funds from the Friends of Saint Francis, the friars began to repair the former estate for use by the college. "If we hadn't had that gift of this estate, the college may have had to close," says Fr. Christian.

As we visited in his office at Kelly Hall, above what was Mr. Schwab's garage, Fr. Christian recalled that "when I came here, this was the seminary building and this area was the library. Around that time, the province built what is now the prison up the road and that became the seminary. I serve on the prison board now, so when I go up there I can see who's living in my room," he laughed. "Coincidentally, back then, we called the building 'the rock.'"

Fr. Christian is celebrating significant personal anniversaries this year: 50 years since he took his Solemn Vows and 50 years since he graduated from Saint Francis. But, it is the future that has his main attention. "We have to take a realistic look at the demographics. We have to look at each age group, keep friars in ministry longer, plan for health care and encourage new friars. Thanks in large part to our two universities, we have been blessed with young men coming into the order every year. This year, we have six."

The province is planning several celebrations of its 100th Anniversary during the rest of this year. In addition to the annual gathering of its friars in Loretto, the province is planning to honor trustees, past and present, at Saint Francis University and Franciscan University, along with friars who have served at each.

"We also are looking for ways to celebrate our 100th with alumni, students and faculty," he added. "We also are working on a pictorial history. God has blessed us richly and enabled us to serve Him in many ways around the world. We are grateful to all who have walked with us along the way as we follow St. Francis of Assisi." ■

Hail to the "Chief"

"It's cold comfort to the ones without it to know how they struggled
How they suffered about it if their lives were exotic and strange
They would likely have gladly exchanged them for something a little more plain
Maybe something a little more sane"

By Kent Tonkin '95

So go the words to Rush's 1987 song "The Mission," the eloquent rhymes of my favorite rock lyricist, Neil Peart. Since the beginning of my time with Saint Francis University's Center of Excellence for Remote and Medically Under-Served Areas (CERMUSA), I have always tried to bring the latest in rural technology and healthcare trends to the attention of my colleagues and friends. In this issue of the *Saint Francis University Magazine*, it seems appropriate to look back for a moment with a sense of reverence and appreciation for a true pioneer in improving the lives of all Americans, our dear fallen friend, the Honorable Congressman John Murtha.

Some readers may question what "Big Jack" had to do with "high-tech" and healthcare. My simple response? Plenty. Hailing from the faltering "rust belt" of Western Pennsylvania, junior Congressman John Murtha watched the economy of his constituents crumbling like dried mud on the bottom of an old boot. Unlike many of his compatriots, however, Big Jack wasn't content to watch his friends and neighbors pull up stakes and move out. He chose to take the harder path, the higher road with solutions that might not provide immediate gratification but would deliver long-term benefits to those whom he served. Those efforts culminated in the emerging high-tech identity which graces Johnstown and Cambria County to this day.

John Murtha knew that the future of Pennsylvania no longer rested in coal and steel, but in silicon and fiber optics. In medicine and healing. In new and novel combinations of technology and ideas. Jack's impact spans the length of his district, with every touch of his great stride leaving a footprint of opportunities and economic growth.

As a true "man of the people," Big Jack listened to what his constituents needed, from the board room to the operating room. In addition to the fallout of "industrial disease" as the Keystone State weathered the change over from manufacturing to data- and services-based economies, many people within Cambria County were also dealing with real illnesses. Chronic and terminal ailments like diabetes, hypertension, and cancer were becoming all-too-familiar words on the lips of Pennsylvanians. John Murtha fought hard to fund research, in Pennsylvania and around the country, to find solutions for all



Americans fighting these difficult maladies. Examples of his commitment to eradicating these diseases can be found in the Joyce Murtha Breast Care Center, the Windber Research Institute, and in Saint Francis' own CERMUSA.

As an employee of CERMUSA, I regularly had the chance to speak with Congressman Murtha. From my first encounter, I was always awestruck at the congressman's ability to quickly comprehend the most abstract of technical concepts and to translate them into benefits to the men and women of the Armed Services or to his beloved constituents in the 12th Congressional District. There was no "pulling

one over" on this man, and he was never shy in letting people know if they were on the wrong path. John Murtha "got it." I'm not ashamed to say that I was always a little nervous to demonstrate a new technology or approach to the man; I always knew that he wouldn't be letting me off the hook easily if he felt I'd tried to pull a fast one!

As many of us who live in the 12th Congressional District, I feel a strong personal loss at the passing of this great man. Like the hero in so many old-time movies, Big Jack carried our hopes and dreams on his big shoulders and never backed down from a challenge when he believed he was in the right. He was truly able to follow his conscience, even when those around him were in doubt of his path.

Those of us who benefitted from John Murtha's tireless work owe it to him, and to ourselves, to follow his example. With his help, we have truly transformed our economy, our expectations, and the shape of our home. We have seen that, with vision and hard work, big things are possible. Healthier communities are possible. Revitalized economies are possible. Real change, here in the ancient hills of the Alleghenies, is possible.

Big Jack showed us that, in the words of his great grandmother, "we are put on this Earth to make a difference." The technological transformation of what was a dying shell of industry is proof of what one person's vision can accomplish. In this time of sorrow for the loss of our good friend, it is only fitting that we all try to stand a little taller to catch a glimpse of what he saw on the horizon.

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Men's basketball recap

Saint Francis University men's basketball Head Coach **Don Friday** wants to bring the Northeast Conference trophy, and its automatic NCAA Tournament berth, back to Loretto.

The Red Flash haven't won the hardware since the amazing 1990-91 team that finished 24-8 overall, and 13-3 in the Northeast Conference. That group, led by all-time leading scorer **Joe Anderson '91** and former Dallas Maverick **Mike Iuzzolino '91**, swept through the Northeast Conference Tournament and gave second-seeded Arizona a run for its money in the NCAA West Regional in Salt Lake City, Utah.

After inheriting a program that failed to make the Northeast Conference playoffs, and had a combined record of 18-68, in the three seasons before his arrival, Friday and his staff have made significant strides toward getting the Red Flash back to the promised land.

Saint Francis finished 6-23 overall and 3-15 in the league in 2008-09, but a strong offseason, a group of experienced upper classmen and Friday's first recruiting class led to a better result in the staff's second season in Loretto.

The Red Flash finished a much more respectable 11-19 overall, and 9-9 in the Northeast Conference, in 2009-10. After being picked in a preseason coaches' poll to finish 12th in the 12-team Northeast Conference, Friday's team surprised opponents in and out of the league on its way to a sixth-place showing. The progress resulted in the program's first Northeast Conference playoff berth since 2004-05, and more enthusiasm for the future.

The groundwork laid for Friday's second season began well in advance of the team's first game against American University. It all began with the coaching staff putting in its diligent work into a very good recruiting class that played a major role in the team's success. The team also reaped great benefits from the addition of the University's first-ever strength & conditioning coach, **Jesse Webber**, and a brand new weight room in the DeGol Field House.

With the arrival of the new weight room and Webber's expertise in the field of strength & conditioning, summer workouts went to a new level in 2009. The incoming freshmen joined the upper classmen in attending summer courses, which meant they were all on campus to work out, bond, and get a jump-start on earning credits toward their degrees.

In regards to Friday's first recruiting class, nearly every member played a role in the progress made in 2009-10.



Cedric Latimer joined the team as a transfer from Santa Clara and averaged 9.0 ppg and 2.7 rpg. His thunderous dunks often brought the DeGol Arena crowd to its feet.

Underclassmen **Anthony Ervin**, **Will Felder**, **Austin Fowler**, **Chris Johnson**, **Tony Peters**, and **Umar Shannon** all showed why the future is very bright in Loretto. Ervin is a sharp-shooter and dependable defender who will only get better with time, and Felder finished second on the team in scoring (9.3 ppg, 5.3 rpg) and is one of the rising stars in the Northeast Conference. Fowler played in 20 games despite nagging injuries early in

the season, Johnson was a rock at the point and led the team with 87 assists, Peters has the potential to be a major contributor in the post, and Shannon had several big moments in proving to be one of the top young guards in the league.

Crucial to the development of each of the aforementioned players, **Kurt Hoffman '10**, **Chris McFarland '10** and **Devin Sweetney '09** proved to be great leaders in helping with their development. Each

out-going senior was selfless in leading the younger players while keeping their focus on getting Saint Francis back to the Northeast Conference Tournament.

Hoffman ended his career with a 3.0 ppg and 2.9 rpg average, and was a 52.5 percent shooter from the field, while maintaining a 3.81 grade-point-average in the classroom. He was a 2010 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District 2 First Team honoree, and served in 2009 as the president of the Saint Francis Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. At the end of the spring semester, Hoffman, who is a mathematics major, will wrap up his student-teaching assignment at nearby Forest Hills High School.

McFarland played in 81 games during his career, including two starts. He played his best basketball during the final 11 games of his career, when he helped the Red Flash clinch a Northeast Conference playoff berth. McFarland is seeking his degree in criminal justice.

Sweetney will go in the books as one of the best players in Saint Francis history after joining legendary Maurice Stokes and Sandy Williams as the only student-athletes in program history to reach 1,500 points and 750 rebounds during their careers. He finished seventh on the school's all-time scoring list (1,529), 12th in rebounding (754), second in free throws made (454) and third in free throws attempted (578). Sweetney began his career as a Northeast Conference All-Rookie Team honoree, and ended it as an All-Northeast Conference First Team selection. Sweetney graduated with a degree in sociology. ■

Lacrosse has record-breaking season

There is an old saying that hope springs eternal. In regards to the Saint Francis women's lacrosse team, it seems that the phrase may finally become more truth than truism.

The history of the Saint Francis women's lacrosse team is less than 10 years old, and until 2010 the results have been less than stellar. Entering this year, the team won a combined three games over eight seasons. When the team began the 2010 season with no seniors, one junior, and 10 freshmen, it looked like it might again be a long spring.

However, the young Red Flash team has turned those preseason prognosticators on their heads with easily the best season of play in program history. The Red Flash finished the 2010 season 6-11, including their first two wins in Northeast Conference play since 2005.

"I'm not that surprised by our success this year," said head coach, **Stephanie Marcon**, now in her fourth year with the team. "Last year we lost three games by one point, so I knew that our team was close. Our assistant coach **Sarah DeStefano** has made an immediate impact, especially with the attackers, and our freshmen are quality student-athletes that know how to win."

"This is something we've been building towards," said Marcon.

Leading the way for the Red Flash have been their three veteran captains: goalkeeper **Danielle Pokusa**, midfielder **Catherine Helming**, and attacker **Chelsea Kent** have all played pivotal roles in the strong start for the Red Flash.

"Our team is really young," said Kent, "but because we're mostly freshmen and sophomores, we're all very close."

Kent was the veteran leader for the Red Flash offense that ranked sixth in the NEC in goals per game. Kent ranked sixth in the NEC and first on the Red Flash in assists per game, and was part of one of the most important wins in program history.



On March 19 against Wagner, Kent scored with 12 seconds left in overtime to defeat Wagner College to give the Red Flash their first conference win since 2005.

"That showed to the rest of the conference that we were not the same team as in years past," said Marcon.

Joining Kent is classmate **Kate Simmons**, who led the team with 41 goals and ranked seventh in the conference with an average of 2.41 goals per game. Simmons was a workhorse for the Red Flash, and ranks sixth in the conference in points per game with an average of 3.41.

While the win against Wagner showed the NEC the Red Flash were not to be taken lightly, the key turning point of the early portion of the season may have come 10 days earlier. On March 9, the Red Flash trailed the Niagara Purple Eagles 8-3 at halftime, but rallied to outscore their opponents 10-2 in the second half to take the 13-10 victory.

"It proved to our team we were capable of making a comeback," said Marcon. "It made them believe in themselves."

While the veterans were key parts of the Red Flash's 2010

Red Flash have record-breaking season.

surge, it was the underclassmen that breathed new life — and plenty of scoring — into the team. **Danielle Conwell** was named to the NEC All-Rookie team, ranking second on the team with 29 goals and acting as a dangerous offensive threat in front of the net. **Stephanie Toomey** plays one of the most complete games for the Red Flash, contributing 24 goals on offense to go along 12 caused turnovers on defense and 23 ground ball controls.

Anchoring all of these points has been Danielle Pokusa. Pokusa has spent the past two seasons as one of the best goalkeepers in the NEC, and ranked sixth in saves per game with an average of 8.75. Pokusa also collected 3.81 ground balls per game, tops in the conference, and forced 11 turnovers in 2010.

Marcon believes that since the entire team is set to return for the 2011 season, the future remains bright for the program.

"There's no looking back for the team," said Marcon. "I expect us to get better and better." ■

Red Flash complete historic comeback

The 2008-09 season may have been a Cinderella Season for the Saint Francis women's basketball team, but it was 2009-10 in which they go their fairytale ending. Their 2010 Northeast Conference Championship was more than just a trophy and a trip to the NCAA tournament. The win completed one of the best comebacks in NEC history; marking the first time a No. 5 seed had ever won the championship.

The start of the season was rocky for the Red Flash, as they flew to Milwaukee and put on a poor showing at Marquette, losing 74-38 to the first of three Big East foes they would face. Their home opener was full of excitement, with ESPN cameras present for the collegiate debut of former high school standout **Elena Delle Donne** as the Flash hosted the Delaware Blue Hens, but couldn't get the win.

A trip to Bethlehem for their yearly meeting with Lehigh didn't end well either, as the defending Patriot League Champions took the 75-63 win. Next was the two-hour trip to Pittsburgh, as Saint Francis faced the No. 20 Panthers at the Peterson Events Center just days before Thanksgiving. Senior guard **Britney Hodges '10** scored her 1,000th career point on a three-pointer in the second half as the Red Flash came within five of beating their Big East foe.

In Ohio, the Red Flash suffered another five-point loss to Bowling Green to start December action. However, the single-digit deficit against the defending MAC Champions was yet another sign that the Flash had the ability to hang with big teams.

Northeast Conference play opened later that week, with Saint Francis earning its first win with a 68-51 win over Mount St. Mary's. Hodges then led the Red Flash to their second consecutive win in a 94-58 rout of Youngstown State, earning Choice Hotels/NEC Player-of-the-Week honors. A 67-64 setback versus in-state rival Duquesne would be the



final game for the Flash before Christmas Break.

Santa came and went, and the Red Flash headed down for the Sunshine State for a three game swing that started with the Hatter Classic at Stetson University in DeLand, FL. Hodges' 28 points led Saint Francis past the Hatters and into the finals, where they defeated the American Eagles of the Patriot League to win the Hatter Classic Championship. A 48-point performance in the two games earned Hodges the title of MVP, while forward **Shene Fleming** earned a spot on the All-Tournament team. The Flash faced also South Florida of the Big East, suffering an 86-74 loss despite a 16-point performance from **Kia Gibbs** and the team's first double double of the season from **Brittany Lilley**.

Saint Francis returned to Loretto in time to host the Wagner Seahawks at DeGol Arena as they continued with conference action. A

controversial three-pointer from the Seahawks led to an overtime loss for the Red Flash, who would quickly look to get back on track with a road trip to New York. Brooklyn treated them well, as they took wins from St. Francis NY and Long Island.

It was on their return home in which the team hit a roadblock, falling to a young Monmouth team 65-63 at DeGol Arena. After a Saturday afternoon win over Fairleigh Dickinson, the Red Flash headed to New Jersey that resulted in a rocky trip, as they took home two disappointing losses to MU and FDU.

Home wins against SFNY and Long Island wrapped up the January schedule. To kick off February, the Red Flash took the top-ranked Colonials of Robert Morris to overtime before falling 76-70. **Allison Daly** grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds and 16 points in the game, marking the most rebounds by an SFU player since **Beth Swink '05** in 2004.



The Red Flash women's basketball team and coaches pose with their NEC trophy.

In the midst of a winter blizzard, the Flash traveled to Pittsburgh for their second meeting in three days with RMU, which did not go as well as the first with Saint Francis taking the 79-48

loss. The team hit New England for their first ever-trip to Bryant, putting on a disappointing performance for an 89-76 loss to the future NEC members.

On their off day in Connecticut, upperclassman Hodges, **Janie Killian**, **Samantha Leach** and **Allison Daly** met with the underclassmen to discuss the state of the team. A decision was made and a motto created: play with no fear.

Leach was the first to live by the motto, putting up 21 points to lead Saint Francis to a 64-45 defeat of Central Connecticut State in the lone match up of the season between the two teams. Daly was the next to step up, leading the way to a 78-54 victory over Quinnipiac with 23 points.

February 20 had long been circled on the calendar, with the defending NEC Champions Sacred Heart coming to town for a televised rematch of the 2009 NEC title game. Donning pink uniforms in honor of breast cancer

awareness, Hodges posted 25 points to lead the Red Flash past their nemesis for the first time in three years by a score of 75-69. The revenge win officially clinched a berth in the NEC postseason. The Flash hit the road to round off the season, coming up with wins at Mount St. Mary's and Wagner before returning home to prepare for the 2010 Northeast Conference Tournament, which would take place in Loretto.

Prior to the start of the action, the league honored Hodges and Leach. Hodges earned a spot on the All-NEC First team, while Leach was named to the All-NEC Second team for the second consecutive season.

Getting the No. 5 seed due to tiebreaking procedure, Saint Francis would face Monmouth, who had taken both games earlier in the season, in the quarterfinals. However, the Flash easily handled the Hawks, defeating them 61-49 to advance to the semifinals.

A better match up couldn't be dreamed up – in-state rivals Saint Francis and Robert Morris facing each other in Pennsylvania with a trip to the title game on the line. The game itself exceeded the hype – Daly sunk an NEC tournament single-game record eight 3-point shots, helping break the single-game team record of 14 triples. Lilley also added her name to the record books, dishing out ten assist to claim the fourth spot on the NEC's all-time single game records list in the tournament. Numerous records, the loss of an 18 point lead and two trips to video replay later, the Red Flash were on their way to the NEC Championship game for the second consecutive time, defeating the Colonials 80-79.

The reporters buzzed, talking about the confidence that had helped the team get so far. The "no fear" theme came up over and over again, as did the story of Leach turning to her teammates during a timeout with .2 seconds left and telling them to sub out if they didn't believe in their teammates. They were back again, and they weren't coming this far to lose again.

With four fan buses accompanying them, the Red Flash made the trip to Brooklyn again to

face the No. 2 Long Island Blackbirds, hoping the arena would be as good to them as it had been back in January. With Long Island students on spring break, the seats were a sea of red as hundreds piled in to cheer on the Flash.

On her first basket of the game, Leach became the 18th Red Flash player to score 1,000th points, doing so in one of the final games of her junior season. While Leach got the celebration, it was Hodges, the ultimate senior, who would lead the team to victory. With 23 points, the senior guard easily led her Red Flash past the Blackbirds for their tenth NEC Championship trophy. For her performance, Hodges was named the tournament MVP, with Daly also being honored with a spot on the All-Tournament team.

After the win, the ladies got their dancing shoes on. Monday night was Selection Monday, in which the team would find out their fate in round one of the NCAA tournament. Tension grew as the bracket was revealed with the same thought on everyone's minds: not UConn. A cheer went up in DeGol Arena when news came out that the Huskies were slated to take on Southern. Finally, in the last spot in the bracket, came the news that the Red Flash would travel down route 22 to take on the eighth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes in Pittsburgh, in front of their friends and family.

The week was filled with excitement for the Red Flash – press conferences and interviews, a send off by the Loretto Fire Department, police escorts to and from the arena. For one last time, Britney Hodges and Janie Killian would lead the team out into what Head Coach **Susan Robinson Fruchtl** called a reward game.

The Buckeyes handily defeated the Red Flash 93-59 at the Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh. Despite the loss, marking the culmination of the season, the Red Flash were happy to be a part of the experience and came up with a new goal. In 2010-11, they will look to repeat their feat and take it one step farther, aiming for their first ever NCAA Tournament victory. ■

Swimmers win first NEC title

The Saint Francis swim team did more than just win their first ever Northeast Conference Championship this year. With multiple medals, numerous records and some of the fastest swims the school has ever seen, the 2009-10 Red Flash have made themselves a part of Saint Francis history.

Sixty-eight swims resulted in 47 all-time top 10 times, 20 medals, 18 school records and, ultimately, one conference title. The first event of the meet – the 200-yard freestyle relay – brought Saint Francis its first gold medal since 2001, when **Mary Roth** won the 200-yard individual medley. The Flash went on to collect a total of six gold medals, nine silver and five bronze.

The quartet of **Elise Merrill '10**, Carlisle, PA, **Melissa Heintz**, Boyertown, PA, **Hanna Yttring**, Gothenburg, Sweden, and **Alicia Ford**, Whitney Point, NY, broke the gold medal drought by winning the 200-yard freestyle relay to start the meet off with a record time of 1:35.28.

Kathleen Lyon, King George, VA, was the first individual swimmer to pick up points for the Red Flash, taking fourth place in the 500-yard freestyle with a school-record time of 5:06.02.

Yttring grabbed her first and the team's first individual first place finish, taking the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:05.48. Ironically, Yttring broke the school record of the last woman to win a gold medal for the Red Flash, as Mary Roth previously held it with a time of 2:07.31.

The 50-yard freestyle was one of the strongest events for the Flash, as Merrill and Ford combined for a two-three finish. Though both swam faster than Merrill's original record of 24.53, it was Merrill again who became the first swimmer in Saint Francis history to break 24 seconds in the event, as she took silver in 23.96. Her counterpart, a two-time NEC



Swimmer-of-the-Week honoree, swam a 24.04 for the bronze medal.

Another relay win, this time in the 400-yard medley relay, put the Red Flash ahead of the pack as Merrill, **Erin Bieger**, Yttring and Ford shot down another school record. This time, the team shaved almost 10 seconds off of the previous record by finishing in 3:51.30.

The 200-yard medley relay was up next for Saint Francis, and the Flash finished with another gold and another record. This time, Merrill, Yttring, and Ford combined with **Elyse Peterman '10**, Lock Haven, PA, for the win at 1:45.71.

Jessica Dunn, also an NEC Swimmer-the-Week winner, took second place and the silver medal in the 400-yard Individual Medley. Her time of 4:33.95 was good enough for third in school history. **Kristen Low '10**, Mississauga, Ontario, took fourth in the event.

In her signature event, the 100-yard butterfly, Yttring took the silver medal in a time of

56.11, also a new program mark. Since arriving in Loretto, the junior has taken almost three full seconds off of the old school record of 58.86, set in 2000.

Ford picked up her second individual medal of the day by earning third place in the 200-yard freestyle with yet another school record. Ford took more than a second off of the old mark with her new time of 1:54.09.

Bieger picked up her first individual win of the day with a win in the 100-yard breaststroke. Both Bieger and Peterman, who earned the bronze in the event, broke the previous program mark but it was Bieger's time of 1:06.51 that would go into the books.

Merrill was the next to pick up an individual medal, grabbing her second silver of the day in the 100-yard backstroke. The captain broke her own school record with a time of 57.23.

The 800-yard freestyle relay would be the lone Red Flash relay to finish to take second,

Men's golf team wins second NEC title

as the Flash won four of five possible relays. However, Heintz, **Bethany Lanzendoen**, River Edge, NJ, Lyon and Dunn still swam an impressive race, shaving six seconds off of the old school record with a finish of 7:48.51.

Lyon then went on to claim a second-place finish in the 1,650-yard freestyle. The silver medal was not all she would claim in the event, as she took an astounding 36 seconds off of **Cara Morgan's '09** old record with a time of 17:18.66.

Dunn added in a second place finish in one of her signature events, the 200-yard backstroke by taking almost two seconds off of her previous school record by finishing in 2:06.10.

Ford, Yttring, Merrill and Heintz took up four of the six spots in the 100-yard freestyle finals, taking second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively. All four ended up on the top-10 list in the event. Though Ford picked up second in the event in a time of 52.57, Merrill would later edge her out in a relay for the school record of 52.53.

Bieger swept the breaststroke events by grabbing gold in the 200-yard event. Her time of 2:23.90 was a new school record, and was three seconds faster than Low, who took the silver in the race.

A fourth place finish in the 200-yard butterfly from Lyon, combined with sixth place from Lanzendoen officially clinched the title for the Red Flash despite one event being left. Lyon's time of 2:09.14 was good enough for second on the all-time top 10 list.

A win in the 400-yard freestyle relay by Merrill, Heintz, Yttring and Ford, also a school record of 3:28.71, was officially cause for celebration as the team had won their first ever Northeast Conference Championship.

With 556.5 points, the Red Flash had ousted two-time defending champions Central Connecticut State by 48 points. Head Coach **Pat Gallagher** would earn the NEC's Coach-of-the-Year honor for taking his team to their best finish in school history. ■

The Saint Francis men's golf team shot a third-round-best 302 to jump to spots to win the Northeast Conference Tournament, which concluded at the par-72, 6,937-yard course at Champions Gate Golf Club. With a one-stroke margin, the Red Flash captured their second Northeast Conference Men's Golf Championship with a 303-305-302-910. Saint Francis won its first league crown in 2006 at Walt Disney World. Coming in a close second was Sacred Heart (306-300-305-911), while Robert Morris (300-304-310-914) notched third after leading through the first two rounds. Mount St. Mary's (306-311-304-921) took fourth, one stroke ahead of Central Connecticut State (310-305-307-922, rounding out the top five. **Joey Amelia**, Chatham, Ontario, tied for second in the individual race with a 70-77-72-219, and **Vincent Adams**, Broisbriand, QC, finished in a tie for fifth with a 75-74-75-224. "The guys played very well this weekend. Joey and Vince carried the team. I told the guys that we worked too hard this year to come this close and let it get away from us. Their focus was great, and I'm happy for them to bring this championship back to Saint Francis," said Head Coach **Nick Wheeler '07**. **Tyler Straub**, Chambersburg, PA, finished in a tie for 25th with a 80-78-77-235, **Adam Simpson**, London, Ontario, finished 27th with 82-76-78-236, and **Ryan Coccagna**, Chambersburg, PA, tied for 37th with a 78-84-82-244.

NORTHEAST CONFERENCE TEAM STANDINGS

1	Saint Francis	303	305	302	910	+46
2	Sacred Heart.....	306	300	305	911	+47
3	Robert Morris.....	300	304	310	914	+50
4	Mount St. Mary's.....	306	311	304	921	+57
5	Central Conn. St.....	310	305	307	922	+58
6	Fairleigh Dickinson	308	308	309	925	+61
7	Monmouth.....	310	314	305	929	+65
8	Long Island.....	315	321	312	948	+84
9	St. Francis (NY).....	341	343	359	1043	+179
10	Wagner.....	365	348	382	1095	+231 ■



Advancement News

University Announces the Saint Francis Society

Saint Francis University president, the **Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.**, is pleased to announce the establishment of the Saint Francis Society, which recognizes and celebrates a community of donors who have pledged to become partners in a shared vision for the University. Society members believe so strongly in Saint Francis University and its mission that they commit \$1,000 or more annually to support the University. The Saint Francis Society honors the traditions of the University's past while providing a strong foundation for the University's future. Society members are committed to helping provide the resources necessary to realize the University's vision and mission.

THE INVITATION

Saint Francis alumni, parents and friends are invited to participate in this shared vision of excellence and service through their commitment of \$1,000 or more annually to the University. Gifts of \$1,000 or more made during the University's fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) qualify an individual for annual Society membership. Right now, donors have the opportunity to become charter members of the Saint Francis Society by making a gift before December 31, 2010.

THE PARTNERSHIP

As the University enters its 164th year, it hopes to forge a new partnership with alumni and friends who support the work of the University and its success and progress. The Saint Francis Society symbolizes that partnership while honoring and recognizing individuals who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more to support the University's transformational work with today's students.

The Saint Francis Society offers the University's most influential donors an opportunity to have an inside view of Saint Francis University through special invitations to exclusive on- and off-campus University events and communications directly from the President. Additionally, all Society members will receive special recognition in the annual donor report.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I make a gift and become a Saint Francis Society Member?

Any gifts of \$1,000 or more made during the University's fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) qualifies a donor for annual Society membership. Gifts may be made with one payment or by multiple gifts within the University's fiscal year. Gifts can be made by check, credit card payments or by transfer of securities and property. Credit card gifts may be made through the University's secure web site or by telephone.

Do I make my gift directly to the Saint Francis Society?

The Saint Francis Society recognizes donors who support the University with gifts totaling \$1,000 or more to various programs, departments, funds and initiatives. Therefore, gifts are not directed to the Society, but instead, to the University and its initiatives.

Will my spouse be a member?

Both spouses are members of the Saint Francis Society with a joint gift of \$1,000 or more within a fiscal year.

How long will I be a member of the Society?

Membership in the society is renewable on an annual basis. Membership is determined by the University's fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

My employer will match my contributions to the University. Will matching gifts count toward my membership?

Yes. Since the University does not have access to your employer's matching gift without your own contribution, your employer's gift will count toward your annual Saint Francis Society membership.

I have more questions. Whom do I call?

Please call the Advancement Office at 814-472-3021 or e-mail **Marie Melusky**, associate vice president for advancement, at mmelusky@francis.edu. ■



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Sports physical therapy residency program accredited

The Sports Physical Therapy Residency Program at the DiSepio Institute for Rural Health and Wellness recently became a credentialed program recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). This program allows a licensed physical therapist to gain additional knowledge in the sports physical therapy specialty area and prepares the resident to become a board certified sports physical therapist.

Only 14 Sports Physical Therapy Residency programs are currently in the United States. Saint Francis joins six other universities in offering this program which include: Baylor, Cincinnati, Delaware, Mississippi, Ohio State, and Pittsburgh.

The Sports Physical Therapy Residency at Saint Francis is the first residency program offered by the University and the first residency program in physical therapy to be offered in the region. **Dr. Ivan Mulligan**, director of the sports residency, said, "It is an honor to be recognized by the APTA as a credentialed program; this ensures the program is upholding the standards required and that the resident will receive the training needed to advance his or her career in the sports physical therapy specialty area. The sports physical therapy residency meets Saint Francis University's and the DiSepio Institute's missions to provide outreach to the community which is achieved by offering education to the physical therapists in the area who may wish to gain a greater knowledge in an area of specialty. The program also provides all regional athletes a greater focus evidence-based examination and treatment for sports related injuries." ■



Two employees garner PA Business Central honors

Two Saint Francis employees, **Dr. Randy Frye** and **Amanda StoeHR Drumm '03**, were both honored recently by the *Pennsylvania Business Central* publication. Dr. Frye was honored in the January edition of *Pennsylvania Business Central* for being one of central Pennsylvania's "Top 100 Business People" of 2009. The list captured the breadth of experience and wealth of entrepreneurial spirit found in the 16-county region. Dean Frye of the School of Business earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown; his master of business administration degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, his master of arts degree from Saint Francis and his doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. He is also a Certified Management Accountant.

Drumm was honored in its "Foremost Under 40" publication in November, which honored the top 40 professionals under the age of 40 in the 16 county central Pennsylvania region. She is the University's assistant director of marketing and community affairs. She earned her bachelor of science degree in marketing and management and her master of business administration degree from Saint Francis. ■

SIFE team awarded HSBC Financial Literacy Grant

The Saint Francis chapter of Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) was awarded a 2010 HSBC Financial Literacy Grant. The grant amount of \$750 will be utilized by the SIFE team to conduct a personal financial literacy education program using the social networking tool, Twitter. The goal of the project is to increase the financial literacy of high school students throughout the state of Pennsylvania. This is the third time that Saint Francis has been awarded a HSBC Financial Literacy Grant. The SIFE team's grant proposal was among those selected from over 400 applications from 29 countries. ■

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"A Concert for Haiti 2010" raised funds for earthquake relief

The fine arts department proudly held "A Concert for Haiti 2010" in the JFK Auditorium on January 25. The event featured **Jim Donovan's** Drum the Ecstatic International and the Saint Francis University World Drumming Ensemble. The event raised more than \$3000 for relief for Haiti following the devastating January 12 earthquake.

The concert provided attendees a wide variety of music, from African percussion to popular standards. Performers included professional and student drummers, accompanists and dancers.

Jim Donovan, instructor and founding member of the internationally recognized, platinum-selling band "Rusted Root," organized and performed in the concert. "The best thing that all of us can do is to apply our talents and intentions to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti," said Donovan. "This concert was a great way for us to put positive energy into action from our community to our brothers and sisters."

All concert proceeds were sent to an organization founded by Saint Francis University alumnae **Jimmy Felter '81** that will aid in building a new orphanage on the outskirts of Port au Prince for small children that lost their parents. To read about other Haiti relief efforts of the university, visit: www.francis.edu and click the Haiti Relief link. ■

Carlson Writing Contest Winners Announced

In 2010, 33 entries were received from talented student writers for the 36th Annual Gunard Berry Carlson/Saint Francis University Creative Writing Contest. The contest awards prizes totaling \$1,600 in cash and tuition credits to contest winners. Students could submit written works in fiction (short story or self-contained chapter of a novel), poetry, essay, feature writing and drama. Five winners are named each year. This year's contest was judged by **Dr. Timothy Bintrim**, assistant professor of English; **Dr. Robin Cadwallader '94**, associate professor of English; **Dr. Kirk Weixel**, professor of English; and **Dr. John Woznak '77**, professor of English. The contest was coordinated by **Amanda Stoehr Drumm '03**, assistant director of marketing and community affairs.

This 2010 Carlson Writing Contest winners and their entries are:

- ▶ 1st place: **Eric Horell** "Back on that Spring Day"
- ▶ 2nd place: **Eric Horell** "The Quiet House"
- ▶ 3rd place: **Zachary Burns** "Getty"
- ▶ 4th place: **Zachary Burns** "Cliffs"
- ▶ 5th place: **Katie Cianci** "Star Struck"

Saint Francis University is grateful to **Mrs. Barbara C. Travaglini** and her son, **Frederick C. Travaglini '75**, directors of the Gunard B. Carlson Memorial Foundation, for their long-standing interest in and encouragement of student writers and for their continued generosity in funding the writing contest. Mrs. Travaglini is a former member of the Saint Francis University Board of Trustees. ■

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Students attend March for Life in Washington, D.C.

The **Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R.**, president of Saint Francis, and University students attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. on January 22, on the 37th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. The pro-life group marched through D.C. proudly carrying the Saint Francis University banner and pro-life signs. ■

34th annual spelling bee winners announced

Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades from 16 local schools competed in the 34th annual Saint Francis University Spelling Bee on Saturday, January 30.

The winner of this year's Spelling Bee was Sarah Hartman, a seventh grader from Windber Middle School. First runner up was Alexis Farrell, a sixth grader from Juniata Gap Elementary School. Second runner up was Julia Eger, a sixth grader from Logan Elementary School.

The spellers competed at this regional bee for three spots in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Spelling Bee, which was held on March 20 in Pittsburgh. The winner of that contest advanced to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. The Saint Francis University Spelling Bee winner and two runners-up received a variety of prizes, including U.S. Savings Bonds, University shirts and prizes, tickets to University sporting events, and a dictionary and thesaurus. **Amanda Stoehr Drumm '03**, assistant director of marketing and community affairs, directed the bee, while **Donna Menis**, chair of communication arts, served as the pronouncer. ■



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Top 3 photos: Saint Francis students volunteering in the Dominican Republic during spring break.



Undergraduate and graduate School of Business students at Lloyd's of London.



Students traveled world-wide during spring break

Saint Francis students had the opportunity to travel domestically or internationally over spring break to Virginia, the Dominican Republic or London.

Saint Francis' Habitat chapter in Virginia for spring break.

The University's chapter of Habitat for Humanity once again participated in the Habitat Collegiate Challenge. This year students spent their spring break in Lexington, VA, helping to eliminate poverty housing. The students helped to complete work on a home that will house a family of five and began working on a new construction site. They helped prepare the house to be certified and dedicated. They also helped clear timber for a new build site for the Rockbridge County Habitat for Humanity affiliate. In addition to all the hard work, students were able to take advantage of the natural and historic sites that Lexington has to offer. The Habitat trip was led by **Robert Beener**, associate dean for enrollment management.

Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic, was the site of spring break for 35 people from the University's faculty, staff and students. They offered medical and educational help to the natives. The physical therapy team provided services in a local rehabilitation facility where they evaluated and treated 20-25 patients a day. These students were the first to provide medical/ rehabilitation missionaries at this center. The medical team went to a rural banana farming plantation and provided care for approximately 175 patients per day, many of whom were Haitian refugees. The education team taught English, public health and hygiene courses in the local schools. It was the first time health and hygiene had been taught in these overcrowded and impoverished schools. All of the staff involved commended the teams for their great compassion and their incredible work ethic. This trip was directed by **Dr. William Hanlon**, associate professor of physical therapy. The physician assistant students on the trip were led by **Dr. Cara (Toomey) Fox '98**, clinical coordinator of the student health center. Other faculty and staff that served on the trip were: **Dr. Kay Malek**, assistant professor of physical therapy; **Dr. Margaret Morales**, associate professor of Spanish; and **Brother Zyg Mazanowski**, trip chaplain.

School of Business students participated in the University's annual Springtime in London program. 11 undergraduate and five graduate students were accompanied by **Dr. Randy Frye**, dean of the school of business, and **Dr. James Logue**, professor of accounting. The group spent their spring break taking in the sights and sounds of London. The Springtime in London program is designed as an innovative hybrid course in which students are required to take a three credit course entitled "Great Britain and the European Union in the Global Economy" with their study abroad experience. ■

All Souls Day:

We remember friends and alumni

Dear Friends:

As the month of November approaches there are two special days that we celebrate as a Catholic community. On November 1, we will celebrate All Saint's Day, where we remember those who have been proclaimed by the church as models of faith and holiness and on November 2, All Soul's Day, we will remember those friends and alumni who have died.

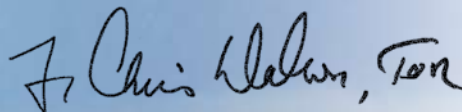
Join us as we pray in thanksgiving for all those many friars who labored here throughout these many years and now have their eternal rest in this hollowed ground. We also remember the many they served, our alumni, faculty and staff. Each of them left their legacy as well at Saint Francis University. Each year we place a wreath of remembrance that will stand as a memorial through the month of November, the traditional month to remember our deceased.

It is now your opportunity to make a memorial journey to Saint Francis University as we pray together during the month of November for all of our deceased alumni, friends, and family. This is not done through physical travel but through a spiritual journey. As has been our tradition for many years, I invite you to submit the names of your family, friends, and our alumni to us so that we can place these names before the altar in the sanctuary of the Immaculate Conception Chapel. These names will be remembered in all the prayers and Masses of the University community during the month of November.

No donation is required, however, if you wish to make a donation, as many have requested to do so and have done in the past, know that this donation will be used to support the faith development of our students and for improvements in the Immaculate Conception Chapel. You may submit the names of your loved ones by contacting the campus ministry department at (814) 472-3172. If you would like to submit your names online visit: <http://www.francis.edu/CampusMinForm.aspx?ekfrm=33302>.

Thank you and may our merciful Lord give you peace.

Sincerely in St. Francis,



Fr. Chris Dobson T.O.R.

Director of Campus Ministry ■

FlashBacks

1937

Donald Roseberry, one of our oldest living alumni, recently got in contact with the University. He regrets to inform us of the passing of his wife, Mary Augusta, in December 2009.



Leonard J. Fisher

1942

Leonard J. Fisher celebrated his 90th birthday on October 19, 2009. He is currently looking to reconnect with some of his classmates.

1952

James R. Waring and his wife, Helen, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 7, 2010.

1954

Eugene Wade, a Delta Sigma Phi brother and band, jazz dance and orchestra trombonist, will be 79 on October 5th.

1956

J. Regis Kozusko and his wife, Madeline, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 10, 2009.

1959

Thomas Stec and his wife, Mary Louise, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 26, 2009. The anniversary party was given by the couple's four children and was attended by family and friends, as well as their seven grandchildren. In celebration, they are planning a river cruise on the Danube this fall.

1961

Michael D. Steirer writes: "This past issue of the *Saint Francis University Magazine* brought me back to freshman English, which I took from Professor Ray Berner back in 1957. Fortunately, he was in charge of Raymond Hall and had a room there from which he would teach me the intricacies of English grammar. After seeing a bewildered look on my face, he would say, 'Stick with it; it'll make sense to you sooner or later.' He would be surprised — shocked really — that I became a high school principal, and after returning from the public schools, becoming an English teacher at Lorain County Community College in Elyria, OH."



1962

Stephen John Conte, DO recently retired as a captain from the United States Navy Medical Corps.

1964

Bill Mongovan is still coaching track and field, three seasons per school year at Greenwich High School, CT. "This is my 45th year of coaching and 2010 marks the beginning of my 6th decade, of which I am proud," he writes. "One of my most significant mentors from my years at Saint Francis was Fr. Bede Hines, T.O.R. Also, a very memorable moment occurred for me several years ago while officiating at the IC4A meet [Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America]. I was able to watch the Red Flash win the 4x800m relay at Yale University."

1968

Richard Jones, Denis Faherty, Jay Matera, and Pat Normanly (pictured above), all from the class of 1968, went golfing in Myrtle Beach in January 2010. Richard writes: "It was the coldest three days in Myrtle Beach in 25 years."



Joseph A. Palko, Jr.

1970

40th Anniversary

Bob Moore was named team historian by the Kansas City Chiefs, where he will serve as the club's primary authority on the history of the Chiefs. He was previously the director of public relations for the team since 1989, which is a franchise record for duration in that entity. Mr. Moore has more than 30 years of experience as a sports publicist, with work ranging from the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars (U.S. Football League) to sports information director at Drexel and at Saint Francis.

1971

Joseph A. Palko, Jr. recently was named the director of retail services for Floyd Medical Center in Rome, Georgia. Prior to joining Floyd, Palko served as the vice president of sales, stores and operations at Goody's LLC in Knoxville, TN.

1974

Lee Kronert's novel, *Mental Cruelty*, can be ordered online via www.tatepublishing.com but won't be out in bookstores until this summer. There are quite a few references to Saint Francis in the story.

Editor's note: An (M) following a graduate's name indicates a master's degree only. Those with both a bachelor's and master's degree will be listed in their undergraduate year.

1978

Bill Walls writes: "In January, I directed a reading of my play, *A Time Before Dogs, A True Tale of Two Executions that led to the Bloody Island Massacre*. Bloody Island was the first mass killing of native Americans by the U.S. Army. It took place in 1850, not far from my home in Ukiah, CA."

Gregory Fernicola has joined the board of trustees of the Summit Area (NJ) YMCA. He is a partner at the New York law firm Skadden Arps, with a professional background and experience in law, finance, and accounting. After graduating from Saint Francis, he went on to receive an M.B.A. from Rutgers and a J.D. from Georgetown University. Mr. Fernicola is also a CPA.

1981

Brian Westfall (M) was one of four recipients of the Marvin M. Lewis Elks and Scouting Award, presented at the Elks' 2009 Grand Lodge Convention in Portland, OR. The award recognizes Elks in good standing who have significantly contributed to the youth of their communities by volunteering in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America. He has been involved with the BSA for over 35 years, as a youth — earning his Eagle award — and as an adult. Mr. Westfall has held many leadership positions in the Scouts and has accepted a staff assignment for the 2010 Jamboree.

1992

James Kezman recently opened a photography exposition called "En Ville/ In the City" in Paris, France, with a vernissage on March 12, 2010. The exposition

will travel to several major cities around the world and features Jim's photos as well as those by Ravnish Gandhi. Inspiration and theory of the project can be found at www.flickr.com/photos/parisnumerique/.

1993

Heather (Clites) Vitko has recently taken a position at Saint Francis University as the skills lab coordinator and instructor in the Nursing Department.

1995

Michael Hadzick has done extensive work for his four-year-old nephew, Matthew Sloan Walker, who is 1 of 35 males in the world with an ultra rare brain disorder that renders him unable to walk and talk. Michael designed a fundraiser for him and his family to offset the cost of health expenses, garnering national attention when a policy advocate took Matthew's story to a health care reform hearing. Michael was appointed to the National Committee for Rare Disease and helped influence Pennsylvania and Florida (Matthew's home state) to recognize February 28 as National Rare Disease Day. More information on Matthew and the cause may be found at www.miracle4matthew.com.

1998

Dr. David Card was recently featured in the *Seattle Post Intelligencer*. After graduating from Saint Francis, he made it through medical school at Nova Southeastern University in Florida and now works at the U.S. Health Works Medical Group in Bellevue, WA as a family practice and urgent care physician. For any normal person, it is no small feat, but Dr. Card took it in stride, even though he has been in a wheelchair since age 16.

2000

Tony Penna, Jr. was named head football coach for the Greater Johnstown School District in Johnstown, PA. He had previously served as an assistant at Johnstown before leaving the district to accept a head coaching job and athletic director position at Ferndale in July 2009.

2001

W. Alan Gehringer (M) was recently named IMC, Inc.'s executive Director and CEO, effective July 1, 2010. He currently serves as IMC's managing director. Established in 1988, IMC is one of Pennsylvania's seven Industrial Resource Centers delivering key business strategies and solutions to progressive manufacturers located in the 12-county region of central Pennsylvania.

Maja Kazaic was recently featured in an online news story on the Good News website (goodnews.ws). The article tells of how she overcame physical limitations after losing a leg as a teenager during the Bosnian civil war, and how, more recently, she found the inspiration to learn to walk and run again from a disabled dolphin. Today, she is a motivational speaker and entrepreneur in Palm Harbor, FL.

2002

Dr. Derek Warner has been named by President Obama as a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Awards. The award was established in 1996 by President Clinton, and awardees are chosen by the Office of Science and Technology Policy with two criteria: "Pursuit of innovative research at the frontiers of science and technology and a commitment to community service as demonstrated through scientific leadership, public education, or community outreach." Winning scientists and engineers receive up to a five-year research grant to further their study in support of critical government missions. Dr. Warner is currently an assistant professor of engineering at Cornell University, where he has been a faculty member since 2007.

1975

35th Anniversary

Kevin Flannery has joined the Heritage Valley Sewickley Foundation Board of Directors. He is currently the manager and secretary of the Borough of Sewickley.

1976

Steve W. Alesio will be retiring from Dunn & Bradstreet Co. in June 2010. He served as the CEO since January 2005 and chairman since June 2005. Prior to joining the company in 2001, Mr. Alesio worked for American Express Co. where he served as president and general manager of the business services group.

John Ingoldsby had an article in the January 2010 issue of *Armchair General*. The article profiled legendary college basketball coach Bob Knight.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

If you want to provide a news items for the FlashBacks section of the Saint Francis University Magazine, the best way to do so is to submit a Class Note to the Online Community, which can be accessed through the Alumni Relations section of the Saint Francis website.

Or you can mail or fax this form to:

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Loretto, Pa. 15940-0600
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Address

City

State Zip code

Home phone ()

Work phone ()

E-mail address

Fax number ()

Employer

Title

Business address

Information of interest for FlashBacks

(Include a photo if you wish. Photo will be printed if space permits, but cannot be returned.)

2003

Daunte Neal and Nikki (Shrift) '05 were married at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto on June 20, 2009. More than 70 Saint Francis staff, faculty, alumni, and students joined in the celebration. Daunte is currently a project manager for Specialty Construction Management in Virginia. Nicole is currently an auditor for the Department of Defense, Office of the Inspector General in Virginia. They reside in Waldorf, MD.

2006

Sean Albright is a controller/CIO for DelGrosso Foods, Inc., and is currently working on his M.B.A. and M.H.R.M. degrees at Saint Francis. He writes: "Saint Francis is a great university for continuing education and professional development. I would recommend this school to anyone!"

Andrew Farabaugh has started his residency program at York Hospital in York, PA. He is a medical student through the Penn State College of Medicine.

2004

Elizabeth Provanzana was recently appointed as a surgical physician assistant for the Putnam Hospital Center in New York.

2007

Katie (Nicklas) Lapsa (M) has recently taken a job with Sound Family Medicine at both the Bonney Lake and Puyallup Sound Same-Day Clinics as a primary urgent care physician assistant. She is relocating to Washington state from Ann Arbor, MI, where she served as the first physician assistant at the University of Michigan's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

2005



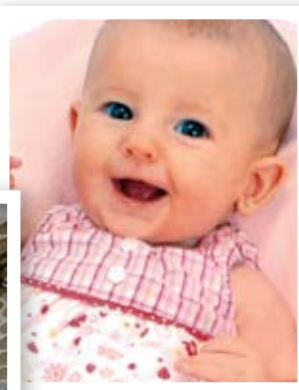
Ryan Plunkett and Jessica Seger-Plunkett '06, after marriage in 2009, reside in State College, PA. Jessica graduated from Saint Francis in 2008 with her doctorate in physical therapy. Ryan earned a master's degree in criminal justice and social deviance from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, NY.





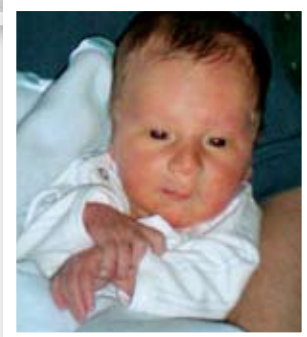
The Hilyer children (above)

The Adekunle children (below)



Julia
Danielle
Woods

Tyson Alexander Verdream



Troy
Samuel
Miller

Births

1989

A daughter, Julia Danielle, to **Dr. Timothy Woods** and wife, Beverly, on May 27, 2009

1997

A son, Nolan Robert, to **Stacey (Peck)** and **Brian Bell** on July 2, 2009

2001

A daughter, Elyce Ava, to **Jennifer (Weakland) Hilyer** and husband, Nathan, on December 21, 2009

2008

A son, Troy Samuel, to **Timothy A. Miller** and wife, Teresa, on March 15, 2010

1993

A daughter, Cameron Ashley, to **Heather (Clites) Vitko** and husband, Chris, on June 22, 2009

1998

A daughter, Yaminah Bolade, to **Emmanuel Adekunle** and **Heather (Hohing) '99** on August 9, 2009

2006

A son, Michael Anthony, to **Randall Harrington** and wife, Ashlei, on September 21, 2009

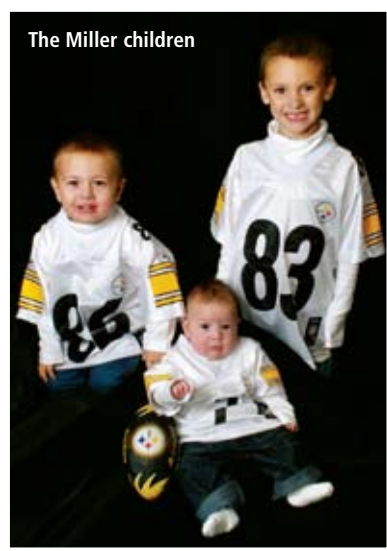
2000

A son, Tyson Alexander, to **Brandon Verdream** and **Andrea (Spieler) '01** on November 8, 2009

The Vitko children



The Miller children



In Memoriam

Harry Aikens (M) '84
Douglas S. Bills '74
Dawn Black-Mattis '06
John Bodnar '31
Carol A. Clark '95
John Coyne '87
Edward Del Grande '51
Rev. Monsignor George B. Flinn '63
John M. Gilmore (M) '84
Maribeth (Shirkey) Hastings '83
Robert T. Jones, Jr. '56
Edmund D. Kittiko '48
Frank V. Klein '53
Kevin Korzi '77
John J. Lacey '56
Bonnie Kay Latterner '77
Dr. Gloria J. Lynch (M) '82

Paul F. Marnecheck '51
Robert M. McGowan '59
Fr. Bob McKnight '69
Philip C. Newbaker V '01
Rev. Anthony J. Pollack '46
Bro. Stanislaus John Prenatt, T.O.R.
Patrick G. Risbon '90
Herbert Schloss '50
Robert Shaughnessey '54
William M. Travers Jr. '51
Patricia Walls '66
Bert A. Williams '43
William J. Wills '64
Ronald S. Yacisin '70
Janet C. Yon (M) '93

FlashBacks



Lisa Govachini and Bruce Horowitz and family



Christina (Siuniak) Worthington '98, Holly (Kephart) Myers '99, Melinda (Oleksa) Perez '99 and Autumn (Helsel) Lang '99, all members of the SFU Women's Softball Team (*above*)

Melinda Oleksa and Major Carlos Perez (*at left*)



Nicole Schrift and **Daunte Neal** (*at right*) and with guests (*above*)



Erica Schellhammer and **Joshua Caldwell**

Marriages

1988

Lisa Govachini and Bruce Horowitz on September 25, 2009

1999

Melinda Oleksa and Major Carlos Perez on July 4, 2009

2003

Melissa Dunn and Andrew Weaver on January 19, 2010

2006

Joshua Caldwell and **Erica Schellhammer** on June 20, 2009

1998

Jennifer Weaver and Cory Geishauser on October 10, 2009

2005

Ryan Plunkett and **Jessica Seger '06** on November 28, 2009

Daunte Neal and **Nicole Schrift '05** on June 20, 2009

Halee Vokin and **Joshua Onder '04** on July 24, 2010

2007

Elizabeth Pryor and Franklin Saylor on May 9, 2009



Franklin Saylor and **Elizabeth Pryor**



Mullen's Bar and Grill provided a wonderful private room for the club's first gathering.

Pittsburgh alumni club holds inaugural event

On February 19, 2010, the Pittsburgh Alumni Club held its first social for alumni in the Pittsburgh region. More than 30 alumni and friends attended the event at Mullen's Bar on the North Shore. The Alumni Club is organized by Saint Francis alumni, under the leadership of **Kathy Kross '73**, with financial support from the Saint Francis University Alumni Association. To get involved in the club, please email Kathy at katkross@gmail.com.



Suzanne (Rimer) Furr '70 with her son (right) and his friend (middle)



Pamela Podmilsak (M) '94 and **John Allen '90**



Judith (FERENCE) Olson '79 and **Shari Mailman (M) '98**



Jeff '72 and **Maureen Lengel** and **Tim Kross**



Kathy (Friar) Kross '73 and her husband, **Tim**



Joe Sobocinski '80 and **Jim Olson**



John Baltrus '80



Linda Sekhon (M) '97, **Linda (Smith) Bizzak '89**, and **Shari Mailman (M) '98**



Mary Ann and Raymond Stetz (M) '84



Frank Armanini '91, **John Allen '90** and **Pam Padmilsak (M) '94**



John '97 and **Lisa (Sapsara) Comello '01**



Shawn McClure '03, **Matthew Rychlicki '03**, and **John Comello '97**

